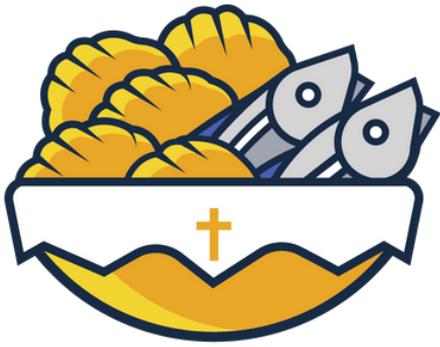


# ADVANCING THE MISSION



#iGIVECATHOLIC

**\$834,393 RAISED DURING  
#iGIVECATHOLIC  
GIVING TUESDAY 2022**

Thank you for supporting the 49 parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Fort Worth that participated in #iGiveCatholic on November 29. The Advancement Foundation provided the training and paid the participation fee for each organization, but it was their efforts that raised \$834,393 on this Giving Day. The amount raised more than doubled the 2021 total of \$402,000.

#### **OTHER NEWS INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

- Annual Diocesan Appeal Update
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Wendy Collins, director of stewardship and parish relations, explained that awareness of #iGiveCatholic has been growing each year. Parishes, schools, and ministries promoted #iGiveCatholic on November 29 with activities including social media livestreams, a phone bank, and even a talent show. In this issue we share photos and results from the 2022 #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on page 9.



# ENDOWMENT EDUCATION

## What is an endowment? First of a six-part series

An endowment fund is an investment portfolio established to fund charitable and nonprofit institutions. An endowment fund is a place to donate your money to be invested and grow according to Catholic values so that it can be donated to the Catholic entity you care about.

In the Diocese of Fort Worth, a minimum gift of \$10,000 is required to open an endowment fund. You can open a fund with cash, real estate, mineral rights and personal property. The Advancement Foundation also accepts gifts of stock, including gifts of stock from a closely held business.

**Like a retirement fund...**the more you donate, the larger your fund grows and compounds growth.

**Unlike a retirement fund....**your endowment and its growth is no longer your income.

**Like a Donor Advised Fund...**your donations to your endowment fund are eligible for tax benefits

**Unlike a Donor Advised Fund...**the funds in an endowment will operate in perpetuity to benefit the Catholic parish, school or ministry you designate.

## How Endowment Funds Work

**Step 1:** Now or after your lifetime, you establish an endowment fund at the Advancement Foundation to benefit one or more of your favorite parishes, schools or ministries. You name the fund.

**Step 2:** It is invested in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church.

**Step 3:** Your fund provides perpetual annual distributions to the Catholic organization(s) of your choice.



## Endowments Funds Under Management of the Advancement Foundation

- 80 parish endowments
- 25 in memory of someone
- 26 in honor of someone
- 81 for Catholic schools
- 14 for Catholic entities
- 5 unrestricted

\$74,262,519 in total endowment portfolio as of Dec 31, 2022.

See each endowment by designation online at <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/endowment-funds-list>

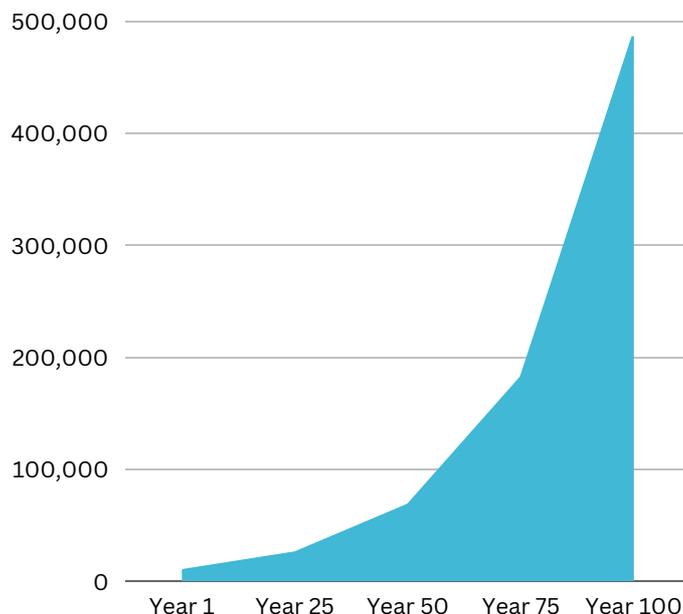
## WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

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### The Gift that Keeps on Giving...

