

# THE LAY CATHOLIC

The official newsletter of the Laity in Unity Foundation



## A *Pure Donation* for a Better Church

BY ANDREW KNOBBE

Our mission is to bring transparency to managing the funds of the Catholic Church. This is why our foundation is dedicated to providing all Catholics with an opportunity to tithe through what we call a *Pure Donation*. This means that your donation to the Church, through the Laity in Unity Foundation, is fully transparent and goes directly to the causes that you intend to support, whether it be a specific parish, priest, or school. Your donation stays local and is parish oriented.

We have challenges as an organization because we want to bring transparency to the finances of the Catholic Church. In the past, we were continually frustrated to learn that our donations were paying for lawsuits, cover-ups, and other financial misgivings. Frankly, we're sure you can see why our foundation is making some of the Church leadership uncomfortable. We advocate for checks and balances to the finances of the Church and believe that donations should stay local and not be at risk at paying out diocesan-wide lawsuits and financial misappropriations.

This movement will be big because the Laity of the Church are getting involved. We believe this movement starts with tithing through a *Pure Donation*.

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# CALL TO ACTION!

## WICHITA FALLS

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH AT 2PM

## A SPECIAL GUEST WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE!

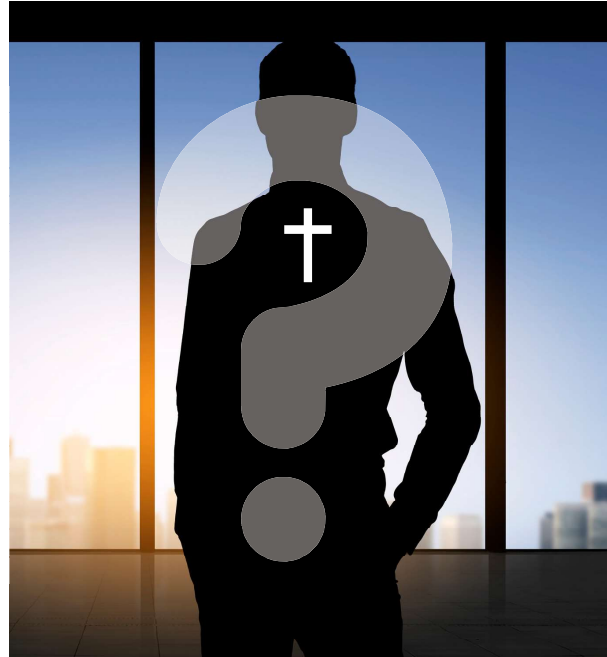
**MEETING HOST - VIVIAN WOLF**

There will be a meeting in Wichita Falls on **Sunday, October 18th at 2 pm at Jason's Deli** (in Parker Square Shopping Center - Corner of Kemp and Kell Blvd).

We will be discussing the organization of the 5013c Laity in Unity Foundation, the billboard, and updates on the priest and bishop, as well as an update from Philip Gray, our Canon Lawyer, who will be present. In addition, **a special guest (Father???) will be in attendance** with other members of the **Laity in Unity Foundation**. Please make plans to attend!

We cannot give up the fight against evil and we must preserve our Catholic Faith and Church. Hope to see you all soon.

*Questions? Contact Vivian Wolf  
at [vivian@laityinunity.org](mailto:vivian@laityinunity.org)*



### MEETING DETAILS

**Time:** Sunday October 18th, 2020 at 2PM.

**Where:** At Parker Square Shopping Center - Corner of Kemp and Kell Blvd

**Topics:** Laity in Unity Foundation, Billboard, Diocesan Updates, and Special Guest!





# CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!

BY JOANN MESSINA

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, with **Sunday, October 11** being set aside as Pastor Appreciation Day. Please take the time to let your priest know how much he is appreciated as one of the **most precious assets** of our church. Small tokens of appreciation go a long way. Here are some ideas of how you can show your gratitude for his hard work and sacrifices:

- Invite him for a special meal.
- Talk to office staff or family and find out what some of his favorite treats are. Make a basket of them.
- Give him a spiritual bouquet. Send a card letting him know that you will set aside a regular time to pray for his protection and for God's grace to help him fulfill his role of saving souls. Example: "Father, please accept this spiritual bouquet as a thank you for all you do for our parish. I will say the rosary once a month for one year for all of your special intentions."
- Send him a note of thanks detailing a specific time when he helped you or had a positive impact on your life, for example, when one of his homilies moved you, a time when he counseled you, or just sat down and listened to you vent about a personal problem.
- Obtain his 'wish list' if he has one and purchase something from it (new chalice, robe, etc).
- Give him a biography of a popular priest, saint, or pope.
- Select a nice bottle of wine or his favorite liquor. And don't forget, our priests have hobbies and interests outside the church. Get him something related to his interests, whether it's golf, traveling, cooking, or art. If you aren't sure, call the parish office and speak to his office staff. They likely know what he likes and doesn't like.
- Make a gift basket of baked goods, chocolates, coffee, beverages, etc.
- A gift card to a restaurant, Catholic store or for gas.
- Tickets to a sporting event or play.



## Vision

Catholics in Unity



## Mission

To ensure that all Church donations and funds are transparent and used to support our Catholic parishes and priests.

## Slogan

Catholics for **Transparent** Tithing.

# What is a *Pure Donation*?



## *A Pure Donation is....*

- A donation that goes directly to the cause that you intend to support, whether it be your parish, priest, or school.
- A donation that is parish oriented and allows your money to stay local.
- A donation that is **pro-parish, pro-priest, and pro-laity**.
- A donation that pays direct invoices or purchases direct needs that a parish/priest require.
- A donation that is **NOT** managed or taxed by the Bishop or the greater diocese.
- A donation that does **NOT** pay out diocesan lawsuits or scandals.



