

# Addressing the Short and Long-term Needs of Our Church and those God calls us to serve.



## The Mission of the Catholic Church in Galveston-Houston

The financial resources required to serve the thousands within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston come from your generous support of *both* efforts.

Funds vital ministry programs annually

Funds vital, long-term needs for a more secure future

- Teaching, Evangelizing and Worship
- Ministering to the Poor, the Sick, and the Incarcerated
- Promoting, Preparing, and Supporting the Clergy
- Nurturing and Strengthening Families

- St. Mary's Seminary
- Future Disaster Recovery Fund
- Rebuilding Our Parishes and Schools in Light of Hurricane Harvey
- Catholic School Education Endowments
- Faith Formation Endowment
- Individual Parish Needs





The **Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)** helps all of us fulfill Christ's Mission here on Earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone. The DSF supports the day-to-day operations of the following broad areas of ministry annually.

**TEACHING, EVANGELIZING AND WORSHIP** - Ministries charged with this mission administer the largest private school system in Texas and sustain numerous religious education programs serving more than 100,000 people of all ages. They also promote the Catholic faith, reach out to other faiths, advocate for social justice and support liturgical and musical ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

**MINISTERING TO THE POOR, THE SICK, AND THE INCARCERATED**  
Answering the call to service the least among us, these ministries bring pastoral and sacramental aid to the disadvantaged, the disabled, and those who are most in need of God's healing grace.

**PROMOTING, PREPARING, AND SUPPORTING THE CLERGY**  
These ministries offer education and formation of men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate as well as provide direct sacramental and pastoral care, spiritual direction, and fraternal support as they carry out their ministries.

**NURTURING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES** - Family ministries nurture the basic core unit of Christian life by caring for human and spiritual needs of family members. These range from the spiritual formation of young people at different ages of development to providing dignified care for the elderly. These ministries also address the needs of different ethnic constituencies and respect for the sanctity of life.

**It is vital that we maintain the financial resources required to sustain these ministries and programs that serve thousands within our Archdiocese. Please continue your support to the annual appeal.**



The **IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission** Capital Campaign aims to assist in long-term funding, above and beyond the operating budget for the six major case elements listed below.

**ST. MARY'S SEMINARY** - St. Mary's Seminary is in need of vital updates in order to continue to provide for those men answering their call to the priesthood. With the \$30 million funded through IGNITE, St. Mary's Seminary has refurbished the plant infrastructure and will construct a new dormitory and renovate the two existing dormitories.

**FUTURE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND** - The existing Future Disaster Recovery Fund was depleted in response to Hurricane Harvey's devastation. In order to, proactively plan for any future disaster recovery and relief, the Campaign addresses the need to replenish and grow the existing fund with an infusion of \$20 million.

**REBUILDING OUR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS IN LIGHT OF HURRICANE HARVEY** - Hurricane Harvey caused devastating damage that inhibited parishes and schools' ability to minister to their community. The \$20 million fund will provide grants to parishes to assist with Hurricane Harvey related damages and repair costs, as well as address deferred maintenance issues.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS** - Accessible and affordable Catholic education is increasingly more difficult to find within our Archdiocese. In response to such difficulty, the Campaign will grow two existing grade school tuition assistance funds by \$20 million, resulting in an increase of assistance to an additional 460 students in the first year.

**FAITH FORMATION ENDOWMENT** - Developing and maintaining lay leaders is critical to the mission of the Church however, these efforts are often outside the financial abilities of our parishes. Through a newly established \$10 million endowment fund, parishes will be able to apply for grants to aid in their Faith Formation and Evangelization efforts.

**INDIVIDUAL PARISH NEEDS** - Good Faith Effort parishes will receive a return of funds collected in the parish, to be used to address local needs and challenges. The parish receives thirty-three percent (33%) of every dollar collected up to the parish's goal. Once the parish surpasses its goal, sixty-seven percent (67%) of the funds are returned to the parish.

