

# CROSSROADS

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



## Mark April 15 on your Calendar (and it's not for the IRS!)

Parishes! Please don't forget two very important deadlines, both on April 15. The names of your parish honoree(s) for the Light of Christ Parish Stewardship Awards and applications for FY24 Parish Operating Grants are both due on that day.



The Light of Christ Awards recognize one individual/couple from each parish that live out their baptismal call in an extraordinary way through stewardship and leadership. Honorees and their pastor will be recognized at a ceremony on June 24. Information about the awards and the nomination form are available at

<https://www.advancementfoundation.org/stewardship-awards>.

Pastors are asked to submit nominations to [wcollins@adv-fdn.org](mailto:wcollins@adv-fdn.org).

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, the Advancement Foundation provides generous operating grants to small, rural parishes or those struggling to meet their expenses. Information about the grant process and an application form for FY24 grants are available at <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/parish-operating-grants>. Submit applications to [grants@adv-fdn.org](mailto:grants@adv-fdn.org). No late applications will be considered.

## 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.

## HOW TO FOLLOW UP ON "INTENTS"

Do you have parishioners who verbally state they intend to give a gift through their IRA, stock or other appreciated asset? After expressing gratitude, what do you do to ensure your parish receives that gift?

The Advancement Foundation has the tax and legal paperwork available to get that intent in writing. Once in writing, we can work with you to send reminders to your parishioners so they, and their financial planners, remember the importance of your parish or Catholic school when it is time for their distribution.

Visit [advancementfoundation.org/mygift.org](https://www.advancementfoundation.org/mygift.org) or contact Renee Underwood for more information.



Fr. Jim Gigliotti, TOR,  
Pastor, Saint Andrew  
Parish and School

**"I personally must encourage any of our Catholic entities conducting capital campaigns to avail themselves of the professionalism and expertise of the Advancement Foundation of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Their mentorship, their guidance and their encouragement contributed to the success of our fundraising."**

The Advancement Foundation works with all 92 parishes and 17 Catholic schools of the Diocese of Fort Worth on multiple projects each day. For your specific project or concern find the answers to "who can help me with...?", "Where do I find....?" and "When is....?" on the next page.

[www.advancementfoundation.org](https://www.advancementfoundation.org)

## Who can help me with....?

- Starting a capital campaign in my parish, creating an endowment fund - [Renée Underwood](#)
- Information about special collections or Annual Diocesan Appeal dates and resources - [Rachel Martinez](#)
- Starting a stewardship committee in my parish - [Wendy Collins](#)
- Accessing the DLS account for my capital campaign - [Cheryl Buhlin](#)
- Accessing the portfolio balance and performance of my endowment funds - [Gabbie Bernhard](#)
- Accessing reports for my Annual Diocesan Appeal goal or Parish Capital Campaign - [Dianna Rhoads](#)
- Employer matching donations, Qualified Charitable Distributions, gifts of stock or other appreciated assets - [Dianna Rhoads](#)
- Fund development assistance for a Catholic school - [Laura Perez](#)
- Assisting a donor with an estate gift to my parish or Catholic school - [Chris Chapman](#)
- Participating in #iGiveCatholic - [Wendy Collins](#)
- Applying for parish operating grant - [Renee Underwood](#)

## Where do I find...?

- Parish Capital Campaign Ideas <https://bit.ly/ParishCampaignResources>
- Stewardship Resources <https://bit.ly/StewardshipFW>
- Starting a new endowment fund <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/endowment-funds>
- Participating in #iGiveCatholic <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/iGiveCatholic-en>
- Special Collections Resources <https://bit.ly/2023SpecialCollections>

## When is....?

- April 6-10 - Advancement Foundation Offices Closed
- April 7 - [Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land](#)
- April 15 - [Deadline to submit parish operating grant application](#)
- April 15 - [Deadline to submit parish Light of Christ honorees](#)
- April 18 - [School Development Director Forum](#)
- April 29-30 - [Good Shepherd Sunday \(Seminarian Education Fund\) Special Collection](#)
- May 11 - [Stewardship Roundtable](#)
- May 16 - [School Development Director Forum](#)
- May 20-21 - [Catholic Communications Campaign Special Collection](#)
- June 24 - [Light of Christ Awards Ceremony \(pastors and honorees only\)](#)
- June 30 - [Last date for Annual Diocesan Appeal donations to credit to 2023 parish goals](#)