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**WE BELIEVE IN A  
PURE DONATION!**





## *Champion Level Sponsor:* The Laity in Unity Foundation

BY KIRK OSGOOD

The Laity in Unity Foundation participated as a Champion Level Sponsor of the Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament organized by the chapters from St. Martin de Porres and Holy Cross Catholic Churches. The tournament was held at Stuarts Peninsula Golf Course located in The Colony, Texas on September 26, 2020. The foundation's participation was made possible by the generous support of two private individuals who believe in the cause and mission of the Laity in Unity Foundation as well as donating to and supporting the charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus.

The sponsorship allowed the foundation to reach approximately 100 golfers with information about Laity in Unity. With the Champion Level Sponsorship, 25 golfers were provided with white golf shirts with the Laity in Unity logo and name embroidered on the shirt. If you see someone wearing the shirt, ask them how they did in the tournament and how was their golf game.

All golfers also received 3 golf balls with the Laity in Unity name and tag line "Transparent Tithing" imprinted on them. As these balls are used and lost, which they will be, they will also be found at some point, and will be able to spread the name of Laity in Unity to someone who may be searching for information on how to return to the Church.

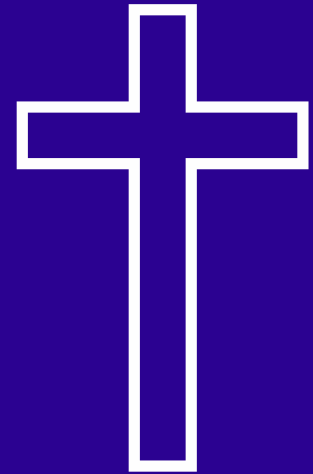
Foundation volunteers staffed a tent where information was distributed to golfers and spectators who wished to learn more about the foundation, its organization, our purpose and the reasons for the formation of the foundation.

The tournament and the camaraderie was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all that participated. The tournament was also a financial success for the Knights and the charities that benefited from it. Laity in Unity was proud to be associated with the tournament and will plan to be involved in the future when the opportunity arises.

*"The truth is like a lion; you don't have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself." - Saint Augustine*

# How the **Laity in Unity Foundation** works.

- 1) Donate to your Parish through the **Laity in Unity Foundation**.
- 2) Your priest/parish sends an invoice to the **Laity in Unity Foundation** to pay or request an item.
- 3) The **Laity in Unity Foundation** pays the invoice or purchases the item for the Church/Priest/School.



# Why does the *Laity in Unity Foundation* Exist?

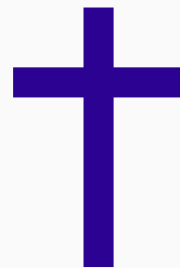
*A Message from our President  
Stephen Knobbe*

The Laity in Unity is collecting funds for parishes across the diocese and momentum is growing every month. More parishioners throughout the Diocese are giving to the foundation. To date, we have received over **\$30,000 in donations, have active accounts set up for 16 parishes (15% of the diocese!), and have funds that support 5 priests.**

*We have momentum!*

The Laity in Unity Foundation was formed as one of the action items to support a **diocesan-wide effort** to remove Bishop Olson. There are nine reasons identified for his removal. As a reminder they are listed here:

- **Actions against Sanctity of Life**
- **Banning the Traditional Latin Mass at the College of Saints John Fisher & Thomas More**
- **Removing the Kairos Retreat from Nolan Catholic High School.**
- **Closing San Mateo Church**
- **Removal of Father Richard Kirkham - Saint Martin de Porres**
- **Petition for an Apostolic Visitation**
- **Father Gary Picou and Father Jeff Poirot Resignations**
- **His actions at Confirmation Mass - All Saints parish, FW (June 27, 2019)**
- **Other Information that is not publicly available**



**“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Luke 10:2)**

# Why does the *Laity in Unity Foundation* Exist?

*Continued...*

These nine reasons were the groundwork for the faithful (Laity) of the Diocese of Fort Worth to take action.

Philip Gray, a canon lawyer, informs us that we, the laity, have rights and, indeed, obligations under Canon Law to take action and that there ARE procedures that the Church has given us which we can follow to seek recourse. With the guidance of Philip Gray, the laity has put forth several actions, one of which is to establish a trust fund to secure donations of the faithful and to be used for local churches. The Laity In Unity Foundation was formed for this very reason and will operate to secure tithings of the faithful who are seeking to give, but not allow the bishop to control the funds. The Laity in Unity Foundation was formed in full compliance of Catholic Doctrine and canonical procedure by a canon lawyer and a Catholic civil lawyer. Furthermore, despite what some pastors may say, the Catholic Church **does recognize** our foundation, as well as other foundations across the United States and Europe.

We must continue to tithe to the church but if you have concerns about keeping your donation a *Pure Donation*, consider making your donations to the Laity in Unity Foundation. Information on how to get involved is at the end of our newsletter. Please check out our FAQs at [www.laityinunity.org](http://www.laityinunity.org).

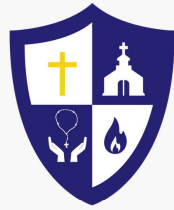
May God Be Praised!

*Stephen Knobbe*





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## Send Donations and Mail to:

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## Ways to Donate:

- By Mail or e-Giving
- Through Faith Direct
  - Church Code: TX1096
- Online - Paypal
- Amazon Smile
- Scan by Phone Below

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