

# CROSSROADS

QUARTERLY E-NEWS FOR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS FROM  
THE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

## Financial Assistance Available

Apply by June 1 for a Parish or School Operating Grant

Each year a portion of the funds raised through the Annual Diocesan Appeal are granted back to parishes and schools within the Diocese of Fort Worth. The purpose of these grants is to assist qualifying parishes and schools in meeting their operating expenses such as salaries, supplies and ministry programs for parishioners and students.

The 2020-21 grant application is now available for parishes and schools on the Advancement Foundation's website



[www.advancementfoundation.org/parish-school-resources](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/parish-school-resources).

Applications are due June 1, 2020 and notification of awards will be made by June 30, 2020. Please contact **Renée Underwood, CFRE** if you have questions about this grant program.

## Special Collections - Fourth Quarter

Holy Land (Good Friday)	Moved to September 12-13, 2020
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	April 25-26, 2020
Seminarian Education (Good Shepherd Sunday)	Moved to November 7-8, 2020
Catholic Communication Campaign	May 23-24, 2020
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	June 6-7, 2020
Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	June 27-28, 2020

Please contact **Renée Underwood, CFRE** for assistance with special collections.

**Special Collection calendars for 2020 and 2021 can be found at**

[www.fwdioc.org/special-collections](http://www.fwdioc.org/special-collections)

**Additional Resources from USCCB**

[www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm)



### Our Purpose

*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 of Fort Worth.*

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## Welcome, Clint Weber



**Clint Weber**, a former USMC pilot and member of St. Andrew Parish in Fort Worth, joined the Advancement Foundation on March 16 as Executive Director.

Weber, 48, earned a history degree from Texas A&M University and an MBA from Texas Christian University, after which he worked as an analyst at Corbett Capital and later as president and CEO of Gruene Anolyte, a Fort Worth biotech firm.

He looks forward working to growing the resources of the foundation in order to better serve the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

To learn more about Clint and his vision for the Advancement Foundation, please visit <https://bit.ly/NTCClintWeber>

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - Giving Tuesday Now

See more details in this newsletter.

### Thursday, May 7, 2020 - Spring Business Managers Meeting

Tentative. Watch for updates from Kevin O'Brien.

### Sunday, June 28, 2020 - Last Sunday to Take Up a Collection for This Year's Annual Diocesan Appeal

Remit funds immediately to Advancement Foundation to credit to your FY 20 parish goal.

### Tuesday, June 30 - Fiscal Year Close

### 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal - Save These Dates!

**Sept. 12-13, 2020** Annual Diocesan Appeal Announcement Weekend

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

**Sept. 19-20, 2020** Annual Diocesan Appeal Commitment Weekend

### Parish and School Operating Grant Dates

**June 1, 2020** - Application Deadline

**June 30, 2020** - Award Notification

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### Office Closing

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

## The Advancement Foundation Team

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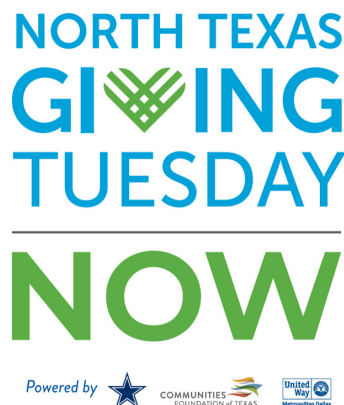
## Resources to Engage Parishioners during Quarantine

Helping parishes engage with their communities during this time of shelter at home is an important part of the stewardship mission of the Advancement Foundation.

Visit [fwdioc.org/ebulletin-4-16-20](http://fwdioc.org/ebulletin-4-16-20) for these helpful resources:

- Letter from the Pastor
- Telephone Script to Parishioners
- List of providers for online giving, increasing offertory

If you have a special need for additional resources, including best practices parishes are using now, please reach out to **Renée Underwood, CFRE**.



## Global Giving Day Planned for May 5

#GivingTuesdayNow is a global day of giving and unity that will take place on May 5, 2020 as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. For parishes, schools and Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Fort Worth, there are two ways to participate:

1) If you are a previously registered organization with North Texas Giving Day, simply log in to [www.northtexasgivingday.org](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org) to update your page with your current funding needs and download the social media graphics and promotional resources to promote this giving opportunity. (The site is currently live and will accept donations from now through May 5 on your behalf.)

2) You may download graphics from the Giving Tuesday global website at [now.givingtuesday.org](http://now.givingtuesday.org) and use them to promote giving directly to your online giving portal. Or, you may direct people to mail checks to your parish or school.

If you have questions or need additional resources to help you promote a culture of generosity, please contact **Renée Underwood, CFRE**.