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



Supporting Prison Ministry

“FOR I WAS ... NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME, ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME, IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME...”
MATTHEW 25:36

When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal you provide resources for those who reach out in love and in justice to inmates in detention centers, county jails, federal and state prisons throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth.

The goal of the clergy, religious and lay volunteers working in this ministry is to serve the spiritual and religious needs of Catholic inmates, as well as other inmates seeking to know about the Catholic faith and way of life.

To learn more about volunteering in prison ministry, please contact Deacon Don Warner, dwarner@fwdioc.org or 817-945-9380.



“This time in your life can only have one purpose: to give you a hand in getting back on the right road, to give you a hand to help you rejoin society. All of us are part of that effort, all of us are invited to encourage, help and enable your rehabilitation.”

Pope Francis, to inmates in Philadelphia, Sept. 27, 2015

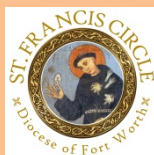
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EYE ON THE GOAL

Commitments through September 30 for the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal are \$1,626,196, or 49.28% of our goal. So far, 5,911 families have made commitments to 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.



EIGHT PARISHES EXCEED DOLLAR GOAL

At this early stage of the year, eight parishes have already exceeded their commitment goals.

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GIVING SOCIETIES

Membership in one of five giving levels recognizes your generous gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal while remembering those who have gone before us in our history in North Texas.

St. Stanislaus Society (\$5,000 and up)
Named for Fort Worth's first parish church at 1212 Throckmorton Street that stood until 1907.

St. Alice Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)
Honors St. Alice Church and School that were replaced by Holy Family Parish as Fort Worth grew to the West. *See above right.*

St. William Society (\$1,500 to \$2,499)
Named for the first parish community in Arlington and evolved into what now is Saint Maria Goretti.

San Patricio Society (\$1,000 to \$1,499)
Named for a parish that served Throckmorton until 2001.

St. John Society (\$500 to \$999)
Named for a parish in Valley View, Cooke County, that served families of the area until its closing in 2007.



On June 14, 1942, a group of 400 Catholic families and clergy gathered for the much-anticipated dedication of Saint Alice Catholic Church by Bishop O'Brien from Chicago. O'Brien was president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, which provided financial assistance for the young church.

Parishes achieving goal

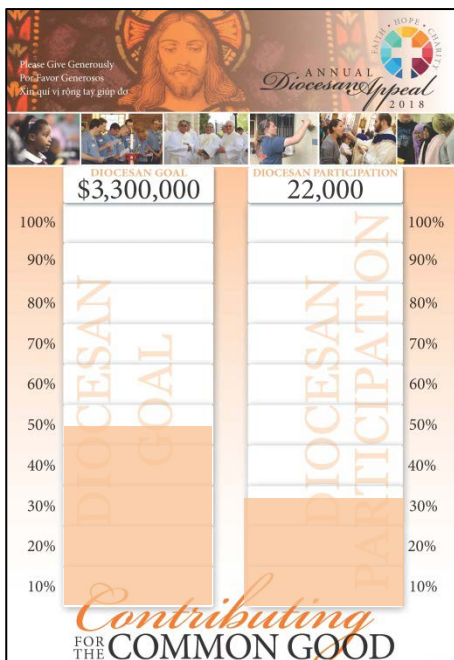
Although we are still very early in the campaign, eight parishes have reached their commitment goal to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Now, each of these is focusing on helping us reach the Diocesan goal of 22,000 families supporting the Appeal.

- St. Jerome, Bowie, 176.08%
- St. John, Strawn, 145.29%
- Holy Rosary Cisco, 133.12%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 125.75%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 125.44%
- St. Joseph Cleburne, 115.36%
- St. Mary of the Assumption, 110.36%

Focus on participation

Our pastors are encouraging 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, 75.00%
- Holy Rosary, Cisco, 31.03%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 30.52%
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott, 28.57%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 27.20%
- St. Joseph, Cleburne, 27.04%
- St. Peter, Lindsay, 26.71%
- St. John Paul II, Denton, 22.78%



As of September 30, 2017 49.28% of our goal, or \$1,626,196, has been committed by 5,911 families.



Your support brings Christ to the incarcerated in jails and prisons in 28 counties.



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