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

Faith HOPE Charity

To Live as Christ the Servant

AT THE HEART OF THE DIACONATE IS TO BE A
SERVANT OF THE MYSTERIES OF CHRIST AND A
SERVANT OF HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

*NATIONAL DIRECTORY FOR THE FORMATION,
MINISTRY AND LIFE OF PERMANENT DEACONS*



Last year, \$400,000 of the funds collected for the Annual Diocesan Appeal supported the 86 permanent deacons, as well as the men presently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate.

To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, please contact Deacon Don Warner, dwarner@fwdioc.org or 817.945.9380.



“Deacons must be good and faithful servants. One who serves is not a slave to his own agenda, but ever ready to deal with the unexpected, ever available to his brothers and sisters and ever open to God’s constant surprises.”

Pope Francis, homily to close the Jubilee of Deacons, May 29, 2016

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EYE ON THE GOAL

Commitments through February 28 for the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal are \$2,942,200 or 89.16% of our goal. So far, 10,386 families have made commitments to the Appeal.

NO MORE MAILINGS!

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO PARISHES REACHING GOAL

Twenty-four parishes have already exceeded their commitment goals and 15 of those have collected more than their goal!

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JOURNEY OF FORMATION

Presently, the Diocese of Fort Worth is blessed to have 27 men in formation to be ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2020 and 16 aspirants.

Following the vision of Bishop Michael Olson, the vocational discernment and formation of a man for ordination as a deacon may take from six to seven years. For this reason, and because so many of our active deacons are approaching retirement age, the Diocese now has two cohorts moving through formation.

Chosen by Bishop Olson to revamp the formation program and find men willing to serve, Juan Rendon has served as director of Permanent Deacon Formation since 2014. Working closely with Deacon Don Warner, director of Deacons, Rendon notes that the Diocese seeks candidates who are selfless, service-minded and have the heart for Christ the Servant.

The bishop's focus is mission and evangelization, and he wants deacons to do what they are called to do biblically — a ministry of service, outreach, and charity.

For more information about Deacons in the Diocese of Fort Worth, visit <https://fwdioc.org/deacons>.



Wives and families are very much a part of the ministry of the deacon. To watch the story of the vocational calling and formation of Steve Holton, one of the candidates, and his wife Debi, please visit bit.ly/ADadeacon.

Did you know?

2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States.

Exceeding 100% of goal

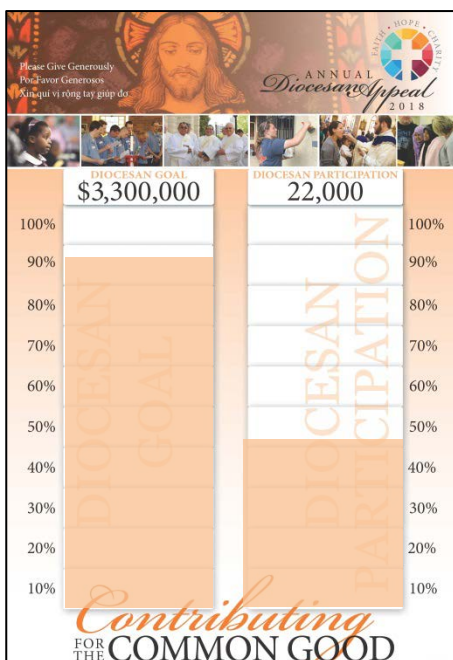
Twenty-four parishes have reached their **commitment** goal to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. And those with an asterisk (*) have exceeded their goal in **payments**. Congratulations!

- St. John*, Strawn, 206.78%
- Holy Rosary*, Cisco, 202.74%
- St. Jerome*, Bowie, 183.77%
- Sacred Heart*, Seymour, 172.78%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 169.75%
- St. Francis of Assisi*, Graford, 159.00%
- St. Joseph*, Cleburne, 154.38%
- St. Rita*, Ranger, 144.62%
- St. John the Baptizer*, Bridgeport, 131.26%
- St. Boniface*, Scotland, 131.00%
- St. Martin de Porres*, Prosper, 130.71%
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, De Leon, 128.92%
- Jesus of Nazareth*, Albany, 127.33%
- St. Peter*, Lindsay, 126.53%
- St. Patrick Cathedral*, Fort Worth, 125.32%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 122.05%
- St. Benedict, Fort Worth, 117.03%
- Santa Rosa, Knox City, 116.18%
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 113.93%
- Our Lady of Fatima*, Fort Worth, 113.09%
- Sacred Heart, Comanche, 112.60%
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Breckenridge, 112.14%
- Holy Cross*, The Colony, 109.69%
- Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington, 105.00%

Participation is growing

Our pastors encourage every family in their parishes 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 of 22%:

- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 83.33%
- Immac. Conception of Mary, W Falls, 61.63%
- Holy Rosary, Cisco, 46.55%
- Santa Rosa, Knox City, 42.11%
- St. Mary, Windthorst, 40.75%
- Our Lady of Fatima, Fort Worth, 40.28%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 40.26%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 40.03%
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott, 38.31%
- St. Peter, Lindsay, 37.53%
- St. John Paul II, Denton, 36.71%
- St. Boniface, Scotland, 35.90%
- Jesus of Nazareth, Albany, 34.78%
- St. Joseph, Cleburne, 34.12%
- St. Francis of Assisi, Graford, 33.33%
- St. Martin de Porres, Prosper, 28.89%
- Nativity/Blessed Virgin Mary, Penelope, 28.38%
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Pilot Point, 28.24%
- Sacred Heart, Muenster, 26.46%
- St. Mary, Henrietta, 25.71%
- St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport, 25.21%
- St. Benedict, Fort Worth, 24.62%
- St. Joseph, Rhineland, 23.53%
- St. Jude Thaddeus, Burkburnett, 23.53%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 23.38%
- Holy Redeemer, Aledo, 23.31%
- Our Mother of Mercy, Fort Worth, 22.56%



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