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October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

25 octubre 2020

Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Off the Top of My Head...

I made a request recently that the diocese provide weekly reports on our parishes' progress on the diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal, and learned that the information has been more or less right in front of me via an online resource that provides all the information I was looking for.

Once I reminded myself (again) that I am a 1970's person in a 2020's world of technology, I was able to obtain this information for the three parishes in the Anderson-Alexandria Pastorate.

The goal for St. Mary's in Alexandria is \$32,854. So far we have pledged \$19,140, and paid \$9,415. We have pledged 58% of our goal and paid 29% of the goal.

The goal for St. Mary's in Anderson is \$69,281. So far we have pledged \$71,410, and paid \$18,964. We have pledged 103% of our goal and paid 27% of the goal.

The goal for St. Ambrose is \$84,523. So far we have pledged \$40,175, and paid \$12,224. We have pledged 48% of our goal and paid 15% of the goal.

A few other items for context:

The word "goal" should not be misinterpreted to mean "optional goal." Our three parishes are responsible for pledging and paying the total amount.

The appeal, which began in September, ends December 31, 2021. So we have about 14 months to pay our pledges. But we need to make our pledges now, not later.

Speaking of shortfall, below are the shortfall amount for each parish for the Fruitful Harvest Campaign that ended in August. We are required to pay off these amounts to the diocese.

- St. Mary, Alexandria: \$25,422
- St. Mary, Anderson: \$56,301
- St. Ambrose: \$34,551.

I mention this, not because I enjoy piling one challenge upon another, but because I want everyone to have an accurate picture of our situation. I am currently working on a payment plan with the diocese for the Fruitful Harvest shortfall, but I think you can agree that we do NOT want to be in this position at the end of 2021, or any year after that!

And I am happy to be a cheerleader for both the Fruitful Harvest Campaign and its successor program, the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The funds raised by Fruitful Harvest and those being raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal are essential to the well-being of the church.

If you haven't made your financial commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal yet, I hope you will do so soon. If you have made your pledge, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Fr. Tom Metzger
 October 25, 2020

La parte superior de mi cabeza ...

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Recientemente hice una solicitud para que la diócesis proporcionara informes semanales sobre el progreso de nuestras parroquias en la Apelación de Ministerios Católicos de la diócesis, y supe que la información ha estado más o menos justo frente a mí a través de un recurso en línea que proporciona toda la información que estaba buscando. para.

Una vez que me acordé (de nuevo) de que soy una persona de la década de 1970 en un mundo de tecnología de la década de 2020, pude obtener esta información para las tres parroquias de la Pastoral Anderson-Alexandria.

La meta para St. Mary's en Alejandría es \$ 32,854. Hasta ahora hemos prometido \$ 19,140 y pagado \$ 9,415. Hemos comprometido el 58% de nuestra meta y pagado el 29% de la meta.

La meta para St. Mary's en Anderson es \$ 69,281. Hasta ahora hemos prometido 71.410 dólares y hemos pagado 18.964 dólares. Hemos comprometido el 103% de nuestra meta y pagado el 27% de la meta.

La meta para St. Ambrose es \$ 84,523. Hasta ahora hemos prometido \$ 40,175 y pagado \$ 12,224. Hemos comprometido el 48% de nuestra meta y pagado el 15% de la meta.

Algunos otros elementos para el contexto:

La palabra "meta" no debe malinterpretarse con el significado de "meta opcional". Nuestras tres parroquias son responsables de prometer y pagar el monto total.

La apelación, que comenzó en septiembre, finaliza el 31 de diciembre de 2021. Así que tenemos alrededor de 14 meses para pagar nuestras promesas. Pero tenemos que hacer nuestras promesas ahora, no más tarde.

Hablando de déficit, a continuación se muestra la cantidad de déficit de cada parroquia para la Campaña de cosecha fructífera que finalizó en agosto. Estamos obligados a pagar estas cantidades a la diócesis.

- St. Mary, Alejandría: \$ 25,422
- St. Mary, Anderson: \$ 56,301
- San Ambrosio: \$ 34,551.

Menciono esto, no porque disfrute amontonando un desafío sobre otro, sino porque quiero que todos tengan una imagen precisa de nuestra situación. Actualmente estoy trabajando en un plan de pago con la diócesis para el déficit de Fruitful Harvest, pero creo que puede estar de acuerdo en que NO queremos estar en esta posición a fines de 2021, ¡o cualquier año después de eso!

Y estoy feliz de ser una animadora tanto de la Campaña Fruitful Harvest como de su programa sucesor, Catholic Ministries Appeal. Los fondos recaudados por Fruitful Harvest y los recaudados por Catholic Ministries Appeal son esenciales para el bienestar de la iglesia.

