



YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

“One woman returned to the sacraments after 15 years away,” says Olivia Olvera, the bilingual religious education director at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Graham, TX. A parish operating grant from the Annual Diocesan Appeal helps fund salaries, benefits, and faith formation programs at the parish.

This support has borne great fruit: every teen who received Confirmation has returned as a youth volunteer. Twenty-six high schoolers attended the Steubenville youth conference, and 17 middle school students participated in the diocesan youth rally. St. Mary’s also hosted a NET Ministries retreat, and 27 parishioners attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

“Through these travels,” the director says, “our small parish has brought back encounters with Christ that inspire a greater witness of faith within our rural community.”

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells us, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” 9,467 stewards from throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth chose to serve others through a sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. “As a wife and mother to four young children, my vocation to service begins at home and in my parish. But as a Roman Catholic and a citizen of Tarrant County, I know the world is bigger than my circle of influence. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an easy and impactful way to influence a larger area outside myself,” says Rachel Martinez, Director of Annual Giving and Grants at the Advancement Foundation of the Diocese of Fort Worth. “Knowing a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal is helping small rural communities like my husband’s hometown and is educating and forming future priests and deacons, is affirming that when everyone does something, we make a difference.”

This high-five is for you!

For the first time in its recent history,

EVERY PARISH that applied for a grant from the Annual Diocesan Appeal grant program, **RECEIVED A GRANT.**

EVERY SCHOOL in the Diocese of Fort Worth **RECEIVED FUNDING.**

and **ELIGIBLE MINISTRIES** **RECEIVED INCREASED FUNDING.**

You helped support parishes, outreach ministries and the vital ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth through your Catholic Stewardship in Action. This report offers a comprehensive account of how gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal were used throughout the year, ended June 30, 2025.

**ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL**
CATHOLIC *stewardship* IN ACTION

Together, we are making a difference



You are building up parish communities in your area.

20% Stewardship and Development Work of the Foundation

The Foundation helps to improve the financial viability of all parishes in our rapidly-growing diocese through staff expertise, data analysis, resources and events such as Light of Christ Awards, Stewardship Days, Aging with Grace workshops, planned giving resources, and #iGiveCatholic.



You support young and old spreading the Gospel. You are a disciple!

10% Evangelization

Your support helps cultivate vibrant ministries that reflect the diversity of our diocese. Programs for small parishes, young people, and college students provide spaces for encounter, discipleship, and belonging. These efforts ensure that all are welcomed and formed in faith.

2% Fundraising Expenses

Brochures and envelopes in parishes, postage and printed mailed materials calculate to less than \$1 per person. Online recurring gifts through the St. Francis Circle donations help lower this expense each year.

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19% Catholic Education

Through investments in religious education programs, tuition assistance, and professional development for educators, you are shaping the minds and spirits of the next generation. Catholic education remains a beacon of hope and formation for thousands of students and families across the diocese.



You help keep schools safe.

18% School Security

You bless diocesan schools by having full-time school resource officers present on campus.



You are supporting works of mercy.

4% Helping Those in Need

Respect Life ministries provide outreach to mothers in crisis pregnancies. Correctional ministries bring the Word of God to the imprisoned.

7% Parish Operating Grants

Assisting parishes with the means for essential operational support such as utilities, insurance, staff salaries and more.



You support the Clergy who provide the Sacraments.

11% Vocations

Your gifts ensure that our priests— both active and retired— receive the spiritual, emotional, and practical care they need. From seminary education for those discerning a vocation to ongoing formation for those in ministry and dignified support for those in retirement, your generosity strengthens the heart of our Church.



You are feeding the hungry and helping families support themselves.

9% Poverty Intervention

Rooted in the Gospel call to love our neighbor, gifts to the Appeal empower ministries that serve the poor, advocate for the dignity of life at every stage, and address the social challenges faced by our communities. Catholic Charities of Fort Worth and parish-based outreach efforts continue to bring Christ's compassion to those most in need.

