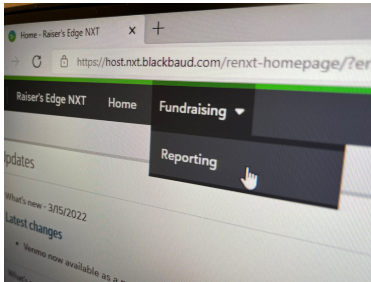


# CROSSROADS

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

## Parish Reports Now on Cloud

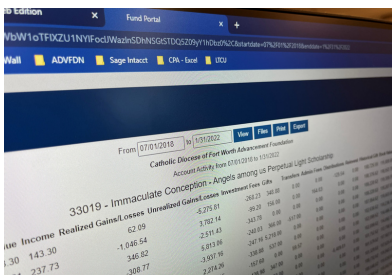


### Parishes Receive Access to Reports on Blackbaud

Effective March 18, the Foundation began using Blackbaud for reporting to parishes the status of their fundraising for capital campaigns and the Annual

Diocesan Appeal. Access to the Blackbaud cloud-based reports, requires a special login and password, and will protect confidential donor information from being transmitted via email reports. Please watch for emails from Dianna Rhoads, gift processing supervisor, regarding the new procedures and contact her as you have questions.

## Nottingham Replaces Fundriver Endowment Procedure Changes



The Advancement Foundation will be switching endowment software; therefore, we will be moving away from Fundriver to a new system called Nottingham. All business managers, please log into Fundriver and pull any reports you like to

use through 1/31/2022.

Fundriver, with information through 1/31/2022, will only be available through March 31. After that date **you will no longer be able to access Fundriver**. If you have any questions about this transition, please **reach out to Gabrielle Bernhard at gbernhard@adv-fdn.org**. More detailed information about the details for logging into Nottingham will be communicated to you through email from Gabrielle Bernhard in the coming weeks.

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OPERATING GRANTS  
DUE APRIL 20



## 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.

## Lent Mailings from Pastors Planned to Boost Participation

During Lent, parishioners who have not yet given to the Annual Diocesan Appeal will receive a letter from their pastor or Bishop Olson. Thank you to all pastors who



worked so closely with Rachel Martinez, director of annual giving and grants, to plan these mailings. Currently 77 percent of the \$4 million goal has been committed with **\$3,088,121 committed from 8,434 individuals and families.**

To ensure continuing support for the vital ministries served by the appeal – parish operating grants, seminarian education, priest care fund, Catholic school tuition assistance and operating grants, Catholic Charities, campus ministry, deacon formation and more – it will require a big push from our pastors and parish teams.

**Please review your parish's progress toward your assigned goal and make a plan now to reach or exceed your goal by June 30.**



The Annual Diocesan Appeal is coming to a close soon. Be a part of the story of hope and gratitude in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Make your gift before June 30.

[bit.ly/ADADonate](http://bit.ly/ADADonate)

## Light of Christ Nominations due April 15



The Light of Christ Parish Stewardship Awards will be presented to a lay individual/couple from each parish in the Diocese of Fort Worth who exemplify lives of Christian stewardship. All parish honorees will be recognized by Bishop Olson at a ceremony on June 25. Each Pastor is asked to submit a nomination with the form found at the link below by April 15. For more information visit

**[www.advancementfoundation.org/stewardship-awards](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/stewardship-awards)** or contact Wendy Collins at [wcollins@adv-fdn.org](mailto:wcollins@adv-fdn.org) or 817-533-3178.

## Let's Talk Catholic School Development

Every Third Tuesday from 1 - 2:30 p.m.



Join us each month for the Catholic Schools

Development Forum. These sessions are designed for school staff who have responsibility for fundraising, development, marketing and enrollment. All principals are encouraged to attend themselves or send the appropriate person(s) that handle these areas for your school. The forum is held in the conference room of the Advancement Foundation with a virtual option. Each month the forum will open with a presentation on one topic (grant writing, social media, special events, giving days, donor databases, planned giving/endowments, annual fund campaigns, open houses, etc.) and follow up with round table sharing of best practices. Please reach out to Renée Underwood or Rachel Martinez of the Advancement Foundation, to let them know what types of topics interest you or if you are willing to present a topic/case study.