If you added up the annual distributions from an endowment fund over a 25-year period, the total would most likely match or exceed the fund's value at the start of that period. Annual distributions from the fund would continue for the next 25 years, and the 25 years after that, and on and on.

In essence, any gift you make to an endowment fund today will duplicate itself in annual distributions every 25 years or so.



### Don't leave the guesswork to your family and friends.

Setting up an endowment fund today tells your family and friends where your passion lies. Your milestone birthdays, honorarium or memorial donations could be given to the endowment fund you create today. In fact, many people choose to open the endowment fund now, and name the endowment as beneficiary after their death.

Sadly 28% of all Donor Advised Funds do not list a beneficiary. This means that organizations like Fidelity Foundation or Charles Schwab Foundation will receive your funding upon your death. This explains why these financial foundations have become the largest philanthropists in the nation. However, their grant programs often do not allow for applications from religious organizations, thereby excluding the parish or ministry you care about.

Please visit our website or contact us to learn how an Advancement Foundation endowment fund, invested according to Catholic values and funding your Catholic passions, can carry on your legacy for generations to come.



Visit

[www.advancementfoundation.org/endowment-funds](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/endowment-funds) to watch a short, easy-to-understand video about our funds

# MAJORITY OF GRANTS FUND SALARY SUPPORT

## Annual Diocesan Appeal Provides Vital Funding for Rural and Financially-Struggling Parish Communities

How often do you call your parish office, make a donation to your parish or attend Mass? For many parishes, the staff and clergy behind those expected experiences is in peril. In 2023, 98% of parishes who applied for an operating grant from the Annual Diocesan Appeal asked for salary support for essential positions such as office managers, youth ministers and even priests.

Last year 34 parishes requested \$1.5 million in salary support. The Annual Diocesan Appeal was able to support 32 parishes with \$840,000 last year. Unfortunately, we were unable to fund the full amount each parish requested.

Ultimately with inflation and competitive salaries throughout North Texas, parishes in rural areas struggle to pay a living wage for staff. This is where the Annual Diocesan Appeal comes in to help.



Fr. Eugene Nyong, Pastor of St. Mary, Graham and St. Theresa, Olney, is grateful for the parish grant awarded his parishes. "At this difficult time, we believe this [grant] will greatly help us in sustaining the programs to accompany the youth and families in both parishes."

Only six months remain in this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please help your parish meet its goal by reviewing their progress in the table below and on the next page. You can make an additional gift at [bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal](https://bit.ly/DiocesanAppeal) (case sensitive).

### Parish Progress Toward Goal (as of 12/05/2022)

PARISH	GOAL	TOTAL PLEDGED	TOTAL PAID as of Dec 5, 2022	% GOAL COMMIT	% GOAL PAID	# DONORS	% PARTICIPATION	AVG GIFT
St. Mary, Dublin	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 10,190.00	51.75%	50.95%	30	7.85%	\$ 345.00
St. Francis Xavier, Eastland	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	68.89%	68.89%	2	2.74%	\$1,550.00
St. Paul, Electra	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,705.00	\$ 1,605.00	77.50%	72.95%	12	28.57%	\$ 142.08
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 10,225.00	\$ 8,875.00	69.56%	60.37%	33	17.84%	\$ 309.85
St. Michael, Bedford	\$ 132,100.00	\$ 85,435.51	\$ 79,876.51	64.67%	60.47%	229	6.41%	\$ 373.08
Jesus of Nazareth, Albany	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	85.19%	85.19%	4	18.18%	\$ 575.00
St. Jerome, Bowie	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,060.00	108.78%	99.02%	8	22.22%	\$ 557.50
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Breckenridge	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,495.00	\$ 2,970.00	52.16%	44.33%	14	6.28%	\$ 249.64
St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 7,075.00	\$ 6,865.00	41.62%	40.38%	27	9.15%	\$ 262.04
Holy Redeemer, Aledo	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 42,826.37	\$ 38,886.37	98.45%	89.39%	77	18.78%	\$ 556.19
St. Jude Thaddeus, Burkburnett	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,175.00	\$ 6,595.00	56.38%	45.48%	43	31.39%	\$ 190.12
St. Catherine of Siena, Carrollton	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 43,949.50	\$ 41,123.50	64.16%	60.03%	135	10.33%	\$ 325.54
Good Shepherd, Colleyville	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 129,418.92	\$ 124,608.92	43.36%	41.75%	216	7.26%	\$ 599.16
St. Maria Goretti, Arlington	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 100,696.42	\$ 94,813.42	72.44%	68.21%	249	15.64%	\$ 404.40
Vietnamese Martyrs, Arlington	\$ 56,900.00	\$ 43,100.00	\$ 40,140.00	75.75%	70.54%	242	8.94%	\$ 178.10
St. Matthew, Arlington	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 22,431.00	\$ 18,171.00	41.93%	33.96%	152	6.61%	\$ 147.57
St. Joseph, Arlington	\$ 97,400.00	\$ 44,706.70	\$ 40,176.70	45.90%	41.25%	148	9.27%	\$ 302.07
St. Vincent de Paul, Arlington	\$ 132,500.00	\$ 54,345.78	\$ 49,840.78	41.02%	37.62%	180	6.12%	\$ 301.92
Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington	\$ 232,900.00	\$ 157,877.45	\$ 142,585.45	67.70%	61.22%	186	13.71%	\$ 847.73
St. Ann, Burleson	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 54,722.00	\$ 48,802.00	86.18%	76.85%	207	15.07%	\$ 264.36
Holy Rosary, Cisco	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	22.22%	22.22%	6	8.96%	\$ 133.33
St. Joseph, Cleburne	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,320.00	\$ 10,630.00	81.60%	53.15%	119	16.46%	\$ 137.14