Si aún no ha hecho su compromiso financiero con la Campaña de Ministerios Católicos, espero que lo haga pronto. Si ha hecho su promesa, gracias desde el fondo de mi corazón.

P. Tom Metzger

25 de octubre de 2020

Confessions—St. Mary Anderson-Saturday, Oct. 31, from 2:30-3:30 PM

St. Ambrose -Saturday, Oct. 31, 4:00-5:00 PM

Pastor: Father Tom Metzger– fr.tmetzger@dol-in.org, Father Dave Hellmann –fr.dhellmann@dol-in.org,
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Business Manager: Harriett Russel

Parish Secretaries: Anita Myers and Jan Adams

Holy Cross School Principal: Tina Neal

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St. Ambrose

YTD Giving \$ 323,059 YTD Expenses \$ 323,601

St. Mary

YTD Giving \$ 370,211 YTD Expenses \$ 347,995

Renovation Fund \$ 262,466 of \$330,000 Phase 1

St. Mary Alexandria

YTD Giving \$ 428,768 YTD Expenses \$ 368,948

visit our website - [www.https://stambroestmary.org](https://stambroestmary.org)

On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

St. Ambrose—<https://osvhub.com/st-ambrose-church-anderson/funds>

St. Mary Anderson—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

St. Mary Alexandria—www.maryandjosephchurches.com.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Monday	26-Oct.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Thomas and MaryAnn Chezem Poor Souls
Tuesday	27-Oct.	8:00 AM	St. Ambrose	Grant Lierman
Wednesday	28-Oct.	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary Alex. St. Vincent Hosp.	Betty Brownfield George Dewey Mehling Family Not Open To The Public The Public— Poor Souls
Thursday	29-Oct.	8:00 AM 8:30 AM	St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Poor Souls Betty Brownfield
Friday	30-Oct.	8:10 AM 8:10 AM	St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Pattie Pruitt John Sokol
Saturday	31-Oct.	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose	Robert Adams David Crist Ryan Warner
Sunday	1-Nov.	7:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary And. St. Mary Alex. St. Ambrose St. Mary And.	Jeanné Papai Mary and Alice Crist Pro Populo Betty Brownfield

Food Pantry

Food for the food pantry can be dropped off at the St. Mary School Annex on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

St. Mary Alexandria CCD-On October 25th CCD will start at St. Mary Alexandria after the 8:30 Mass. The cost is \$10.00 and you can register after Mass.

Memorial Mass-There will be a memorial Mass for John Frossard on Wednesday, October 28th at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Church in Anderson.

Rosary Rally

On Saturday, October 31st at noon the Catholic Radio Indy is organizing a rosary rally in support of our local police. This peaceful prayerful event will take place at noon at the Anderson Police station. Please join your fellow Catholics as we show support by praying for protection, civility and peace in our community.

Honoring All Souls' and All Saints' Day - St. Mary's Alexandria—For all those who have gone to rest with God before us, we honor and pray for them. You may send remembrances of the important people in your life to be placed on a display in the narthex of the church. Items that are good for the display include pictures, prayer cards, funeral leaflets, and other paper items. Drop off at the church or contact Peggy Clabaugh at 617-7467 by Oct. 25th.

Adoration at St. Ambrose will start November 1st from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Sign-up sheets are at the main entrance for those who will attend Adoration and those that will disinfect.

Parenting With Grace: Christian Parenting in a Technological Age

Technology seems to be moving at a rapid pace-because it is. Do you feel like you're able to keep up? Join us for the casual presentation and discussion on Sunday, November 15 from 6-8 PM at Pizza King in Yorktown. From how technology influences us as persons, to discussing appropriate boundaries, while equipping you with tools to help protect your children, this evening aims to provide you with practical information and ideas to help you navigate these ever changing waters. While the event is free, you are responsible for your food purchases. Space is limited. Register at <https://parentingwithgracetechnology.eventbrite.com> or contact Susan Hoefer, Office of Family Life, at 765.421.1998 or shoefer@dol-in.org for more information.

Enjoy a Marriage Encounter Weekend from the comfort of your own home! Do you want to make your marriage stronger? Could you spend an uninterrupted weekend with your spouse? Why not make a **Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn more about your wonderful vocation? Forthcoming weekends are from November 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Our weekend was, without qualification, the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives."



Evangelization Starter Kit

(An excerpt from an article published in *The Catholic Moment*, October 18, 2020)

In the final installment of this three part series on evangelization, I would like to provide a basic game plan for evangelization using a three-step approach: 1) build a relationship based on trust; 2) share your personal faith story; 3) proclaim the gospel.

Sharing the gospel starts with sharing ourselves. We must form relationships to be effective evangelists. Looking to St. Paul, he

writes to the Thessalonians, "With such affection for you, we were determined to share not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well so dearly beloved you had become to us" (1 Thess 2:8). St. Paul provides a great example of relationship in his missionary journeys. He visited towns, spent time there, got to know the people, and returned on subsequent journeys.

