

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW

Together as generous believers we have the opportunity to grow our parishes, strengthen our schools, and broaden our reach as a community of faith.

WAYS TO GIVE

The ***We Are the Body of Christ Campaign*** is a historic initiative for the people and parishes in the Diocese of El Paso, which will fund extraordinary projects and programs. Large or small, each sacrificial donation makes a real difference for our local Church. Below, you can learn about the various ways in which you can make a donation over the next five years.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Decide to give through an automatic bank withdraw, credit card or debit card. This is the easiest and most cost effective way to give.

CASH, CHECKS, & MONEY ORDERS

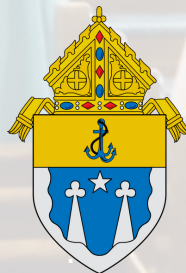
Receive periodic reminders with a self-addressed envelope in which you can place your donation.

STOCK, MUTUAL FUNDS, & SECURITIES

Gifted stock, mutual funds, and securities are sold promptly upon reception.

IRA DISTRIBUTION

Those over 70 1/2 or older with required minimum withdrawals can decide to donate their distribution to the ***We Are the Body of Christ Campaign*** and not have to pay income tax for said donation.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EL PASO



WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Sharing our Gifts for the Church of Tomorrow

A Campaign to Support
Parishes and Ministries in the
Diocese of El Paso



CAMPAIGN SUMMARY



SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARIANS AND DEACONS

20 seminarians are in Formation to serve as priests for the Catholic Diocese of El Paso. The priesthood is essential to our Catholic faith, and additional seminarians will be required in the coming years to meet the needs of our growing community. Moreover, with the shortage of priest, we will have to form deacons to help meet the spiritual needs of our communities.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Teaching the faith to over 2,300 students, the Diocese of El Paso will ensure that no student is turned away for their families inability to pay tuition through scholarships and additional grants will be provided for upgrades and technology. Additionally, resources and training will be provided to our faith formation programs for our teachers and students.

PARISH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Population growth has stretched some parishes in this area beyond their ministerial and physical capacities. As a result, we seek to support expansion of these parishes to accommodate new membership and ministries. Moreover, crucial to our Catholic communities are our many parishes and missions in rural west Texas. Through the generosity of our parishioners in this campaign, the diocese will be able to provide operational and emergency support for rural parishes.

LOCAL PARISH NEEDS

Our local parishes have specific and unique needs also. By sharing diocesan funds with the parishes, we can achieve both the goals of the Diocese and the distinctive needs of the parishes – strengthening and bringing together our diocese as a whole.

SEMINARIAN/DIACONATE
EDUCATION & FORMATION
40%

STRENGTHENING OUR
PARISHES
20%

CATHOLIC EDUCATION &
RELIGIOUS FORMATION
25%

PARISH EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE
15%



WHY NOW?

For more than 107 years, the Diocese of El Paso has been committed to the growth and spiritual vitality of the people in West Texas. After prayerful consideration and much planning, we have launched the campaign to meet the vast and changing needs of our Diocese. As a community of over 700,000 Catholics, now more than ever is the time to support priestly vocations and diaconate formation, provide financial assistance so more students can attend Catholic Schools, to invest in the education and training of our religious education teachers, and to strengthen our parishes.

"I ask for you to reflect upon the many blessings and gifts you have received from God the Father's infinite mercy and generosity. We are called to be stewards of all we have been given, to use our gifts well, and to share what we have been given with others."

**- Bishop Mark J. Seitz, D.D.
Bishop of El Paso**