# PARISH ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL RESULTS

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Holy Angels, Clifton	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 12,305.00	\$ 11,765.00	135.22%	129.29%	35	20.11%	\$ 351.57
Holy Cross, The Colony	\$ 47,700.00	\$ 31,256.00	\$ 30,056.00	65.53%	63.01%	105	5.44%	\$ 297.68
Sacred Heart, Comanche	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 1,535.00	20.59%	16.33%	9	3.90%	\$ 215.00
St. Joseph, Crowell	\$ 950.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	27.89%	27.89%	2	10.53%	\$ 132.50
Assumption BVM, Decatur	\$ 22,350.00	\$ 12,753.35	\$ 11,583.35	57.06%	51.83%	41	8.12%	\$ 311.06
Our Lady of Guadalupe, De Leon	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,119.00	\$ 3,579.00	57.21%	49.71%	18	22.50%	\$ 228.83
All Saints, Fort Worth	\$ 35,500.00	\$ 16,011.67	\$ 14,856.67	45.10%	41.29%	74	13.48%	\$ 216.37
Holy Family, Fort Worth	\$ 119,100.00	\$ 117,619.70	\$ 114,009.70	98.76%	95.73%	222	10.36%	\$ 529.82
Holy Name of Jesus, Fort Worth	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 13,130.00	43.02%	30.53%	88	6.81%	\$ 210.23
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fort Worth	\$ 48,900.00	\$ 26,190.42	\$ 22,493.42	53.56%	46.00%	185	6.64%	\$ 141.57
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fort Worth	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 12,680.69	\$ 11,173.19	29.15%	25.69%	87	9.01%	\$ 145.76
Our Mother of Mercy, Fort Worth	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 1,370.00	14.12%	11.18%	8	4.06%	\$ 216.25
St. Andrew, Fort Worth	\$ 278,900.00	\$ 58,178.58	\$ 57,463.58	20.86%	20.60%	127	3.66%	\$ 458.10
St. Bartholomew, Fort Worth	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 45,511.00	\$ 43,661.00	70.56%	67.69%	132	6.70%	\$ 344.78
St. Benedict, Fort Worth	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 4,890.00	\$ 3,650.00	26.87%	20.05%	10	23.81%	\$ 489.00
St. George, Fort Worth	\$ 14,900.00	\$ 12,342.00	\$ 8,897.00	82.83%	59.71%	104	17.93%	\$ 118.67
Christ The King, Fort Worth	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 20,270.00	\$ 20,270.00	73.71%	73.71%	114	15.55%	\$ 177.81
St. John the Apostle, Fort Worth	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 61,793.60	\$ 57,353.60	63.38%	58.82%	192	8.45%	\$ 321.84
St. Mary of the Assumption, Fort Worth	\$ 33,400.00	\$ 10,656.00	\$ 9,871.00	31.90%	29.55%	54	4.40%	\$ 197.33
Korean Martyrs, Fort Worth	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	7.02%	7.02%	2	3.39%	\$ 200.00
St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 115,492.70	\$ 102,658.70	77.00%	68.44%	194	9.93%	\$ 595.32
St. Paul the Apostle, Fort Worth	\$ 17,900.00	\$ 4,018.00	\$ 3,838.00	22.45%	21.44%	48	7.84%	\$ 83.71
St. Peter the Apostle, Fort Worth	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 8,533.00	\$ 8,173.00	21.07%	20.18%	36	2.85%	\$ 237.03
St. Teresa of Calcutta, Roanoke	\$ -	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	5	#DIV/0!	\$ 185.00
St. Rita, Fort Worth	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 9,112.50	\$ 8,522.50	26.04%	24.35%	26	1.94%	\$ 350.48
Our Lady of Fatima, Fort Worth	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 49,925.00	\$ 46,565.00	174.56%	162.81%	164	32.22%	\$ 304.42
St. Thomas the Apostle, Fort Worth	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 26,367.98	\$ 25,957.98	47.42%	46.69%	78	7.26%	\$ 338.05
Holy Trinity, Azle	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 5,919.00	\$ 5,519.00	23.68%	22.08%	27	6.16%	\$ 219.22
St. John Paul II, Denton	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 4,876.00	\$ 4,876.00	21.77%	21.77%	14	11.97%	\$ 348.29
Immaculate Conception, Denton	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 24,861.76	\$ 23,311.76	22.40%	21.00%	99	2.45%	\$ 251.13
St. Mark, Denton	\$ 147,500.00	\$ 85,420.68	\$ 84,690.68	57.91%	57.42%	182	7.36%	\$ 469.34
St. Mary, Gainesville	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 11,126.00	\$ 9,246.00	36.12%	30.02%	46	4.42%	\$ 241.87
St. Rose of Lima, Glen Rose	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 4,145.00	\$ 4,145.00	62.80%	62.80%	24	18.60%	\$ 172.71
St. Francis of Assisi, Graford	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 4,428.00	\$ 4,428.00	77.01%	77.01%	11	38.67%	\$ 402.55
St. Mary, Graham	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 9,348.00	64.24%	54.35%	45	19.65%	\$ 245.56
