



2022

BISHOP'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters *in Christ,*

A woman approached me recently and said how happy she was that our Diocese of Dallas is in a much better place than it was 15 or 20 years ago. She indicated that she was proud to be Catholic. As the Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, I loved hearing those words and I want to do what it takes so that the faithful of this Diocese are all the more proud to be Catholic.

As the largest faith community in the Dallas area (32%), I am pleased when the federal government, the county government and the local government turn to the Catholic Church for help in building up the common good of our society and communities. This is exactly what the Gospel of Christ calls us to do as His disciples and I want us to be leaders in showing works of mercy and compassion while at the same time growing in our faith and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Over the last year, the faithful of the Diocese of Dallas contributed more than \$7.5 million to the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. These dollars make possible the ministries that serve the North Texas community, which have a direct impact on our lives. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports our parishes, schools, and dozens of Catholic ministries like seminarian education and formation, youth and young adult outreach, Masses for the homebound, Bibles for the imprisoned, the Catholic Conference and Formation Center for retreats, and so much more.

A lot of energy has gone into preparing for our Diocesan Synod in 2024 (the last Diocesan Synod was called by Bishop Lynch in 1934). Thousands of people have participated in the public listening sessions and there are more scheduled. I ask that you pray for the success of the Synod. It is my resolve to strengthen this Diocese and keep pace with the fast growth that is taking place in our area.

As this Diocese continues to grow so does the urgency in raising funds so that we can keep pace with our responsibilities. My goal is to raise more than \$8 million in this upcoming Bishop's Annual Appeal to continue to better serve our growing diocese. I am privileged to be your Bishop and I am humbled by your steadfast faithfulness and generosity.

On behalf of all those who are served, I extend my deepest gratitude. I assure you that you and your family remain in my prayers, as I hope I remain in yours.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Edward J. Burns".

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas



Pastoral *Ministries*

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports pastoral ministries as we call forth the gifts of each individual as well as the strength found in community to help us live out our universal call to holiness. These ministries assist the Church in growing in our faith as a lifelong process, providing spiritual care, seeking the grace of the sacraments, appreciating the diversity of our communities, providing resources to parish leaders, and maintaining the living liturgy of the Church.



"Howdy and thank you so much for meeting us at Saturday's Newlywed Mass and Reception. Beautiful service, church and event. We are so in awe and blessed by the love and support we have received as we start our lives together..."

—Carlyn and Christopher Cox, St. Pius X

By the *Numbers:*



8,150

INFANT
BAPTISMS



565

ADULT
BAPTISMS



8,424

FIRST
COMMUNIONS



7,906

CONFIRMATIONS



1,525

MARRIAGES



Golden Anniversary Mass



Seminarian *Formation*

The formation of seminarians is critical to the life of a diocese and our universal Church. The Diocese of Dallas is fortunate to host two seminaries, Holy Trinity Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary, where the call to vocations to the priesthood can be explored and discerned. Both seminaries foster the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation of our future priests. There are currently 61 Dallas seminarians in formation.



Holy Trinity Seminarian: *Mark Gregory Williard*



My name is Mark Gregory Williard, a second-year seminarian studying for the Diocese of Dallas. I entered Holy Trinity Seminary (HTS) at the age of 26 after studying and working in the accounting field for nine years and am fortunate to have been both a past donor and now beneficiary of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Each seminarian's formation experience is unique; my first year certainly has been so. However, I share with my brother seminarians the many consistencies of life in seminary, such as the growth as a man seeking his identity as a beloved son of God, the spiritual practices that focus on fostering a deep relationship with Christ, the dedication to becoming firmly rooted in the Church's vast intellectual tradition, and the building of fraternal bonds that make vocational discernment not only possible but joyful. These powerful experiences require, of course, many practicals: room and board, food, tuition costs, medical care, and so much more. In short, none of the incredible work done at seminaries is possible without the generosity of the people of God, who so selflessly answer His call to support the Church in such a way.

My one short year of seminary formation at HTS has been the most impactful of my life so far, especially as it concerns my relationship with God. I am thankful beyond words for the generous donations like those in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and so many others, that made such a year possible. God has made careful plans for each of us, but at any point in formation, no man is worse off or less equipped to be a positive Christian influence in the world than when he entered.

I said that I am both a donor and beneficiary of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, but I am hardly unique in being so. Every donor, because of the meaningful way his or her donation contributes positively and substantially to the formation of seminarians and to the formation of, God-willing, future priests, is also a beneficiary of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every donation is an investment into the future of the Church, directly contributing to the formation of effective priests who, in turn, shepherd and guide their flocks, sending them boldly to live the Gospel, to be the light of the world, and to fulfill the Church's mission of bringing Christ to all nations.

