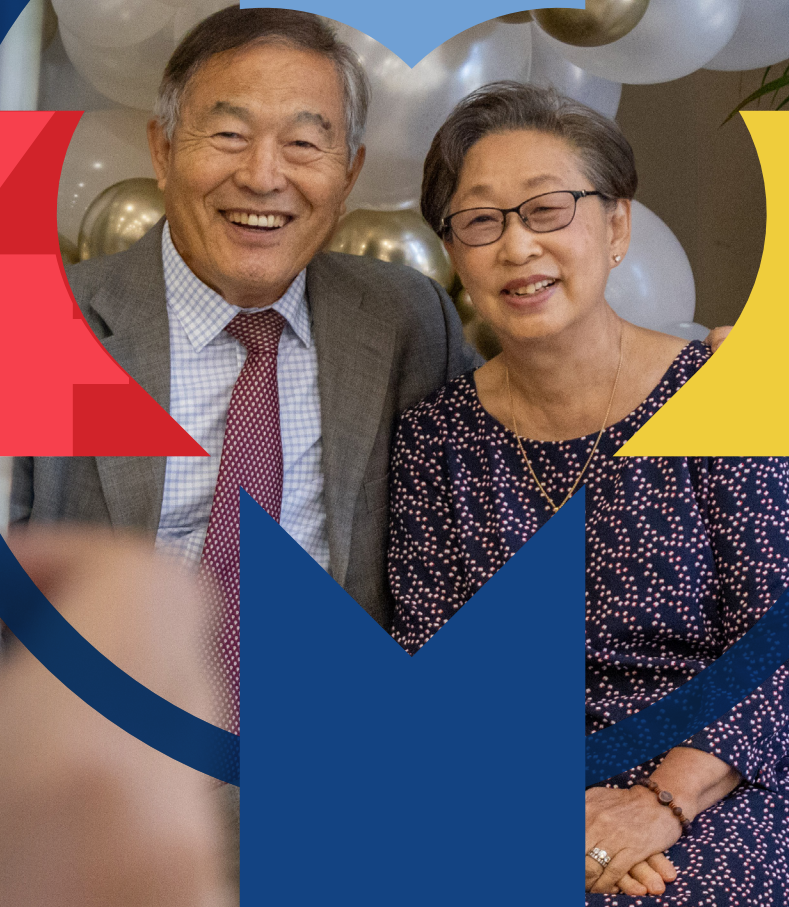




Bishop's Annual Appeal
FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

2024

Bishop's Annual Report
for Catholic Ministries





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I extend warm greetings and my thanks to our growing Catholic community for all you do to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ. Thanks to the steadfast generosity of donors, like you, who support the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, I continue to witness the transformative power of our faith in action every day throughout the Diocese of Dallas.

From empowering our youth through programs like *The 635* and Pastoral Juvenil Hispana, to honoring and cherishing our newlywed couples and those celebrating their Golden Anniversary of 50 years, your commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal fuels the heartbeat of our Church and exemplifies the essence of what it means to come together as one Body of Christ. Because of you, we are embodying the mission of Christ, spreading His message of love, compassion, and forgiveness throughout North Texas.

I am proud of all we have accomplished together; and as your Shepherd, I am pleased to share with you this year's Annual Report demonstrating the impact your support has made possible in every part of the Diocese. Inside, you will find stories highlighting the profound impact your commitment made on the lives of countless individuals, families, youth, and seniors in our community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and your dedication to advancing the Gospel in our community. In the spirit of gratitude and shared mission, may we all continue to walk hand in hand, guided by the light of Christ, spreading His love and grace and making a tangible difference in the lives of those around us, especially as we prepare for the Synod later this year.

