



Embracing Discipleship - \$14 million

Catholic Charities of Central Texas - \$5 million

Catholic Charities supports the parish's spiritual work by meeting their clients' material and social needs, helping break the cycle of generational poverty. The number of families served annually by Catholic Charities has more than tripled over the past 10 years, and is expected to rise to 100,000 per year by 2028. Currently, the Catholic Charities offices in Austin and Bryan/College Station are at capacity, limiting the amount of volunteers and services for clients. We plan to establish a Catholic Charities office in Waco and reconfigure the existing facilities in Bryan/College Station and Austin so that we can welcome more staff, volunteers and clients.

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center - \$2 million

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton provides a beautiful setting that encourages retreatants to rest and be renewed in their faith. However, the retreat center requires several upgrades to help it best serve the needs of our diocese today. With funds from the campaign, we will expand the Our Lady of Good Counsel chapel to seat 80 retreatants, install additional sacred art and upgrade lighting. Additionally, we plan to construct a multipurpose meeting and dining space for our youth, along two dormitory-style cabins with bunk beds for up to 48 retreatants. Finally, we plan to construct a small prayer chapel and plant a prayer garden for retreatants to have designated sacred prayer spaces to reflect upon their experiences and calling.

Young Adult Ministry - \$2 million

Our diocese is blessed to have the active ministry of a number of independent young adult groups that gather and grow together in faith. In order to strengthen these groups and connect them with the diocese and parishes, we plan to build a network of young adult ministry programs. With this support they will be able to grow in number, faith and continue to discern their calling during their post-college years.

Leadership Development - \$5 million

Through *Encountering Christ*, we will make immediate investments and establish an endowment to help replicate successful models of leadership identification, recruitment and formation for both the laity and clergy. This will be done by continued support to parishes with effective programs already in place and encouraging collaboration across offices to support ministry and leadership of the Hispanic and other emerging communities.