The second element of evangelization is to live your faith contagiously. St. John Paul II wrote in *Redemptoris Missio*, "People today put more trust in witnesses than in teachers, in experience than in teaching, and in life and action than in theories." St. Peter tells us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope," (1 Peter 3:15). In this instruction, there is an implied understanding that the Christian life, when lived authentically, will naturally lead others to inquire. As Catholics, our lives are supposed to be a living testimony to the gospel.

After friendship and witness, you're now ready to share the gospel proper. As Catholics, our faith is so rich in meaning and

beauty, we may not know where to start. The gospel is so interwoven into the fabric of the Church; what she believes, proclaims, and lives, that many times it is hiding in plain sight. The gospel in the Church is like the old *Prego* spaghetti sauce commercial about ingredients; "It's in there." Unfortunately, proclaiming the gospel in the experience of many Catholics is more like another well-known slogan, it gets "lost in the sauce." Perhaps, we can bring it to the surface.

That is your basic evangelization starter kit! Expect questions. Hone your skills and knowledge. Studying the Profession of Faith section of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is another way to improve your knowledge of the gospel. Whatever your knowledge level, don't worry! You can always learn more as you go. The good news about the Good News is that through *Uniting in Heart* our diocesan pastorates are emphasizing evangelization and are looking to train people like you, our readers, to proclaim the gospel and bring more souls to Christ.

Rob Hartley is the Director of Evangelization, Family Life and Pastoral Ministries.



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Kit de inicio de evangelización

(Extracto de un artículo publicado en *The Catholic Moment*, 18 de octubre, 2020)

En la fase final de esta serie de tres partes sobre la evangelización, me gustaría proporcionar un plan básico para la evangelización utilizando un enfoque de tres pasos: 1) Construir una relación basada en la confianza; 2) Compartir su historia de fe personal; 3) Proclamar el Evangelio.

Compartir el Evangelio comienza con compartirnos a nosotros mismos. Debemos formar relaciones para ser evangelistas eficaces.

Mirando lo que San Pablo le dice a los tesalonicenses: "Y era tal nuestra preocupación por ustedes, que estábamos dispuestos a darles, no sólo el Evangelio, sino también nuestra propia vida, tan queridos habían llegado a ser para nosotros." (1 Tes, 2,8). San Pablo ofrece un gran ejemplo de relación en sus viajes misioneros. Visitó pueblos, pasó tiempo allí, conoció a la gente y regresó en viajes posteriores.

El segundo elemento de la evangelización es vivir la fe de manera contagiosa. San Juan Pablo II escribió en *Redemptoris Missio* (42): "El hombre contemporáneo de hoy cree más a los testigos que a los maestros; cree más en la experiencia que en la doctrina, en la vida y los hechos que en las teorías." San Pedro nos dice: "bendigan en sus corazones al Señor, a Cristo; estén siempre dispuestos a dar una respuesta a quien les pida cuenta de su esperanza" (1 Pedro 3:15). En esta instrucción, hay un entendimiento implícito de que la vida cristiana, cuando se vive con autenticidad, naturalmente llevará a otros a investigar. Como católicos, se supone que nuestras vidas son un testimonio vivo del Evangelio.

Después de la amistad y el testimonio, ahora está listo para compartir el Evangelio propiamente dicho. Como católicos,

nuestra fe es tan rica en significado y belleza que es posible que no sepamos por dónde empezar. El Evangelio está tan entrelazado en la estructura de la Iglesia; lo que ella cree, proclama y vive, que muchas veces se esconde a plena vista. El Evangelio en la Iglesia es como el viejo comercial de salsa de espagueti de *Prego* sobre los ingredientes; "se encuentra ahí." Desafortunadamente, proclamar el Evangelio en la experiencia de muchos católicos es más como otro eslogan muy conocido, "se pierde en la salsa." Quizás podamos traerlo a la superficie.

¡Ese es tu kit básico de inicio de evangelización! Espere preguntas. Perfeccione sus habilidades y conocimientos. Estudiando la sección Profesión de fe del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica es otra forma de mejorar su conocimiento del Evangelio. Sea cual sea su nivel de conocimiento, ¡no se preocupe! Siempre puede aprender más sobre la marcha. La buena noticia sobre la Buena Nueva es que a través de Unidos de Corazón, nuestros Pastorados diocesanos están enfatizando la evangelización y están buscando capacitar personas como ustedes, nuestros lectores, para proclamar el Evangelio y traer más almas a Cristo.

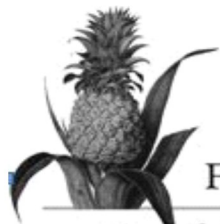
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