**120%
OF GOAL**

2025 Goal:
\$5 million

80% 90% 100% 110% 120%

Actual Raised:
\$6,024,945

Generous Catholics from throughout the diocese contributed \$6,024,945 to parishes, schools and ministries within the Diocese of Fort Worth during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 through the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Parishes are listed in order of the percentage of actual donations compared to goal.

The highlighted names indicate those parishes with more than 30 percent of families supporting the appeal.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please reach out to the Advancement Foundation at 817-382-4939.

Parish	2025 Parish Goal	2025 Total Paid	% Goal Paid	% Part.	Avg. Gift	Parish	2025 Parish Goal	2025 Total Paid	% Goal Paid	% Part.	Avg. Gift
St. Andrew - Fort Worth	\$210,383	\$2,244,198	1067%	5%	\$12,468	St. Bartholomew - Fort Worth	\$86,800	\$60,429	70%	6%	\$540
St. Francis Xavier - Eastland	\$2,500	\$3,310	132%	14%	\$255	Nativity/Blessed Virgin Mary - Penelope	\$4,350	\$3,000	69%	18%	\$231
Sacred Heart - Comanche	\$7,600	\$10,057	132%	6%	\$592	St. Peter - Lindsay	\$50,000	\$33,302	67%	25%	\$300
Holy Family - Fort Worth	\$160,700	\$187,866	117%	10%	\$874	St. John Paul II - Denton	\$22,600	\$14,993	66%	32%	\$441
Sacred Heart - Seymour	\$19,400	\$22,159	114%	34%	\$426	Sacred Heart of Jesus - Breckenridge	\$11,500	\$7,621	66%	7%	\$476
Holy Cross - The Colony	\$53,500	\$60,301	113%	8%	\$384	St. Martin de Porres - Prosper	\$88,700	\$58,396	66%	3%	\$822
St. Mary - Graham	\$20,250	\$22,264	110%	20%	\$445	Good Shepherd - Colleyville	\$367,000	\$237,218	65%	10%	\$719
St. Paul - Electra	\$3,700	\$4,032	109%	37%	\$403	St. Rose of Lima - Glen Rose	\$9,500	\$6,025	63%	13%	\$335
St. Benedict - Fort Worth	\$62,500	\$67,873	109%	40%	\$3,572	St. Catherine of Siena - Carrollton	\$80,400	\$50,180	62%	10%	\$386
St. John the Apostle - Fort Worth	\$115,600	\$125,505	109%	13%	\$339	St. Peter the Apostle - Fort Worth	\$54,000	\$33,373	62%	6%	\$375
St. Brendan - Stephenville	\$17,500	\$18,288	105%	8%	\$469	St. Mary - Gainesville	\$40,950	\$24,725	60%	5%	\$458
Sacred Heart - Wichita Falls	\$95,300	\$97,922	103%	14%	\$365	St. Vincent de Paul - Arlington	\$142,100	\$85,349	60%	7%	\$414
Holy Family of Nazareth - Vernon	\$13,400	\$13,695	102%	12%	\$442	St. Joseph - Arlington	\$97,900	\$58,177	59%	9%	\$361
St. Mary - Dublin	\$20,000	\$20,345	102%	11%	\$473	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Keller	\$330,375	\$196,256	59%	10%	\$503
Christ the King - Iowa Park	\$4,100	\$4,154	101%	40%	\$220	Assumption BVM - Decatur	\$25,000	\$14,603	58%	9%	\$292
St. Jude Thaddeus - Burkburnett	\$15,700	\$15,865	101%	31%	\$317	St. Mary - Quannah	\$1,980	\$1,150	58%	5%	\$383
Holy Trinity - Azle	\$29,800	\$30,101	101%	12%	\$519	St. Boniface - Scotland	\$7,500	\$4,242	57%	33%	\$193
Santa Rosa - Knox City	\$4,150	\$4,185	101%	37%	\$322	Sacred Heart - Muenster	\$97,600	\$52,829	54%	24%	\$292
St. Ann - Burseson	\$79,300	\$79,068	99%	14%	\$364	Christ The King - Fort Worth	\$41,400	\$22,204	54%	10%	\$285
St. Maria Goretti - Arlington	\$128,600	\$127,781	99%	14%	\$528	All Saints - Fort Worth	\$45,500	\$24,310	53%	15%	\$276
St. John the Baptizer - Bridgeport	\$17,400	\$16,488	95%	5%	\$375	St. Mary - Windthorst	\$28,200	\$14,872	53%	38%	\$169
