

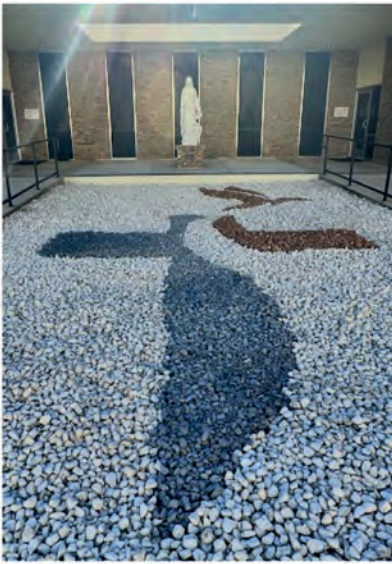


ON *the* WAY

¡ÁNDALE!

A CAMPAIGN OF THE  
ARCHDIOCESE of **SAN ANTONIO**

FINAL REPORT



# TO OUR *Donors*

July 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you with immense gratitude and joy in my heart as we have successfully concluded the *On the Way – ¡Ándale!* capital campaign. The Church has united in a remarkable display of generosity, faith, and commitment demonstrating our shared mission of forming missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

Through your sacrificial giving, we met our goals, raising \$60,647,602 in gifts and pledges for the vital projects and initiatives that will strengthen our parishes and extend the reach of our ministry far into the future. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and love you have for our Faith and our local communities.

The monies raised through this campaign have enabled us to provide resources for improvements at each of our parishes, establish new churches to serve our growing community, fund renovations at our seminary to better serve the men in formation, expand the reach of Catholic Charities, focus and invest in our Catholic schools, and build a pilgrimage center which will serve as an evangelization tool for our community and beyond. Each of these projects is an investment in our future, providing resources to ensure that we are able to grow spiritually, serve compassionately, and boldly spread the Gospel.

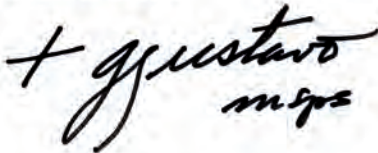
I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to this campaign, whether through financial gifts, prayers, or volunteering your time and talents. Your generosity has made a difference and will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

As we celebrate the fruits of the *On the Way – ¡Ándale!* campaign, let us give thanks to Almighty God for His abundant blessings and guidance throughout this journey.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to guide and bless our archdiocesan family as we journey together in faith.

With deep appreciation and continued prayers for each of you,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gustavo" in a large, flowing cursive script, with "m.sps" written in a smaller, simpler cursive script below it.

Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS  
Archbishop of San Antonio

# EL CAMINO *de* SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS PILGRIMAGE CENTER

A portion of the long-closed St. John Seminary campus, located on the southside of San Antonio adjacent to Mission Concepcion, was reenvisioned as El Camino de San Antonio Missions Pilgrimage Center. Construction and renovations began in 2022 on the center which consists of two buildings, the Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center and the Pope Francis Center, which are connected by the Margie & Bill Klesse Courtyard and Garden. The center officially opened its doors on May 2, 2023.

The Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center, originally the seminary chapel, has become a launching point for pilgrims to the San Antonio Missions. It features a museum space which highlights the history of the Church in San Antonio, as well as a cafe and gift shop. At the center, pilgrims can take a rest from their journey, enjoy the museum space, and even leave prayers and intentions which they may be carrying on a special wall. Rebecca Simmons, executive director of El Camino de San Antonio Missions, says, "The goal of the program of 'El Camino' is evangelization to the people, especially to the young, who visit the San Antonio Missions. It supports the people that are about to start their pilgrimage. It's where you can learn more about the missions, the missions' trails, and about the pilgrimage in general." This center is focused on evangelization and bringing Jesus Christ to everyone - not just Catholics - but all who walk through the doors.

Across the Margie & Bill Klesse Courtyard and Garden is the Pope Francis Center, which was the seminary's cafeteria. This beautifully renovated area not only

provides offices and meeting space for the parish of Mission Concepcion, but is a facility to be utilized by the greater community for meetings, retreats, and celebrations.

Since the Pilgrimage Center opened, it has seen many pilgrims coming to walk with God through the natural environment of the missions' trail and experiencing each of our historic missions. "It has been very exciting to see how receptive everyone is to the idea," Simmons said. "The most exciting part is seeing people complete their pilgrimages and then come back with people from their communities. It has been expanding! It is like when you throw a stone in a puddle, we are getting to see those little waves going out." Those waves have already begun to spread beyond the San Antonio community. The pilgrimage center has welcomed people from across the country and internationally.

El Camino de San Antonio Missions is a partner with El Camino de Santiago in Spain. Pilgrims can begin



their pilgrimage here in the United States at the El Camino de San Antonio Pilgrimage Center and finish in Spain on the Ingles route for El Camino de Santiago. To do this, the pilgrim must first walk the 18-mile pilgrimage here and receive a Compostela; a certificate which signifies that they completed the journey here. Then, they bring that document to Spain, and it will grant them 30 kilometers towards the 100 Kilometer Ingles route. Once their pilgrimage is completed, the pilgrims will get a Compostela showing San Antonio as their starting location. The Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center is the only place where this can be done, which makes it a special experience for all that are working towards journeying the Camino de Santiago.

