

2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

A photograph of a man in clerical attire, smiling and looking to the left. In the background, a large, stylized crucifix is mounted on a wall. The lighting is warm and focused on the man.

Reflections of
Gratitude



Bishop's
Annual Appeal
for Catholic Ministries



“Please know that while my heart is saddened about the Dallas family I must leave behind, it is overjoyed when I look back on what we accomplished together, through Christ’s love, to make North Texas a better place.”

— BISHOP KEVIN J. FARRELL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I put pen to paper, in what will be my last letter to you as your Bishop, I am overcome with a multitude of emotions. Feelings of great love for this community rise to the top, as well as my deepest gratitude for your role in the diocese’s success during the past decade.

As I’ve shared before, when I arrived in Dallas in 2007, I didn’t know one single person. Yet, from the beginning, you embodied the hospitality that Texas is known for and welcomed me into this extraordinary Catholic family.

Together, we shared Christ’s love with the people of North Texas and grew our diocese into the largest faith community in the region. We pledged our generosity (at every turn) and lifted up those in our city who were most vulnerable and in greatest need. We expanded our K-12 education programs, ensuring that we’re preparing the next generation for productive lives — not only in their future careers, but in service to Christ and His Church. And we supported the future of our priesthood, providing the foundation for leadership in the Church for years to come.

The report that follows brings my heart much joy. Together, as a diocese, we generated more than \$7.5 million in pledges from more than 26,000 members at 77 parishes during the 2016 appeal, making it one of the most successful efforts in our history.

As I leave our community to serve Pope Francis at the Vatican, I ask that you pray for me, asking God to grant me the wisdom and strength I will need to serve the Church in my new role.

In closing, I will cherish our time together and know that a part of my heart will reside here forever.

Faithfully in Christ,

Bishop Kevin J. Farrell

A NOTE FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Recently, our beloved Bishop Kevin J. Farrell was called to his new and very well-deserved post at the Vatican. Following the move, in a surprise and blessed turn of events, Bishop Farrell was elevated to Cardinal. He was one of only seventeen bishops to have been elevated to this role by Pope Francis.

While we are sad to see him go, we are proud of all Bishop Farrell has accomplished and send him our prayers and well wishes as he continues to serve the Church and its people.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES (\$750,000)



The majority of the funding for Pastoral Ministries goes to Catholic Charities of Dallas, an organization dedicated to identifying and filling the needs of the voiceless in the community. From senior care to adoption, employment to refugee assistance, Catholic Charities advocates for the well-being of Dallas' most underrepresented groups. Pastoral Ministries' efforts also provide outreach and support to additional initiatives that spread our faith, and the values we hold dear, throughout our community.

Catholic Charities

As one of the primary beneficiaries of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, Catholic Charities is an organization that has offered hope to the downtrodden for the last 125 years. From the impoverished and infirmed, to the victims of abuse and refugees of war and oppression, Catholic Charities strives to meet the needs of everyone in the community.

Catholic Pro-Life Ministries

Dedicated to upholding the sanctity of life, Catholic Pro-Life Ministries advocates for the lives of the unborn and the protection of every human life.

SMU Catholic Campus Ministry

College is a formative time for many young men and women. SMU Catholic Campus Ministry provides a community for Catholic students — and indeed, students of all faiths — to socialize, worship and study in a community of like-minded individuals.

Evangelization Outreach

Knowledge of one's faith is essential for its practice. Evangelization Outreach provides ministerial and educational outreach programs to youth and adult groups alike.



"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."

— POPE FRANCIS

EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS (\$2,250,000)



Each year, men from across the United States who are called to service to the Universal Church arrive in Dallas to attend the seminary. Funding for the education of seminarians is essential to the care and growth of our dynamic faith community.

Seminary Support

Responsible for fostering future leaders of our Catholic faith, the seminary educates a new generation of diocesan priests through the academic and formational programs of Holy Trinity and Redemptoris Mater seminaries.



“Religious life ought to promote growth in the church by way of attraction. The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!... It is this witness that I expect of you. Religious leaders should be men and women who are able to wake the world up.”

— POPE FRANCIS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION (\$700,000)



An education based in the Catholic faith not only provides students with the academic tools they need to grow into successful adults, but with the spiritual resources as well. The various schools of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas nurture our next generation of advocates, leaders and servants of Christ.

