

# ADVANCING THE MISSION



## THE *Eucharist* Makes Us THE Church

The Eucharist Makes Us the Church, our 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal theme, has been our focus for many months as we come together to make a difference in the Diocese of Fort Worth. The Eucharist Makes Us the Church reminds us of our connection with Jesus Christ through his gift of the Eucharist. We are also reminded about our union with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. This connection through the Eucharist has been the inspiration for more than 10,000 families as they have sacrificially given to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Because of the generosity of these families from across our Diocese, we will be able to provide:

- Gratitude and support for our clergy
- Outreach to rural and needy parishes and Catholic schools
- Hope and healing to the poor
- Love and strength for families
- Faith and formation for future generations

Bishop Michael F. Olson, STD recently ordained Mr. Pedro Martinez as a transitional deacon. His education and formation, and the education and formation for all 26 seminarians, were provided, in part, by the generosity of

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal secure the future of our local Church.

By the end of June, rural and/or needy parishes and Catholic schools in our Diocese will receive close to \$1 million in grants to support their ministries. These funds cover expenses such as curriculum materials, sacramental items, salaries for DRE, youth ministers and classroom teachers. Donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal boost parish and school budgets.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal commits \$450,000 to Catholic Charities Fort Worth to sustain their work of eradicating poverty and transforming lives. Annual Diocesan Appeal donors are changing lives and making our communities stronger.

This is how you are making a difference in our Diocese. Thank you for donating. Thank you for demonstrating your support for these vital ministries.

As Paul writes in Romans 12:5, "We, though many, are one body in Christ." We know that it takes all of us working together to make a difference. There's still time to join your gift with thousands from across our Diocese to support these ministries. Together we are the Church, together we will make a difference.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

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| Our Lady of Guadalupe, De Leon         | 153.97% |
| St. Mary, Dublin                       | 148.40% |
| St. John Paul II, Denton               | 145.80% |
| Sacred Heart, Comanche                 | 135.23% |
| Holy Redeemer, Aledo                   | 134.72% |
| St. Mary, Graham                       | 132.89% |
| Nativity/Blessed Virgin Mary, Penelope | 118.78% |
| St. Peter, Lindsay                     | 118.73% |
| St. Brendan, Stephenville              | 117.03% |
| Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fort Worth   | 115.94% |
| St. Theresa, Olney                     | 114.55% |
| St. Rita, Ranger                       | 114.10% |
| Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott       | 114.05% |
| Sacred Heart, Seymour                  | 111.67% |
| St. William, Montague                  | 107.10% |
| Holy Trinity, Azle                     | 106.75% |
| Korean Martyrs, Fort Worth             | 104.54% |
| Jesus of Nazareth, Albany              | 104.41% |
| St. Joseph, Rhineland                  | 100.57% |
| All Saints, Fort Worth                 | 100.13% |

These parishes have achieved their Annual Diocesan Appeal goal!



*Thank you!*

We're not finished yet and there's still time to give. Make your gift for the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal now through June 30, 2019 to make a difference.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

Join the St. Francis Circle to make your donation monthly, make it constant and make it eco-friendly!

Saint Francis taught us to serve the least among us and to care for the earth. Donating to the Annual Diocesan Appeal through the St. Francis Circle lets you do both.



## BENEFITS OF A MONTHLY DONATION

- It's easy and automatic. You choose the monthly amount.
- It's flexible and secure. You can increase, decrease, pause or stop the charge to your credit card or automatic bank withdrawal at any time.

## BENEFITS OF CONTINUOUS GIVING

- It's convenient. You will receive one, consolidated tax statement for your donations each January.
- It's reliable. St. Francis Circle donors provide a consistent source of funding for our mission as a Church.

## BENEFITS OF JOINING

- It's cost effective. Automatic donations are processed more efficiently and monthly donors receive fewer mailings every year.
- It's rewarding. You will grow in faith by sharing lovingly with others.
- It makes a difference. Your continuous support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal benefits the ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth, including our clergy, seminarians, parishes, schools and outreach to the least among us.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi

To take advantage of these benefits join the St. Francis Circle and put your support to work continuously. To sign up visit <http://bit.ly/StFrancisCircle> or text SFC to 91999.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Sunday, June 23, 2019 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 p.m. Mass

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

2016 Willis Lane

Keller, TX 76248

## Sunday, June 23, 2019 - Begin 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Following Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 - Benediction to close

Eucharistic Adoration

\*Three more similar events planned, details coming soon.

## Wednesday, August 21, 2019 - Mass

6:00 p.m.

Fort Worth Convention Center

1201 Houston Street

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Reception to follow

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S. is expected to attend.

View these events and more on our website  
[www.advancementfoundation.org/calendar](http://www.advancementfoundation.org/calendar)

"A gift opens the way  
and ushers the giver  
into the presence of the  
great."

Proverbs 18:16

# HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

Monday, May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day

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