Simmons says she most enjoys getting to see and meet all the pilgrims who come through their doors. "Meeting the pilgrims, leading them on pilgrimage, sharing our missions and their stories is truly my favorite thing," Simmons said. She knows that the Holy Spirit will continue to water the seeds that are planted in the pilgrims' hearts after visiting El Camino de San Antonio Missions.

Since opening, there have been countless parish and small group pilgrimages. This spring, Young Adult Ministry of the archdiocese hosted a Eucharistic Procession from El Camino. Hundreds of the faithful were led by our three bishops in prayer and adoration, with a concluding Mass at San Fernando Cathedral.

This is only the beginning for El Camino de San Antonio Missions. Rebecca plans to expand their team including docents in each of the churches to answer any questions about the mission from the perspective of the Catholic faith.

"With this center, we have a wonderful tool to evangelize our young people, to help them in any way we can to experience the faith, culture, and history of our mission churches." Simmons said. El Camino de San Antonio Missions is a gift to the people of God, not only in the archdiocese, but beyond.





# NEW GYM *at* ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

A Catholic school education is unique because it seamlessly blends faith formation and an academically rigorous education. Catholic education is especially important today, as families confront changing and challenging cultural and moral contexts. Catholic schools develop the whole person: mind, body and soul. Funds raised in the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** capital campaign have been used to invest in the future of Catholic schools by providing impactful grants for substantial capital improvements.

One such project was the St. John Paul II Catholic High School STEM lab and new gymnasium. Displaying remarkable community spirit and dedication to education, the New Braunfels area high school has undergone a transformative upgrade which enhances both the student experience and academic achievement. Thanks to a collaborative effort between dedicated community members and significant support from the archdiocese, St. John Paul II Catholic High School was able to address longstanding infrastructure needs and significantly enhance school facilities.

Under the leadership of Kim Gonzales, the school's Development Director and a Guardian mom, community leaders, parents, and alumni rallied together to raise an impressive \$2.1 million. Their efforts illustrated a deep commitment to providing students with state-of-the-art resources and facilities which foster innovation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning experiences.

A grant of \$1.6 million from the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** capital campaign played a pivotal role in bringing the project to fruition. This support not only boosted the community's fundraising efforts, but also symbolized a broader recognition of the school's integral role in their local educational landscape. By investing in St. John Paul II infrastructure, the archdiocese affirmed its commitment to promoting excellence in Catholic education and nurturing a supportive environment where students can thrive spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially. On January 17, 2023, St. John Paul II High School hosted their first home basketball game after 14 years.



The completion of the STEM lab and gymnasium has had a profound impact. Students now have access to the latest technology, empowering them to explore STEM disciplines through hands-on experiments and collaborative projects. The addition of a gymnasium not only provides a venue for physical education and sports, but also serves as a hub for school spirit and community.



The new 27,000 square-foot gym can host three volleyball practice courts, a volleyball championship court, two basketball practice/tournament courts, or a basketball championship court. You enter the gym through a spacious lobby which includes a concession stand. Gonzalez made it clear that this space is not only be used for athletics, but also for pep rallies, school assemblies, graduation, community events, and as a source of revenue. "The goal is to have the gym be in operation 16 to 24 hours a day. We want it to be a community hub for the City of Schertz at large and our Catholic community."



Equally significant is the impact on the school's reputation and desirability. The enhanced facilities have made it a more attractive option for prospective students and families seeking a high-quality, Catholic education. The 2024-2025 school year saw the largest freshmen class to date. "And that's only going to continue," Gonzales said.

With a solid foundation in place, St. John Paul II Catholic High School is well-positioned to continue inspiring academic excellence, nurturing a strong sense of school spirit, and shining as a beacon of educational innovation within the community, guided by our Catholic values.





# MARY, MOTHER *of the* CHURCH

Since its establishment in June 2020, Mary, Mother of the Church Parish has embarked on a remarkable journey of faith, growth, and community building. From humble beginnings, this parish has flourished into a vibrant and thriving community, thanks to the dedication and passion of each parishioner.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Fr. Martin Leopold, a passionate servant-leader, the parish has strived to embody a culture of connection and interpersonal relationships. As Fr. Martin expressed, "Our goal is to be a small parish with 10,000 members," emphasizing the importance of meaningful connections within the community.

Throughout this journey, the parish has faced challenges with unwavering faith and determination. Starting from makeshift arrangements in rented spaces and repurposed mobile units, they have upheld the spirit of the parish, focused not merely on physical structures, but on nurturing a genuine sense of belonging and fellowship. "The goal wasn't to build out a parish plan or a parish church, but to build a community of people."