Diocesan High Schools Scholarship Funds

These funds provide deserving students with access to quality secondary Catholic educations at both Bishop Lynch High School and Bishop Dunne High School.

Notre Dame School

In keeping with our Catholic tradition of serving everyone in our community, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the unique mission of the Notre Dame School, which educates children with developmental disabilities.



“What is most important is the ability to lovingly help them grow in freedom, maturity, overall discipline and real autonomy...education includes encouraging responsible use of freedom to face issues with good sense and intelligence.”
— POPE FRANCIS

PRIESTLY AND DIACONATE PROGRAMS (\$1,100,000)



Since 1972, the Catholic Diocese of Dallas' priestly and diaconate programs have provided faith formation and spiritual services to those called to serve the Church as ordained ministers. Just as diocesan priests and deacons have dedicated their lives to the well-being of the Church and its people, the priestly and diaconate programs are dedicated to those who serve.

Vocations

The Vocations Office continues to be a valuable resource for men discerning a call to the priesthood.

Diaconal Ministries

For men who are preparing to enter the diaconate, and for those who already have a permanent role in that vocation, Diaconal Ministries provide formation, support and educational services for deacons and potential deacons.

Clergy Health Assistance

This program provides health care assistance to priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the people of the Diocese of Dallas.

Vicar for Clergy

The vocation of priesthood, while fulfilling, is not without its challenges. Vicar for Clergy provides ongoing formation and support for priests serving in parishes and other ministries.



"A priest's authority must be linked to service, especially to the care and protection of the poorest, weakest, the least important and most easily forgotten."
— POPE FRANCIS

PASTORAL SERVICES (\$2,300,000)

Pastoral Services support the numerous groups and organizations within the Diocese of Dallas. From prison ministry to worship, catechetical services to family life ministry, Pastoral Services ensure that each group has the resources it needs to provide prayer, formation and advocacy to the diverse groups and cultures in our community.



Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries

By providing faith formation and outreach activities to the youth of the diocese, these ministries nurture future generations of leaders within the Catholic Diocese of Dallas and the community as a whole.

Catechetical Services

Catechetical Services provide faith formation for youth and adults alike who are making, and have made, the commitment to join the Catholic Church.

Pastoral Juvenil Hispana

Recognizing that the Diocese of Dallas has a vibrant Hispanic culture, Pastoral Juvenil Hispana serves Hispanic youth and young adults through a variety of faith-based programs.

Prison Ministry

Prison ministry provides outreach services to members of our community who are incarcerated and their families.

Worship

In support of liturgical ministers, Worship programs guide the sacramental life, and liturgical and pastoral practices, within the parishes.

Marriage Ministry

Whether a couple is about to enter into the sacrament of marriage, or a married couple is seeking counseling, Marriage Ministry provides faith-based enrichment for couples who have committed themselves to one another.

Family Life Ministry

Family Life Ministry supports the parishes in their pastoral care of the family.

Ministry Conference

In partnership with the University of Dallas, the annual Ministry Conference provides an opportunity for faith-based networking, engagement and evangelism for Catholics in our community.



“This is a lesson for each one of us, but also for the Church of our time: if we let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit...we will find peace, we will be builders of peace and will spread peace around us.”

— POPE FRANCIS

2016 PARISH GOALS AND PLEDGES

These pledge numbers reflect pledges through September, 30, 2016.

