



# 2017 BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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Partnership Guide

**February 25 – 26, 2017**



**Office of Parish Stewardship & Development  
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# SUGGESTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

## One week prior to Appeal Weekend February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

The **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**, formerly known as the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, will be presented in our parish next weekend, February **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. The **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** is an opportunity to join the communal efforts of many Catholics of South Texas to support the various diocesan ministries and services throughout the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Your generous contribution to the **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** will help support those in need and to provide support and services to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Please prayerfully consider your commitment to this years' Bishop's Stewardship Appeal.** As our Parish strives to unite in Christ with the faithful of the Diocese, we will see ourselves being good stewards of the many gifts the Lord provides each and every one of us.

## Appeal Weekend February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Today we unite in Christ with our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Corpus Christi to consider our gifts to the **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**. This is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God's gifts, as we share with other Catholics, our treasure and our blessings and show our love for one another. The **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** gives us the opportunity to act together as a family of faith and support the programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by themselves. **Your gift is important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the 2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. You can also give securely online or share the BSA video at [www.diocesecc.org](http://www.diocesecc.org).**

## **Weekend after the Appeal March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** this past weekend. Each year the success of the campaign depends on you. Once more this year, you have done a wonderful thing; your pledges and gifts have helped to assure that the **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** will be able to continue its mission of building the faith community throughout the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

For those of you, who were not here last weekend or for other reasons have not yet made your pledge to this years' **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**, please consider a pledge by picking up a pledge envelope in your pew or the foyer of the church. You may return the completed form to the Parish office or mail it directly to the Office of Parish Stewardship and Development. **You can also give securely online or share the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal video at [diocesecc.org](http://diocesecc.org).**

Again, thank you for being a good steward of the gifts God has given you.

# **Suggested Prayers of the Faithful**

## **For the**

# **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**

### **February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> One week prior to Appeal**

† The people of our parish prayerfully consider the many gifts God has given each of us and help each of us give back in abundance to Him in gratitude,

***We pray to the Lord.***

### **February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Appeal Weekend**

† God bless our parish and diocese, strengthen our faith and parish life and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship by opening our hearts to the *Bishop's Stewardship Appeal*,

***We pray to the Lord.***

### **March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend after the Appeal**

† In gratitude we thank all who have given to the 2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal and pray that others will join us in being stewards of God's many gifts by giving back in gratitude so we may continue the work of the Diocese of Corpus Christi,

***We pray to the Lord.***

## **PLEDGE PROCESSING**

You may simply collect the envelopes and deliver them to the Office of Parish Stewardship and Development at the Chancery. You do not have to process the pledge cards, count money, or put labels on the cards. If there is difficulty in making this delivery, please contact us at 361-693-6643 or [marnold@diocesecc.org](mailto:marnold@diocesecc.org).

**If you decide you want to open the envelopes to see what type of results you have accomplished, be sure to NOT separate the checks/cash from the envelope. Keep both items together.** As soon as you have completed the count, please deliver them to the Office of Parish Stewardship and Development at the Chancery.

Parish bookkeeping is not required. The Office of Parish Stewardship and Development will provide status reports periodically to the parishes, monthly reminders will be sent to parishioners and a tax statement will be provided after the end of the year.

**SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED  
HELP IN ANY WAY,  
PLEASE CALL US AT (361)693-6643.**

**[marnold@diocesecc.org](mailto:marnold@diocesecc.org)**

# **PARISH PARTNERSHIP**

**Parish ID    Parish Name    Parish Objective**

## **Alice Deanery**

1204	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish- Alice	\$21,166.12
1110	Sacred Heart Mission - Realitos	\$0
1201	Saint Elizabeth Parish - Alice	\$15,866.36
1424	Saint Frances of Rome Parish – Agua Dulce	\$4,805.48
1228	Saint Francis de Paula Parish – San Diego	\$10,901.16
1230	Saint Joseph Mission - Palito Blanco	\$1,198.95
1207	Saint Joseph Mission - San Jose	\$0
1202	Saint Joseph Parish - Alice	\$30,421.18
1211	Saint Mary Parish - Freer	\$9,501.52
1425	Saint Michael the Archangel Parish - Banquete	\$5,983.95
1205	Saint Peter Mission - Ben Bolt	\$2,061.82
1206	Santa Rosa de Lima Parish- Benavides	\$6,062.58
1200	Santo Nino de Atocha Mission - Tecolote	\$1,474.77
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$109,443.89</b>

