



WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!



Laity in Unity Progress to Date

We are so **grateful** for all those who have supported our mission and cause through prayers and sharing our name and organization throughout our diocese. We are especially grateful for our faithful donors as we begin celebrating our second year anniversary.



We are excited to report we have collected over **\$107,000** and have distributed over **\$20,000** to support our mission in the Fort Worth Diocese. Thank you again to our generous donors. You are making a difference! We are working to continue to support our parishes with the donations earmarked for them.



If you're interested in our Christmas Donation Drive, please reach out to info@laityinunity.org.
The more the merrier!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS IN 2022.



THERE'S A BUZZ IN THE AIR!

Do you want to be involved?

Several other groups across the UNITED STATES have contacted us for help in setting up something similar in their area. We are making a difference!

Since our organization is a volunteer organization, we are stretched pretty thin. Are you interested in serving on a committee or being a Board Member? We would love your help!

Contact info@laityinunity.org

Year End Donations

It's the time of year when many of you are considering a year end donation, we would humbly ask that you consider donating to your parish, school, priest or cause through Laity in Unity. See our article on Laity in Unity Progress to date!

We have the usual ways to donate (see below)

- via check
- via PayPal
- via Faith Direct

Faith Direct has an exciting Donor Match Program that they announced for every NEW RECURRING Offertory Gift set up in December 2021, Faith Direct will match that First gift, up to \$50, with a maximum gift to each church of \$1000. To be eligible, more than one installment must be set up and the first recurring gift must be processed through Faith Direct by December 15th, 2021. See the links below for Faith Direct. What a great way to make your donation go further to your parish, priest or school.





SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

If you haven't heard, the Catholic Church has started a two-year Synod. This is an opportunity for the laity to meet with their Bishop and discuss any concerns or thoughts they have about our church. More information from the USCCB website:

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2023.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

Learn more about the synodal process by visiting the Vatican Synod website.

Synod Website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Preparatory document link: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Documento-Preparatorio-EN-21.pdf>

Bishops should seek feedback and participation wherever helpful in the organization process. Bishops (or their representatives) are to communicate with the respective bodies, organizations, and structures in the diocese, including the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Presbyteral Council, parishes, religious communities, lay movements (such as FRK advocates and Laity in Unity, various pastoral ministries (such as in schools and hospitals), marginalized groups and diocesan commissions to encourage their participation in the Synodal Process.

We encourage you to watch for opportunities to participate in this process at your parish and others in the Ft. Worth Diocese.

Ft. Worth Diocese Synod webpage: <https://fwdioc.org/synod-2021-2023> (not much out there now, but check back for "coming soon" information on how to participate)



The Laity in Unity Foundation team wishes you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Christmas Prayer

Lord God,

we praise you for creating man, and still more for restoring him in Christ.

Your Son shared our weakness; may we share his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen



Prayer of Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,

Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.



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