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QUARTERLY E-NEWS FOR PARISHES FROM THE
ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Jump start your parish Appeal campaign

A new year provides an opportunity to look at everything with new eyes, including your parish's efforts at achieving its Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. By now you should have received your December report that tells you how much your parish has raised toward its goal. As you look at this benchmark you may be wondering what can be done to re-energize your parishioners and achieve your goal.

The Advancement Foundation is able to provide valuable resources to parishes who are interested in an Annual Appeal campaign jump start. We can assist with campaign strategies like speakers and marketing materials that will put your goal efforts on track for success. Please contact Renée Underwood for assistance.

Thank you for all you do to promote the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Together we are the Church and together we will make a difference!

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

Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund - January 26-27, 2019

Church in Latin America - February 2-3, 2019

CRS Rice Bowl - March 6-April 21, 2019

Black and Indian Mission - March 9-10, 2019

Catholic Relief Services - March 30-31, 2019

Please contact Elizabeth Becker 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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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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Jan. 12, 2019 - 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

6:00 PM
St. Michael Parish, Bedford

Jan. 21, 2019 - Annual Respect Life Mass

6:30 PM
St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth

January 27 - February 2, 2019 Catholic Schools Week

Monday, Mar. 4, 2019 - McGread Stewardship Reunion

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Michael Parish, Bedford
RSVP Requested to Diana Liska
dliska@advancementfoundation.org or
817.945.9444

Saturday, Mar. 30, 2019 - Day of Renewal: Building His Kingdom Together

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Micheal F. Olson
Presenter: Ken Ogorek

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
RSVP Requested to Diana Liska
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Parish Operating Grant Dates

May 1, 2019 - Grant application due

June 30, 2019 - Notification of grant awards
Visit <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/annual-diocesan-appeal-parish-resources-grants> for additional information

Holiday Closings

The Pastoral & Administrative offices of the Diocese of Fort Worth (Catholic Center will be closed on the following days:

Jan. 21, 2019 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

My Catholic Giving Guide

A tool to help your parishioners set their giving goals

Parishioners have many opportunities to share their gifts of treasure both with the church and other charities. *My Catholic Giving Guide* is a tool in English and Spanish that will assist your donors in creating a giving plan instead of tossing a last-minute donation into the collection basket. *My Catholic Giving Guide* is perfect as a bulletin insert!

To learn more about this tool visit the Advancement Foundation website at:

<https://www.advancementfoundation.org/catholic-giving-guide.pdf> or contact Diana Liska for assistance.

2018 Annual Giving Statements

Annual giving statements for 2018 will be mailed to all donors no later than January 31, 2019. To update donor information like mailing addresses, telephone numbers or email addresses email Crissy Grossley at cgrossley@advancementfoundation.org.

McGread Stewardship Reunion and Upcoming Conference

Has your parish participated in a McGread Stewardship Conference? If so, we hope you'll plan to attend our upcoming McGread Stewardship Reunion and continue to build on a culture of generosity in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Join us for a working lunch on March 4 - more details in the Upcoming Events column.

Save the date for the next McGread Stewardship Conference:

Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 21, 2019 in Wichita, KS (limited to 100)

This conference is a great opportunity to understand how the spirituality of Stewardship can transform a parish and Diocese. You would leave here on Tuesday afternoon, February 19, and drive back after lunch on Thursday, February 21. Attendees stay at the Spiritual Life Center to experience the retreat center and the beautiful grounds that have all been donated by the generous people of Wichita. For additional information contact Diana Liska at 817.945.9444 or dliska@advancementfoundation.org.

The Advancement Foundation Team

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

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