## **Beeville Deanery**

2322	Immaculate Conception Parish- Skidmore	\$4,751.79
2314	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission - Edroy	\$1,650.39
2233	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission - Pawnee	\$1,042.25
2302	Our Lady of Victory Parish - Beeville	\$9,812.03
2305	Sacred Heart Mission - Pettus	\$2,357.09
2313	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish - Odem	\$9,078.00
2220	Sacred Heart Parish - Mathis	\$17,542.97
2232	Sacred Heart Parish – Three Rivers	\$5,510.07
2237	Saint Francis of Assisi Mission - Lagarto	\$2,573.21
2323	Saint Francis Xavier Mission - Tynan	\$2,700.31
2212	Saint George Parish – George West	\$13,606.77
2303	Saint James Parish - Beeville	\$8,958.03
2222	Saint John of the Cross Parish	\$5,241.35
2304	Saint Joseph Parish - Beeville	\$32,971.42
2223	Saint Pius X Mission - Sandia	\$4,690.10
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$122,485.78</b>

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### Corpus Christi Central Deanery

3401	Corpus Christi Cathedral	\$43,568.47
3404	Holy Cross Parish – Corpus Christi	\$3,854.02
3428	Immaculate Conception Parish - Gregory	\$9,707.21
3429	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish- Portland	\$43,469.06
3402	Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish – Corpus Christi	\$6,859.58
3413	Sacred Heart Parish – Corpus Christi	\$9,434.18
3416	Saint Patrick Parish – Corpus Christi	\$59,818.00
3440	Saint Thomas More Parish – Corpus Christi	\$19,087.14
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$195,797.66</b>

### Corpus Christi Five Points Deanery

4423	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission - Clarkwood	\$652.50
4422	Our Lady of the Rosary Parish - CC	\$2,008.88
4499	Saint Anselm of Canterbury Community	\$0
4431	Saint Anthony Parish - Robstown	\$37,256.14
4433	Saint Anthony Parish - Violet	\$6,607.84
4430	Saint John Nepomucene Parish - Robstown	\$10,828.49
4419	Saint Mary Mission - Calallen	\$2,393.64
4498	Saint Michael the Archangel Latin Mass Community	\$0
4221	Saint Patrick Misson-San Patricio	\$1,942.38
4418	Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostle Parish	\$57,196.76
4421	Saint Theresa Parish - CC	\$10,940.35
4437	Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish	\$28,831.75
4434	Saint Vivian Mission - Petronila	\$734.25
4432	Santa Maria Mission - Robstown	\$6,295.57
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$165,688.55</b>

### Corpus Christi Southside Deanery

5407	Most Precious Blood Parish	\$107,790.89
5411	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish	\$66,322.36
5435	Saint Andrew by the Sea Parish	\$33,024.48
5443	Saint Helena of the True Cross of Jesus - CC	\$15,680.06
5442	Saint John the Baptist Parish - CC	\$58,084.46
5312	Saint Joseph Parish – Port Aransas	\$16,618.87
5417	Saint Paul the Apostle Parish- CC	\$33,052.32
5438	Saint Philip the Apostle Parish - CC	\$84,094.53
5420	Saint Pius X Parish	\$77,454.81
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$492,122.78</b>

**Parish ID**

**Parish Name**

**Parish Objective**

**Corpus Christi Westside Deanery**

6403	Christ the King Parish	\$18,508.51
6405	Holy Family Parish - CC	\$30,799.14
6406	Nuestra Senora de San Juan de los Lagos, Madre de La Iglesia	\$9,397.63
6410	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish - CC	\$10,406.46
6412	Our Lady of Pilar Parish – CC	\$18,010.61
6415	Saint Joseph Parish - CC	\$13,639.75
6414	Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish	\$43,393.33
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$144,155.43</b>

**Kingsville Deanery**

7225	Immaculate Conception Mission - Concepción	\$1,497.52
7234	Our Lady of Consolation Parish - Vattman	\$7,375.96
7219	Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish - Kingsville	\$11,147.72
7227	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission - Ramirez	\$1,196.37
7235	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission - Riviera	\$0
7231	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish - Sarita	\$1,839.91
7216	Sacred Heart Mission – Ricardo	\$0
7208	Sacred Heart Parish - Falfurrias	\$15,444.60
7209	Saint Anne Mission – Encino	\$1,476.26
7226	Saint Francis of Assisi - Rios	\$0
7214	Saint Gertrude Parish - Kingsville	\$34,723.32
7218	Saint Joseph Parish - Kingsville	\$11,333.87
7217	Saint Martin Parish - Kingsville	\$15,882.43
7224	Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish - Premont	\$8,522.81
7236	Saint Thomas Aquinas - TAMUK	\$0
7426	St. James Parish – Bishop	\$ 8,308.00
7427	St. James – Driscoll	\$ 1,803.46
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$120,552.23</b>



