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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 will.

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 your generosity to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last year. Your Leadership Society gift supported vital ministries throughout the 92 parishes of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Because of you, struggling parishes were able to pay their priests, directors of religious education, youth ministers or even their utility bills.

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, all with your contributions to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

I invite you to reflect on the blessings in your life and with an encouraging spirit, discern how you will help us spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. I invite you to prayerfully consider joining the Our Lady of Victory Society by making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which recognizes those donors whose significant contributions ensure the success of this campaign. Please answer Christ's **Call to Gratitude** with your generous commitment to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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,

+ Michael F. Olson

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



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

With a monthly gift of:

- \$2,500.00 \$2,000.00 \$1,750.00 \$1,100.00
 Other \$ _____

Or, with a one-time gift of:

- \$25,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$17,500.00 \$11,000.00
 Other \$ _____

And/or by praying for the success of the appeal

Parishioner Information: (Please Print)

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When you give to the 2022-2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

*You Provide Hope for Our Parishes.
You Provide Hope for Those in Need.
You Provide Hope for Our Diocese.*



The *Gabriel Project* is a parish-based ministry that has been supporting women experiencing a crisis pregnancies for almost 20 years in the Diocese of Fort Worth. In recent months there has been an increased need for services like the Gabriel Project. Last year with the support from the Annual Diocesan Appeal, the ministry joyfully welcomed 48 babies and served 175 moms through pregnancy and during the first year of their babies' lives. An outreach program of Catholic Charities Fort Worth, the *Gabriel Project* does not receive government grants. Volunteers, called Angels, and donations from individuals are the only resources available for this much needed ministry.

Kexsy Villeda Guerra, a dedicated and loving mother to two children, received assistance with her bills after delivery and was referred to Catholic Charities Career Development Services for employment counseling. Her Angel, Amy Beerwinkle, has been her biggest supporter and advocate; providing spiritual and emotional support. Kexsy currently works full time as an administrative assistant at a landscape company and also has a part time job during the weekends. To meet the increased demand for *Gabriel Project* services, the Annual Diocesan Appeal has pledged a substantial increase in grant funding this year.

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Payment Details:

Monthly Givers Only

- Please charge my credit card or bank account (complete box 3)
- Every month until further notice (St. Francis Circle)
- Every month through June 2023
- Please mail me monthly statements

One-Time Givers Only

- I have enclosed a check for the full amount (Checks payable to Annual Diocesan Appeal)
- Please charge my credit card or bank account for the full amount. (complete box 3)
- Please mail me a statement.

Save time and donate from your phone!



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Leave A Legacy

- 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.

Does your employer match your contributions? | Would you like to make your gift with stock or a Qualified Charitable Distribution? | Other questions?

Please contact Dianna Rhoads at 817-533-3174 | drhoads@adv-fdn.org

You may make your Leadership Society Gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal through monthly recurring giving, which also enrolls you in the St. Francis Circle. Here's a guide to monthly giving for each Leadership Giving Society.

Annual Gift	Per Month	Giving Society
\$50,000	\$4,166.67	Our Lady of Guadalupe Society – \$50,000+
\$25,000	\$2,083.33	Our Lady of Victory Society – \$25,000-\$49,999
\$10,000	\$833.33	St. Katharine Drexel Society – \$10,000-\$24,999
\$5,000	\$416.67	St. Stanislaus Society – \$5,000-\$9,999
\$2,500	\$208.33	St. Alice Society – \$2,500-\$4,999
\$1,500	\$125.00	St. William Society – \$1,500-\$2,499
\$1,000	\$83.33	San Patricio Society – \$1,000-\$1,499
\$500	\$41.67	St. John Society – \$500-\$999

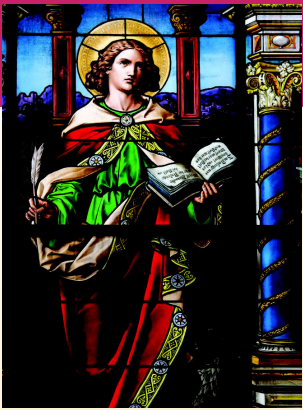
Thank you for your commitment to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a member of the Leadership Giving Societies.



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Individuals who sustain the ministries and programs of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth through significant annual contributions to the Annual Diocesan Appeal are celebrated and recognized through one of eight **Leadership Giving Societies**. Through your leadership, the Annual Diocesan Appeal is able to provide for the pastoral and temporal needs of families and their children, support rural and financially-struggling parishes, care for retired and infirm priests, assist with funds to form seminarians and men studying for the permanent diaconate and other vital ministries. Your contributions are received with deepest gratitude and are acknowledged personally by Most Reverend Michael Olson and on our website.



The Society of St. John the Evangelist
\$500-\$999

The Church grew and flourished because of the special role St. John played in making the Good News of Jesus known throughout the world through his writings. When you give to the Annual Diocesan Appeal by making a gift as a member of the Society of St. John, you, too, make an incredible impact on the Church and making the message of Jesus known throughout our Diocese and world.



The Society of San Patricio
\$1,000-\$1,499

St. Patrick devoted his life to spreading the Gospel throughout the entire countryside of Ireland to those most in need of spiritual nourishment. By making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a member of the Society of San Patricio, your generosity brings much needed spiritual nourishment to more than one million Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth.



The Society of St. William
\$1,500-\$2,499

The quiet and pious life of St. William reminds us that even the simplest acts of love for God can help us to grow in sainthood. Your generosity as a member of the Society of St. William reflects the love of God to all those reached by the funds of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, just as William's sainthood has reflected God's love to all people for centuries.



The Society of St. Alice
\$2,500-\$4,999

St. Alice understood what it was like to live a life of much suffering, but through it all she was generous in giving God's love to all those she encountered. Like St. Alice, your generosity to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a member of the Society of St. Alice brings the hope of Christ to so many in our Diocese who are suffering, experiencing brokenness and feeling forgotten.



The Society of St. Stanislaus
\$5,000-\$9,999

St. Stanislaus was so devoted to the faith that he gave his life for love of Jesus when he was martyred for celebrating Mass. Your generosity to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a member of the St. Stanislaus Society strengthens the celebration of and devotion to the Catholic faith throughout the 28 counties of the Diocese of Fort Worth, a cause for which St. Stanislaus was willing to lay down his life.



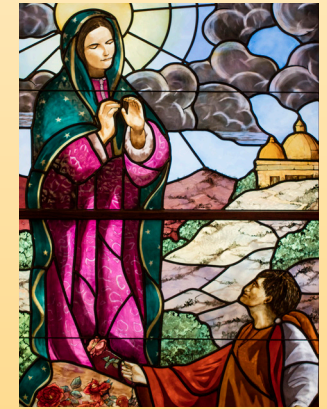
The Society St. Katharine Drexel
\$10,000-\$24,999

St. Katharine Drexel left her life as an heiress behind when she became a nun. She used her inheritance in the founding of churches, schools and religious orders across minority communities in the United States. Through your generosity to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a member of the Society of St. Katharine Drexel, you embrace the philanthropic vocation that sustains the Diocese of Fort Worth for future generations.



The Society of Our Lady of Victory
\$25,000-\$49,999

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God. Through the Rosary Christians were spared from decimation at the Battle of Lepanto and St. Thérèse of Lisieux was healed at age 10 of a life-threatening illness. May the Rosary guide the discernment to join the Society of Our Lady of Victory for the Annual Diocesan Appeal.



The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
\$50,000+

Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe helped convert millions to Christianity and brought the Gospel to all the Americas. As a member of the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, your generosity spreads the Gospel throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth for the conversion of sinners and strength of our country.