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A monthly update
about the ministries
supported by your
donations to the Annual
Diocesan Appeal

Faith HOPE Charity



The Eucharist Makes Us The Church

“WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.” ROMANS 12:5

This month, we officially kicked off the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our theme, *The Eucharist Makes Us The Church*, reminds us of our unity as one people of God. The campaign will require the participation of every single household in the Diocese of Fort Worth to achieve its \$4.2 million goal for the ministries supported by the Appeal. Every gift is important! Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.



“As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Fort Worth, I ask every family to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Eucharist Makes Us the Church and reminds us that through the power of Christ’s love we are called to respond to the needs of others. Let us share in gratitude for the gifts we have and joys of life we experience through the eyes of faith.”

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

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal raised \$3,060,092 from 11,017 families. Thank you for your support.

MONTHLY RECURRING GIVING

Join the Saint Francis Circle to give the same amount every month through bank or credit card draft – no more reminders, more money for our ministries!

Questions about the Appeal?

Contact Renée Underwood, 817.945.9441, runderwood@advancementfoundation.org or www.advancementfoundation.org/annual-diocesan-appeal

Questions about your contact information or donations?

Contact Dianna Rhoads, Gift Processing Supervisor, 817.945.9463, drhoads@advancementfoundation.org

FAQS

Answers to the most commonly asked questions about the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

What is the Annual Diocesan Appeal? The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an annual invitation to all of the faithful in the Diocese of Fort Worth to contribute for the common good and impact lives beyond the scope of any individual parish. The Appeal mission is to witness to God's grace in our lives by together sharing the Gospel message of faith, hope and charity with those most in need of attention.

Why is it important to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal? The Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a difference for so many in the Diocesan family – for rural parishes, schools and families in need; the homeless and the sick; men in formation for priesthood and the diaconate; and other important ministries and programs.

Who is being asked to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal? Every Catholic household in the Diocese of Fort Worth is being asked to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Are pledges and one-time gifts the only types of gifts accepted? There are three types of gifts to the Appeal – pledge, one-time or recurring. Payments of cash, check, credit card and direct debit can be made by postal mail, online or via electronic giving. Monthly reminders (November-June) can also be mailed to donors for pledge payments. Gifts of appreciated stock, IRA distribution or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 817.945.9463 for more information.

How are gifts processed? All gifts to the Appeal are deposited in the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Advancement Foundation, processed in donor records by the Diocesan Gift Management Team and a gift acknowledgement sent to each donor. Consolidated tax statements are mailed in January.

Do parishes receive money from the Annual Diocesan Appeal? 100% of Annual Diocesan Appeal donations serve the published case elements and support ministries, programs and services that reach beyond the scope of any individual parish. This includes \$1 million budgeted to provide operating grants for rural and needy parishes.

Will these funds be used for any other purpose? All funds raised through the Appeal will be used exclusively for the items listed in the Appeal materials (and printed below). None of these funds will be used to settle lawsuits or to pay legal fees.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY
9.20.18 powered by COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

Thank you to those who made gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal on North Texas Giving Day last Thursday. We raised \$52,796 from 140 different families. To these donations will be added a portion of the bonus funds available to participating charities from Communities Foundation of Texas.

Donate now!
Text ADA to 91999 or visit <https://bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal>



\$4.2 Million to share the Gospel message of faith, hope and charity

Ministries You Support

Be a part of something bigger

Your generous gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal are evidence of your response to Christ's love by serving the needs of others. As Catholics, we embrace the gifts we have and joys of life we experience through the eyes of faith.

Your donations allow us to raise the funds and support these specific ministries:

- Priest Care Fund - \$450,000 to meet the increasing needs of retired and infirm priests
- Seminarian Education – educating our future priests
- Permanent Diaconate – formation for those called to lives

of service for Christ

- Operating Grants - \$1.1 million for operating grants for rural and needy parishes and schools
- Catholic Schools - \$200,000 for tuition assistance
- Catholic Charities - \$450,000 for poverty programs and Respect Life Ministries
- Correctional Ministry – outreach to those in our jails and prisons
- Campus Ministry – support our Catholic presence to more than 1,200 students on eight college campuses
- Marriage & Family Life Programs - including marriage preparation and counseling services