



Advancing the Mission

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Include special collections in your Lenten almsgiving



Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of our Lenten practice. That is the reason so many of the special collections take place just before or during Lent. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) established national collections to support the Church's work of social justice, evangelization and education, both domestically and around the globe.

Jesus reminds us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

National collections offer us an opportunity to help our neighbors in the light of the Gospel. In doing so, we act as faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

This Lent, we encourage you to learn more about these collections and the work they make possible at www.usccb.org. Then, please be prayerful and intentional in your almsgiving for these collections when they are taken in your parish (or donate securely through Text Messaging):

- **Church in Latin America (CLA)**, Feb. 3-4, Text CLA to 91999
- **Black and Indian Mission**, Feb. 17-18, Text BIM to 91999
- **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, Mar. 10-11, Text CRS to 91999
- **Holy Land** (Good Friday), Mar. 30, Text HOLYLAND to 91999

In addition to these collections, most parishes provide the **CRS Rice Bowl** program throughout Lent that integrates prayer, fasting and almsgiving as you put your faith into action with our friends throughout the world. Try a few meatless meals on Fridays. Learn more at crsricebowl.org or download the CRS Rice Bowl app to your smartphone.

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Visit England, Scotland and Wales with your family!

There are spaces left in this unique and mesmerizing tour!

Join **Reverend Sojan George Puthiyaparampil** from St. Patrick Cathedral on a tour of British Landscapes in June! **Fr. Sojan** was named Chaplain of this trip by **The Most Reverend Michael F. Olson**, STD, Bishop of Fort Worth.

Since this trip is after school lets out for the summer, all families are welcome! You can make your family experience a special one when you spend 10 days in the United Kingdom visiting historical and legendary locations.

Enjoy a luxury trip in 4 and 5 star hotels, including overnight in Wales 'Ruthin Castle! It's fully escorted and the perfect birthday, anniversary or graduation gift. Quite literally, all you have to do is pack and show up.

Begin your tour in London visiting the Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. In your free afternoon, consider one of London's world-class museums, world-class shopping at Harrods's, or a visit to the Eye of London, the famous, huge Ferris Wheel on the Thames.

After leaving London, you'll travel by high-speed train to the quaint and ancient town of York with its tiny streets, city walls and famous York Minster Cathedral.

En route to Scotland, watch 2,000-plus years of Roman history float past you as the ruins of Hadrian's Wall flash by. Once in Edinburgh, you'll have time to see the Royal Mile, Prince's Street, the Edinburgh Castle and Holyroodhouse. Leaving Scotland for Wales, you'll really enjoy the overnight stay in Ruthin Castle! You'll see England's Lake District, Shakespeare's home in Stratford-Upon-Avon and Stonehenge! A trip through the quaint Cotswolds will conclude your tour and then back to London to fly home!

If you are interested, please call **Paula Parrish**, CFRE, to reserve your space. 817.945.9440. or Email her at pparrish@advancementfoundation.org

Trip Details

Date: June 7-16, 2018

Cost: \$4,489 per person double occupancy
\$5,139 per person single occupancy

Fully escorted, 10 day trip includes: Roundtrip airfare from Dallas/Fort Worth * All hotel accommodations * All transfers & Transportation * Daily Mass * Breakfast and five dinners



Diana Liska begins LeadingEdge program



There is a poster on **Diana's** office door that lists six characteristics of an everyday steward. The characteristics are; mindful, prayerful, grateful, gracious, committed and accountable. It's easy to recognize these same traits in good leaders. It's not a far leap to equate good stewards as also being good leaders.

Diana's role as Director of Stewardship and Parish Relations focuses on making stewardship a way of life through a conversion of mind and heart. **Diana's** passion for her work is visible in everything she does, so when asked if she would participate in **LeadingEdge** she jumped at the opportunity. "In a sense, leadership is the NEW stewardship since all of us are called to be leaders of our God-given talents. I really think this opportunity is only going to enhance what I am already doing."

LeadingEdge is a program offered by **Leadership Fort Worth** created especially for young, emerging leaders in our community. For the next six months, **Diana** will participate in activities that will introduce her to different leadership practices and assist her in identifying her leadership strengths. She will also explore processes such as collaboration and advocacy, and create connections with community leaders. The first event was an all-day opening retreat. "I met so many eager and inspired young professionals and learned a lot about leadership styles and values, I have already implemented some of the practices into my day to day activities," she said.

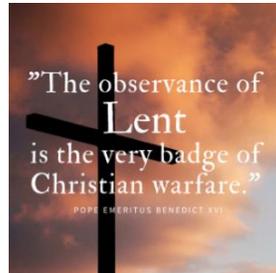
Leadership Fort Worth

Keep that Stewardship focus during Lent with these ideas

People are attracted to joyful people. Through Stewardship, we learn we should share our gifts and be generous. This implies “giving up” something and may come across to some as leading a life of hardship. But the exact opposite is true! The more we give, the more we receive and the more joyful we become.

Our Lenten journey begins on Feb. 14 with Ash Wednesday. The following are some ways to enhance your Lenten observance and build a joyful spirit:

- Donate art supplies to your local elementary school.
- Pray the Rosary every day.
- No sugar. Look for sweetness elsewhere in life.
- Walk, carpool, bus or bike it.
- Take 5 minutes of silence at noon.
- Attend daily Mass.
- Internet diet. Call old friends instead.
- Pray the paper (for people and situations in today’s news).
- Pay a sincere compliment.
- Write a thank you card to your favorite teacher.
- Educate yourself about a saint.
- No shopping.
- Do someone else’s chores.
- Give 5 items of clothing or items to a local charity.
- Pray for your enemies.
- Turn off the car radio during your commute.
- Give money to a non-profit.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Read a book aloud as a family.