Redemptoris Mater Seminarian: *Miguel Rodriguez*



My name is Miguel Antonio Rodriguez Taveras. I am 29 years old and the third of four children, one brother and two sisters. I grew up living with my mother and my younger sister after the death of my father when I was 2 years old. I was born and raised in the town of Mao, Valverde in the Dominican Republic.

When I was 14 years old I entered the Neocatechumenal Way in my parish of Nuestra Señora de la Alta Gracia. Growing up without my biological father, I was always very insecure of myself, but through my community of the Neocatechumenal Way, I have discovered the love that God the Father has for me. When I felt God's call to the seminary, I was 20 years old. The Lord continued to confirm this call in a Vocational Center I attended in my local parish in order to help me discern if this was the right path. The local catechists, responsible for the Vocational Center, saw that the Lord was calling me and by lottery (drawing my name out of a basket by chance), I was sent to the diocesan and missionary Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Dallas in the year 2014.

Through the last eight years of my seminary formation, I have experienced the love of Christ for me. The Lord has helped

me in my studies, despite the courses not being in my original tongue, helping me complete my bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Letters and continue my intellectual formation in the Master of Divinity program at the University of Dallas. I have discovered that the difficulties of my life are the means by which the Lord is helping me grow in faith and in my vocation to the priesthood. I have seen that when I felt the struggles of studying in a different language were getting the better of me, He showed himself strong.

When I look back at these eight years of priestly formation, I see the love of Christ and how He is making a History of Salvation with me by constantly consoling and confirming me on this journey to being a Priest for the New Evangelization. He calls me to give my life for the proclamation of the Good News to those who suffer and are far away from the Lord. Experiencing this love makes me very grateful to the Lord for His goodness to me and to all those who support my vocation through their kind donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.



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Transitional Diaconate Mass

Catholic Schools

Contributions to the Bishop's Annual Appeal support operations in the Diocese of Dallas Catholic schools, allowing the schools to recruit, form, and retain the best educators for our developing youth. Catholic schools aren't just good for Catholics, they are good for Dallas. With a focus on forming saints and scholars, Diocese of Dallas Catholic schools serve the greater needs and interests of their communities as they continue their pursuit for excellence. Bishop's Annual Appeal donations also fund scholarships at the high school level.



*Ms. Terry Tuck, Theater Arts Director
– John Paul II High School*

Ms. Tuck has been described as one of the most understated forces in education. With over 38 years in professional and educational experience she has coached, mentored, and helped form students all over Dallas to appreciate the collaborative art of theater and to develop lifelong skills that they will use beyond the classroom.

By the *Numbers:*



13,560

ENROLLED



99%

GRADUATION
RATE



36

SCHOOLS



19%

INCREASE IN
NEW STUDENTS
FROM '19-'20
SCHOOL YEAR



May Crowning



Priests, Deacons, *and Religious Life*

The Annual Appeal assists with the education, ordination, and ongoing formation of our priests and deacons, as well as the encouragement of religious vocations for men and women. By the sacrament of Holy Orders, deacons and priests are conformed to Christ in a particular way to carry out the apostolic ministry. And those who follow Christ in the religious life by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience provide a great witness for the faithful and serve in a variety of ways.

"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision...Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."

*Pope Francis
(Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013)*



Permanent Diaconate Ordination

Testimonial: *Deacon Paul Viramontes*

My name is Paul Viramontes, a permanent deacon with the Diocese of Dallas assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano, Texas. I am a retired Certified Public Accountant. My wife, Tracy, is also a Certified Public Accountant. We have been married for 14 years.

I never expected that my life would take the path that it has taken. God saw fit to put many high-quality people – holy in their own way – in my life. These people made a deep impression that I carry with me even now. Some were ordained but most were not. My first encounter with the permanent diaconate was when I moved to Plano in the early 1990s. I recall deacons assisting at Mass. During the process of my wife coming into the Church, it was a deacon who led RCIA, assisted my wife with the annulment of a previous marriage, and convalidated our marriage. Deacons were also an integral part of each of the ministries that I engaged in.

When my wife made the decision to convert to Catholicism, I began studying my faith. This self-study eventually evolved into my taking some classes through Franciscan University of Steubenville. This led to a conversation with my pastor, Father

Bruce Bradley, and eventually to my application for the permanent diaconate and six years of formation. For six years, 24 men and their wives committed their time to formation, academic and spiritual. Guided by the formation team and sponsor couples – previously ordained permanent deacons and their wives – we were ordained in June 2020.

