



**Office of the Bishop**  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

Dear Companions,

As a DCA Coordinator you already share your gifts with your parish or with the diocese. I appreciate you. Without you both our diocese and your parishes would suffer. You are essential to the success of the Church of West Texas.

We are witnesses of great things happening throughout the diocese by generous lay women and men, women and men in Consecrated Life, deacons and priests. These good works and ministries, deserve to be honored, respected and supported so that it can continue effectively for years to come.

**COMPANIONS**  
**ON THE JOURNEY**

DCA Appeal Sunday will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Gospel for that day is from the Gospel of John.

Peter is asked by Jesus “Do you love me?”  
“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”  
“Feed my sheep.”

In order to feed the sheep with the service and ministry which you deserve, I need your help. I love him and you enough to take up the task of trying to get the diocese on a more stable financial footing. The task of feeding a family is not easy nor is the task of feeding the flock of 136,000 Catholics in the diocese. I must rely upon your generous assistance to help me do just that.

The materials provided for you regarding the Diocesan Catholic Appeal have laid out for you in greater detail than ever the financial needs of the diocese. Needs that arise from our mission to tend the flock. Needs which cannot be remedied all at once this year. Needs which we must begin to work towards remedying.

Thus your parish DCA goal is very high. Your pastors are very concerned about those goals. But I am relying on them to work with me in gradually meeting the needs of the diocese. I have prepared a video homily to be played on Appeal Sunday (May 5) so that your parishioners hear directly from me. After pledges are returned, if your parish is not on track to meet its goal, I will visit your parish and ask for their support in person.

We must stop bleeding red ink. We must start paying down the diocese’s debt on the line of credit which has been keeping us going for too many years and which is starting to run dry. I believe we can do this together, over time, as Companions on the Journey. Thank you for your efforts in supporting the Diocesan Catholic Appeal

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert Coerver

Bishop of Lubbock

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**Most Reverend Robert M. Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock**