Diocese of Fort Worth and Catholic Charities of Fort Worth join forces to help those impacted by Hurricane Harvey

You can help!

**Bishop Michael F. Olson** has authorized taking up a special second collection Sept. 3-4 to aid those affected by the flooding, hurricane and tornadoes in south Texas. The primary administrator of this money will be Catholic Charities who will disburse the funds to evacuees in their immediate and long-term relief efforts. If parishioners somehow miss this collection, they are encouraged to go to the Catholic Charities web site and donate there. That URL is www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org.

Several parishes have committed to being gift card drop-off donation locations. They include St. Vincent de Paul in Arlington; Good Shepherd in Colleyville; Our Lady of Lourdes in Mineral Wells; St. Brendan’s in Stephenville; Immaculate Conception in Denton.

In spite of good intentions and natural tendencies to donate a bag of food or clothes, please do not collect or donate clothing, furniture or food items. These can become obstacles to recovery. Disaster relief staff requests gift cards in $10, $25 and $100 amounts or cash donations. Similarly, please do not gather groups together and convoy to the Houston areas. Volunteers from Catholic Charities are specifically trained and will be deployed from there.

One immediate collection may not be sufficient in the long run. Catholic Charities of Fort Worth spent six years in case management support for Katrina victims. Please continue to pray for everyone impacted by this catastrophe.

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**Text to Give**

A new way to donate to campaigns and special collections

The Advancement Foundation is now offering *Text to Give* as a way to make your donation to the Annual Diocesan Appeal and special collections, like Good Shepherd Sunday, held throughout the year. You may be asking, “What is text to give?” It’s simple. *Text to Give* is an opportunity for you to make your donation from anywhere, at any time, right from your mobile device.

For each special collection and especially during the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you will be given information about how to *Text to Give* your donation. *Text to Give* is a safe and secure way to financially support the work of the Church.

*Try it!* Text ADA to 91999!

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**St. Francis Circle**

The St. Francis Circle is an option for continuous monthly giving to the Annual Diocesan Appeal via a monthly charge to your credit card or withdrawal from your bank account. Gifts given through the St. Francis Circle repeat for 12 months and are renewed annually.

Giving continuously on a monthly basis has many benefits. It is easy and automatic. It is flexible and secure. It is convenient. It is rewarding.

Additionally, monthly giving is valuable to the ministries supported by the Annual Diocesan Appeal. To learn more or to sign up for the St. Francis Circle visit bit.ly/stfranciscircle.
This summer has been a busy one for the Advancement Foundation Team in preparation for the rollout of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. From developing the plan, to designing and printing materials, to praying with and making presentations to priests, employees and loyal donors, it has been a labor of love as together we encourage every household in the Diocese of Fort Worth to be part of Contributing for the Common Good.

Watch for news about the Appeal in your email, mailbox, and in your parish. Please encourage others you know to share in gratitude and return their gifts to God for his abundant blessings.

**2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal at a glance**

**Dollar Goal:** $3.3 million  
**Participation Goal:** 22,000 households

**Benefiting:**
- Seminarians  
- Permanent Diaconate  
- Catholic Charities  
- Prison Ministry  
- Outreach to Rural Parishes  
- Marriage and Family Life  
- Marriage Tribunal  
- Catholic Schools  
- Campus Ministry
Introducing Renée Underwood

Renée Underwood joins the Advancement Foundation to coordinate the Annual Diocesan Appeal, Special Collections, and Planned Giving, after eight years in the Diocese of Lubbock in a similar position.

She grew up in Wichita Falls and attended Our Lady Queen of Peace, moving to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University. She holds a BA from Texas Tech, an MBA from The University of Texas at Dallas and has additional graduate studies in Pastoral Ministry from Loyola New Orleans.

She is a Lay Dominican, a spiritual director and a Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. A widow with two grown sons and a daughter-in-law, Renée is happy to live closer to her three grandchildren in Keller. She looks forward to helping build the Kingdom of Christ in North Texas with the clergy, religious and lay faithful.

Elizabeth Becker joins the Advancement Team

Elizabeth Becker, a native of Fort Worth, but a resident of Joshua, joined the Advancement Foundation on May 22, 2017, as the Advancement Associate.

Elizabeth is married to Douglas Becker and they have three sons, Dylan, Ethan, and Collin. She is an alumna of Tarleton State University with a degree in social work and for the past 10 years has served individuals and families in Tarrant County and surrounding areas. This service was performed as the executive assistant to the senior and associate pastors at First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth.

In this capacity, she supervised five other administrative professionals and completed a major staff restructuring program. Additionally, she represented FUMC as the Chairman of the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and Homeless Connect. She also organized large community outreach volunteer events, wrote grants and coordinated holiday outreach ministries.

Elizabeth will be writing grants, managing Bishop’s Guild events, ADA events and other activities for our Advancement Team. Her extensive history in special events, internal and external communications, meeting organizing and logistics has prepared her for the volume of work she has experienced every day since her acceptance.

Elizabeth enjoys reading, gardening and is most excited when she and Doug can take the RV out for a weekend of cycling, rock climbing and rest and relaxation.

The Liska family welcomes a baby boy

Diana and Antonio Liska are thrilled to introduce their son, Antonio Paul Liska. Antonio was born June 21, 2017. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20.25” long. Mom, dad and baby Antonio are doing well. Diana will be returning to work this month! Congratulations!

Welcome to our newest Bishop’s Guild members!

Betty Gallagher
Cindy and David Litteken
Eleanor and David Ray
Since May 2017

Thank you to Bishop’s Guild renewing members!

Gertie and Charles Carpenter
Linda and Glenn Felderhoff
Jonelle and Mark Masty
Kathleen and Tom Sands
Since May 2017
The Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, STD
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Follow us on social media
The Advancement Foundation is building up its social media presence by posting more information, photos and videos about the Annual Diocesan Appeal, special collections, and the Bishop’s Guild. You can help by liking us on Facebook or following us on Twitter.

Facebook
https://Facebook.com/bishopsguildFW
https://Facebook.com/advancementfoundation

Twitter
https://Twitter.com/BpGuildFW

North Texas Giving Day
Thursday, September 14

Communities Foundation of North Texas is hosting the 9th annual North Texas Giving Day on Thursday, Sept. 14. When you give on North Texas Giving Day, your donation to the Annual Diocesan Appeal will receive a match.

New this year is the ability to schedule your North Texas Giving Day donation; you can do this Sept. 7-13 by visiting NorthTexasGivingDay.org. So mark your calendars and be sure to get up and give to support the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Go to NorthTexasGivingDay.org, and search Diocese of Fort Worth, to give. From 6 am to midnight only.

Seminarians at annual Knights of Columbus and Family Dinner events

Seminarian Jacob Daniel enjoyed the evening.

Deacon Jonathan Demma with seminarians Curt Hanshaw, Hai Nguyen and Jason Allan.

Seminarians Hai Nguyen and Blake Winn, wait for the Knights of Columbus dinner event to begin.