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QUARTERLY E-NEWS FOR PARISHES FROM THE
ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

The Eucharist Makes Us the Church

The 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal is underway! First, we appreciate all you have done to "kick-off" this annual endeavor in your parish. You are key to the success of raising \$4.2 million and we are grateful for your contribution of time to the Annual Appeal.



There are numerous resources for your use over the next several months. They can be found on the Advancement Foundations website:

<https://www.advancementfoundation.org/annual-diocesan-appeal-parish-resources-grants>

For information about the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** please contact,
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Special Collections

Emergency Special Collection for 2018 Disasters

The Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD has announced an emergency special collection for all weekend Masses on Oct. 6-7, 2018 for 2018 Disasters. You should have received, by email, information about this collection. You can also locate information on the website and in the eBulletin.

Thank you for adding this collection and joining with many across the U.S. to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ who are rebuilding after the recent hurricane and for making provisions for natural disasters that have yet to occur.

Second Quarter Special Collections

2018 Disasters
October 6-7, 2018

World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith)
October 20-21, 2018

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 17-18, 2018

National Collection for Retired Religious
December 8-9, 2018

Note: 2020 Special Collections Calendar Coming Soon!

Please contact Elizabeth if you have any questions or need assistance.
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Information can also be found on the Diocesan website
<https://fwdioc.org/special-collections>.

Additional Resources from USCCB
<http://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm>

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THE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION TEAM



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

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Monday, Oct. 15, 2018 - White Mass

St. Patrick Cathedral - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
1206 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, 76102
Reception to follow in the Pastoral Center

Nov. 4 - 10, 2018 - National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 - Who Will Lead?

Presenter: Jonathan Baca, Diocese of Dallas
Two Sessions - Choose One to Attend
Most Blessed Sacrament - 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
2100 North Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76012

St. John the Apostle - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
7341 Glenview Drive, North Richland Hills, 76180
RSVP Requested to Diana Liska
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817.945.9444

Holiday Closings

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 - All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation - The Pastoral & Administrative offices of the Diocese of Fort Worth (Catholic Center) will be closed.

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22-23, 2018 - Thanksgiving Holiday

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

Dec. 24, 2018 - Jan. 1, 2019 - Christmas Holiday

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

Year End Giving



The end of the year is often a time when parishioners will make their annual gift or make an additional gift to their parish, capital campaign or the Annual Diocesan Appeal. There are a few important reminders to share with your parishioners about end-of-year gifts:

Gifts must be made on or before Dec. 31 to be tax deductible for the current year.

Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are good options whether they have appreciated or depreciated in value.

The end of the year is also a great time to talk about the importance of end-of-life documents and updates to current estate plans. The Advancement Foundation has resources specifically for this purpose, please visit our website to learn more www.advancementfoundation.org.

Finally, be sure to communicate clearly the parish office hours and Mass schedule in advance of the holiday season so that parishioners can plan accordingly.

Stewardship Tips

How hospitable is your parish office?

The parish office can be a busy time during the holidays. This is often the time when new members join or lapsed members reconnect. Here are few hospitality tips to keep in mind:

PARISH FACILITIES

Ensure adequate lighting and signage to assist visitors with navigating parish property.

Make sure parish spaces are inviting in both decor and aroma.

PARISH STAFF

Be mindful of communication by responding quickly to phone calls and emails.

Make certain that staff are properly equipped to meet the needs of everyone who visits.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome new or returning members with a welcome kit, a letter from the pastor, or an invitation to a new member orientation.

Assist new or returning parishioners by providing them with information about parish ministries and how they can get involved.



The Advancement Foundation Team

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

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