May God bless you abundantly, along with your loved ones, as we journey together in faith and service.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas

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- MOST REVEREND EDWARD J. BURNS



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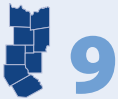




Founded in
1890



1.3 M
Catholics in
the Diocese
of Dallas



9
Counties within
the Diocese

 **22 K**
Bishop's Annual
Appeal Donors



Every County



11,337
Infant, Child, and
Adult Baptisms



9,696
First
Communions



8,894
Confirmations

“ I appreciate the financial support of the faithful of Dallas, because it is through their generosity of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal that I was formed and prepared to serve them in the Priesthood of Christ. Seminary was a time of intense and focused formation to one day serve as a priest in Dallas. Now that that time has arrived, I’m grateful to look back and see how the support of the faithful gifted me with such formation. I look forward to putting that formation into action at my first assignment – through baptizing the children of the faithful, offering the sacrament of reconciliation, and uniting them to God through the Mass. Without their support, both spiritually and financially, the ministry I’m undertaking as a priest would not have been as well prepared. I remain grateful for the ways in which the faithful support the seminarians and priests of the Diocese of Dallas.”

— Fr. Parker Thompson
Ordained to the Priesthood, May 2024



“Catholic Schools have been essential to our family throughout the years. Catholic Schools continue to nourish the spirit of the entire community including students, parents, faculty, and staff. The values taught and the traditions formed will sustain the mission of Catholic Schools for years to come!”

– Alma Keglovits, a 1995 graduate of St. Elizabeth of Hungary and a 1999 graduate of Bishop Dunne, mother of Catholic school children, and Department Chair at Bishop Dunne



A new PK-8th Grade School in

COLLIN COUNTY

We saw our enrollment *increase*

1.5%

in our 36 Catholic schools

More than

\$78 M

in college scholarships were awarded to students in our diocesan high schools



200+ Participants attended Workshops or Day of Reflection

16+ Cultures served in our growing community

The Office of Cultural Diversity promotes dialogue, cultural awareness, and understanding among ethnic and cultural communities, fostering the growth of our faith communities. Our goal is to cultivate a spirit of welcoming and belonging among all Catholics.

We provide resources and services to Diocesan offices, ministry leaders, parish personnel, and partner agencies in the field of multicultural ministry within the Diocese of Dallas.

This year, the Diocese hosted several events, including the St. Luke Productions Presents "Tolton: From Slave to Priest" as well as the inaugural Diocese of Dallas Multicultural Celebration, "Unity in Diversity," a celebration of the richness of the Diocese's diverse cultures.

The Office of Evangelization, Catechesis & Family Life provides ongoing formation and support for parish catechetical leaders and parish family life leaders. Last year, we engaged 176 parish ministry leaders in 11 deanery meetings, offering them fellowship and formation on mental health issues. We organized celebratory events such as the Golden Anniversary Mass, honoring 95 couples from 41 parishes for their faithful love and commitment. Similarly, the Newlywed Mass provided an opportunity to accompany, celebrate, and provide resources for 180 couples in their first crucial year of marriage.

We facilitated spiritual growth and development through two retreats attended by 59 leaders from 27 parishes. In the realm of sacramental formation, we conducted three Confirmation training sessions (one in English and two in Spanish), training 184 catechists in evangelizing catechesis. We supported parishes in forming 73 engaged couples and 76 convalidating couples to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Additionally, 114 sponsor couples were trained to better accompany these couples through the marriage preparation process in parishes throughout the Diocese. Lastly, our ministry conference drew 290 participants from 15 parishes, who attended enriching sessions covering family life, catechesis, liturgy, and safe environment.



180 Newlywed Couples
participated in the
Newlywed Mass



95 50th Anniversary Couples
participated in the Golden
Anniversary Mass



“ After attending with a few of my friends from St. Thomas Aquinas, I could see why everyone loves it. I was welcomed at the door with amazing hospitality. I was able to meet so many new people who were so on fire with their faith, reconnect with old friends, join in worship, and listen to the amazing speaker. Every time I leave The 635, I am overwhelmed by how the Holy Spirit moves the young adults and the speakers. ”

– Isabel Keith



Every Invite: *The 635*



The 635 is an event for all young adults, regardless of background, to gather, pray, and learn about the Catholic faith as one community. The goal is to connect these young adults with various communities that serve them throughout the Diocese of Dallas within our parishes. Typically, this event is hosted in venues outside the parish throughout North Texas that appeal to young adults. It was first established at the Granada Theater, with a happy hour at the Sundown, but has since expanded to multiple venues. At *The 635*, attendees can expect opportunities for community building, prayer through music, and keynote addresses from national Catholic speakers.

