



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



October 2, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. This greatest of saints has encouraged and formed so many men and women to love God and our neighbor through the simple wisdom of her “little way” of holiness. She wrote in her spiritual autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, “You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.”

It is under the patronage and intercession of Saint Thérèse that Catholic Charities Fort Worth confidently embarks on our inaugural “Little Way Campaign,” a diocesan-wide special collection to be held next weekend, October 8-9, 2022, to express love for God present in the poor. Even an amount as small as one dollar can affect great change in the lives of the poor and of donors if given as a personal sacrifice with great love for God.

Yet, we know that our brothers and sisters who are oppressed by poverty are of inestimable value in the heart of Christ---worth much more than a dollar. We know also that too many of us are indifferent or even hostile to the poor among us, viewing them as a threat to our self-sufficiency and material prosperity. Through more than a century of loving service, Catholic Charities Fort Worth through the humble generosity of faithful parishioners like you, has rejected this narrative of indifference by offering a clear vision for ending poverty through offering love to the poor in the littlest way, one family at a time.

As your bishop, I am asking you to love Christ in the poor. I am asking you to make a small donation with great love for Christ to assist Catholic Charities Fort Worth in helping tens of thousands of people in North Texas live a life of dignity, freed from poverty, and restored to participation in the common good of our society.

Thank you for your stewardship to your parish and for your new or continued support of Catholic Charities Fort Worth, the charitable outreach of the Diocese of Fort Worth. With prayers for you and seeking your prayers on my behalf, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ *Michael F. Olson*

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