



Advancing the Mission

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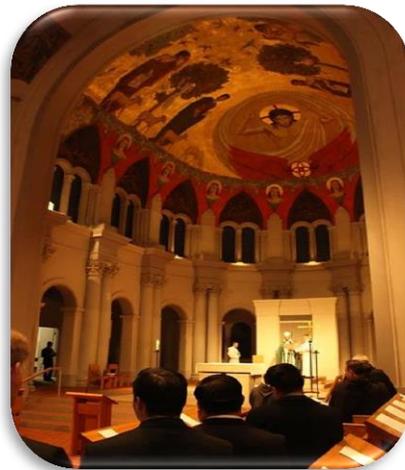
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Bishop's Guild members plan trip to St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary College

Space still available - Reserve your place by March 12



Bishop's Guild members
It's time to reserve your space for our weekend get-away to visit our seminarians. We'll leave early on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, by bus and make our way to Covington, LA.

The next morning we'll tour *St. Joseph's Abbey & Seminary College*, join our seminarians for Vespers and celebrate at the annual *Deo Gratias Gala*. We will depart for the trip back to Fort Worth on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018.

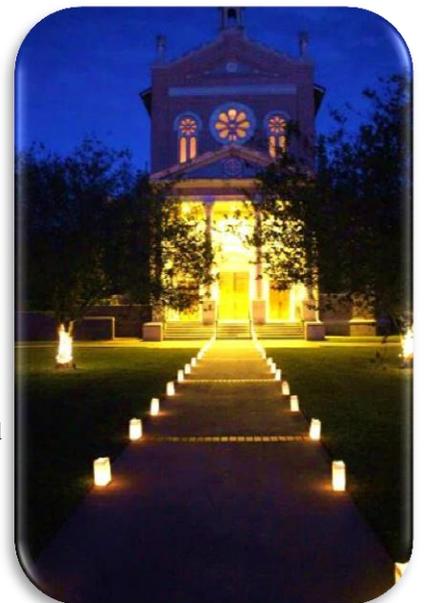
This quick, but fun, weekend is a perfect opportunity to see first-hand where some of our seminarians are studying for the priesthood.

The cost to travel is \$760 per couple and \$520 for an individual. This covers:

- round-trip bus fare with box lunches and snacks
- two-night hotel stay
- hotel breakfast voucher (\$10.00 value per person)
- Deo Gratias Gala ticket

Don't delay. If you are interested in traveling to Covington, reserve your place now. A deposit of \$200 per person is due by March 12.

Contact *Elizabeth Becker* for more information, 817.945.9443 or ebecker@advancementfoundation.org



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Family first path to charitable giving

Remember us in your will or living trust

In addition to passing assets to loved ones, your will or living trust can also be used to define your legacy through support of your parish, Catholic school or the Diocese of Fort Worth through *The Advancement Foundation*. When you remember us through a gift in your estate plans, you join the *Legacy Society*. This is a special group of people who has made some of our most important advances possible.

Advantages

- **Simplicity.** As little as one sentence in your will or living trust is all that is needed to complete your gift.
- **Flexibility.** Until your will or trust goes into effect, you are free to alter your plans.
- **Versatility.** You can give a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate.

How a Gift in Your Will Works

Your estate planning attorney can help you structure a gift so your loved ones will be taken care of first after you're gone.



A Gift in Your Estate Plan Is Right for You If:

- You want the opportunity to guide decisions about the future ownership of your possessions and the legacy you leave behind.
- You have a will or living trust or are ready to create one.
- You want to make sure your support of your parish, Catholic school or the Diocese of Fort Worth continues after your lifetime.
- You want to balance your generosity to us with an assurance that loved ones are taken care of first.
- You want to maintain the flexibility to change your mind about your gift at any time.

For additional information about *Building Your Legacy*, please contact **Renée M. Underwood** at 817.945.9441 or runderwood@advancementfoundation.org.

If you have already made provisions for the Catholic Church in your will, please let us know so that we may enroll you in our **Legacy Society**.

The information in this publication is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney or tax advisor.



Renée Underwood travels to the Holy Land

Making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a unique opportunity to walk in the path of Jesus Christ. For many Christians it's the trip of a lifetime, as it certainly was for **Renée Underwood**. Last month **Renée** joined travelers on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her 12-day tour focused on archaeological and religious visits with plenty of opportunities to experience the rich cultural life through food and art.



