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September 2022 Dear Laurel,

I am encouraged by the growing number of people returning to Mass, serving one another and living the faith daily throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth. As a community of faith, we strive each day to provide for the common good of humanity. It is God alone who provides our simplest needs and gifts us with talents and opportunities to share the mission of the Church. How we use those opportunities is entirely up to our God-given free

If we find ourselves in a spiritual emptiness or distant from God, we may be using our gifts for a purpose contrary to the Gospel. To save us from this miserable approach to our lives, the Church offers us daily opportunities to respond to Christ's *Call to Gratitude*.

I am filled with gratitude for the accomplishments of the Annual Diocesan Appeal last year. 9,386 individuals and families supported vital ministries throughout the 92 parishes of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Struggling parishes were able to pay their priests, youth ministers and even their utility bills. However, we fell short of our estimated need and not all parish grants were funded. Some went without while others received less.

Our work is not done. As more Catholics are returning to an active participation in the Church, they depend on the ministries and services receiving funding from the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thousands of children in our Catholic schools will learn the truth, beauty and goodness of God in a safe and secure school building. Men in formation for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate will be a sign of hope for the future of the Church and Respect Life ministries will support pregnant women and new mothers and families throughout the year, when you contribute to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

I invite you to reflect on the blessings in your life and with an encouraging spirit, please discern how you will help proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I ask that you consider joining your brothers and sisters in Christ by making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as an earnest response to Christ's Call to Gratitude.

As I renew my prayers for you as God's flock entrusted to my care and pastoral oversight, I thank you for your prayers for me as your Bishop.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, MA Bishop of Fort Worth

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☐ YES, I/We want to support our parishes, schools, priests, seminarians, families and the poor.

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With a monthly gift of:

□ \$20.00 □ \$17.50 □ \$14.00 □ \$10.00 ☐ Other \$_

Or, with a one-time gift of:

□ \$150.00 □ \$125.00 □ \$100.00 □ \$50.00 □ Other \$_

☐ And/or by praying for the success of the appeal

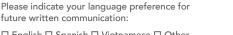


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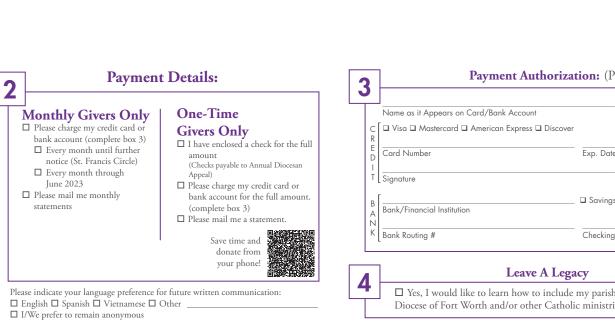
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 $\hfill\Box$ Yes, I would like to learn how to include my parish, the Diocese of Fort Worth and/or other Catholic ministries in my estate plans.