St. Francis of Assisi, Grapevine	\$ 149,700.00	\$ 99,656.89	\$ 90,011.89	66.57%	60.13%	281	10.89%	\$ 354.65
St. Mary, Henrietta	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,770.00	36.12%	36.12%	10	37.04%	\$ 177.00
Our Lady of Mercy, Hillsboro	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 7,261.32	\$ 6,806.32	58.80%	55.11%	29	6.89%	\$ 250.39
Christ the King, Iowa Park	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 1,690.00	70.63%	52.81%	21	44.68%	\$ 107.62
St. Mary, Jacksboro	\$ 970.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00	25.26%	25.26%	4	6.45%	\$ 61.25
Santa Rosa, Knox City	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,254.00	\$ 2,254.00	68.30%	68.30%	12	40.00%	\$ 187.83
St. Philip the Apostle, Flower Mound	\$ 153,600.00	\$ 113,216.05	\$ 107,241.02	73.71%	69.82%	301	9.22%	\$ 376.13
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller	\$ 274,900.00	\$ 182,387.58	\$ 173,407.58	66.35%	63.08%	328	15.19%	\$ 556.06
St. Peter, Lindsay	\$ 39,900.00	\$ 20,453.35	\$ 20,278.35	51.26%	50.82%	95	21.59%	\$ 215.30
St. Jude, Mansfield	\$ 54,200.00	\$ 28,585.00	\$ 28,030.00	52.74%	51.72%	76	2.47%	\$ 376.12
St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,154.50	\$ 4,154.50	98.92%	98.92%	13	86.67%	\$ 319.58
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mineral Wells	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 9,270.82	\$ 3,753.32	60.59%	24.53%	27	7.09%	\$ 343.36
St. William, Montague	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 5,120.00	63.21%	63.21%	12	16.90%	\$ 426.67
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Morgan	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 75.00	128.75%	3.75%	3	4.23%	\$ 858.33
Sacred Heart, Muenster	\$ 78,700.00	\$ 48,003.00	\$ 46,128.00	60.99%	58.61%	173	23.10%	\$ 277.47
St. Joseph, Nocona	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 2,955.00	\$ 2,795.00	51.84%	49.04%	12	21.82%	\$ 246.25
St. Theresa, Olney	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,210.00	\$ 1,580.00	46.04%	32.92%	8	16.00%	\$ 276.25
St. Martin de Porres, Prosper	\$ 65,300.00	\$ 19,969.00	\$ 19,969.00	30.58%	30.58%	37	8.69%	\$ 539.70
Nativity/Blessed Virgin Mary, Penelope	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,220.00	61.67%	61.67%	10	13.89%	\$ 222.00
St. Thomas Aquinas, Pilot Point	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 8,262.50	\$ 8,182.50	24.59%	24.35%	73	10.43%	\$ 113.18
St. Mary, Quanah	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,035.00	57.50%	57.50%	6	11.54%	\$ 172.50
St. Rita, Ranger	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,352.00	\$ 872.00	52.00%	33.54%	3	4.00%	\$ 450.67
St. Joseph, Rhineland	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 11,145.00	\$ 8,995.00	82.56%	66.63%	27	18.62%	\$ 412.78
St. Boniface, Scotland	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,180.00	61.11%	58.89%	19	29.69%	\$ 173.68
Sacred Heart, Seymour	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 15,387.50	\$ 14,277.50	83.18%	77.18%	52	34.67%	\$ 295.91
St. Brendan, Stephenville	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 8,180.00	\$ 6,940.00	43.05%	36.53%	21	5.34%	\$ 389.52
St. John, Strawn	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	17.14%	17.14%	2	3.92%	\$ 300.00
Holy Family of Nazareth, Vernon	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 8,260.00	\$ 8,260.00	71.21%	71.21%	31	12.60%	\$ 266.45
St. Stephen, Weatherford	\$ 83,400.00	\$ 15,866.62	\$ 14,666.64	19.02%	17.59%	44	3.23%	\$ 360.61
St. Mary, Windthorst	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 14,202.50	\$ 12,665.00	64.56%	57.57%	72	30.00%	\$ 197.26
St. Frances Cabrini, Granbury	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 32,816.57	\$ 28,816.57	71.34%	62.64%	187	13.04%	\$ 175.49
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita Falls	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,580.00	8.15%	7.31%	17	0.94%	\$ 103.53
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Wichita	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 42,396.00	\$ 39,906.00	82.64%	77.79%	149	22.11%	\$ 284.54
Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls	\$ 106,500.00	\$ 55,670.40	\$ 52,410.40	52.27%	49.21%	204	16.28%	\$ 272.89
Immaculate Conception of Mary,	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	30.49%	30.49%	12	14.12%	\$ 104.17
Direct Gifts		\$ 26,733.29	\$ 26,333.29			128		\$ 208.85
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 2,303,900.66</b>	<b>71.02%</b>	<b>65.83%</b>	<b>7,426</b>		

