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QUARTERLY NEWS FOR PASTORS, PARISH & SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGERS, FINANCE COUNCILS AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF



New Features on Nottingham

For those parishes and schools holding endowments with the Advancement Foundation, new features have been added to Nottingham. In addition to fund performance history you now are able to view asset allocation and strategy, presented in pie charts that you may export for use with your monthly finance council meetings. If you need assistance with Nottingham, including gaining access for new users, please contact Gabbie Bernhard at gbernhard@adv-fdn.org



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

October 14/15 - **Stewardship Sunday**

October 26 - **Aging with Grace Retirement Workshop** at Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls

November 2/3 - **Business Manager Meeting** (Virtual)
[Click here to tell us what you want us to cover](#)

November 3 - **Last day to sign up** for #iGiveCatholic

November 9 - **Aging with Grace Retirement Workshop (en español)** at All Saints in Fort Worth and **Last day to make changes** on #iGiveCatholic donation page

November 13-27 **Early giving** for #iGiveCatholic

November 23/24 - **Offices Closed**

November 28 - **#iGiveCatholic** on #GivingTuesday

December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception **Offices Closed**

December 25 - January 1 - **Offices Closed**

December 31 - **Last day** for donations to be postmarked to credit to 2023 giving

Capital Campaign

Did You Notice the Interest Payment in June?

An annual interest payment was added to all parish capital campaign accounts in June. You may have noticed this when you logged on to DLS Online. If your parish is conducting a capital campaign and has questions about the interest payment, please contact Cindy Gordon at cgordon@adv-fdn.org.



Don't Delay, Simply Valet

when delivering donations to the Advancement Foundation offices

Valet is open 7 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Monday-Friday at 201 Main Street. Simply pull up to the valet cone at 201 Main Street, a.k.a. The Wells Fargo building. The valet will ask for your cell number and text you a link to request your car when ready. In our office we will give you a ticket to give the valet for payment. We are on floor eleven, Suite 1198. As you know, it is a best practice to deposit checks and acknowledge gifts in a timely manner. Envelopes delivered to our office helps us best steward your parishioners' generosity and provide you accurate reporting.



Estate Planning Awareness Week, October 16-22

National Estate Planning Awareness Week, October 16-22, is the perfect time to remind parishioners and school donors of the importance of drafting or updating their will to ensure their final wishes are carried out. Provisions they make now can replace the annual offertory they are giving to your parish after they have passed.

Contact Renée Underwood, CFRE at runderwood@adv-fdn.org or watch upcoming editions of the eBulletin for resources to help you promote planned gifts this week, during the month of October, or at any time of the year.

Since mid-July when the Advancement Foundation partnered with FreeWill to provide a free customized legal will for your parishioners, more than \$30,000 in bequests have been made to entities in the Diocese of Fort Worth. One in six people who use FreeWill choose to leave a bequest to a nonprofit, like your parish. FreeWill may be accessed at <https://www.freewill.com/FortWorthDiocese>

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Special Collections

October 7/8 - **Catholic Charities Fort Worth, *The Power of the Little Way***
[CCFW Dropbox for materials](#)



October 21/22 - **World Mission Sunday
Propagation of Faith**



November 18/19 - **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**



December 9/10 - **National Collection for Retired Religious**

bit.ly/2023SpecialCollections

Aging With Grace Retirement Workshops

The July 18 Aging with Grace Retirement Workshop for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones was a tremendous success. Two more have been scheduled for October 26 at Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls and November 9 (in español) at All Saints in Fort Worth. Plans are to host these workshops quarterly throughout the diocese. If your parish (or a group of parishes) is interested in hosting one during 2024, please contact Terri Schauf at tschauf@fwdioc.org or learn more at www.advancementfoundation.org/aging-with-grace

End of Year Giving Guidelines

Please let us know if we can assist you in communicating end-of-year giving opportunities and guidelines to your parishioners and school donors. We also have a web page with all the latest information at www.advancementfoundation.org/year-end-giving





#iGiveCatholic November 28, 2023

#iGiveCatholic is an opportunity for Catholics to support the organizations they are most passionate about on #GivingTuesday and for parishes, schools and ministries to raise funds for capital improvements, the annual fund or another project of their choosing. Sign up now because registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on November 3. Learn more at: <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/iGiveCatholic-en>.

Revised 2024 Special Collection

Please inform your envelope providers that the November 23/24, 2024 special collection will be for the Diocese of Kumasi, home to many African priests serving in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

More information on envelope design coming soon.



Stewardship Sunday October 14/15



Stewardship Sunday on October 14/15 is an opportunity for all parishes in the Diocese of Fort Worth to reinforce the teaching of "Stewardship as a way of life" through Prayer, Service and Generosity. This is not a special collection. At a minimum, all parishes are asked to hang the posters and use the bulletin inserts that were shipped to them, use the bulletin announcements/cover designs and general intercessions provided, and for priests and deacons to teach about stewardship through their homilies that weekend. Information and resources are available at <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/stewardship-sunday>.

For more information about

...Stewardship Sunday or #iGiveCatholic, contact Wendy Collins 817-533-3178 wcollins@adv-fdn.org

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