Over the last year, we have witnessed significant growth in young adult ministry throughout the Diocese. *The 635* event in May 2024 was the largest yet, with almost 500 young adults in attendance. *The 635* serves to highlight our young adult and Pastoral Juvenil Hispana communities, as these ministries are central to its mission. Additionally, *The 635* showcases the diversity of young adults from across the Diocese of Dallas, both spiritually and culturally. These events attract members from all our parishes, whether they are actively involved in their parish community or seeking deeper connections. *The 635* has created an environment where any young adult can connect with others who are also looking to deepen their faith.

"My name is Ray Simpson. My wife Heidi and I have been married for 39 years, blessed with seven children and 16 grandchildren, so far. I am privileged and honored to be in formation for the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Dallas. Our culturally diverse formation class is currently one of the largest in the country, and I am humbled to journey alongside the other men and their wives as each discerns our call to serve the people of the Diocese of Dallas.

Throughout the six-year formation process, we attend a wide variety of classes at the University of Dallas and at St. Raphael Retreat Center. My wife and I are grateful for the opportunity to grow together in our faith and deepen our appreciation for the traditions and teachings of our Church. The formation process has already enriched us as a couple in ways I could not have imagined when we began three years ago. I am deeply thankful for the support of all those who contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. God willing, after my ordination, I eagerly look forward to serving as a deacon in a parish within our Diocese."

– Ray Simpson





“ It was a great blessing to be ordained at our Cathedral here in Dallas because I believe I am in the seminary due to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

"My name is Deacon Bryce Baumann. I was ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop Burns on March 9, 2024, at the National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I attended Plano Senior High School and entered seminary immediately upon graduation. I loved being involved at my home parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where my father has worked in ministry for over 20 years. While I had sensed a call to do something in ministry, it was not until I completed a process called Marian Consecration that I had a deep peace and interest to discern the priesthood. I saw the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe everywhere during that time—in churches, in businesses, and even in Tex-Mex restaurants! She helped me to see how Jesus was inviting me to use my gifts to minister to His people as a priest, and since then, my desire to love and serve the Lord in this capacity has only grown.

The generosity of donors giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal has granted me the opportunity to follow God's call for me. I keep my benefactors in my daily prayers, knowing that I truly could not be where I am without them. The least I can do in exchange is try and match their generosity by giving my life to the Church of Dallas as a priest."

– Dcn. Bryce Baumann



Through the Office of Catholic Social Ministries, in the summer of 2024, a group of 48 Catholic high school students from Bishop Dunne Catholic School, Cistercian Preparatory School, John Paul II High School, and Ursuline Academy, accompanied by 12 chaperones, two nurses, and three Diocesan staff members, traveled on a service-mission to the Diocese of San Isidro, Costa Rica.

During the seven-day mission trip in the Pejibaye District and Casa Nazareth Retreat House in San Isidro, all students and chaperones participated in four construction projects. At Casa Nazareth, the team was responsible for building a drainage system and planting trees. In the Pejibaye District, all participants contributed to the construction of a new classroom in the Guadalupe Community, building sidewalks and assisting with the construction of a new fence in the Santa Cecilia Community, and supporting the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish community in the construction of sidewalks around the church and its property.

“ You get so caught up in Dallas with technology and social media and certain aspects of life; when you come down to Costa Rica, everything slows down. When you don’t have technology, you reflect on what you truly have and what you truly need. It’s like a cleanser throughout the year; it really helps you reflect on what you need, what you want, and really look back on your life in Dallas, and ultimately live better. ”