# NEW TAX LAWS IMPACT DONORS OVER THE AGE OF 70-1/2



A new year has brought more than just resolutions. It's brought new laws and other changes that may affect your giving decisions. And with any economic change, you may be looking at your finances and wondering how you will be impacted.

The new laws include retirement changes, known collectively as "Secure 2.0," that may affect your saving and your giving. They may even make it easier for you to make a difference at organizations you care about. Some important things Secure 2.0 does that involve charitable giving:

## **Increases the required minimum distribution (RMD) age**

- Secure 2.0 increases the age retirees must begin taking taxable withdrawals to 73 in 2023 and 75 by 2033, up from the previous 72. It does not, however, increase the age an IRA owner can make a qualified charitable distribution. That age remains at 70½.

### *How does this affect me?*

- Simply put, the extension of the RMD age gives you more time to save. You will enjoy additional tax-free growth. It also can be significant if you do not want to begin withdrawing retirement funds during an unsettled economic climate, giving you more time for your stock portfolio to recover.

## **Adjusts for inflation the \$100,000 annual limit on direct gifts to qualified charities from your IRA**

- Are you 70½ or older? If so, you may know about a popular gift option that allows you to make a gift directly from your IRA to a qualified charity without paying income taxes on the distribution. Historically, the

amount you could give was capped at \$100,000 per year. This figure will now be adjusted annually for inflation beginning in 2024.

