



Advancing the Mission

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Happy Father's Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

Thank you, Paula Parrish!

Paula Parrish, Executive Director of the **Advancement Foundation** resigned her position on May 23. **Paula** served in this position for more than four years and dedicated many hours to the on-going success of the Foundation and the **Diocese of Fort Worth**.



Paula's vision brought about many new opportunities for people across the Diocese. **St. Francis Circle**, a monthly recurring donation program for Diocesan donors, was cultivated under her leadership. Paula also implemented the **Stewardship and Parish Relations** arm of the **Advancement Foundation**, and she developed the **Diocesan Travel Program**, leading travelers on pilgrimages around the world.

We are truly grateful to **Paula's** numerous contributions and wish her much success in her future endeavors. Thank you, **Paula!**

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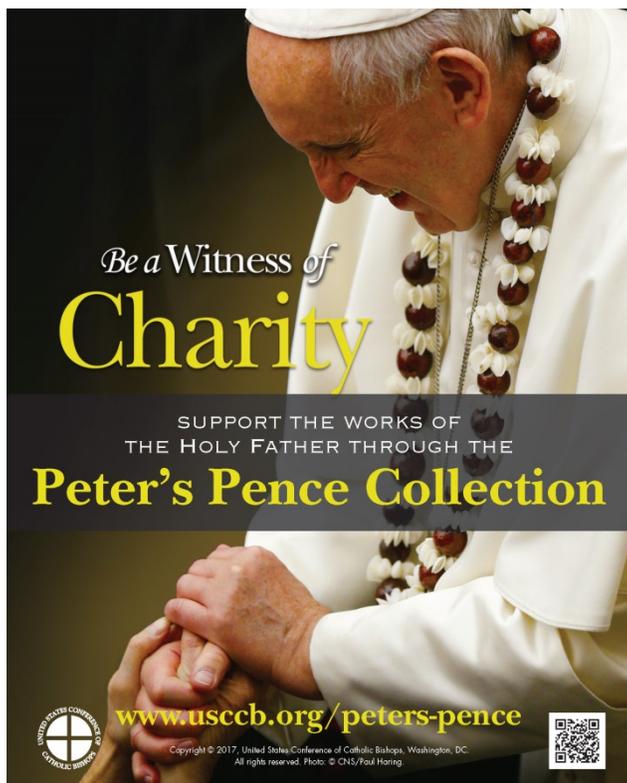
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Support the charitable works of Pope Francis

Peter's Pence Collection on June 30/July 1



The weekend of June 30/July 1 our diocese will take the **Peter's Pence Collection** (PPC). This global collection supports the Holy Father as he reaches out in mercy and charity to people who are suffering. Your generosity will help **Pope Francis** ease the suffering of some of the most marginalized throughout the world and show them the tender love of God.

Pope Francis challenges us to look at those around us with the eyes of mercy. He says, "We encounter so many weary and oppressed people today. And how is our heart? Is it merciful? And our way of thinking and acting, is it inclusive?" (Jubilee Audience, Nov. 12, 2016). Please reflect on how you feel moved to answer the call to mercy.

In Iraq, many people still live a nightmare of war and violence. This has left many displaced, including young people in the midst of their studies. Without an educated population, it will be difficult for the country to

gain stability. But with the support of our diocese to the PPC, the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, has received funding for 10 scholarships for young displaced persons. With this help, the students can complete their university education and move forward with the hope of rebuilding their country.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help **Pope Francis** reach the most marginalized in our world. Give when the collection is taken in your parish, visit <http://bit.ly/Peters-Pence> or text **PENCE to 91999**. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

*"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
– Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013*

Holy Land travelers begin preparations for their pilgrimage



The Temple Mount in Jerusalem

The **Diocesan Travel Program** has filled its available travel spots for the December 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage. Travelers are meeting to prepare for their site-seeing adventures in Israel. Please be in prayer for them.

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Annette and Hector Velasquez
Dottie and John Miller
Kristie and Scott Bohnenkamp
Lauren and Chris Romero
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IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

JUNE 30 is the last date to meet our goal to support seminarians, Catholic schools, deacons, rural parishes, Catholic Charities, prison ministry, campus ministry and more!



