

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Advancement Foundation Newsletter + Diocese of Fort Worth



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"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less"
~ C.S. Lewis

As Christian stewards grow in humility, they become more deeply grateful to God. Knowing that He is the source of all grace in their lives, they desire more and more to share His blessings to them with others. Rev. Dubay writes, "...the person who is genuinely humble, that is, who recognizes the gifts received, is much more likely to be magnanimous and generous in sharing."

A daily life of stewardship offers many situations in which we can grow in humility. Choosing to let others shine in conversation while remaining more in the background, accepting criticism without being defensive, volunteering for the less noteworthy tasks around the parish, and letting go of leadership positions so that others can step in - these are all ways to practice humility in stewardship.



Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Thank you to the more than 7,700 families across the Diocese who have given more than \$1.89 million for the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through October 15 we have reached 43.57% of our \$4.2 million goal.

There is still time to give and be part of the movement that makes a difference for many in our Diocese. To see the giving options please visit bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal or text ADA to 91999 to make a donation now.

When you give you are supporting the needs of others. Thank you!

The Eucharist Makes Us the Church

Campus Ministry - Educating Leaders for our Future

The Diocese of Fort Worth through the support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, funds professional campus ministers to serve eight college campuses located across our Diocese. Jason Spoolstra, Director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries shared, "Campus Ministry is a vital component in our efforts in evangelization and catechesis," he went on to say that "it allows opportunities for new and continual growth for young people transitioning into college life."

College is an important time in a young adult's life. Here they put into practice what they've been taught at home and Church.

Campus Ministry programs provide the continuing education and faith formation for our future leaders. Activities like prayer, scripture study, retreats and service projects offer students an opportunity to grow in their faith and be an instrument of outreach to their college community. Your generous donation to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a difference in the lives of young adults, the next generation of leaders for our communities and Diocese. "In our culture today, I cannot think of a much more needed area of assistance to aid than in our work within Campus Ministry - the nucleus for evangelizing and catechizing Catholic college students, our future disciples."

There is still time to make a one-time gift, pledge or to join our continuous monthly giving society, the St. Francis Circle, and fund ministries like Campus Ministry. Visit bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal to donate. Together we are the Church, together we can make a difference!



*We though many, are one body in Christ.
Romans 12:5*

Final Update



Good news! The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth raised \$51,034.25 for ministries of the Annual Diocesan Appeal on North Texas Giving Day. Thank you to everyone who participated. Your generosity will help sustain, aid, and empower those served in various ministries in our Diocese.

Save the date for North Texas Giving Day 2019 - Sept. 19, 2019.

Stewardship and Planned Giving Receive Honors

International Catholic Stewardship Council recognizes Diocesan efforts



At the 56th Annual International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC) in Nashville, TN, both St. Maria Goretti Parish in Arlington and the Advancement Foundation were recognized for their efforts in Stewardship and Planned Giving. ICSC is a professional organization recognized internationally as a source of education, networking and information to advance the ministry of Christian stewardship as a way of life in the Roman Catholic Church. ICSC also promotes the cause of Catholic philanthropy in dioceses and parishes around the world.

Top Photo: Diana Liska, Director of Stewardship and Renée Underwood, Associate Director, receive the awards for Excellence for Total Diocesan Stewardship Effort and Total Planned Giving Effort from Rev. Andrew Kemberling, ICSC Chair.

Bottom Photo: Lucy Kelley, Stewardship Chair at St. Maria Goretti, receives the Honorable Mention award for Parish Stewardship Materials.

Congratulations to the Diocese and the Advancement Foundation for your hard work and dedication to stewardship.

National Vocation Awareness Week

Pray + Invite + Support
November 4-10, 2018

National Vocation Awareness Week is the time set aside each year to reflect on the importance of vocations in the Catholic Church in the United States. This week long dedication highlights the opportunity we have to pray, invite and support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

There are several ways to participate:

Spend time in prayer for vocations. Be sure to check the Calendar of Events for specific prayer opportunities during National Vocation Awareness Week.

Write a note to your parish priest to thank him for his vocation.

Learn how groups like St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild, Serra International and the Knights of Columbus foster and support vocations.