### *How does this affect me?*

- This allows you to not only increase your giving but also ensure your giving keeps pace with inflation. And you can make an impact—and see that impact—now rather than after your lifetime.

## **Allows for a distribution from your IRA to fund a life-income gift**

- If you are 70½ or older, you can make a one-time election for a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$50,000 (without being taxed) from your IRA to fund a life-income gift such as a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder unitrust or charitable remainder annuity trust.

### *How does this affect me?*

- These types of life-income gifts allow you to make a gift to a qualified charitable organization and receive lifetime payments to boost your retirement income, or provide a lifetime payment for you or your spouse.

**Questions about the new retirement laws?** Please contact Renée Underwood, CFRE at 817-533-7242, [plannedgiving@adv-fdn.org](mailto:plannedgiving@adv-fdn.org) or visit [bit.ly/CatholicLegacy](https://bit.ly/CatholicLegacy)

# A NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS FOR THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back more than 3,000 years. The start of a New Year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more and eat healthier; or to spend more time with family. Still others include managing money better and being more organized.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend Mass more regularly. If you are looking for some ideas for your New Year's resolutions, here are a few to get you started:

**Practice gratitude** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others.

**Encounter the Lord each day** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

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**Be present to others** – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

**Resist overwork** – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

**Nurture friendships** – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. Friends need our time and love.

**Give more** – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as a gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

## STEWARDSHIP RESOLUTIONS

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### **Make a difference in your parish**

**community** – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

**Consider living more simply** – We cannot find fulfillment in possessions. They add nothing to our self-worth. Jesus blessed the “poor in spirit” in his Sermon on the Mount; and Saint Francis of Assisi urged us to live with only what was necessary, for that is how we begin to find God.

**Get healthy** – Studies show that most people in North America are accelerating their own decline into premature old age, owing to poor diet and lack of physical activity. Be a good steward of your body. If necessary, plan a complete overhaul of your diet and exercise habits.

**Don't give up** – People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small, manageable changes over time.

**Turn to the Lord** – Ask the Lord for guidance, strength and perseverance in achieving your resolutions. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength” (Phil 4:13). If God is the center of our New Year's resolutions, they have a better chance for success.



### **A Stewardship Prayer for January**

*Lord of new life, Thank you for the gift of a new year.*

*You have entrusted us with the coming days,  
weeks and months as stewards  
of your divine plan;  
to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever  
growing confidence in your Kingdom to  
come.*

*We ask for the humility to reform our lives;  
the courage to commit ourselves to you no  
matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine  
the light of faith on others.*

*Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and  
show us how to share your love so that we  
may bring hope to a world in need of your  
justice and peace.*

*We pray to be a sign of your grace in this  
new year through your son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever.*

*Amen*

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# #IGIVECATHOLIC RESULTS

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Sister Thuan Phan, the religion teacher at St. Maria Goretti, joined in the staff talent show dance. St. Andrew Catholic School topped the leaderboard for funds raised, followed by Most Blessed Sacrament Parish. St. Jude Parish in Mansfield participated for the first time and met its goal of \$82,000, securing a third-place finish. St. Jude will use its funds for asphalt on a parking lot and to install security cameras.

Nationwide, \$16,215,550 was raised from 36,498 donors for 1,550 ministries in 42 participating dioceses. Fort Worth represented 4.62% of all dollars raised during #iGiveCatholic.

## Most Funds Raised

1. Saint Andrew Catholic School, Fort Worth \$135,483.04 (11th ranked among 1,550 ministries nationwide)
2. Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Arlington \$102,540.00 (16th)
3. St. Jude Catholic Church, Mansfield \$79,462 (28th)
4. Nolan Catholic High School \$66,075 (34th)

## Other Fort Worth Ministries in Top 100 Nationwide

- St. Maria Goretti Catholic School (89th)  
St. Mary of the Assumption (93rd)

## Most Donors

1. Saint Andrew Catholic School 234
2. Nolan Catholic High School 200
3. Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Arlington 183
4. St. Jude, Mansfield 183

