

---

# 2014 - 2015 APPEAL UPDATE

Vol. IV, No. 5

---

OCTOBER 22, 2014



*“Our experience of God’s love can open our hearts to solidarity  
With our neighbors and move us to action.” – Pope Francis*

## **Sharing in Ministry Progress**

As of September 30, 2014 deposits, \$1,395,950 has been committed by 5,288 donors. This is 46.53% of the appeal goal of \$3 million. \$935,768.37 has been paid toward goal (31.19%). What amazing generosity in giving with a grateful heart!

**Two parishes, St. Paul the Apostle, Fort Worth (105.24%) and St. Maria Goretti, Arlington (101.58%) have surpassed 100% of their parish goal in total commitments, with 21 parishes over 50% of their parish goal** – St. John, Strawn (97.93%); Holy Rosary, Cisco (91.26%); Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington (88.84%); Sacred Heart, Seymour (86.69); St. Peter the Apostle, Fort Worth (79.53%); Blessed John Paul II, Denton (79.41%); St. Mary, Henrietta (77.44%); Holy Family of Nazareth, Vernon (76.97%); Christ the King, Iowa Park (74.56%); St. Jude Thaddeus, Burkburnett (73.11%); Santa Rosa, Knox City (66.31%); Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott (65.60%); Holy Trinity, Azle (64.25%); Our Lady Queen of Peace, Wichita Falls (63.86%); St. Michael, Bedford (62.87%); Good Shepherd, Colleyville (59.03%); St. Bartholomew, Fort Worth (55.83%); St. Boniface, Scotland (54.63%); St. Joseph, Arlington (53.38%); St. Andrew, Fort Worth (51.18%) and St. Joseph, Rhineland (50.99%).

## **Appreciation**

Thank you to all pastors and parochial administrators, parish staff, parish appeal coordinators and diocesan speakers for your efforts in promoting, educating and inviting parishioners to know about the **Sharing in Ministry** Bishop’s Annual Appeal and the work that will benefit from contributions this year.

## **Letter from the Bishop**

Bishop Olson’s first letter inviting participation in the appeal was sent to households in early-to-mid September. His follow-up letter to those yet to make a gift will arrive in households in mid-November.

## **Parish Share**

Each parish will receive 10% of all funds raised up to their parish goal and 50% of everything contributed over the parish goal for use in meeting local parish needs. This share portion is tax-exempt. Checks will be sent to parishes after December 2014 reconciling and again after June 2015 reconciling. A total of \$86,722.03 has already been earned by 86 of 91 parishes.

## **Reminders and Gift Acknowledgement**

Donors who requested monthly payment reminders should receive their reminder mailing the first week of every month from November 2014 through June 2015. Recurring credit card and direct debit transactions are completed twice per month. Thank you letters will be sent once per month. Tax documentation for gifts will be included in the Advancement Foundation consolidated tax statement sent to donors in late January 2015.

## **Website – [www.advancementfoundation.org](http://www.advancementfoundation.org)**

Visit the **Sharing in Ministry** webpages for information and resources, including electronic files; reports and the portal for online giving to the appeal.

## **Twitter**

Follow **Sharing in Ministry** on Twitter - @SharingMinFW

## **Contact Information**

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the **Sharing in Ministry** Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have any questions about the appeal, please feel free to contact: Pat Miller, Associate Director, Advancement Foundation at 817-560-2452 x116 or by email at [pmiller@advancementfoundation.org](mailto:pmiller@advancementfoundation.org).