Central to the parish's identity is its inclusive nature, welcoming longtime residents and newcomers alike. Families have been drawn not only by the promise of a place of worship, but by the warmth and compassion of the community. Mary, Mother of the Church Parish is a church without walls, where parishioners gather for Mass under the open sky amidst the beauty of nature to celebrate the Eucharist.

The commitment extends beyond physical boundaries. Through initiatives such as assisting the homeless with meals and essentials, the parish exemplifies the spirit of selfless service and love. As one member expressed, "We are proud of our parish." Another parishioner, echoing the sentiment of dedication and volunteerism that defines the community, said, "We're all volunteers. Everybody gives from their heart. It is not a job, but I tell everyone that this is the best job I've ever had."

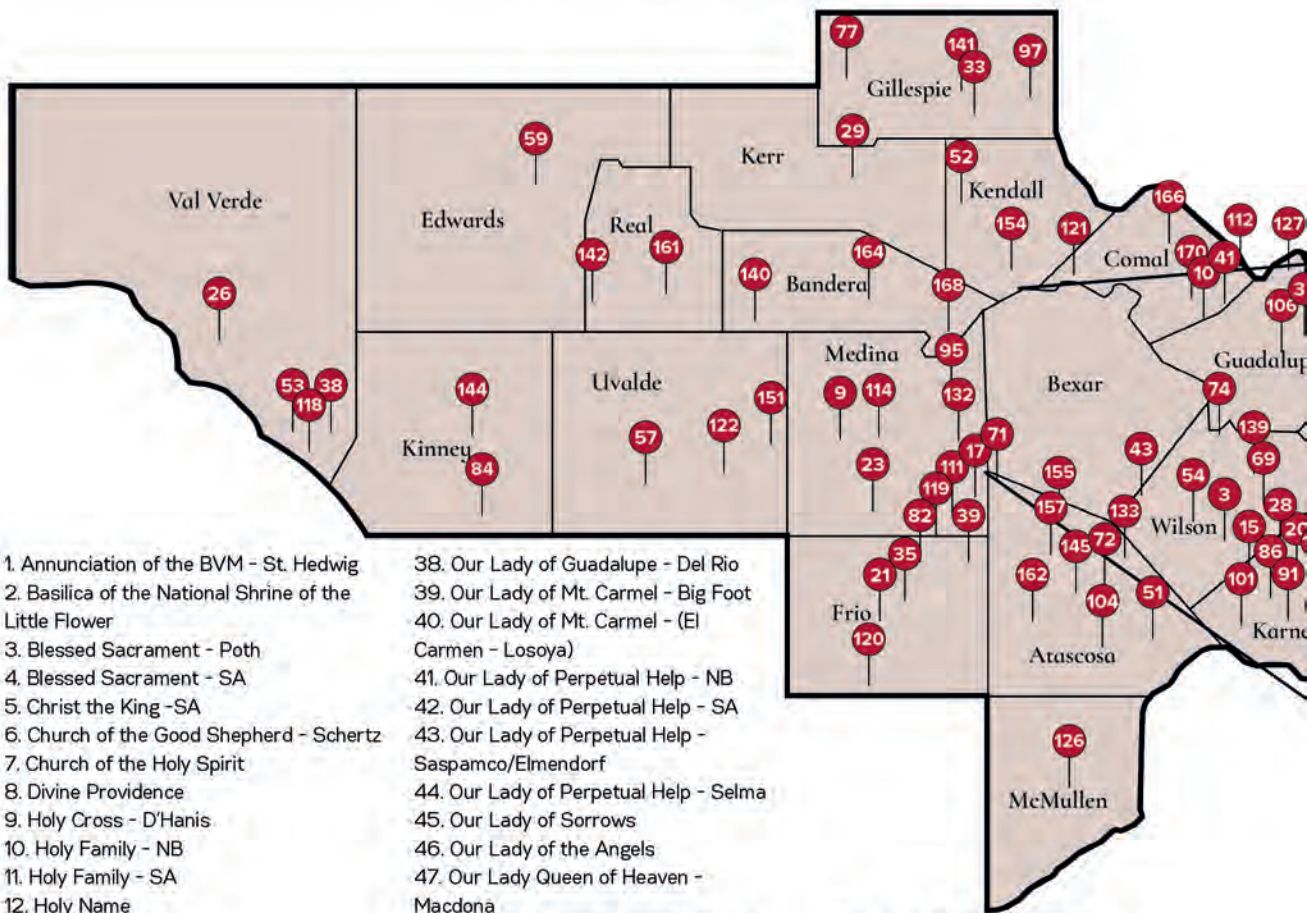




This would not have been possible without the generous support of the many donors to the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** capital campaign. Their contributions helped secure the purchase of the land to start the parish and served as a catalyst in realizing its vision as a beacon of faith, love, and unity in our community. The parishioners at Mary, Mother of the Church are deeply grateful.

Looking ahead, Father Martin envisions further growth and development, including the construction of a parish hall and eventually a dedicated church building. These plans reflect the commitment to meeting the evolving needs of parishioners while remaining rooted in community and service.



