

The Newsletter of the Advancement Foundation
Supporting the Diocese of Fort Worth

ADVANCING THE MISSION

NORTH TEXAS
GIVING
TUESDAY

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SUPPORT US ON MAY 5

Certainly it can be said, we're living in unprecedented times. As we face daily challenges in navigating a new normal brought to us through the pandemic, the Catholic Church stands eternally present to worship, serve and heal the Faithful, the Poor, the Forgotten and the Marginalized through the teaching and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ, expressed in the ministries and programs and Holy Masses of our parishes. Simply stated, **WE NEED YOU.**

Communities Foundation of Texas, United Way, and the Dallas Cowboys have teamed to present **North Texas Giving Tuesday Now** on May 5.

We have joined hundreds of worthy organizations across North Texas in this emergency campaign to ask for your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which helps us in our mission of bringing Christ's healing presence to people across our 28 counties. Your generosity sustains diocesan ministries and programs that ensure that our Holy Catholic Church is there to comfort the sick, serve the poor and warm the hearts of those in need. Of particular need is funding to assist the parishes and Catholic schools facing shortfalls in operating budgets. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!** Here's how you can help:

GIVE ONLINE! Now through May 5, visit <http://bit.ly/NTDGADA> to make a gift to the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Annual Diocesan Appeal.

GIVE BY CHECK! You can support the Annual Diocesan Appeal by sending a check directly to the Advancement Foundation 800 W Loop 820 S Fort Worth TX 76108 between now and May 5.

SPREAD THE WORD! Share our Annual Diocesan Appeal giving page via email, social media, and text.

This emergency fundraising campaign is vital to our community. We hope you will continue to keep the parishes, schools and ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth in your prayers and join us as faithful stewards of God's abundant blessings in bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the communities we serve. Thank you for your generous support!



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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL SUPPORTS PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

June 30 is the final day to support this year's campaign

The outpouring of generosity for the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal, especially during these unprecedented times, has been truly humbling.

Through April 15, 10,640 families have made commitments totaling **\$3,311,930**. Thank you!

The theme of this year's campaign - *The Eucharist Makes Us the Church* - is being embraced by Catholics throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth. We are called to share in the redemptive work of Christ and supporting the vital needs the Appeal makes possible allows us to respond in gratitude.

This year, when so many of our parishes are struggling with declining offertories and our schools are facing budget shortfalls, the need for funding for parish and school operating grants is critical. The hopeful future of our church is nowhere more evident than in the 30 seminarians discerning priestly vocations. The Appeal also supports our retired and infirm priests, men in formation for the permanent diaconate, jail ministry, marriage and family life programs, Catholic school tuition assistance, Catholic Charities and campus ministry.

June 30 is the last day to make a commitment to this year's campaign and help your parish meet its goal.

There are several ways to support the Annual Diocesan Appeal during these times of shelter in place:

- Mail a check payable to Advancement Foundation to 800 W Loop 820 S Fort Worth TX 76108. Be sure to put Annual Diocesan Appeal and your parish name in the memo space.
- Text ADA to 91999
- Donate securely online at: <https://bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal>
- Call us at 817-945-9463



Congratulations to the following parish communities that have made commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal above their goal!

St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 140.63%

St. Theresa, Olney, 140.21%

St. Mary, Jacksboro, 131.13%

Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls, 130.82%

St. Joseph, Cleburne, 129.91%

St Mark, Denton, 123.44%

St. William, Montague, 123.22%

Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington, 122.21%

Our Lady of Fatima, Fort Worth, 119.00%

St. Brendan, Stephenville, 117.92%

Holy Trinity, Azle, 112.51%

St. John, Strawn, 112.50%

St. Joseph, Rhineland, 106.68%

All Saints, Fort Worth, 106.62%

Sacred Heart, Muenster, 106.57%

Sacred Heart, Seymour, 106.49%

Vietnamese Martyrs, Arlington, 106.11%

Our Lady of Lourdes, Mineral Wells, 105.96%

St. Mary, Dublin, 105.91%

St. Mary, Graham, 105.49%

Santa Rosa, Knox City, 101.89%

Holy Cross, The Colony, 100.47%

Holy Family, Fort Worth, 100.37%

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PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

In a Time of Social Distancing

PRAY Spend time with God each day. Read the Bible or a devotional. Meditate. Listen to prayerful music.