– Kaden Polachek, Bishop Dunne Class of 2025

- FEBRUARY 2021** Bishop Burns calls for our diocesan Synod to start the pre-preparatory phase
- AUGUST 2021** The Preparatory Commission is formed
- DECEMBER 2021** The opening Mass for the preparatory phase of the Synod is held at St. Ann's in Coppell with a family festival
- FEBRUARY 2022** Our first formal listening session is held – the first of 30
- NOVEMBER 2023** The final listening session is held – the last of 30
- DECEMBER 2023** The Synod assembly phase begins, acutely beginning preparations for the four-day Synod assembly that will be held in December 2024
- JANUARY 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2024** The writing of resolutions will be completed
- SEPTEMBER 2024** Delegates are commissioned at a Delegate Commissioning Mass, given time to prepare spiritually for the assembly
- OCTOBER 2024** The Implementation Commission will be formed
- DECEMBER 2024** The Synod Assembly will be held December 1st – December 4th



Parish with the highest percentage of participation

ST. PETER VIETNAMESE, DALLAS (41%)

Parish with the highest percentage over the goal received

ST. ANTHONY, DALLAS (271%)

Parish with the highest percentage over the goal committed

ST. ANTHONY, DALLAS (271%)

Most improved from 2022

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE, DALLAS
ST. JOSEPH, COMMERCE

Several parishes have distinguished themselves as the leaders of the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. We want to highlight those who have done exceedingly well in *one of the three* success metrics:

20%+ Parishioner Participation

Meet/Exceed the committed goal

Meet/Exceed the received goal

First Parishes to Meet *Commitment* and *Received* Goal:

1. Holy Cross, Dallas
2. Our Lady of Fatima, Quinlan
3. St. Anthony, Dallas
4. St. Peter the Apostle, Dallas
5. St. Peter Vietnamese, Dallas



PARISH NAME	GOAL (\$)	COMMITTED (\$)	PARISH NAME	GOAL (\$)	COMMITTED (\$)
All Saints	327,000	272,892	St. Cecilia	52,000	44,743
Blessed Sacrament	61,000	37,708	St. Edward	40,000	38,696
Cathedral Santuario	90,000	86,871	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano	407,000	334,581
Christ the King*	442,000	589,578	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	77,000	74,654
Church of the Incarnation	43,000	34,885	St. Elizabeth, Bonham	13,000	8,695
Corpus Christi, Ferris*	17,500	23,090	St. Francis of Assisi, Frisco*	383,500	454,710
Divine Mercy of Our Lord	23,000	15,595	St. Francis of Assisi, Lancaster*	25,000	30,392
Epiphany, Italy*	9,000	10,340	St. Francis of Assisi, Whitesboro	17,500	13,595
Good Shepherd, Garland	91,500	74,384	St. Gabriel the Archangel, McKinney*	171,000	236,774
Holy Cross*	22,500	69,867	St. James	54,500	36,827
Holy Family of Nazareth, Irving	147,000	92,051	St. John, Ennis*	50,500	67,244
Holy Family, Van Alstyne*	49,500	58,966	St. John, Terrell	23,500	22,360
Holy Spirit, Duncanville*	122,000	128,146	St. Joseph, Commerce*	14,500	16,554
Holy Trinity*	137,500	162,234	St. Joseph, Richardson	205,000	204,604
Immaculate Conception, Corsicana*	30,500	53,862	St. Joseph, Waxahachie*	57,000	90,769
Immaculate Conception, Grand Prairie	51,000	39,707	St. Joseph Vietnamese, Grand Prairie*	35,500	57,268
Mary Immaculate*	161,000	165,594	St. Jude Chapel	45,500	45,171
Mater Dei Personal Parish	20,000	16,888	St. Jude, Allen*	347,000	446,880
Mother of Perpetual Help*	91,000	155,751	St. Luke, Irving*	88,000	97,685
Nuestra Senora del Pilar*	39,500	44,141	St. Mark the Evangelist, Plano	390,000	352,665
Our Lady of Angels*	112,000	168,657	St. Martin, Forney	56,500	36,691
Our Lady of Fatima, Quinlan*	2,000	4,065	St. Mary of Carmel	20,000	18,791
Our Lady of Lourdes	23,000	20,888	St. Mary, Sherman	103,000	71,558
Our Lady of Perpetual Help*	17,500	19,761	St. Michael the Archangel, Garland	108,500	88,477
Our Lady of San Juan	7,500	3,311	St. Michael the Archangel, Grand Prairie	85,000	73,624
Our Lady of the Lake*	151,000	168,798	St. Michael, McKinney	110,000	106,540
Prince of Peace	251,500	244,864	St. Monica	291,000	278,474
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chinese, Plano	17,000	15,336	St. Patrick, Dallas	221,000	205,762
Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Carrollton*	39,000	45,688	St. Patrick, Denison*	35,000	47,045
Sacred Heart, Rowlett*	47,500	62,827	St. Paul the Apostle, Richardson*	143,000	199,715
San Juan Diego	60,500	23,139	St. Peter the Apostle*	9,000	17,513
Santa Clara	38,500	22,144	St. Peter Vietnamese*	18,000	28,950
SMU Campus Ministry	40,000	35,180	St. Philip the Apostle*	34,500	41,918
St. Andrew Kim*	26,000	28,440	St. Pius X	114,500	115,459
St. Ann, Coppell*	467,000	510,261	St. Rita*	527,500	594,163
St. Ann, Kaufman*	19,500	21,496	St. Thomas Aquinas*	309,000	343,016
St. Anthony, Dallas*	3,000	11,144	St. William, Greenville*	28,000	40,266
St. Anthony, Wylie*	97,500	117,549	Special	-	80,123
St. Augustine	26,000	20,447			
St. Bernard of Clairvaux*	49,000	68,451			
			Totals	\$ 8,181,000	\$ 8,807,948