Thank you Bishop’s Guild renewing members!

*Frieda and Clarence Bayer
Gertie and Charles Carpenter
J. Kenneth Dalton
Tony Fidelie
Joan and John Keenan
Michele and Thomas Purgason
Betsy and Michael Raffetto
Beth and Robert Schmidt
Margaret Schroeder*

Membership renewal is important to the ongoing financial support for our seminarians. If you have questions about your renewal or you would like to learn more about joining the Bishop’s Guild contact **Elizabeth Becker** at 817.945.9443 or ebecker@advancementfoundation.org



Make plans to attend the next Building Your Legacy Event Feb. 22, 2018 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller

The first *Building Your Legacy* event for 2018 is set for **Thursday, Feb. 22, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton located at 2016 Willis Lane, Keller, TX 76248.** This informational event is open to anyone interested in learning more about evaluating your personal legacy goals for your family and others, such as your parish.



Our time will begin with a light lunch and presentation by **Meredith Camp**, Philanthropic Specialist with Wells Fargo. **Meredith** will guide a short activity designed to begin the process of thinking about what is important to each participant and how we can incorporate these areas of importance into our legacy planning.

If you are a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or a parish nearby, live in the Keller area or have children that attend St. Elizabeth Ann Seton we hope you will plan to attend. RSVP to **Elizabeth Becker** at 817.945.9443 or ebecker@advancementfoundation.org. RSVP’s are required.

To learn more about the *Legacy Society* or *Planned Giving* please contact **Renée Underwood** at 817.945.9441 or underwood@advancementfoundation.org.

Support the Annual Diocesan Appeal Your contribution makes vital ministries possible



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.”
— Matthew 25:35

Did you know that the largest portion of the expenses for **deacon formation** is paid with funds from the Annual Diocesan Appeal? Or that close to one million dollars of Appeal contributions are **returned to parishes and schools** through a generous grant program? Or that your gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal make possible **Respect Life ministries, outreach to the poor** and educating men preparing to be our **future priests**?

As of Jan. 25, more than 87 percent of the \$3.3 million goal has been committed by more than ten percent of the registered families in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Imagine the parishes, schools and ministries that could receive support if the remaining 90 percent of Catholics participated in the Appeal?

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift to the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. You may **text ADA to 91999** or visit bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal to donate securely now. Thank you!

Calendar of Events



Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 – Building Your Legacy Presentation
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Presentation
RSVP Required

Saturday, April 28, 2018 – Leadership Day of Renewal
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Arlington
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Contact Diana Liska for more information or to RSVP
817.945.9444 or dliska@advancementfoundation.org

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – Annual Legacy Society Appreciation Luncheon
RSVP Required

Thursday, May 17, 2018 – Building Your Legacy Presentation
St. Andrew Catholic Church, Fort Worth
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:45 a.m. Breakfast and Presentation
RSVP Required

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Presbyteral Ordination
St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth
10:00 a.m.
Reception following in Parish Hall
RSVP Required for Bishop's Guild members.

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018 – Bishop's Guild Meet the Seminarians
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral
6:30 p.m. Meet the Seminarians at Historic Hilton for dinner.
RSVP Required

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018 – Building Your Legacy Presentation
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Wichita Falls
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Presentation
RSVP Required

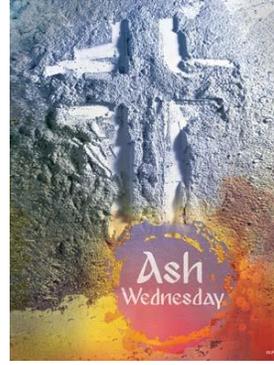
Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018 – Building Your Legacy Presentation
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Arlington
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:15 a.m. Breakfast and Presentation
RSVP Required

Oct. 26-28, 2018 – Bishop's Guild Tour and Deo Gratias Gala
St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College, Covington, LA
RSVP Required

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 – Bishop's Guild Advent Celebration with Seminarians
More information to come
RSVP Required

Most of these events are free, but they do require registration to know how to plan for food. Please contact **Elizabeth Becker** at 817.945.9443 or ebecker@advancementfoundation.org for more information or to RSVP.

The Catholic Center does not offer a public Mass on Ash Wednesday

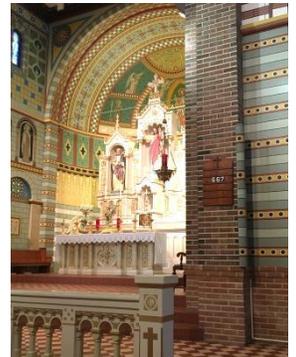


Please note that The Catholic Center does not have a public Mass on Feb. 14, 2018, for Ash Wednesday.

Around the Foundation



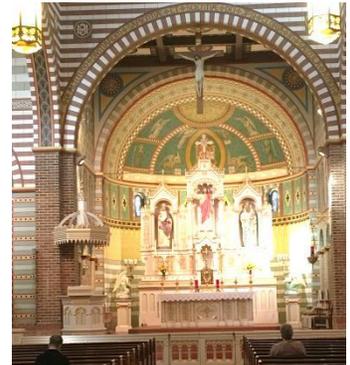
It was a beautiful day to visit the historic parish of St. Peter Catholic Church.



Another view of this amazing sanctuary. Photo courtesy of Richard Mathews.



Elizabeth Becker and Diana Liska stand in the beautifully painted sanctuary of St. Peter Catholic Church in Lindsay, TX.



The altar in the sanctuary of St. Peter's. Photo courtesy of Richard Mathews.



The sanctuary of St. Peter Catholic Church in Lindsay is gorgeous and pristinely preserved for all to enjoy.



The arched entrance leading to the grounds of St. Peter Catholic Church.