During **Renée's** pilgrimage she visited Nazareth. They visited the Basilica of the Annunciation and celebrated Mass at the Grotto altar. They toured the excavations under the Sisters of Nazareth, a first century house that could have belonged to Mary and Joseph!

Then the group traveled the Sea of Galilee by boat to Capernaum. There they visited the archaeological sites and made their way to Tabgha, the site where Jesus performed the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. They renewed their baptismal vows at Yardenit and then traveled to Magdala, the town where Mary Magdalene lived.

The pilgrimage took them to the cities of Petra, Madaba and Mt. Nebo, Masada and Jerusalem. The pilgrimage ended with time spent in Bethlehem, the site of the Basilica of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field.

Traveling to the Holy Land is an opportunity to explore the roots of your faith and watch the places and events of the Bible come to life. If you are interested in making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land the **Diocesan Travel Program** has an opportunity just for you! Plan to travel with us Dec. 9-16, 2018, on this 9-day, fully escorted pilgrimage. Register now as spaces are limited.

Contact **Paula Parrish** at 817.945.9440 or pparrish@advancementfoundation.org. You can also find more information on the Advancement Foundation's website www.advancementfoundation.org or by following us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/advancementfoundation/>

Annual Legacy Society Luncheon draws near

The *Legacy Society* was established to acknowledge individuals who have made a planned gift to the Diocese of Fort Worth. A provision in your will or beneficiary designations in your life insurance plan, are great ways to remember your parish, Catholic school or other ministry of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Please notify *Renée M. Underwood* at runderwood@advancementfoundation.org or 817.945.9441 if you have named a parish, a ministry or the Diocese through a Legacy gift so we might have the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and welcome you as a member of the *Legacy Society*.



If you are a current member of the *Legacy Society*, please save the date for the annual *Legacy Society Appreciation Luncheon*:

Thursday, May 10, 2018

11:30 a.m. Check-in

Noon Luncheon

Historic Hilton Hotel

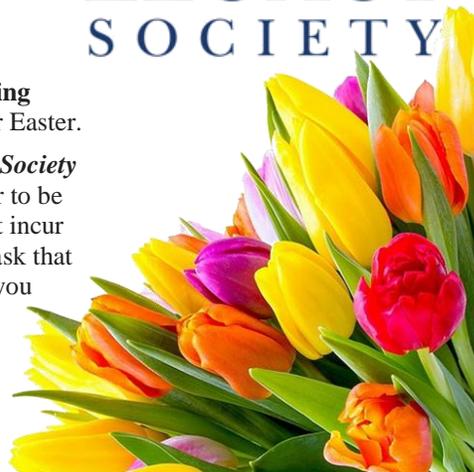
Complimentary Valet Parking

Invitations will be in the mail after Easter.

It's our privilege to honor *Legacy Society* members at this luncheon. In order to be good stewards of our gifts, and not incur unnecessary expenses, we kindly ask that you RSVP your attendance when you receive your invitation.



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Today's Gifts Serving Tomorrow

Building Your Legacy is first event of 2018

On Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, the Advancement Foundation hosted the first *Building Your Legacy* event at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller. Although turn-out for the event was light it was a good experience for those who attended.

Mark your calendars for the next presentation on *Thursday, May 17, 2018, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Fort Worth*. We will begin by celebrating Mass at 8:00 a.m. and then breakfast and the presentation at 8:45 a.m.

Future *Building Your Legacy* events are scheduled for:

- **Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018**, at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Wichita Falls
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Presentation
- **Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018**, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Arlington
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:15 a.m. Breakfast and Presentation

The Advancement Foundation Team is available to make our *Building Your Legacy* presentation to any parish, men's or women's group, or school group. To learn more about *Building Your Legacy* scheduled events or hosting an event at your location, contact *Renée M. Underwood* at 817.945.9441 or runderwood@advancementfoundation.org.