PARISH NAME	GOAL	PLEDGES	PARISH NAME	GOAL	PLEDGES
All Saints	\$246,000	\$198,326	St. Cecilia	\$51,000	\$74,140
Blessed Sacrament	\$53,000	\$63,525	St. Edward	\$57,000	\$46,793
Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe	\$137,000	\$103,149	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano	\$330,000	\$393,280
Christ the King	\$274,000	\$315,240	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	\$75,000	\$90,362
Church of the Incarnation	\$31,000	\$34,395	St. Elizabeth, Bonham	\$11,000	\$8,039
Corpus Christi, Ferris	\$11,000	\$18,707	St. Francis of Assisi, Frisco	\$202,000	\$332,124
Divine Mercy of Our Lord	\$60,000	\$24,972	St. Francis of Assisi, Whitesboro	\$6,000	\$16,719
Epiphany, Italy	\$3,000	\$8,831	St. Francis, Lancaster	\$34,000	\$20,195
Good Shepherd, Garland	\$86,000	\$102,397	St. Gabriel the Archangel, McKinney	\$198,000	\$135,681
Holy Cross	\$27,000	\$19,585	St. James	\$32,000	\$44,431
Holy Family of Nazareth, Irving	\$109,000	\$141,690	St. John, Ennis	\$76,000	\$42,562
Holy Family, Van Alstyne	\$8,000	\$19,091	St. John, Terrell	\$29,000	\$16,180
Holy Spirit, Duncanville	\$108,000	\$101,268	St. Joseph Vietnamese, G.P.	\$13,000	\$30,060
Holy Trinity	\$141,000	\$156,621	St. Joseph, Commerce	\$15,000	\$19,012
Immaculate Conception, Corsicana	\$35,000	\$47,738	St. Joseph, Richardson	\$165,000	\$187,353
Immaculate Conception, G.P.	\$51,000	\$66,272	St. Joseph, Waxahachie	\$61,000	\$43,859
Mary Immaculate	\$174,000	\$146,037	St. Juan Diego	\$39,000	\$54,585
Mater Dei Personal Parish	\$17,000	\$18,509	St. Jude Chapel	\$23,000	\$53,957
Mother of Perpetual Help	\$62,000	\$66,351	St. Jude, Allen	\$231,000	\$277,660
Nuestra Senora del Pilar	\$41,000	\$49,437	St. Luke, Irving	\$94,000	\$95,131
Our Lady of Angels	\$85,000	\$104,792	St. Mark the Evangelist, Plano	\$293,000	\$348,779
Our Lady of Fatima, Quinlan	\$1,000	\$510	St. Martin, Forney	\$31,000	\$41,351
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$33,000	\$26,383	St. Mary of Carmel	\$21,000	\$24,526
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$29,000	\$23,777	St. Mary, Sherman	\$72,000	\$83,692
Our Lady of San Juan	\$10,000	\$8,610	St. Michael the Archangel, G.P.	\$79,000	\$84,224
Our Lady of the Lake	\$116,000	\$164,855	St. Michael the Archangel, Garland	\$88,000	\$100,767
Prince of Peace	\$217,000	\$253,970	St. Michael, McKinney	\$80,000	\$118,417
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chinese, Plano	\$13,000	\$19,404	St. Monica	\$211,000	\$275,242
Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Carrollton	\$39,000	\$48,725	St. Patrick, Dallas	\$148,000	\$209,433
Sacred Heart, Rowlett	\$50,000	\$53,109	St. Patrick, Denison	\$36,000	\$36,191
Santa Clara	\$42,000	\$35,849	St. Paul the Apostle, Richardson	\$113,000	\$135,252
SMU Campus Ministry	\$7,000	\$18,112	St. Peter the Apostle	\$13,000	\$7,785
Special	\$0	\$12,948	St. Peter Vietnamese	\$16,000	\$23,467
St. Andrew Kim	\$45,000	\$30,000	St. Philip the Apostle	\$26,000	\$40,132
St. Ann, Coppell	\$404,000	\$475,050	St. Pius X	\$165,000	\$122,880
St. Ann, Kaufman	\$26,000	\$24,093	St. Rita	\$302,000	\$392,370
St. Anthony, Dallas	\$6,000	\$1,980	St. Thomas Aquinas	\$268,000	\$278,458
St. Anthony, Wylie	\$78,000	\$108,353	St. William, Greenville	\$45,000	\$30,765
St. Augustine	\$80,000	\$38,058			
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	\$52,000	\$50,251			
				\$6,756,000	\$7,536,848

BISHOP KEVIN J. FARRELL

“We come to Church every week and we listen to the word of God. We come to be nourished by the Eucharist. But it is then that we must go outside the doors of our Churches and put into practice that word of God. We must show that love, that kindness, that compassion, and that understanding to our brothers and sisters, no matter who they are or where they come from... Wherever we see a need, we need to care for them.”

— BISHOP KEVIN J. FARRELL
FAREWELL HOMILY, SEPT. 10, 2016