St. Philip the Apostle - Flower Mound	\$202,600	\$190,648	94%	8%	\$561	St. Joseph - Cleburne	\$22,800	\$11,343	50%	14%	\$106
St. Joseph - Rhineland	\$16,500	\$15,327	93%	18%	\$589	St. George - Fort Worth	\$21,900	\$10,692	49%	6%	\$297
St. Theresa - Olney	\$5,750	\$5,338	93%	22%	\$485	St. Mary of the Assumption - Fort Worth	\$40,350	\$19,514	48%	4%	\$205
Our Lady of Guadalupe - De Leon	\$7,100	\$6,579	93%	32%	\$178	St. Stephen - Weatherford	\$105,150	\$48,976	47%	3%	\$505
Most Blessed Sacrament - Arlington	\$216,000	\$199,279	92%	14%	\$1,038	Our Lady of Fatima - Fort Worth	\$54,800	\$25,460	46%	17%	\$277
St. Patrick Cathedral - Fort Worth	\$152,000	\$139,415	92%	7%	\$766	St. Thomas Aquinas - Pilot Point	\$42,100	\$17,735	42%	11%	\$236
St. William - Montague	\$8,300	\$7,565	91%	19%	\$582	Korean Martyrs - Fort Worth	\$11,900	\$4,983	42%	18%	\$453
Jesus of Nazareth - Albany	\$3,850	\$3,500	91%	22%	\$700	Holy Name of Jesus - Fort Worth	\$61,900	\$25,060	40%	12%	\$154
St. Jerome - Bowie	\$6,400	\$5,755	90%	35%	\$411	Our Mother of Mercy - Fort Worth	\$10,150	\$4,089	40%	8%	\$241
St. Francis of Assisi - Grapevine	\$158,250	\$141,922	90%	11%	\$511	St. Teresa of Calcutta - Roanoke	\$10,900	\$4,377	40%	178%	\$274
St. Matthew - Arlington	\$96,200	\$84,772	88%	26%	\$123	Immaculate Conception - Denton	\$118,100	\$46,145	39%	2%	\$346
Our Lady of Lourdes - Mineral Wells	\$18,700	\$16,345	87%	6%	\$711	St. Thomas the Apostle - Fort Worth	\$78,000	\$29,919	38%	6%	\$389
Our Lady of Mercy - Hillsboro	\$16,650	\$14,432	87%	14%	\$222	St. Francis of Assisi - Graford	\$11,400	\$4,104	36%	37%	\$316
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Fort Worth	\$81,950	\$70,233	86%	14%	\$159	St. Rita - Ranger	\$2,700	\$921	34%	5%	\$230
Immaculate Conception of Mary Wichita Falls	\$5,100	\$4,320	85%	31%	\$108	St. Rita - Fort Worth	\$33,200	\$10,824	33%	2%	\$349
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Abbott	\$21,500	\$18,022	84%	27%	\$347	St. Joseph - Crowell	\$1,600	\$500	31%	5%	\$500
St. Michael - Bedford	\$143,000	\$119,618	84%	5%	\$532	St. Paul the Apostle - Fort Worth	\$23,000	\$7,100	31%	5%	\$215
St. Mark - Denton	\$266,000	\$221,855	83%	13%	\$653	Holy Angels - Clifton	\$13,940	\$4,035	29%	11%	\$202
Vietnamese Martyrs - Arlington	\$64,900	\$53,178	82%	10%	\$174	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Morgan	\$2,700	\$715	26%	5%	\$179
St. Mary of the Assumption - Megargel	\$4,200	\$3,440	82%	67%	\$344	St. Jude - Mansfield	\$112,400	\$29,486	26%	3%	\$314
Our Lady Queen of Peace - Wichita Falls	\$57,500	\$44,199	77%	16%	\$293	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Wichita Falls	\$23,800	\$5,524	23%	1%	\$395
St. John - Strawn	\$3,600	\$2,763	77%	13%	\$345	St. Mary - Henrietta	\$6,100	\$1,234	20%	31%	\$154
Holy Rosary - Cisco	\$4,900	\$3,730	76%	25%	\$207	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Fort Worth	\$81,200	\$16,221	20%	9%	\$186
Holy Redeemer - Aledo	\$65,000	\$48,159	74%	21%	\$472	Retired Priests		\$5,250	NA		\$2,625
St. Frances Cabrini - Granbury	\$66,000	\$48,513	74%	11%	\$309	Direct Gifts		\$34,403	NA		\$297
St. Mary - Jacksboro	\$2,650	\$1,881	71%	24%	\$111	TCU Catholic Community		\$104	NA		\$104
St. Joseph - Nocona	\$8,450	\$5,936	70%	23%	\$424						
TOTALS							\$5,000,000	\$6,024,145	120%	9%	\$637



