

# CROSSROADS

QUARTERLY E-NEWS FOR PARISHES FROM THE  
ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

## St. Francis Circle - Monthly Giving

Kick start your parish goal with automatic giving



Saint Francis taught us to serve the least among us and to take care of the earth. When Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth join the St. Francis Circle monthly electronic giving program, they are supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal - and conserving God's natural resources. Here are a few of the donor benefits:

- It's easy and automatic. Donors choose the monthly amount.
- It's flexible and secure. Donors can increase, decrease, pause or stop their donation at any time.
- It's convenient. Donors receive one giving statement for donations each January.
- It's rewarding. Donors grow in faith by sharing lovingly with others.

Parishes benefit as well. This is a perfect way to launch your parish's 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal campaign and begin to meet your goal even before the Appeal starts! Additionally, the Advancement Foundation can assist with St. Francis Circle marketing material to help build interest in this giving opportunity. To learn more about the St. Francis Circle visit [bit.ly/StFrancisADA](http://bit.ly/StFrancisADA).

For information about the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** please contact,  
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## Special Collections - First Quarter

Priest Care Fund - Diocesan Collection	Aug 1-2, 2020
Catholic University of America	Sept 5-6, 2020
Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land	Sept 12-13, 2020

Please contact The Advancement Foundation  
if you have any questions or need assistance.

**Special Collection calendars for 2020 and 2021 can be found on the  
Diocesan website**

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

**Additional Resources from USCCB**

<https://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm>

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## Sign Up for Payroll Deduction

Employees of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, its parishes and Catholic schools and priests may support the Annual Diocesan Appeal through monthly or semi-monthly payroll deduction. To enroll, contact payroll or download the form available in the "Forms Library" section of ADP.



## MISSION

To educate, motivate and invigorate Stewardship, to garner resources in a fiscally transparent and responsible manner, and to manage and distribute solicited gifts for the immediate and long term needs of the faith community of the Diocese.

"Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls."

*St. Rose of Lima*

## Dates and Deadlines

- July 30** - 2 p.m. Information Webinar for #iGiveCatholic
- August 1** - Deadline to Sign Up for #iGiveCatholic
- August 1-2** - Priest Care Fund Special Collection
- August 5** - Deadline to Return Order Form for Parish Materials for Annual Diocesan Appeal
- August 17** - Last Day to Register for North Texas Giving Day
- August 17** - First Day to Register and Set Up Your Page on the #iGiveCatholic Platform
- August 18** - Webinar Training from #iGiveCatholic
- September 5-6** - Catholic University of America Special Collection
- September 12-13** - Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land; Announcement Weekend Annual Diocesan Appeal (read Bishop Olson's letter at Mass)
- September 17** - North Texas Giving Day
- September 19-20** - Commitment Weekend Annual Diocesan Appeal
- September 26-27** - Follow Up Weekend Annual Diocesan Appeal

### Holiday Closings

The Pastoral & Administrative offices of the Diocese of Fort Worth (Catholic Center) will be closed on the following days:  
Friday, July 3, 2020 - Independence Day  
Monday, September 7, 2020 - Labor Day

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*We are here to assist you, please contact any member of the team for information.*



## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal Information

The Advancement Foundation is pleased to announce the theme of the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal - *The Reason for Our Hope*. The theme is inspired by Hebrews 10:23-24. Thanks to you, the 2020 campaign was the most successful in the 37-year history of the appeal with more than \$3.5 million raised. As always, your support in the parishes will be vital to the success of the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Here are some key dates for the beginning of the 2021 Appeal:

Announcement Weekend: **Sept. 12-13, 2020**

North Texas Giving Day: **Sept. 17, 2020**

Commitment Weekend: **Sept. 19-20, 2020**

Follow-up Weekend: **Sept. 26-27, 2020**

Please watch your mail for parish goals and important information about the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Be sure to return your materials order form to us by **August 5**. You can always find information and materials in the **weekly eBulletin** and on our website at <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/annual-diocesan-appeal>. Let's make 2021 another record setting year in support of the ministries served through the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

## Raise Funds and Awareness on December 1

#iGIVECATHOLIC



Parishes, schools and other ministries of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth are encouraged to take part in #iGiveCatholic on **Giving Tuesday, December 1**.

There is no charge for organizations to participate as the Advancement Foundation is paying the fee for the #iGiveCatholic giving portal.

More details and online sign up is available at

<https://www.advancementfoundation.org/iGiveCatholic-en> or by contacting **Wendy Collins**. We will offer an informational webinar at **2 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 30** via Zoom to address any questions you may have about participating. To join the webinar, log in at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3043311401> or dial 346-248-7799 and enter meeting ID 304 331 1401 followed by the # sign.

Please let Wendy know if your parish, school or ministry plans to participate **no later than August 1** in order for you to take part in upcoming training opportunities and to set up your personal giving day page at [fortworth.igivecatholic.org](http://fortworth.igivecatholic.org).