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A monthly update
about the Annual
Diocesan Appeal for the
Diocese of Fort Worth

Faith HOPE Charity

Supporting Our Catholic Schools

"HOLY MOTHER CHURCH MUST BE CONCERNED WITH THE WHOLE OF MAN'S LIFE, EVEN THE SECULAR PART OF IT INsofar AS IT HAS A BEARING ON HIS HEAVENLY CALLING. THEREFORE SHE HAS A ROLE IN THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION."

GRAVISSIMUM EDUCATIONIS, PREFACE

When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal you help to live out your baptismal promise to provide Catholic education to your children, grandchildren and to others who cannot afford it without assistance. Funds from the Appeal are distributed to Catholic schools in two ways: through a generous grant program and through the Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund.

Read more about our Catholic schools on the reverse side.



"Our schools serve both the faith community and society by educating children, young people and adults to contribute to the common good by becoming active and caring members of the communities, cities, and nation in which they live."

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB)

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EYE ON THE GOAL

Commitments through January 10 for the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal are \$2,865,065 or 86.82% of our goal. So far, 10,191 of registered families have made commitments to the Appeal. Our goal is to have 22,000 families supporting the Appeal.

YEAR-'ROUND GIVING

Set up your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal through monthly bank or credit card draft and continue it from year to year. Enroll now at bit.ly/StFrancisCircle.



TWENTY FIVE PERCENT OF PARISHES EXCEED DOLLAR GOAL

Through January 10, 23 parishes had exceeded their commitment goals to the Appeal.

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GOOD NEWS

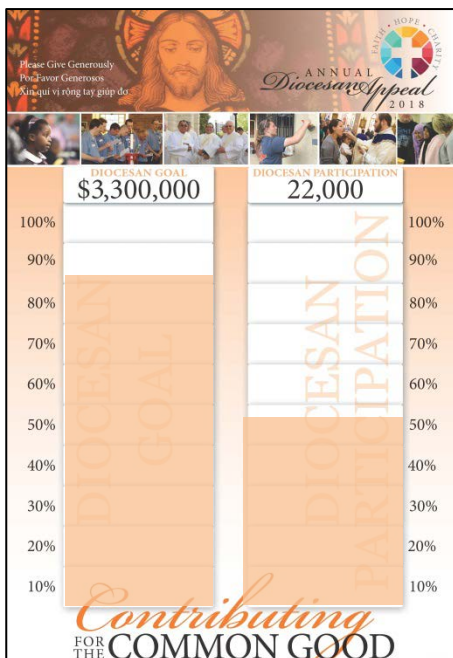
Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Worth are a vital ministry of our local Church. With a focus on faith formation, rigorous academics and service to others, they are committed to assisting parents in their most precious obligation of preparing their children to meet the challenges of the modern world.

Please visit our schools, especially during Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 4, and support the Annual Diocesan Appeal to help provide tuition assistance for families.

Did you know?

- Millennial Catholics who attended Catholic schools are seven times more likely to attend weekly Mass than millennial adults who attended public schools.
- Men who have attended a Catholic secondary school are more than six times as likely to consider a vocation.
- Women who have attended a Catholic primary school are three times as likely to consider being a religious sister.

To find a Catholic school near you, please visit www.fwdioc.org/school-finder.



\$750,000 in tuition assistance for students attending 19 Catholic schools.



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Parishes achieving goal

Through January 10, 22 parishes have reached their commitment goals to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Seven of those surpassed their goal since November 30 as indicated in red. What percentage does the thermometer in your parish show?

- St. John, Strawn, 206.78%
- Holy Rosary, Cisco, 201.48%
- St. Jerome, Bowie, 183.77%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 172.78%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 169.75%
- St. Joseph, Cleburne, 154.35%
- St. Rita, Ranger, 144.62%
- St. Boniface, Scotland, 131.00%
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, De Leon, 127.74%
- Jesus of Nazareth, Albany, 127.33%
- St. Martin de Porres, Prosper, 126.38%
- St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, 125.12%
- St. Peter, Lindsay, 125.03%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 119.90%
- St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport, 116.94%
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 113.93%
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Breckenridge, 111.10%
- St. Benedict, Fort Worth, 108.70%
- Holy Cross, The Colony, 108.69%
- Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington, 104.66%
- St. Francis of Assisi, Graford, 103.44%
- Sacred Heart, Comanche, 102.90%

For the common good

Our bishop asks every family in the Diocese of Fort Worth to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Together, *Contributing for the Common Good*, we express our gratitude to God for the many blessings we have received. Congratulations to these parishes that have exceeded the Diocesan-wide participation goal with 22% or more of their registered families supporting the Appeal:

- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 83.33%
- Immaculate Conception of Mary, Wichita Falls, 61.63%
- Holy Rosary, Cisco, 46.55%
- St. Mary, Windthorst, 40.75%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 40.26%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 39.70%
- St. John Paul II, Denton, 39.24%
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott, 38.31%
- St. Peter, Lindsay, 37.53%
- St. Boniface, Scotland, 35.90%
- Jesus of Nazareth, Albany, 34.78%
- Our Lady of Fatima, Fort Worth, 33.33%
- Santa Rosa, Knox City, 31.58%
- St. Martin de Porres, Prosper, 28.44%
- Nativity/Blessed Virgin Mary, Penelope, 28.38%
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Pilot Point, 28.24%
- St. Francis of Assisi, Graford, 27.78%
- Sacred Heart, Muenster, 26.01%
- St. Mary, Henrietta, 25.71%
- St. Jude Thaddeus, Burkburnett, 23.53%
- St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport, 23.50%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 23.38%
- Holy Redeemer, Aledo, 23.31%