Text ADA to 91999 or bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal

2017-2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal ends June 30

Thank you! To the more than 10,000 donors in the Diocese of Fort Worth who have supported the 2017-2018 *Annual Diocesan Appeal*. Your financial gifts, amounting to more than \$3 million to date, mean that vital ministries will receive funding to continue to bring God's message of faith, hope and charity to others.

The *Annual Diocesan Appeal* is important. It's a way for all Catholics in the Diocese to join together to support ministries and programs that serve the people of God. The mission of the Appeal is to share the Gospel message of faith, hope and charity with those most in need through knowing and doing all that we are called to as disciples of Christ. Supporting the Appeal is a dynamic opportunity to contribute for the common good and impact lives beyond our parishes.

There's still time to make a pledge or one-time donation to the *2017-2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal*. Please visit bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal, text ADA to 91999 or locate an envelope in your parish to make your gift by June 30. Your support is needed and every gift, small or large, matters! Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Contributing
FOR THE COMMON GOOD

In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!

-Pope Francis

Bishop's Guild members attend Ordination Mass

On the beautiful Saturday of May 19, members of the *Bishop's Guild* gathered with priests, seminarians, and the families of *Rev. Jonathan Demma* and *Rev. Maurice Moon* to witness the conferring of Holy Orders upon them.



Members of the *Bishop's Guild* prayerfully and financially support the education of seminarians for the *Diocese of Fort Worth*. This unique opportunity provides for the sustainability of the priesthood in our Diocese. You too, can participate in a special way, to the education and ordination of our men in seminary.



Pope Francis, in his message on *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* in 2014, expressed that "A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people."

The *Bishop's Guild* is the good soil of faithful people. We invite you to consider joining us and journey with our seminarians on their path to ordination with a *Bishop's Guild* membership or a one-time gift to the *Seminarian Education Fund*. Please visit bit.ly/BishopsGuild to learn more. Your gifts today ensure priests for tomorrow.

More than 50 members of the *Bishops Guild* attended the Ordination Mass of *Rev. Jonathan Demma* and *Rev. Maurice Moon*. These members are excitedly waiting for Mass to begin!



Deacon Maurice Moon (left) and Deacon Jonathan Demma (right) process in to St. Patrick Cathedral for their priestly ordination

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*“As each one has received a gift, use it to
serve one another as good stewards of
God’s varied grace.”
1 Peter 4:10*

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uilding Your Legacy event held at St. Andrew

The *Advancement Foundation* hosts quarterly *Building Your Legacy* presentations across the Diocese. The latest presentation occurred on May 17 at *St. Andrew Catholic Parish*.



Good stewardship of our resources requires us to think of the future. *Building Your Legacy* presentations are informational and designed to assist in the discovery of your interests and passions, and foster conversations about end-of-life planning.



*Renée Underwood guides participants through the **Picture Your Legacy** activity.*

The next *Building Your Legacy* event is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 9 at *Our Lady Queen of Peace* in Wichita Falls and is open to all Catholic faithful in the Wichita Falls area. Please contact *Elizabeth Becker* at ebecker@advancementfoundation.org or 817.945.9443 to reserve your place.

The *Advancement Foundation* is available to make this presentation to your parish group, please contact us to schedule your presentation!



Rev. Jim Gigliotti, TOR, Pastor of St. Andrew Catholic Church welcomed participants and offered the opening prayer.

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round the Foundation

The *Men’s Club* from *Good Shepherd Catholic Parish* recently held a *Super Casino Night Fundraiser*. Members presented \$10,000 of the proceeds from this event to the *Bishop’s Guild* in support of seminarian education. Pictured from left to right are, *Steve Landon*, Treasurer, *Larry Landry*, Super Casino Night Fundraiser Chair, *Bob Eilenfeldt*, President, *Bishop Michael F. Olson*, *Jim Leonard*, *Tony Dominiec* and *John Furin*, board members. Thank you to the *Men’s Club* for your support of our seminarians!