I am blessed and grateful to serve God in the building of His Kingdom and serving the people of the Diocese of Dallas.



Youth, Young Adult, and *Campus Ministries*

The Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries (OYYACM) believes that every Catholic is called to be a leader and every leader is called to be a missionary. With a missionary leader approach, the Church will always be a movement, which keeps it alive. The OYYACM fosters communities that support the evolving needs of our youth and their families as they mature in their relationship with Christ. Every decision or project initiated by the OYYACM is done through the lens of their mission – to make missionaries.

170

**MINISTRY
LEADERS**

980

**HIGH SCHOOL
PARTICIPANTS**
*at the Dallas Catholic
Youth Conference*

16

**PARISHES
SUPPORTED**
*by Pastoral Juvenil
Hispana*



Testimonial: *Focus Missionary* *Evan Groom*



Having been a Catholic at The University of Texas at Dallas for the last two years, what the Catholic community has really lacked is a place to call home. The new addition of the University Catholic Center is very exciting for me and so many students at UT Dallas. The ability to receive the Sacraments daily, have a space to pray with Jesus present, and a place to spend time with friends is a game changer. I'm excited to see the ways that Jesus will use the University Catholic Center to change lives on this campus in the coming years.



University Catholic Center Dedication Mass



Community *Outreach*

Pastoral outreach requires us to carry out the Beatitudes through housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, caring for children and seniors, and addressing the spiritual and emotional needs of our communities. The programs and facilities offered through the Diocese of Dallas allow us to evangelize through word and deed, touching the hearts of those who are most in need. Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal provide vital community services to people through such programs as the Catholic Conference and Formation Center and Catholic Charities Dallas.



**6 chaplains serving
12+ hospitals
throughout the
Diocese**



**Over 1,000 Bibles
distributed
(including 250
to prisoners)**



**6.2 million
meals
provided**



**Over 600,000
individuals served
through food
distribution**



**126 formerly
homeless seniors
housed at St.
Jude Center**



**946 refugees
aided with
resettlement
services**

Catholic Conference and Formation Center

Testimonial: *Patty Finch*

I started attending retreats at the Catholic Conference and Formation Center (CCFC) about 10 years ago. When I walk onto the campus of the CCFC, all the stress of my day leaves me. Each of my retreats has been beautiful and so special. ACTS retreats at the CCFC are truly life changing. I will carry the many "God moments" with me forever.

This special place allows for fellowship and prayer and reflection. I am reminded that where two or more are gathered, He is in our midst. God is always near, especially when on retreat at the CCFC.

Patty Finch - St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Richardson

210

Retreats
Hosted

3,226

Retreat
Participants

8,377

Meals
Served

1,275

People Spent at
least One Night
at the Retreat
Center



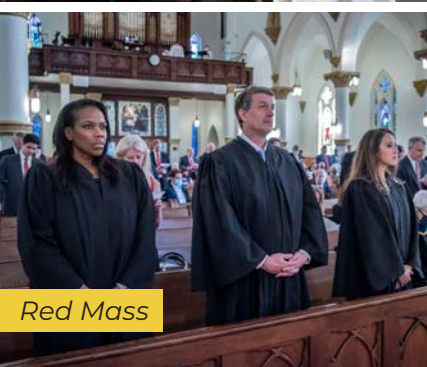
Outdoor Mass with Fr. Zach



CCFC Trinity Hall



Blue Mass



Red Mass



White Mass

Worship & Homebound Ministry

The Office of Worship assists in shaping liturgical and pastoral practices, espousing sacramental life, and forming liturgical ministers. Among the many programs provided by this office are the celebrations of sacred liturgy for specific vocations in the community, in particular, the Blue Mass for those employed in the field of public safety; the Red Mass for those in the legal profession; and the White Mass for those in the healthcare profession. Every year it is the privilege of the Diocese of Dallas and Bishop Burns to gather in worship with all people and to recognize all those who share the Gospel through service to their communities.

The Diocese of Dallas embraced the opportunity to bring the celebration of the Eucharist into the homes of thousands through the creation of the televised Masses, which were also streamed on social media and the Diocese of Dallas website. The televised Mass revealed a thirst for additional participation in the community from those who are homebound. Consequently, this year the diocesan Office of Catholic Social Ministry has developed training and support for parish Homebound Ministry, created to strengthen the bridge between the domestic church and the parish. Homebound Ministry allows the local parish to be the hands and feet of Christ, and to bring the compassion of Christ to those whose circumstances prevent them from being able to visit their local parish. Sunday Mass will continue to be broadcast on local television stations sponsored by The Catholic Foundation through the end of 2022.