Sister Mary Anne Zuberbueller, O.P., Ed.D. is keynote speaker Retreat for Spiritual Renewal



The annual *Diocesan Stewardship Day of Renewal* is pleased to announce that *Sister Mary Anne Zuberbueller, O.P., Ed.D.* will be the keynote speaker at our *Retreat for Spiritual Renewal- Purposeful Living*. *Sister Mary Anne* will offer ideas on recognizing and responding to the graces of the present moment, discerning God's will, and listening to the voice of the Father.

This retreat is for all pastors, ministry leaders, parish and school staff, leadership committees/councils and all lay people in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Mass at 8:00 a.m. Retreat following until 2:00 p.m.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

1200 S. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013 (School Gym)

Cost is \$10 plus a canned food item (optional)

Breakfast and lunch included

For more information or to RSVP contact *Diana Liska*, Director of Stewardship by Friday, April 20 at dliska@advancementfoundation.org



Annual Diocesan Appeal Phonathon

The *Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)* is within \$400,000 of reaching its goal! More than 10,300 unique donors have committed \$2.9 million. We need your help to fully fund the Appeal and provide ongoing support for vital ministries in our Diocese.

During the first week in March, the Vikings, students from *Nolan Catholic High School*, will be calling donors who supported the *ADA* last year but who have not made a one-time gift or pledge to this year's Appeal. The student callers will be asking for your help.

Donations to the *ADA* provide funds for these ministries and programs:

- Seminarian Education
- Permanent Diaconate Formation
- Catholic Charities
- Prison Ministry
- Outreach to Rural and Needy Parishes and Schools
- Marriage and Family Life
- Marriage Tribunal
- Catholic Schools
- College Campus Ministry

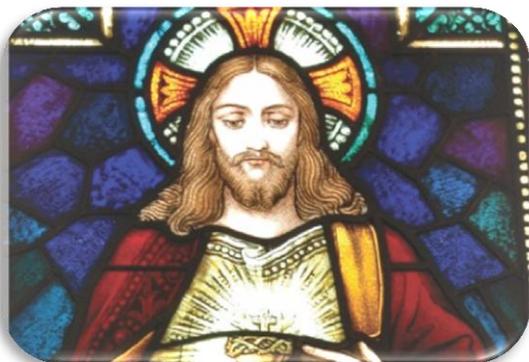
When you join your gift with thousands of others you'll be *Contributing for the Common Good!*

There are several ways to give:

4. Text ADA to 91999
5. Donate online at bit.ly//AnnualDiocesanAppeal
6. Locate an *Annual Diocesan Appeal* envelope in your parish, fill it out and return to the Diocese

Contact **Renée M. Underwood**

runderwood@advancementfoundation.org or 817.945.9441 for more information about donating to the *ADA*.



"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

CCHD local grant awarded to Seymour Ministerial Alliance

The Sunday before Thanksgiving is the annual second collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)*. A little known fact about this second collection is that 25 percent of the funds collected stay in the Diocese. These funds are used for local projects that assist men, women and families. The Advancement Foundation recently awarded a local grant to the *Seymour Ministerial Alliance (SMA)*. *SMA* is a collaboration of congregations located in Seymour, TX, and includes *Sacred Heart Catholic Church*.

Seymour is a small town with few social services to assist members of the community with emergency needs. That's how the *SMA* got its start. *SMA* assists people with paying utility bills, providing gas vouchers or making sure a family has food. Occasionally they are asked to assist travelers with over-night lodging.

This is where local *CCHD* funds come in. *SMA* developed a plan to renovate donated space at *Calvary Baptist Church* for lodging stranded travelers. *SMA* would like to offer simple, but comfortable accommodations to provide respite and safety to people stranded or passing through.

CCHD funds will be used to purchase building materials to do the renovation. This is a real community effort. The labor is donated, the space is donated and the generous people of the Diocese of Fort Worth are providing funds for materials. The renovation is underway and an update will be in the April edition of *Advancing the Mission*.

For more information about local grants through *CCHD* contact **Elizabeth Becker** at 817.945.9443 or ebecker@advancementfoundation.org



A photo of the existing bathroom that will be updated with all new fixtures and a shower.



A before photo of the room to be renovated at Calvary Baptist. *SMA* plans to replace the flooring, close in a door that leads to the sanctuary, and hang new sheetrock. They will also paint and install a built-in desk.



This corner of the building is where the room is located. *SMA* plans to create a door that leads from the outside of the church into the newly-renovated room.