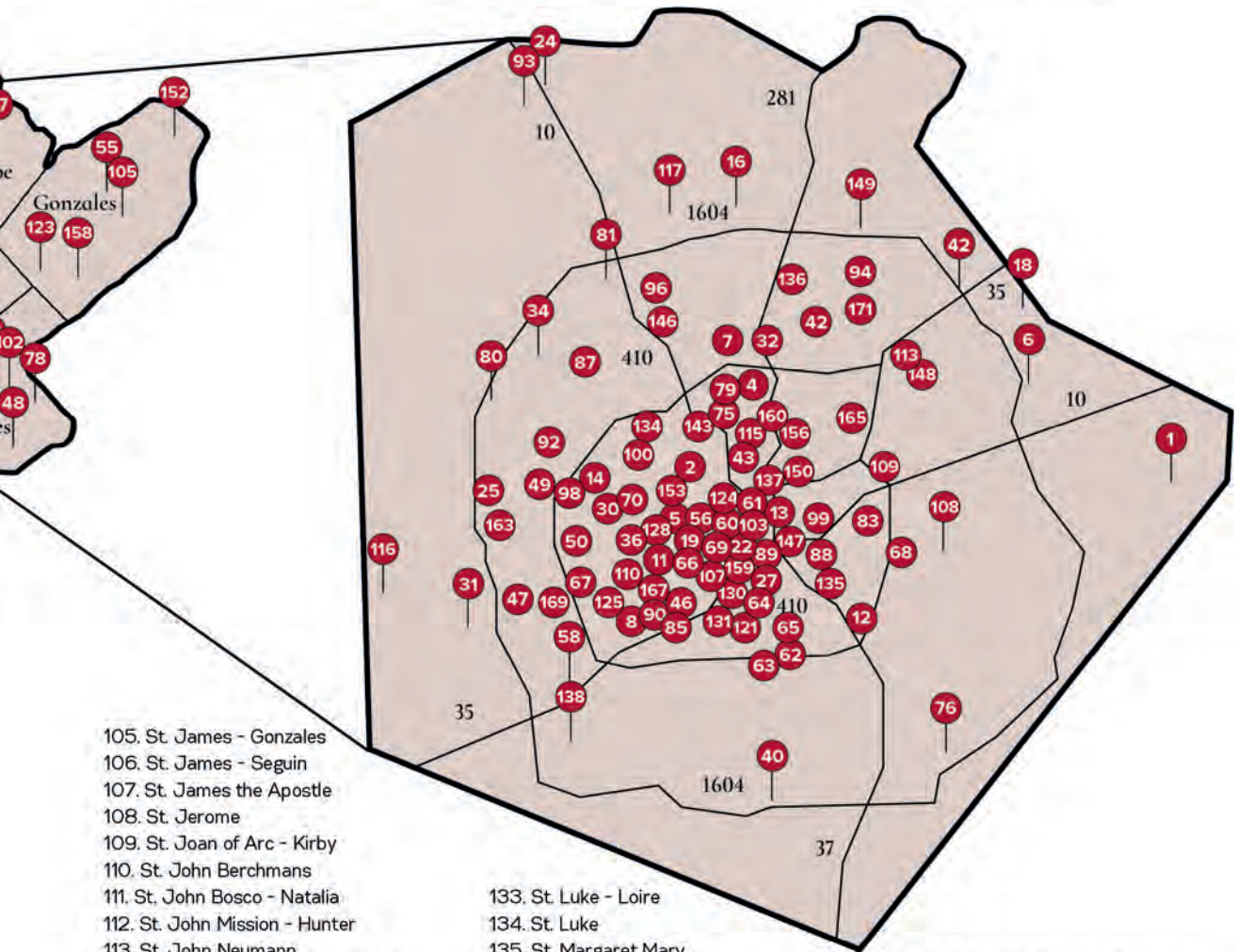


1. Annunciation of the BVM - St. Hedwig
2. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower
3. Blessed Sacrament - Poth
4. Blessed Sacrament - SA
5. Christ the King - SA
6. Church of the Good Shepherd - Schertz
7. Church of the Holy Spirit
8. Divine Providence
9. Holy Cross - D'Hanis
10. Holy Family - NB
11. Holy Family - SA
12. Holy Name
13. Holy Redeemer
14. Holy Rosary
15. Holy Trinity - Falls City
16. Holy Trinity - SA
17. Immaculate Conception - Lytle
18. Immaculate Conception Mission - Marion
19. Immaculate Conception - SA
20. Immaculate Conception of the BVM - Panna Maria
21. Immaculate Heart of Mary - Pearsall
22. Immaculate Heart of Mary - SA
23. Immaculate Heart of Mary - Yancey
24. Korean Martyrs
25. Mary Mother of the Church
26. Mary Queen of the Universe - Comstock
27. Mission Concepcion
28. Nativity of the BVM - Cestohowa
29. Notre Dame - Kerrville
30. Our Lady of Good Counsel
31. Our Lady of Grace - La Coste
32. Our Lady of Grace - SA
33. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Fredericksburg
34. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Helotes
35. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Leming
36. Our Lady of Guadalupe - SA
37. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Seguin

38. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Del Rio
39. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Big Foot
40. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - (El Carmen - Losoya)
41. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - NB
42. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - SA
43. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Saspamco/Elmendorf
44. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Selma
45. Our Lady of Sorrows
46. Our Lady of the Angels
47. Our Lady Queen of Heaven - Macdona
48. Our Lady Queen of Peace - Kenedy
49. Prince of Peace
50. Resurrection of the Lord
51. Sacred Heart - Campbellton
52. Sacred Heart - Comfort
53. Sacred Heart - Del Rio
54. Sacred Heart - Floresville
55. Sacred Heart - Gonzales
56. Sacred Heart - SA
57. Sacred Heart - Uvalde
58. Sacred Heart of Jesus - Von Ormy
59. Sacred Heart of Mary - Rocksprings
60. San Fernando Cathedral
61. San Francesco Di Paola
62. San Francisco de la Espada Mission
63. St. Francis X Cabrini
64. San Jose y San Miguel Mission
65. San Juan Capistrano Mission
66. San Juan de los Lagos
67. San Martin de Porres
68. Senyor Santo Nino de Cebu
69. St. Agnes
70. St. Alphonsus
71. St. Andrew - Lytle
72. St. Andrew - Pleasanton
73. St. Ann - Kosciusko
74. St. Ann - La Vernia
75. St. Ann - SA

76. St. Anthony - Elmendorf
77. St. Anthony - Harper
78. St. Anthony - Runge
79. St. Anthony de Padua
80. St. Anthony Mary Claret
81. St. Anthony Catholic Student Center - UTSA
82. St. Augustine - Moore
83. St. Benedict
84. St. Blaise - Spofford
85. St. Bonaventure
86. St. Boniface - Hobson
87. St. Brigid
88. St. Catherine Alex Chapel
89. St. Cecilia
90. St. Clare
91. St. Cornelius - Karnes City
92. St. Dominic
93. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
94. St. Elizabeth Mission - Fashing
95. St. Francis of Assisi - Mico
96. St. Francis of Assisi - SA
97. St. Francis Xavier - Stonewall
98. St. Gabriel
99. St. Gerard
100. St. Gregory the Great
101. St. Helena - SA
102. St. Helena Mission - Helena
103. St. Henry
104. St. Ignatius Martyr - Christine

# MAP of the ARCHDIOCESE of SAN ANTONIO



- 105. St. James - Gonzales
- 106. St. James - Seguin
- 107. St. James the Apostle
- 108. St. Jerome
- 109. St. Joan of Arc - Kirby
- 110. St. John Berchmans
- 111. St. John Bosco - Natalia
- 112. St. John Mission - Hunter
- 113. St. John Neumann
- 114. St. John the Evangelist - Hondo
- 115. St. John the Evangelist - SA
- 116. St. John Vianny
- 117. St. José Sánchez del Río
- 118. St. Joseph - Del Rio
- 119. St. Joseph - Devine
- 120. St. Joseph - Dilley
- 121. St. Joseph - Honey Creek
- 122. St. Joseph - Knippa
- 123. St. Joseph - Nixon
- 124. St. Joseph - SA Downtown
- 125. St. Joseph - So San
- 126. St. Joseph - Tilden
- 127. St. Joseph Mission - Redwood
- 128. St. Jude
- 129. St. Lawrence the Martyr
- 130. St. Leo the Great
- 131. St. Leonard
- 132. St. Louis - Castroville

- 133. St. Luke - Loire
- 134. St. Luke
- 135. St. Margaret Mary
- 136. St. Mark the Evangelist.
- 137. St. Mary - SA
- 138. St. Mary - Somerset
- 139. St. Mary - Stockdale
- 140. St. Mary - Utopia
- 141. St. Mary - Fredericksburg
- 142. St. Mary Magdalen - Campwood
- 143. St. Mary Magdalen - SA
- 144. St. Mary Magdalene - Brackettville
- 145. St. Matthew - Jourdanton
- 146. St. Matthew - SA
- 147. St. Michael
- 148. St. Monica - Converse
- 149. St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Shrine
- 150. St. Patrick - SA
- 151. St. Patrick - Sabinal
- 152. St. Patrick - Waelder/Gonzales
- 153. St. Paul

- 154. St. Peter the Apostle - Boerne
- 155. St. Peter the Fisherman - Von Ormy
- 156. St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles
- 157. St. Philip Benizi - Poteet
- 158. St. Philip Benizi - Smiley
- 159. St. Philip of Jesus
- 160. St. Pius X
- 161. St. Raymond of Pennafort - Leakey
- 162. St. Rose of Lima - Charlotte
- 163. St. Rose of Lima - SA
- 164. St. Stanislaus - Bandera
- 165. St. Thomas More
- 166. St. Thomas the Apostle - Canyon Lake
- 167. St. Timothy
- 168. St. Victor Chapel - Lakehills
- 169. St. Vincent de Paul
- 170. Sts. Peter and Paul - NB
- 171. Vietnamese Martyrs



# ST. JOHN HALL *at* ASSUMPTION SEMINARY

Since the inception of the campaign, it was a priority to upgrade and modernize St. John Hall - the 50 year-old student center at Assumption Seminary - into a state-of-the-art center of pastoral education, formation, and development. On April 12, 2024, an official ribbon cutting, and grand re-opening welcomed visitors to the "new" hall for the first time. It now boasts updated technology, versatile spaces, a kitchen, and a laundry room.