TV Mass Stats:

29,771*

**TOTAL
ENGLISH
VIEWS**

30,705*

**TOTAL
SPANISH
VIEWS**

**Average Weekly
Participation*

Diocesan Synod

Embracing the Apostolic Mission in the Diocese of Dallas

Bishop Burns has called a diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Dallas in 2024. A synod is a meeting that takes place at a particular time, bringing together people appointed from varied backgrounds to discuss pastoral and administrative practices in a particular diocese. The entire synod process is conducted over 10 years with the assistance of the Synod Preparatory Commission and the participation of the faithful in the diocese.

The Synod Preparatory Commission is currently hosting listening sessions to gather perspectives of the faithful that will be discussed at the Synod Meeting in 2024. Once the listening sessions have concluded, the Commission will then propose resolutions to Bishop Burns to assist him in setting the direction of the Church in the Diocese of Dallas. The final six years of the synod will be dedicated to implementing the resolutions that Bishop Burns determines are most critical to advancing the apostolic mission of the Church and creating opportunities for the faithful to encounter Christ.

Bishop Burns invites everyone to take the opportunity to participate in Synod Listening Sessions.

Information about upcoming sessions and more information on the synod process can be found at cathdal.org/synod



Diocese of Dallas
SYNOD 2024



2022 PARISH GOALS

PARISH NAME	GOAL	COMMITTED*	PARISH NAME	GOAL	COMMITTED*
All Saints	\$ 327,000	\$ 218,442	St. Cecilia	\$ 52,000	\$ 51,787
Blessed Sacrament	61,000	39,570	St. Edward	40,000	27,251
Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe	90,000	63,535	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano	407,000	285,279
Christ the King	442,000	412,180	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	77,000	53,258
Church of the Incarnation	43,000	44,125	St. Elizabeth, Bonham	13,000	7,435
Corpus Christi, Ferris	17,500	15,555	St. Francis of Assisi, Frisco	383,500	374,678
Divine Mercy of Our Lord	23,000	20,313	St. Francis of Assisi, Whitesboro	17,500	11,740
Epiphany, Italy	9,000	7,685	St. Francis, Lancaster	25,000	28,490
Good Shepherd, Garland	91,500	68,784	St. Gabriel the Archangel, McKinney	171,000	207,947
Holy Cross	22,500	51,920	St. James	54,500	26,034
Holy Family of Nazareth, Irving	147,000	112,428	St. John, Ennis	50,500	67,159
Holy Family, Van Alstyne	49,500	49,420	St. John, Terrell	23,500	21,889
Holy Spirit, Duncanville	122,000	97,487	St. Joseph Vietnamese, Grand Prairie	35,500	44,295
Holy Trinity	137,500	143,731	St. Joseph, Commerce	14,500	9,510
Immaculate Conception, Corsicana	30,500	41,671	St. Joseph, Richardson	205,000	198,133
Immaculate Conception, Grand Prairie	51,000	35,360	St. Joseph, Waxahachie	57,000	75,705
Mary Immaculate	161,000	163,274	St. Jude Chapel	45,500	39,936
Mater Dei Personal Parish	20,000	11,983	St. Jude, Allen	347,000	364,841
Mother of Perpetual Help	91,000	124,385	St. Luke, Irving	88,000	95,521
Nuestra Señora del Pilar	39,500	47,093	St. Mark the Evangelist, Plano	390,000	289,321
Our Lady of Angels	112,000	160,397	St. Martin, Forney	56,500	31,396
Our Lady of Fatima, Quinlan	2,000	1,475	St. Mary of Carmel	20,000	15,594
Our Lady of Lourdes	23,000	22,187	St. Mary, Sherman	103,000	80,399
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	17,500	16,288	St. Michael the Archangel, Garland	108,500	85,287
Our Lady of San Juan	7,500	10,503	St. Michael the Archangel, Grand Prairie	85,000	73,285
Our Lady of the Lake	151,000	195,698	St. Michael, McKinney	110,000	104,810
Prince of Peace	251,500	208,515	St. Monica	291,000	218,174
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chinese, Plano	17,000	12,860	St. Patrick, Dallas	221,000	193,408
Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Carrollton	39,000	39,834	St. Patrick, Denison	35,000	34,097
Sacred Heart, Rowlett	47,500	49,866	St. Paul the Apostle, Richardson	143,000	167,695
San Juan Diego	60,500	18,674	St. Peter the Apostle	9,000	6,075
Santa Clara	38,500	31,076	St. Peter Vietnamese	18,000	28,820
SMU Campus Ministry	40,000	22,225	St. Philip the Apostle	34,500	36,771
St. Andrew Kim	26,000	29,209	St. Pius X	114,500	99,026
St. Ann, Coppell	467,000	365,671	St. Rita	527,500	522,550
St. Ann, Kaufman	19,500	21,744	St. Thomas Aquinas	309,000	292,288
St. Anthony, Dallas	3,000	9,167	St. William, Greenville	28,000	34,280
St. Anthony, Wylie	97,500	100,447	No Parish Designated	0	69,285
St. Augustine	26,000	17,936			
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	49,000	46,651			
			TOTALS	\$ 8,181,000	\$ 7,522,812