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### Refugio Deanery

8325	Holy Family Parish- Taft	\$7,197.56
8324	Immaculate Conception Parish- Taft	\$11,722.23
8311	Our Lady of Assumption Parish- Ingleside	\$14,145.55
8319	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish- Sinton	\$11,952.24
8326	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish- Tivoli	\$3,061.37
8315	Our Lady of Refuge Parish- Refugio	\$9,400.05
8318	Sacred Heart Parish-Rockport	\$41,676.77
8321	Sacred Heart Parish- Sinton	\$13,520.45
8328	Saint Anthony of Padua Mission-Austwell	\$1,218.91
8316	Saint Catherine Mission – Blanconia	\$90.22
8327	Saint Dennis Mission – O’Connor Ranch	\$626.59
8317	Saint James the Apostle Parish- Refugio	\$4,868.35
8330	Saint Mary Mission – Bayside	\$1,784.01
8301	Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish- Aransas Pass	\$13,431.94
8320	Saint Paul Mission – Sinton	\$2,005.93
8331	Saint Peter Parish – Rockport	\$2,062.43
8329	Saint Therese Parish – Woodsboro	\$5,900.96
8310	Stella Maris Chapel - Lamar	\$5,197.77
<b>DEANERY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$149,863.33</b>

**Total Parish Partnerships**

**\$1,500,109.64**

# PRIESTS' SUPPORT

As leaders of your parish family, you play a very essential part in communicating to your parishioners the necessity of their involvement with the larger Church. The Office of Parish Stewardship and Development has prepared the way that leads to February 25th and 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. The **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** pledge envelopes, video and pulpit announcements are important ingredients toward a successful appeal. **However, there is no replacement for the PARISH PRIEST. As persons of faith and as leaders of your parish, your personal request to the people of your parish is a key element.**

You are the principal motivators. No poster, letter, insert or other item can replace the impact of your personal support. A successful campaign is directly related to the leadership, enthusiasm and motivation provided to your parishioners by you. Reflect on the reasons why you should believe in the work of the *Diocese of Corpus Christi*. You are the spiritual leaders of your parish and your involvement is essential. If you intend to personally participate in the Appeal, thank you in advance, however please consider sharing with parishioners that you support and have donated to the **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**.

**The 2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** teaches the importance of being a good steward of the gifts God has provided and emphasizes the responsibility parishioners have in supporting their parish and asking them to make a sacrificial gift to the appeal. This provides an opportunity for you to speak to the parishioners not only about their gift for the appeal, but also their gifts to their own parish.

As the video teaches, everything we have is a gift from God and our gratitude to Him needs to be returned to Him in abundance. Please ask for 100% participation. Ask every household to consider a sacrificial gift to the **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**. Remember, no gift is too small or too large. With everyone's participation, our mission will be a monumental success!

Thank you for the time you give to make the appeal a success as well as your commitment to the **2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**.

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL IN YOUR PARISH

A successful ***Bishop's Stewardship Appeal*** is directly related to the leadership, enthusiasm and motivation provided to the parishioners.

- Use the bulletin announcements, pulpit announcements and prayers of the faithful or prepare your own.
- Be enthusiastic: Make the success of the ***Bishop's Stewardship Appeal*** a priority for the parish.
- Be prepared: View the video prior to Appeal weekend and set up and try the equipment BEFORE the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass. For DVD players simply load and press play. For computers double click to open the video.
- Create a positive image: Speak and publish positive things about the ***Bishop's Stewardship Appeal*** and the many programs the Appeal supports.
- Strive to obtain 100% participation by encouraging a pledge from everyone. Remember, no gift is too small.
- Utilize bulletin and pulpit announcements, prayers of the faithful, video, etc.
- Have plenty pledge envelopes and **pencils** in the pews for **Appeal Weekend**.
- Have pledge envelopes available at the church entrances following the in-pew solicitation.
- Demonstrate how to complete a pledge envelope. Please, **DO NOT RUSH**.
- Encourage pledges. The Office of Parish Stewardship and Development will send reminders every month, beginning in March.
- Stress participation. Promote a pledge from each and head of household. It is important that everyone be encouraged to pledge an amount that they are committed to completing.
- Follow up the next weekend with another opportunity to receive and fill out a pledge
- As amounts are reported to the parish, share the numbers in the bulletin or from the pulpit and thank all who are participating. Encourage those who are not participating to consider adding their pledge.

## **Consider these points for a successful campaign**

**Review this year's video, and pledge envelopes.** Familiarize yourself with how to fill out the pledge cards.

**Make advance notices** from both the pulpit and in the parish bulletin so that parishioners are prepared to make a commitment on Appeal Weekend.

**Exhibit a positive, sincere attitude** toward the appeal, its objective, and the parish's importance to the overall effort.

*Focus on your parishioner's willingness to be a good steward by giving back to God in gratitude for all the gifts He has so graciously given to us.*

**Make your own commitment** to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal.

**Show the video at all masses** on Appeal Weekend and speak about stewardship in both the parish and support of the appeal.