PAY ATTENTION God is with you! Look for God in the care of others and those you care for. See God in the beauty around you.

GROW IN GRATITUDE Make this a time to be grateful for the blessings of life, faith relationships, gifts, talent and resources.

REACH OUT Reach out to those who are fragile, alone, or in need. Call or video chat with elderly neighbors.

GIVE Give to your parish. Your faith community is sustained through your giving.

CONNECT Check in with other parishioners. Gather with others by phone or virtually to stay connected even when physically apart.

SHARE FAITH As you talk with family and friends, share the consolation and hope you have through your faith in Jesus.

KEEP SABBATH Sabbath is a time of rest and renewal in faith. Make this moment of physical distance a time for Sabbath.

Gracious and Loving God,

When your Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost, they spoke the languages of those who came to hear their testimony.

They proclaimed a new covenant in Christ Jesus, sanctified by his blood, bound by the Holy Spirit, and sealed in the waters of baptism.

We give you thanks and praise for releasing your Spirit upon us; and in these uncertain times pray that it will break through the many barriers that divide people. Let your Spirit open our eyes as a communion of faith to your ongoing presence among us, so we can recognize you when we serve one another.

Let your Spirit open our minds so that we may gain the wisdom to work together to show love for our neighbors, and unite our talents to build a better, safer world.

And let your Spirit open our hearts so that together we can live more fully in Christ, shine his light of mercy and hope and prepare for the day of his glorious return.

We pray this through your son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.



Leisa Anslinger, associate department director for pastoral life, Archdiocese of Cincinnati
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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO CHRIST

Catholic Communication Campaign, May 23-24

When you support the Catholic Communication Campaign you make a local impact! Half of all funds raised during this special collection stay in the Diocese of Fort Worth to support our local communication projects such as *North Texas Catholic*, the Diocesan website, live streaming of Mass, public relations and social media efforts. It is through the generosity of contributors to the Catholic Communication Campaign that the Diocese can, in part, be where the faithful are, in the digital communication world, more important than ever during these times of pandemic.

The remaining portion of funds collected during the Catholic Communication Campaign are used for various national communication projects such as, email delivery of the daily scripture readings, creation of public television documentaries and live streaming of events like V Encuentro. The Catholic Communication Campaign also funds projects in developing countries that spread the Gospel via modern communication methods.

Your gift to the Catholic Communication Campaign is used to connect communities to Christ via the internet, television, radio and print media here at home and around the world. Please give generously.



For more information:
fwdioc.org/special-collections

There are several ways to give:

- Use the envelopes or online giving channel provided by your parish
- Text COMM to 91999
- Online
<https://bit.ly/CatholicCommunications>

YOUR GIFT TO THE 2020 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL CAN BE MADE
AUTOMATICALLY THROUGH
REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM
YOUR CREDIT CARD OR BANK
ACCOUNT. PLEASE CONSIDER
JOINING THOUSANDS OF OTHER
CATHOLICS WHO ARE MEMBERS
OF THE ST. FRANCIS CIRCLE!



St. Francis Circle – continuous monthly giving to the Annual Diocesan Appeal through bank draft or credit card. Text SFC to 91999 or <http://bit.ly/StFrancisADA>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5 - Giving Tuesday Now

May 23-24 - Catholic Communications Campaign

June 6-7 - Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa Special Collection

June 27-28 - Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

June 30 - Last Day to Make a Donation to this Year's Annual Diocesan Appeal

Office Closing

The Pastoral & Administrative offices of the Diocese of Fort Worth (Catholic Center) are closed indefinitely. Staff members are working remotely.

View these events and more on our website www.advancementfoundation.org/calendar

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

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

An easy way to keep up with the ministries supported by the Advancement Foundation is to "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter! Here you will find information about giving opportunities, upcoming events and occasionally some words of wisdom and inspiration.



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WHAT WE DO

- Support the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
- Identify Needs
- Raise Funds
- Create Awareness
- Provide Opportunity
- Inspire Generosity

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