

# CROSSROADS

QUARTERLY E-NEWS FOR PARISHES FROM THE  
ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

## St. Francis Circle - Monthly Giving

Kick start your parish goal with automatic giving



Saint Francis taught us to serve the least among us and to take care of the earth. When Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth join the St. Francis Circle monthly electronic giving program, they are supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal in an eco-friendly way. Here are a few of the donor benefits:

- It's easy and automatic. Donors choose the monthly amount.
- It's flexible and secure. Donors can increase, decrease, pause or stop their donation at any time.
- It's convenient. Donors receive one giving statement for donations each January.
- It's rewarding. Donors grow in faith by sharing lovingly with others.

Parishes benefit as well. This is a perfect way to launch your parish's 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal campaign and begin to meet your goal even before the Appeal starts! Additionally, the Advancement Foundation can assist with St. Francis Circle marketing material to help build interest in this giving opportunity. To learn more about the St. Francis Circle visit [bit.ly/StFrancisCircle](http://bit.ly/StFrancisCircle).

For information about the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** please contact,  
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## Special Collections - First Quarter

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa  
Priest Care Fund - Diocesan Collection  
Catholic University of America

July 13-14, 2019  
Aug 2-3, 2019  
Aug 31 - Sept 1, 2019

Please contact The Advancement Foundation  
if you have any questions or need assistance.

**Special Collection calendars for 2019 and 2020 can be found on the  
Diocesan website**

<https://fwdioc.org/special-collections>

**Additional Resources from USCCB**

<https://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm>

## IN THIS EDITION

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

First Quarter Collections  
Resources

### 2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Save these dates

### JOIN US IN CHICAGO

2019 Annual International  
Catholic Stewardship Council  
Conference  
October 6-9, 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION TEAM



## 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.



For information about the 50th Anniversary  
<https://fwdioc.org/50th-anniversary>

"Even when alone, be cheerful, remembering always that you are in the sight of angels."

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

## Upcoming Events

### Shepherd's Guild In Gratitude for Vocations Sunday, July 28, 2019

Contact Elizabeth Becker for additional information

### 50th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019

6:00 p.m. Procession of Parishes

7:00 p.m. Mass

Fort Worth Convention Center

1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Reception to follow

### Holiday Closings

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

Thursday, July 4, 2019 - Independence Day

Thursday, Aug 15, 2019 - Assumption of Mary

Monday, Sept 2, 2019 - Labor Day

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*Donor Information Updates, Parish Roster Updates*

*We are here to assist you, please contact any member of the team for information.*

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## 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal Information

The Advancement Foundation is beginning its work on the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each year your support is vital to the success of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are grateful for all you do to promote and support the Annual Diocesan Appeal in your parish.



Here are the key dates for the beginning of the 2020 Appeal:

- Announcement Weekend: **Sept. 14-15, 2019**
- North Texas Giving Day: **Sept. 19, 2019**
- Commitment Weekend: **Sept. 21-22, 2019**

Please watch your email and the weekly eBulletin for marketing materials and important information about the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal. There is always information and materials on our website at <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/annual-diocesan-appeal>. Let's make it a great year for the ministries served through the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

## Make Plans to Attend the 2019 ICSC Conference

International Catholic Stewardship Council Conference  
October 6-9, 2019 - Chicago, IL

Whether you're a seasoned stewardship professional or a parish just beginning a stewardship committee, the annual International Catholic Stewardship Council Conference is a valuable resource

and on the Advancement Foundation highly recommends. This year, the conference is scheduled for Oct. 6-9, 2019 in Chicago, IL and is an excellent opportunity to learn from knowledgeable and experienced speakers, participate in inspiring liturgies and celebrate stewardship as a way of life.



The Advancement Foundation is a member of ICSC, therefore, parishes and schools receive the member registration rate of \$549 per person. Register at <http://catholicstewardship.com/events/icsc-annual-conference/>

Conference tracks are: **Introduction to Stewardship** + Stewardship: Beyond the Basics + **Church ALIVE!** + Parish Administrators and Business Managers + **Stewardship en español** + Fundamental Themes in Diocesan Stewardship and Development + **Diocesan Advanced Studies** + Catholic Foundations + **Catholic School Advancement** + Wisdom from ICSC Strategic Partners

## Need a Presentation for your Parish or School?

Schedule today for Fall 2019 Programming!

Members of the Advancement Foundation Team are available to speak to parish groups or host a special event about the following topics:

- **Building Your Legacy** - A presentation to assist people with discerning their legacy and the importance of end-of-life documents.
- **Stewardship, A Way of Life** - Learn about the six themes of stewardship and practical ways to implement them in your parish and everyday life.
- **Special Collections** - Why does the Church take up special collections? Answers to this question and a snapshot of each collection and how it helps locally, nationally and globally.
- **Fundraising 101** - A presentation about the basics of fundraising.
- **Annual Diocesan Appeal** - Discover how your gift can make a difference for the vital ministries the Appeal supports each year.