Name	Amount Raised	Donors
1. Saint Andrew Catholic School	\$140,688.04	246
2. Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church	\$105,280.00	203
3. St. Jude Catholic Church	\$82,000.00	196
4. Nolan Catholic High School	\$66,075.00	200
5. Cassata Catholic High School	\$53,190.00	22
6. St. John Paul II University Parish	\$40,788.00	52
7. St. Mary of the Assumption	\$34,641.00	42
8. St. Maria Goretti Catholic School	\$33,091.00	166
9. St. John the Apostle Catholic School	\$29,588.41	128
10. St. Martin de Porres Catholic School	\$27,375.00	60
11. St Francis Of Assisi Grapevine TX	\$27,330.00	55
12. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wichita Falls	\$20,065.00	84
13. Holy Trinity Catholic School	\$19,876.00	88
14. Annual Diocesan Appeal	\$19,170.00	46
15. Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth	\$15,025.00	45
16. Saint Andrew Catholic Church	\$14,650.00	20
17. St. John the Apostle Parish	\$14,004.00	124
18. Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church	\$12,925.00	73
19. Tarleton Catholic Campus Ministry	\$11,781.03	29
20. TCU Catholic	\$10,100.00	46
21. Advancement Foundation	\$5,350.00	22
22. Cristo Rey Fort Worth College Prep	\$4,825.00	9
23. University Catholic Community at UT	\$4,574.00	41
24. MSU Catholic Campus Center	\$4,039.50	24
25. Holy Family Catholic School	\$3,370.00	8
26. St Vincent de Paul Conference -Society	\$3,300.00	10
27. Stephen Breen Memorial Foundation	\$3,050.00	9
28. St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild	\$2,825.00	8
29. SVdP Holy Family Conference	\$2,675.00	7
30. St. Vincent de Paul Society, Saint Andrew Conference	\$2,070.00	9
31. Immaculate Conception Catholic School	\$2,020.00	18
32. Our Lady Of Lourdes Church	\$2,000.00	8
33. Rachel Ministries, Diocese of Fort Worth	\$1,925.00	14
34. Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church	\$1,672.00	19
35. Saint Rita Catholic School	\$1,625.00	7
36. St Michael Catholic Church	\$1,370.00	10
37. St. George Catholic School	\$1,270.00	16
38. St Vincent De Paul Society-St Maria Goretti Conference	\$1,265.00	13
39. Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund	\$1,150.00	7
40. Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church	\$1,145.00	29
41. All Saints Catholic School	\$1,025.00	12
42. Holy Family Catholic Church	\$1,000.00	2
43. Our Mother of Mercy Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference FW	\$925.00	10
44. St. Mary Catholic School	\$765.00	9
45. Immaculate Conception Church 76207	\$640.00	10
46. St Peter the Apostle Catholic Classical	\$625.00	5
47. Flourishing Tree of Life	\$100.00	1
48. Young Catholic Professionals	\$100.00	1
49. Good Shepherd Catholic Community	\$50.00	1
50. Three Hearts Institute		0
51. St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church		0
52. St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church		0



St. Maria Goretti School staged a talent show that was both live and live-streamed to promote contributions during #iGiveCatholic.



## MOVING CATHOLIC EDUCATION FORWARD

*with a Feasibility Survey*

The Advancement Foundation is entering the feasibility phase of the Catholic Education and Faith Formation Campaign throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth for every school and parish. Please participate in this short survey to help us examine every aspect of Catholic Education and Faith Formation for the future of our children and our Church.

<https://bit.ly/CEFFSurvey1>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 23 Catholic Education and Faith Formation Dinner, Colleyville

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Advancement Foundation will be closed on **Monday, January 16**, in observance of the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

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# CHRISTMAS WITH THE SEMINARIANS

## St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild Brunch

The children's choir from Saint Andrew School entertained members of the St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild as they arrived from Mass with Bishop Olson to attend a brunch with seminarians and their families on December 17 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish. The Shepherd's Guild is a group of 125 Catholic individuals/couples who pray for and financially support seminarian education through annual membership.

To fully fund the cost of formation for the current 24 seminarians, the Shepherd's Guild has a goal of increasing its membership to 400 individuals/couples. Semi-annual events like this allow members to introduce the Guild to their guests and provide an opportunity for seminarians to meet and thank those who support their education.

The event included remarks from Bishop Michael F. Olson, Director of Vocations Father Brett Metzler and seminarian Blake Thompson, a convert to the Catholic faith, who shared his amazing testimony.



Learn more or join the St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild by visiting: <http://www.advancementfoundation.org/membership>



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Blessed Sandra Sabattini

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