News Notes

January 2026

Office of the Chancellor

Statistical Reports and Sacramental Registers for 2025 – The forms for the reporting of annual statistical information are available on the diocesan website (www.cdlex.org) on the Chancellor's page or at https://cdlex.org/annual-statistical-information/.

The **Parish Leadership Report, Sacramental Registration, and Statcomputer Report** are due January 19, 2026, to Deacon John Brannen at jbrannen@cdlex.org

Circle of Grace Program Reminder – Student Training Report Forms were due at the end of December. Please submit any remaining forms as soon as possible to Greta Hernandez at ghernandez@cdlex.org

Vocations Office

Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon John Becerra will take place on Saturday, January 31, at 10:30am at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington. All are invited to share in this joyful liturgy as Deacon John begins priestly life and ministry in the Diocese of Lexington.

Pastoral Life

Calvary Cemetery

Prayer Service and Burial – Please join us for the Prayer Service and Burial for Life Lost through Miscarriage with St. Joseph Hospital, on January 7 at 1pm at the Via Dolorosa Mausoleum (both spiritual and corporal works of mercy). Please dress weather aware. All are welcome to attend.

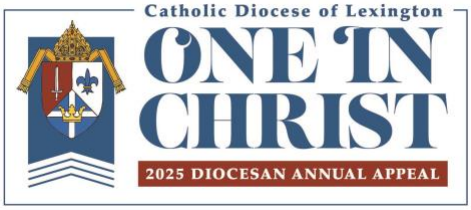
Happy Anniversary – On January 14 we celebrate the 152nd Anniversary of Calvary Cemetery's being an integral part of the lives of Catholics and non-Catholics from near and far, and its place in Diocesan and Lexington history. Canon Law acknowledges only two sacred places: a blessed Altar and a blessed Cemetery. Those buried at Calvary Cemetery have made their final and public Profession of Faith for all to see. *"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."* Please keep Calvary and all of its families in your prayers. Thank you.

The Memorial of Saint Anthony the Abbot (of Egypt) is January 17. He is the Patron Saint of Gravediggers. Saint Anthony…pray for us. Amen.

Calvary, established in 1874, is the Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington located @ 874 West Main Street, ccemetery@cdlex.org, 859-252-5415

Development

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2025



Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal, with special gratitude to those parishes who have achieved the parish goal. We are very close to reaching the Diocesan goal. Please continue to work on participation so that everyone reaches their 65% or more goal. Again, thank you so much for all you've done to share the importance of the Appeal in our mission to spread the Good News to everyone in our Diocese.

The Development Office will send tax letters in January to all Appeal donors who made contributions in calendar year 2025. To save mailing costs, we will send an email message to those donors who have emails on file, and they may access their giving statement through Pushpay. We will mail the statements that do not have an email address. As a reminder, the statements we send out will have only the contributions to the Diocese; parishes need to send statements for contributions made directly to the parish.

Mission & Ministry Application – The online Mission & Ministry application forms for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 are available now. The link to Mission and Ministry is: apply.cdlex.org. Contact Sara Spellman spellman@cdlex.org if you have trouble logging in or have other questions. Deadline for applications will be January 30, 2026.

Second Collections – The Second Collection calendar can be found on our website: https://cdlex.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/COLLECTIONS-FOR-2026.pdf

Opportunities for Life Collection – The Opportunities for Life Collection will be taken up on January 17-18 2026. The proceeds from this collection help support women experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Thank you for your support of these collections which support the work of the universal Church, as well as the work of our local ministries.

Catholic Charities

Website Update – Good news! Our website, *www.catholiccharitieslexington.org*, now offers one-click translation into Spanish using the language button on the homepage – helping us better meet our community and respond to your feedback.

Last Chance for Gala Tickets – Ticket sales end on January 31 for the Catholic Charities Mardi Gras Gala, which takes place at 6:30pm on Friday, February 13. Attached to this email are pdf and jpeg files that may be used for parish bulletins. Thank you for your support.

Seeking an administrative assistant/bookkeeper – Catholic Charities of Lexington is seeking a detail-oriented and tech-savvy **Administrative Assistant** to join our team. This role is essential to the smooth operation of our office, supporting leadership, staff, and programs through a wide range of administrative tasks. Please announce this in your bulletins. The job description is attached, and available on both the Catholic Charities and Diocesan websites.

Catholic Charities welcomes Evan Rowe as the Disaster Case Manager and Parish Relations Coordinator. Evan will be supporting individuals and families affected by natural disasters, helping them with access to recovery resources and services. He will also serve as a liaison to parishes, working with pastors and parish leaders to strengthen parish engagement, outreach, and disaster preparedness. Evan is happy to join our team and says: “I look forward to serving alongside our parishes across the Diocese.”