## #iGiveCatholic Raises \$402,516

### Matching Funds Awarded

\$402,516 was raised by parishes, schools and ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth during #iGiveCatholic 2021. Each gift made plays a critical role in allowing us to serve the faithful in our community and build the body of Christ. **All participants in #iGiveCatholic were awarded a share of matching funds based on the amount they raised last November 30.** Congratulations to the **top five** participants listed below. You can raise a lot of funds for your parish, school or ministry and be eligible for matching funds when you participate in #iGiveCatholic on November 29, 2022. Save the date for our kickoff event on July 14. More information is available at <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/iGiveCatholic-en>



#iGIVECATHOLIC

Name	Total Raised	Matching Funds Received
Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington	\$118,091.56	\$29,338.38
St. Andrew Catholic School, Fort Worth	\$29,970.00	\$ 7,445.67
St. John the Apostle School, North Richland Hills	\$26,697.00	\$ 6,632.54
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Grapevine	\$25,585.00	\$ 6,356.28
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Prosper	\$18,761.00	\$4,660.94

## Proclaim the Truth of the Gospel

### Bishop Olson Asks Us to Listen, Hear and Respond in Fidelity to a Call



Most Reverend Michael Olson called us to be witnesses of the Gospel, first by praying and listening, and then by living out our faith, proclaiming the truth of the Gospel and carrying out the mission of the Church. He addressed these remarks to more than 175 priests, deacons, religious and lay leaders on March 19 at **The Heart of the Mission: Diocesan Day of Stewardship** at St. Michael Parish in Bedford. Following the celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Bishop Olson gave a keynote address in which he noted, "The work of stewardship begins with prayer and gratitude and goes forward in service."



Next, Cande de Leon, executive director of the office of mission advancement for the Diocese of Phoenix and author of *The Heart of the Mission: Simple Ways to Bring People to Jesus*, stressed that conversion is necessary before one can do the will of God. He described Stewardship (strengthening relationships), Discipleship (boldly growing engagement) and Evangelization (connecting people to the mission) as integrally tied to one another. He said to the parish leaders assembled, "You don't want volunteers, you want disciples." The event was sponsored by the Advancement Foundation. For more stewardship resources for parishes, please visit [www.advancementfoundation.org/stewardship](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/stewardship).

## Let Us be Your Resource

As your parish or school is developing plans for the future, please let the Advancement Foundation assist you. Starting a new stewardship effort or re-energizing an existing one? Considering a new capital campaign or opening an endowment fund? Need help receiving donations from stock, real estate, mineral interests, IRAs or bequests? Or, simply want to know which vendors are recommended for online giving, websites, increased offertory programs and more? Our team can help you with these programs and more. Please contact us today.

### Areas of Support:

- website providers
- increased offertory providers
- capital campaigns
- endowment campaigns
- stewardship committee training
- lay witness training
- stewardship resources

## Parish Database Managers

Please help us keep our records up-to-date and ensure your parishioners receive the *North Texas Catholic* and other important communications from the Diocese of Fort Worth.

**Once each year:** Provide us with an updated database of your registered parishioners.

**Once each month:** Send a list of all newly registered families and all deceased parishioners.

For templates and other details, please contact Debbie Dowis, [ddowis@adv-fdn.org](mailto:ddowis@adv-fdn.org), 817-533-3172.

*"Blessed are they who have kept the word  
with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance." -Luke 8:15*

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contact any member of the team  
for information.

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## Special Collections

<b>April 2-3</b>	Eastland Wildfire Disaster Relief*
<b>April 15</b>	Good Friday Pontifical Holy Land Collection
<b>April 23-24</b>	Catholic Home Missions Appeal
<b>May 8**</b>	Good Shepherd Sunday Seminarian Education Fund**
<b>May 28-29</b>	Catholic Communications Campaign
<b>June 25-26</b>	Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

\*100% of this collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth

\*\*Moved from previously published date

Please contact Rachel Martinez, CFRE for assistance with special collections. Special Collection calendars for 2022 and 2023 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)

## Looking Ahead

- **April 15** Light of Christ Nominations Due
- **April 20** Parish and School Operating Grant Applications Due
- **June 25** Light of Christ Awards at St. Patrick Cathedral
- **June 30** Last day for Annual Diocesan Appeal contributions to credit to parish goals for FY2022.
- **July 1** All contributions beginning this date credit to parish goals for FY2023.
- **July 14** #iGiveCatholic Kick Off
- **September 11** Annual Diocesan Appeal Announcement Sunday
- **September 18** Annual Diocesan Appeal Commitment Sunday
- **September 22** North Texas Giving Day
- **October 16** Diocese of Fort Worth Stewardship Sunday
- **November 29** #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Giving Tuesday

### Holiday Closings

The Advancement Foundation observes the holiday schedule of the Pastoral & Administrative offices of the Diocese of Fort Worth (Catholic Center) and will be closed on the following days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Monday – April 14, 15, 18

## New Operating Grant Procedure Announced

Submit FY 2023 grant applications by April 20

In a March 3 memo, Don Wagner, CFO of the Diocese of Fort Worth, announced that Parish/School Operating Grant applications for fiscal year 2023 will now be submitted to his office. Please do not submit grants to the Advancement Foundation this year.

Your completed grant application form and support documentation must be submitted by mail to the office of Don Wagner or by email to [dcox@fwdioc.org](mailto:dcox@fwdioc.org). **The deadline for submission is firm: 5 pm on April 20, 2022.** To submit an application please review the e-Bulletin for updated applications and requirements. These grants are made possible through the generosity of donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.