

# CROSSROADS

QUARTERLY NEWS FOR PASTORS, BUSINESS MANAGERS AND  
FINANCE COUNCILS FROM THE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION



## Annual Diocesan Appeal

### Meets Goal and New Look

Surpassing the \$3.5 million Annual Diocesan Appeal goal for FY23 was only possible because of the work and commitment from each parish throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth

**Thank you to all** pastors, stewardship committees, business managers, bulletin and website coordinators for promoting the Appeal. A report showing the impact of your parishioners' generosity will be available soon. Parish goals for FY24 will be mailed in late July.

Please register for the August 3 luncheon or August 4 kickoff webinar to learn what's new for the FY24 Annual Diocesan Appeal, including this year's scriptural theme, poster design and the new logo and tagline: **Catholic Stewardship in Action.**

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

CATHOLIC  
*stewardship*  
IN ACTION

## Stewardship Sunday

October 14/15, 2023

This diocesan-wide event is an opportunity to teach about stewardship as a way of life and will complement any existing stewardship initiatives in your parish.

This year's theme is "Eucharistic Stewardship...our grateful response to His gift." Learn more during Stewardship Sunday webinar trainings in August and Lay Witness testimony webinar training in September. Both trainings will be held virtually and registration is required.



Parish resources in English and Spanish, including general intercessions, bulletin and social media artwork, homily helps and posters, will be available for download in early August. Bulletin inserts and posters will be included with your Annual Diocesan Appeal materials shipped to all parishes in early September. Visit the Stewardship Sunday webpage to register for training and for documents.

Start planning now! Please contact Wendy Collins, Director of Stewardship and Parish Relations, 817-533-3178 or [wcollins@adv-fdn.org](mailto:wcollins@adv-fdn.org) with any questions you have or to discuss a stewardship journey in your parish.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Diocesan Appeal

Kickoff Luncheon, August 3 at noon. Register here

Kickoff Webinar, August 4 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register here

### Stewardship Sunday Webinars

August 16 - Stewardship Sunday Training.(Virtual).

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 17 - Stewardship Sunday Training.(Virtual).

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

September 13 - Lay Witness Testimony Training.(Virtual).

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

September 14 - Lay Witness Testimony Training.(Virtual).

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



# National Make a Will Month

Did you know that August is National Make a Will Month? It's the perfect time to be reminded of the importance of drafting or updating your will to ensure your final wishes will be executed as you intend.

The Advancement Foundation is partnering with FreeWill to provide a free customized legal will for your parishioners. One in six people who use FreeWill choose to leave a bequest to a nonprofit, like your parish.

**August 20 is Make a Will Sunday.** Look to the eBulletin on July 20 for information to share with your parishioners.

Each parish will have customized URLs to use in your promotion of this website to track parishioners' responses.

FreeWill and events, such as our [Aging with Grace](#) retirement workshops, are ways you can help your parishioners not only picture their legacy but also put it into action.

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## #iGiveCatholic

Parishes, Schools, and Apostolates of the Fort Worth Diocese are invited to participate in this year's #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on

November 28, 2023.

Join us August 2 from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Grapevine or August 9 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Wichita Falls for information and ideas for a successful #iGiveCatholic Giving Day!

Last year, 49 Parishes, Schools and Apostolates participated, receiving a total of \$834,393 for their most needed projects. To register for the kick-offs or for additional information, visit [our website](#)

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## Special Collections

### Catholic University of America

September 9-10

[Parish Resources here](#)



## School Development Forums

Principals and Development Directors, please save the lunch hour on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** for fundraising training.

Contact [Laura Perez](#) for more information.

## Does your parish have unclaimed income?

Visit Texas' Unclaimed Property website to search for income due to your parish.

Ranging from \$10 to \$1,200 many parishes within the Diocese of Fort Worth have one or more unclaimed properties! Visit [claimittexas.gov](http://claimittexas.gov)