**Ask every head of household to fill out a pledge card** and give them ample time to complete them before resuming Mass. **It might be helpful if they were walked through filling out every part.**

Appoint a coordinator.

**Review** the weekend readings prior to the appeal weekend and prepare a homily reflecting the points Bishop Mulvey spoke of in the video.

**Remind** parishioners we are part of the greater Church and co-responsible in our efforts.

**Share:** that no one can do this alone. It takes all parishes in the diocese sharing together.

# COORDINATOR CHECKLIST

## 2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

- \_\_\_\_\_ Contact the pastor concerning materials. Be sure you and your volunteers know where pledge envelopes, pencils for the pews are located and where the video and video equipment are located.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Follow the time line in order to make sure all responsibilities are carried out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recruit, Recruit, Recruit volunteers and train them so they will know where materials are and how to operate the video equipment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Distribute the pledge envelope at each Mass and make them available as parishioners are leaving
- \_\_\_\_\_ See that the bulletin announcements are placed in the parish bulletin weekly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arrange for prayers of the faithful each week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arrange showing the video at all masses. Practice with your volunteers with the video equipment so everything will run smoothly at Mass and in the appropriate amount of time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist your pastor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Place all pledge envelopes in a large envelope or box and make arrangements to deliver pledge envelopes to the Office of Parish Stewardship and Development at the Chancery. **It is not necessary for the parish office to open or do anything with the envelopes unless your Pastor prefers you to do so.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ If your Pastor wants your parish office to open the pledge envelopes, be sure the checks, cash or payments remain in the pledge envelope. **DO NOT SEPARATE PAYMENTS FROM THE ENVELOPES.** Make arrangements to deliver the pledge envelopes with any payments to the Office of Parish Stewardship and Development at the Chancery. **PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT THE FUNDS AT THE PARISH. ALL FUNDS WILL BE DEPOSITED BY THE OFFICE OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT.**

## **Q & A**

### **ABOUT THE BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

#### **What is the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal? Why is it important?**

The programs of our parishes are very important because most of the work of the Church takes place at the local level. But there are certain specialized services for which the Diocese has to take responsibility. These are the services for which individual parishes are unable to provide on their own.

The **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** is the vehicle, which enables the diocese to fund these programs and services and at the same time allow the faithful of God to participate in the ministerial work of the Church and help continue the work of our Lord in the midst of those who otherwise would not be reached.

Perhaps more importantly, it encourages and assists the individual faithful to become a part of the work of the larger church and share their gifts with others who depend on the work of the Church of South Texas.

#### **Can I give to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal once a year instead of making a pledge?**

Yes, give by whatever means works best for you. Many people do choose to give annually.

#### **What should I give to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal?**

God has given each one of us gifts, graces, talents, and abilities which are to be shared responsibly and wisely with others. Faithful stewardship is more than occasional acts of charity and service. It is a way of life, a commitment to giving of our time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received from God. We are continuously challenged to make our financial gifts from our substance, not our abundance, in proportion to the blessings we have received.

#### **Why should I give to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal since I do not benefit from any of the programs?**

If we are to be true stewards of God's gifts and blessings, we have a responsibility to return a part of what He has blessed us with to the Church and the poor. While there are many calls on each of us, accepting that we receive all things from God helps us focus our attention on the needs of those less fortunate than we are. Being a good steward is rarely convenient or easy, but by being called to be disciples of Jesus, we often must move beyond our own personal wants and become concerned with the needs of others.

The **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** is your opportunity to join your diocesan faith community in supporting the work of Christ in the diocesan church. By making a generous contribution to the **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**, you will help support many programs and services. Although parishes are able to handle many needs, some unmet needs are clearly beyond their capabilities and resources. Together, as a faith community, we reach across boundaries to fill the void for those in need and to provide hope and services to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Just what will the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Funds be used for?**

The gifts received by the **Bishop's Stewardship Appeal** are used exclusively for the work of the Church in the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Many services and programs are provided by the Diocese that individual parishes are unable to furnish on their own. These services and programs strengthen parish life as we build, together in unity with Christ, His work.

### **How is the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Parish Partnership determined?**

The diocesan parish partnership for the 2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal is \$1,500.109.64. This amount is determined by the diocesan budget and finance committees as they budget and work toward providing the services and programs the Appeal supports.

### **How is the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal Parish Partnerships determined?**

The parish objective is based on annual Sunday offertory collections. Each parish is assigned a percentage of the total diocesan partnership using the same percentage as their Sunday offertory collections for the entire diocese.

### **More Information Available**

If you have any additional questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact us at the **Office of Parish Stewardship and Development** at the Chancery.(361)693-6643 or [marnold@diocesec.org](mailto:marnold@diocesec.org).