Located in the center of the campus, the hall serves as the formation and meeting center for the seminary community. According to Father Jim Myers, PSS, rector of Assumption Seminary, "The facility has four main purposes including an event center and offices for spiritual directors. It serves as the formation center for the Assumption Seminary formation program and as the student center or a seminarian community center."

Renovations to the hall have been eagerly welcomed by Assumption, providing a versatile space for meetings, events, and community-building activities. The redesign of the conference hall has greatly improved its functionality. It can now serve as a single large room or be partitioned into three smaller meeting rooms, seamlessly catering to various needs.

"The flexibility of the space and the possibilities that it brings to our seminary community for our own activities, but also to outside organizations and visitors to our campus is such a blessing and very exciting," described Moses Castro, a fourth-year seminarian

chosen to be the student representative on the subcommittee for St. John Hall.

In homage to the original St. John Seminary originally located behind Mission Conception, a statue of St. John the Evangelist now stands proudly at the back entrance of St. John Hall. The seminary relocated to its current home and rebranded in fall 1952. During this transition, the statue of St. John the Evangelist remained in storage for years.

Amid renovations, a newly ordained priest brought the statue to the attention of Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak. To their delight, the statue was found in excellent condition. After a thorough cleaning, it was prominently placed on campus. Bishop Gary remarked, "It serves as a bridge connecting the cherished memories of St. John Seminary to the present Assumption Seminary campus. It honors the legacy and enduring spirit of those who remember St. John Seminary fondly, a testament to our history."



With the hall now open, Assumption Seminary eagerly anticipates the multitude of opportunities it presents. Their primary goal? Fully maximizing its use. The hall is now an ideal venue for future formation days and a wide array of events planned by the seminary.

"I'm thrilled because it provides us with the space to enhance our collaboration with different religious houses of formation," Father Myers enthusiastically shared. "Assumption is now equipped to host formation conferences, as well as foster fellowship and community gatherings on a larger scale."

Bishop Gary is excited to have a place where young people can come to be on campus and see the everyday life of the seminary. "When I was in seventh grade, growing up in the Diocese of Victoria (originally a part of the San Antonio Archdiocese), my pastor took several of us to Assumption Seminary. We stayed a week and I still remember the opportunity to be on the campus. That is the best way to promote vocations, to get young men on campus! Now we are going to have a building which we can host events and enable this to happen," Bishop Gary reminisced.





St. John Hall will also serve as a community center for the men in formation. The seminarians finally have a place where they can go to study, meet with others, or just to hang out with guests. They are blessed to have a brand-new kitchen, stocked with all the necessary equipment, to be able to test their cooking skills. The hall creates a space to be able to relax, socialize or study. Also featured is a computer room with study spaces and a print center. "The hall is really going to be used for student activity mostly, which will be nice. Getting out of your room is very important! It provides a new space for us to be able to study or relax outside of our room." Castro said. For the seminarians, St. John Hall will become a gathering space that will help them on their journey to priesthood.

While there aren't enough words to thank all the supporters of this project, Father Myers personally expressed his gratitude to everyone who made these renovations possible. "You have no idea what possibilities you have opened for us and for that thank you! Please make it a point to come and visit

us! This is a facility in which the seminary can be proud, the archdiocese can be proud, and you can be proud. San Antonio's Assumption Seminary has long had a distinctive quality approached to priestly formation and now we have the facilities to match."



# ON *the* WAY - ¡ÁNDALE! STATISTICS

<p>Total Number of Donors</p>  <p>20,276</p>	<p>Archdiocese Projects</p>  <p>9</p>
<p>Total Gifts and Pledges</p>  <p>\$60,647,602</p>	<p>Average Gift Given</p>  <p>\$2,550</p>
<p>Completed Parish Projects</p>  <p>68</p>	<p>Campaign Volunteers</p>  <p>2,133</p>
<p>Largest Gift Given</p>  <p>\$4,100,000</p>	<p>Schools Awarded Grants</p>  <p>ALL 36</p>