Print and post the seminarian and diaconate daily prayer lists prominently in your home as a reminder to pray every day for men in formation.

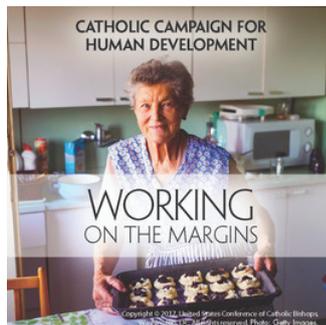


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*Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:1-3*

Working on the Margins

Supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development



The Diocese of Fort Worth will participate in the special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development during weekend Masses on November 17-18, 2018. CCHD works with community groups to find

solutions to local problems, create businesses and find ways to improve the lives of community members.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. When you support CCHD your gifts not only provide valuable assistance to groups across the United States, 25% of your donation remains in our Diocese to support programs and ministries that work to eliminate the barriers of poverty for members of our own community.

In 2018, the Diocese supported three ministries with funds raised during this special collection. The ministries that benefited from your support are:

Catholic Charities efforts to eliminate poverty through their more than 20 programs, including the Rural Vocation Program.

Mini-Loan Conversion Program, a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide financial relief to qualifying persons by converting a high-interest, predatory loan into a low-interest loan.

Seymour Ministerial Alliance, a collaboration of congregations in Seymour, TX, including Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, providing members of their community with financial assistance and temporary shelter for stranded travelers.

Your support of this special collection helps our brothers and sisters *Working on the Margins*, your generosity is greatly appreciated. There are several ways to give:

During weekend Masses on Nov. 17-18, 2018

Text CCHD to 91999

Online at <https://fwdioc.org/special-collections>

Thank you

Shepherd's Guild Travels to Louisiana

Members attend the Deo Gratias Gala - St. Joseph Seminary College
Covington, Louisiana



ST. JOHN PAUL II
SHEPHERD'S GUILD
DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

The warm October evening was the perfect setting for St. Joseph Seminary's annual Deo Gratias Gala. The outdoor venue underneath the clear Louisiana sky with luminary lighted paths welcomed friends and supporters of the seminary. Guests began the evening with Vespers in the beautifully adorned Chapel on campus. As guests listened to the melodic chanting of the monks and seminarians our ears were blessed with the harmony of the Psalms and our hearts were filled with hope that is invoked by being with seminarians, our future priests.

The evening progressed with a delicious dinner prepared by local, world-renowned chef, John Folsie. The gala also offered an opportunity to get to know other supporters, seminarians from the many sending dioceses and staff and educators at the seminary.

Presently, the Diocese of Fort Worth has 17 seminarians attending St. Joseph Seminary. For the members of the Shepherd's Guild who were able to travel to Covington, this was an occasion to see the seminary and support its efforts in forming our seminarians for the priesthood.

The Shepherd's Guild is already making plans to attend this event in October of 2019. Please watch for additional information!



Michele and Tom Purgason enjoy Deo Gratias for the first time. Michele serves as the Chair of the Shepherd's Guild Committee



John and Rebecca Logan spend time with Joseph Hoffschwelle, seminarian and Rebecca's brother.



The Sponsor Party in the monk's refectory.



The luminary lit grounds of St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary College.

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Calendar of Events

**Nov. 4-10, 2018 - National Vocation
Awareness Week**

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 - Adoration for
Vocations**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
St. Peter the Apostle
1201 South Cherry Lane, White Settlement,
76108

Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 - Adoration for Vocations
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - **NEW TIME**

St. Francis of Assisi
861 Wildwood Lane, Grapevine, 76051

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 - Adoration for
Vocations**

12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
St. Philip the Apostle
1897 West Main Street, Lewisville, 75067

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 - National
Philanthropy Day**

**Thursday, Nov. 22 - 23, 2018 - Thanksgiving
Holiday**

The Pastoral & Administrative offices of the
Diocese of Fort Worth (Catholic Center) will be
closed.

**Saturday, December 15, 2018 - Advent
Celebration with Bishop Olson and our
Seminarians**

Please contact Elizabeth A. Becker for more
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View these events and more on our website
www.advancementfoundation.org/calendar