A Note of Gratitude

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am filled with immense gratitude by the incredible support and dedication of our faith community here in the Diocese of Dallas. It is my pleasure to share the remarkable impact we have achieved together through the *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries*.

My journey in development work has been profoundly shaped by my faith, the guiding force that fuels my passion for serving our Diocese and its many ministries. Each day, I reflect on the words of the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, "*As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*" This excerpt resonates deeply with me, reminding me that our work is not just about raising financial support, but about building a community of faith, hope, and love.

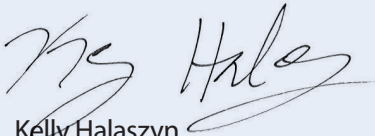
Our Development team continues to work tirelessly to ensure our ministries, programs, and services reach those who need them most. With the goal of expanding ministry opportunities, we have implemented innovative strategies and strengthened our outreach efforts to engage more members of our Catholic community. These efforts have been instrumental in supporting the work of ministry leaders and helping us address the needs of our growing Diocese.

One of the most significant achievements this year has been the growth of the *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries*. In response to the increasing demand for ministries, we have seen a remarkable response in support of the Appeal. This growth is a testament to the generosity and commitment of our faith community. Your unwavering partnership in our shared mission enables us to continue to nourish souls, foster community, and offer a helping hand to those in need.

It is a privilege to serve and be part of such a generous and faith-filled community, and I am continuously inspired by the acts of kindness and charity that I witness every day. On behalf of all who benefit from your commitment to the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, thank you!

As we look forward to the year ahead, I am filled with hope and anticipation for what we can continue to achieve together. May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

With gratitude,



Kelly Halaszyn
Director of Development





Bishop's Annual Appeal FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

MISSION OF THE APPEAL

The mission of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries is to support the spiritual and material needs of our Catholic community in North Texas, promote the teaching of Jesus Christ, and fulfill the Apostolic mission to serve those in need. Through the generosity of our donors, we aim to provide critical resources for programs and ministries that foster faith formation, evangelization, social justice, and charitable outreach. We strive to cultivate a culture of stewardship, encouraging all members of our Catholic community to share their time, talent, and treasure for the greater glory of God and the flourishing of His people.



31%

Seminarian
Formation



19%

Pastoral
Ministries



13%

Catholic
Education



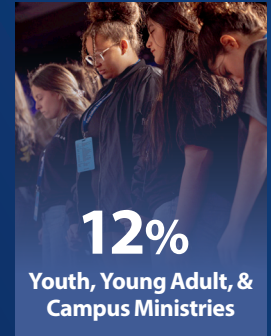
13%

Priests, Deacons,
& Religious Life



12%

Community
Outreach



12%

Youth, Young Adult, &
Campus Ministries



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