# Financial Report

## Income

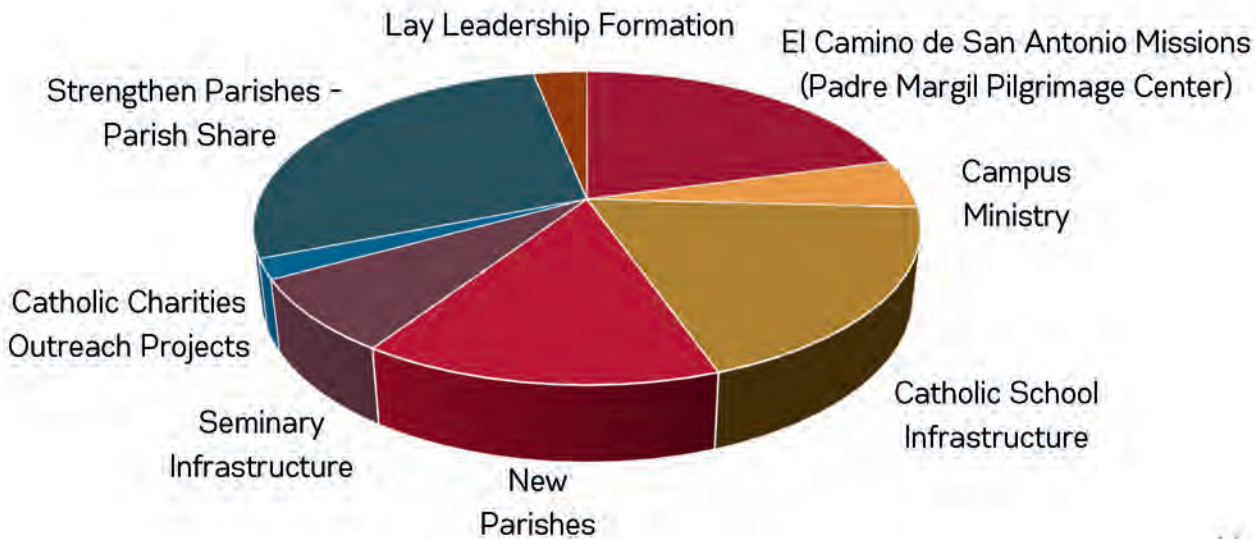
Total Gifts & Pledges	\$60,647,602
Uncollected	(\$10,129,620)
Total Collected	\$51,800,138
Total Funds Available <i>Includes appreciation of assets</i>	\$54,839,520

## Expenses *Includes campaign consultants, staff, promotions, accounting services, pledge redemptions, misc.*

Campaign Expenses (2017-2024) (\$5,168,711)

Archdiocesan Projects	Allocated	Distributed <i>as of June 30, 2024</i>	Remaining
El Camino de San Antonio Missions (Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center)	\$10,078,265	\$10,078,265	\$0
Campus Ministry	\$2,433,000	\$343,348	\$2,089,652
Catholic School Infrastructure - Impact Grants	\$2,345,622	\$2,230,250	\$115,372
Catholic School Infrastructure - St. JPII High School	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$0
Catholic School Infrastructure - St. James the Apostle	\$4,900,000	\$151,426	\$4,748,574
New Parishes	\$7,100,000	\$6,041,204	\$1,058,796
Seminary Infrastructure - St. John Hall	\$3,700,000	\$3,700,000	\$0
Catholic Charities Outreach Projects	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Lay Leadership Formation	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
Strengthen Parishes - Parish Share	\$13,000,000	\$10,074,682	\$2,925,318
Undesignated Funds	\$2,513,922	\$0	\$2,513,922
Total	\$49,670,809	\$36,219,174	\$13,451,635

## Total Allocations





# COMPLETED PARISH PROJECTS

At the start of the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** Campaign each parish of the Archdiocese selected a project for their community. More than 68 parish projects have been completed to date, and many more are still under way! These projects included sanctuary renovations, additions of restrooms, new or renovated rectories, countless HVAC, AV and security upgrades, parking lot improvements, and so much more. For some parishes, the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** campaign served as a catalyst for even bigger parish projects including adoration chapels, sports complexes, and family life centers. ***Here are a few highlighted parish projects:***



## Our Lady of Guadalupe - Helotes

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Helotes' constructed an three-story Family Center, encompassing a total area of 25,845 square feet as a part of their project. This newly built facility includes a variety of functional spaces designed to enhance community engagement and education. The center features dedicated classrooms for both Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation. A highlight of the center is its versatile banquet hall, which can be rented out to generate revenue for the parish. This family center aims to support the community's needs and contribute to the parish's long-term sustainability.



## St. Jerome

As part of the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** capital campaign and with the support of parishioners, the project put into use approximately 12 acres of land donated to the parish in 2014. Completed in phases, the first phase was the construction of a concession stand, storage closets, restrooms, a walking track, soccer/football fields, fencing and three covered picnic areas. The second phase of the capital project involved the installation of playground equipment, benches and landscaping. The third and final phase of the project called for the installation of a baseball field and a softball field including dugouts, scoreboard and seating.





## San Fernando Cathedral

San Fernando Cathedral's successful completion of their ***On the Way, ¡Ándale!*** project enabled the parish to purchase and install a new 990,000 BTU boiler servicing the sanctuary. Installed in late June 2023, the boiler has since provided consistent heat throughout the Cathedral. The reliable heat is essential for keeping their parishioners and community in a safe and comfortable environment during the occasional cold winter days in South Texas. A new HVAC system is not the flashiest project, but it is one that every member of the San Fernando Cathedral will be glad it is complete. Additional funds will be used for further upkeep and renovations of our beloved Cathedral.



