

Frequently Asked Questions

What is One Church?

One Church: Unite Arkansas in Faith and Mission was established in 2018 to foster the missionary spirit among all parishes in the state. One Church supports a small mission or ministry in our diocese that needs a one-time boost to thrive. The support for the partner church/ministry is for 12 months, from September to August.

Who picks the target parish?

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor and his priest council called the Presbyteral Council

What parishes have been helped and how?

2018-2019: St. Luke, Warren, new church

2019-2020: Holy Spirit, Hamburg, help pay off church mortgage

2020-2021: St. Bartholomew, Little Rock, new parish hall

2021-2022: St. Andrew, Danville, parish center renovation

2022-2023: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Magnolia, parish hall expansion

2023-2024: Blessed Stanley Rother, Decatur, pay off church mortgage and church renovation

2024-2025: Sts. Peter and Paul, Lincoln, new church renovation

How is the program administered?

Catholic Charities of Arkansas is available to answer questions, offer assistance, coordinate between parishes and accept donations.

What kind of help does the target parish need?

It will vary from year to year. The 2025-2026 partner is St. Edward Outreach Center in Texarkana. Funds will be used to expand the reach of the center, which is moving into a larger, new building.

What are we expected to do to help?

It will depend on the needs of the partner parish and the capacity of your parish. If construction, painting or landscaping are needed, your parish might be able to furnish labor and materials or your expertise. For St. Edward Outreach Center, you can donate money so they can buy more nutritious foods like fresh fruit and vegetables and expand to include a food pantry for weekend meals for clients. An <u>Amazon wish list</u> has also been created where your parish, school or ministry can buy needed items. Another option is for your parish or school to create hygiene kits or blessing bags for the Outreach Center that they can hand out. See dolr.org/one-church for more details.

How can I get additional information to help promote this in my parish?

Contact Carolina Mejia at office@saintedwardstexarkana.com. She can arrange for speakers to come to your parish for presentations to the parish council, parish committee or group. Speakers may be laypeople, deacons or priests familiar with the St. Edward Outreach Center and can explain the community's needs.

Ongoing updates will be available at dolr.org or on social media accounts through Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Little Rock.

Where can I send a donation?

Mail a check to Catholic Charities of Arkansas, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72207, with the notation "St. Edward Outreach Center, Texarkana." Make the check payable to Diocese of Little Rock-One Church. Or you can make a one-time or recurring gift at dolr.org/one-church.