*These numbers reflect gifts committed through July 31, 2022



"In all things I have shown you
that by working hard in this way we

must help the weak

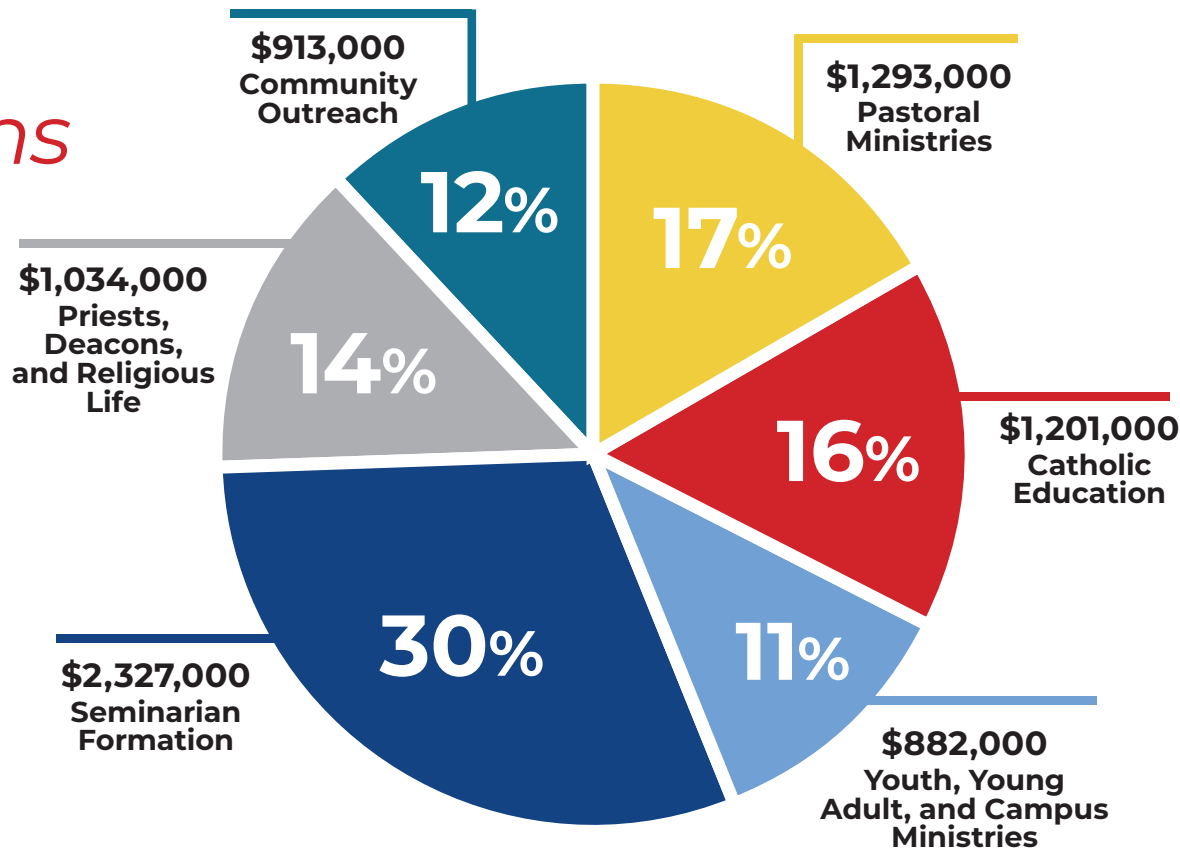
and remember the words of the Lord
Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more
blessed to give than to receive.'"

– ACTS 20:35

Appeal *Allocations*

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps fund ministries that support Seminarian Formation; Priests, Deacons, and Religious Life; Community Outreach; Pastoral Ministries; Catholic Education; and Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries. 100% of your contribution goes to the shared Catholic ministries in the Diocese of Dallas.

Your gift matters!



**Fiscal year 2022 budgeted distributions*



Presbyteral Ordination

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