## Church of the Holy Spirit

The Church of the Holy Spirit's capital campaign project achieved significant improvements for both the church and school. The updates included repairing and replacing the sanctuary flooring, restoring pews, and installing new carpets. The public restrooms were modernized, and St. Vincent de Paul Society services were expanded. The project also introduced keyless entry systems for added security and upgraded the fire alarm system. These enhancements have refreshed the facilities and strengthened community engagement and safety.



## St. Matthew - Jourdanton

The Pavilion funded by the ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** capital campaign has been a valuable enhancement to St. Matthew's hall. Originally, the parish had hoped to expand their hall but faced financial constraints. Instead, they developed an outdoor pavilion that serves as both an extension of the hall and a separate rental space for smaller events like birthday parties and baby showers. Equipped with lights and fans for summer comfort, the Pavilion has become a versatile addition, also serving as a venue for their picnics, Easter celebrations for the children, and various other church functions.



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Selma

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Selma's ***On the Way - ¡Ándale!*** capital campaign project focused on bringing in more advanced technology to their space. The parish decided to add new audio and video projection systems throughout their parish. With these more modern upgrades to the parish, the community can be more involved and engaged with events. It will create a better communication and connectivity among the parishioners in the parish community.



## Sacred Heart - Del Rio

Sacred Heart - Del Rio's capital campaign project included significant renovations that were made to the original church and parish hall, revitalizing these key spaces. The improvements included the installation of a new roof, modernized flooring, and an upgraded heating and cooling system, which have greatly enhanced the comfort and functionality of the buildings. Additionally, the windows were reinforced for better durability, and the interior of the church was given a fresh coat of paint, creating a more inviting atmosphere. The parish also invested in more comfortable seating and tables, making the church and hall more accommodating for their students and parishioners to use for meetings.



## St Monica

St. Monica's capital campaign project was constructing a new rectory for the parish, with the official groundbreaking ceremony held on September 10, 2022. In a meaningful gesture, the community was invited to write prayers and well-wishes on the studs, which will remain within the walls as a lasting testament to their faith and support. The new rectory boasts a modern design, featuring two bedrooms, two bathrooms, an upgraded kitchen, and a delightful backyard complete with a covered patio. This beautiful and functional home will offer comfort for both current and future priests at St. Monica, enhancing their ability to serve the parish and fostering a sense of continuity and community within the church.



## St. Anthony - Elmendorf

The *On the Way - ¡Ándale!* capital campaign has made a significant impact at St. Anthony ~ Elmendorf. The funds have been used to upgrade their Church's audio/visual system. It also supported the installation of new pipe fencing around the property, improving both security and aesthetics. Additionally, the campaign contributed to the Church Renovation Project, which includes a beautiful new mural above the entrance and essential updates to the Vestibule and Sacristy. These improvements not only refresh their Church's appearance but also better serve their parish community.



## St. John the Evangelist

St. John the Evangelist's *On the Way - ¡Ándale!* project included a new adoration chapel and new restrooms connected to the main sanctuary. Parishioners can now adore Christ in a quiet and calm space with beautiful stained glass. In recognition to their contribution, the adoration chapel was dedicated to the memory of a parishioner's beloved spouse. The vision was to build a small prayer chapel with adequate and accessible restroom facilities to meet the needs of all who worship here. Today, the Prayer Chapel is visited daily by the faithful who seek a place of quiet reflection and solitude.



# UPCOMING PROJECTS

As we continue to grow and strengthen our Catholic community, thanks to your generous support of the **On the Way - ¡Ándale!** capital campaign, there are some exciting upcoming developments that will have lasting impacts on our children and young adults. These initiatives reflect our commitment to ministering to youth and young adults, providing the resources they need to flourish in their faith and education.

The St. Anthony Catholic Student Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has recently undergone renovations improving the physical space and allowing for better engagement with students. This revitalized space will continue to serve as a hub for spiritual growth, fellowship, and community among students. Additionally, we are hopeful that a new campus parish will be established in 2025, further enhancing the Catholic presence and ministry at UTSA.

Our Catholic schools across the region have been blessed with impact grants that are already making a meaningful difference. These grants have infused our schools with much-needed resources, allowing for critical security upgrades, the installation of new playgrounds, and the enhancement of technology infrastructure. Renovations in various schools are also underway, ensuring that our students have safe and up-to-date facilities where they can thrive academically and spiritually.

We are pleased to share exciting news for St. James the Apostle Catholic School, a cherished community with a rich history on the southside of San Antonio. Thanks to a lead gift by the late Bishop John Yanta of \$600,000, a \$4.9 million investment from **On the Way - ¡Ándale!** will fund a new school building and will replace the World War II-era Quonset barracks currently on their campus. This state-of-the-art school building will not only honor the legacy of St. James the Apostle Catholic School but also provide a modern and inspiring environment for future generations of students.





# Thank you.

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