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



Annual Diocesan Appeal Enters Third Year

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK, A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME.” MATTHEW 2:35

This month, we officially kick off the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thanks to your prayerful support and generosity, we look forward to our best year ever in terms of dollars raised and total families participating. In this issue, we highlight the ministries your donations support, as well as exciting new ways to attract more donors than ever before.



“Together we can bring the love of Jesus to those in our world who need Him most, reaching out in love and justice to those in need. You help fund agencies and ministries that reach the poor, hungry and homeless. You provide programs that help in the faith formation of children, college students, families and others.”

Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth

Commitment Weekend
September 16-17

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal raised \$3,020,167 from 11,053 families. Thank you for your support.

TEXT TO GIVE

New this year, make your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal securely from your smartphone.



OFF TO A BIG START

Commitments to date for the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal are \$474,228, or 14.37% of our goal. Learn how St. Francis Circle is providing continuous gifts to the ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Announcement Weekend – September 9-10
North Texas Giving Day – September 14
Commitment Weekend – September 16-17



SPREADING THE GOSPEL In Love and Justice

By contributing for the common good you bring Christ to those in need.

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY THE APPEAL

Nine key ministries in four categories receive vital funding from the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Gratitude and Support for the Clergy

Supporting the healthy and holy formation of men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

- Seminarians
- Permanent Diaconate

Hope and Healing for the Poor

Aiding the disadvantaged, the disabled and those who are most in need of God's healing grace.

- Outreach to Rural Parishes
- Catholic Charities of Fort Worth
- Prison Ministry

Loving and Strengthening Families

Binding us closer to Christ through our

love and respect for one another in families committed to proclaiming the Gospel message.

- Marriage and Family Life
- Marriage Tribunal

Faith and Formation for Future Generations

Empowering our children and young adults to grown in their Catholic faith formation in preparation for a life of Christian leadership and service.

- Catholic Schools
- Campus Ministry



The focus for this year's Appeal is on participation. Our goal is that 22,000 families will contribute \$3.3 million by June 30, 2018.



Maximize your gift to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal on September 14.

North Texas Giving Day is not just a day. It's a movement that inspires and unites tens of thousands of donors across the world to support their favorite causes.

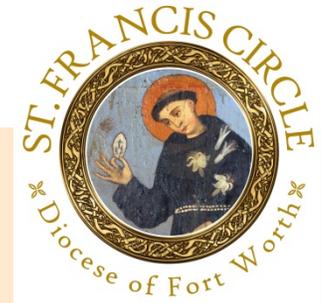
Make your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal on North Texas Giving Day, and your gift will be multiplied by bonus funds and prizes. Make your gift on September 14 by visiting <http://bit.ly/NTGivingDay>.

New this year, schedule your NTX Giving Day gift starting September 7. Simply go to NorthTexasGivingDay.org between September 7-13, and you will be able to schedule your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Questions? Contact Renée Underwood in the Advancement Foundation at runderwood@advancementfoundation.org or 817-945-9441.

Year-'Round GIVING

Electronic Monthly Giving
Credit Card Bank Draft
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Although Commitment Weekend in our parishes is still ahead of us, we have been blessed with some early gifts to this year's campaign.

As of August 31, we have commitments of \$474,228 from 222 families.

Much of this is in thanks to those who joined the St. Francis Circle by making their gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal through continual monthly credit card or bank draft, or who give through

payroll deduction (employees of the Diocese of Fort Worth).

Saint Francis Circle donors ensure a year round stream of revenue to support the parishes, schools and ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/StFrancisCircle> – No mailings. No reminders. No commitment forms to complete. It reduces the expense for mailing and gift processing and returns more funds to our ministries!