TOGETHER AS ONE BODY OF CHRIST, ONE CHURCH

Why Do You Give?

Every Catholic has a story behind their gift—an inner “why” that moves them from thought to action.

Some give because they want to **help others who are not as fortunate**, recognizing that they themselves have been greatly blessed. Their generosity reaches small parishes and schools in struggling areas through parish operating grants—ensuring the Church is everywhere for everyone.

Others give because the Annual Diocesan Appeal allows them to **impact multiple ministries they could not support alone**.

Through the Appeal, every gift fuels a wide range of ministries: **gratitude and support for clergy, diaconate formation, seminarian education, retired priest care, and ongoing formation for those who serve our parishes**. It strengthens **Catholic education** by funding **school security, learning specialists, teacher salaries, and tuition assistance**. It also provides **general operating support** for parishes and ministries across the diocese.

It meets urgent human needs through **poverty intervention, Respect Life initiatives, parish food pantries, and correctional ministry**—while sustaining **evangelization, youth ministry, marriage**

and family life programs, marriage support, campus ministry, stewardship education, and parish fundraising support.

For many, the motivation comes from **living out the corporal works of mercy**. Thousands of food-insecure families are served through parish pantries each year. Imprisoned men and women encounter Christ through sacraments and volunteers. Each ministry supported by the Appeal is a living expression of the Gospel in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Some give because they **want the Catholic faith to continue for generations**. Their contributions support catechesis and evangelization—part of why the Diocese of Fort Worth is now the fastest-growing diocese in the United States, with a 72% increase in converts from 2023 to 2024 (National Catholic Register).

In the end, giving is **an act of trust** in God’s providence and in the Church’s care for the resources entrusted to it. A sacrificial gift is an act of faith, hope, and charity that will be shared with others and multiplied in impact.

What is your “Why?”

PARTICIPATION ON PURPOSE

St. John the Apostle in North Richland Hills and Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls both received increased goals in 2025. Undeterred by this, Father Jack McKone and Father Jonathan Demma, respectively, encouraged each parishioner to participate in the Annual Diocesan Appeal in some way. In a homily, Father Jonathan reflected on the Lost Sheep Parable, reminding his parishioners that their contribution to the Appeal is an answer to Christ’s request to “feed my sheep.” The Appeal literally feeds the hungry with parish grants to support food pantries in parishes. And the Appeal is feeding the souls of the parishioners in formation and education classes, of deacons and seminarians in formation and the parishioners who receive new priests and deacons in their parish.

Every person, with their God-given blessings is essential to the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Your purpose and your participation make a difference in the lives of thousands. Participation is fundamental to Catholic Stewardship in Action. Working together as the Body of Christ completes the whole picture of generosity. There are many ways to give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, such as online, via text, company matching gifts, and gifts of stock or other appreciated assets. **Every gift, no matter the amount, is essential to this yearly appeal.** The average gift to the Appeal is \$637, or \$50 a month. Some can give more, some can give less. The St. Francis Circle is a group of donors at all levels who commit to a recurring monthly gift, saving the Foundation nearly \$25,000 in printing, postage and processing expenses. Further details about these options for giving can be found at www.fwdioc.org/ada.