



2021 ASHES TO EASTER APPLICATION

APPLICATION IS DUE BEFORE JULY 1, 2021

Ashes to Easter is an annual Lenten mission project that affirms and encourages local missionary groups and other mission activities of the Diocese of Austin. This mission collection was spearheaded by Msgr. Tom Frank in the 1980s, and began as a parish project supporting works of charity and missions. *Ashes to Easter* became an annual diocesan project in 1991. By 1992, this mission project of placing alms into small coin boxes became a project of the Diocesan Mission Advisory Council.

To apply for *Ashes to Easter* funds, applicants must submit a cover letter request, a narrative proposal based on the outline below, and an endorsement letter dated for 2021 by the bishop of the mission location, who provides endorsement of the mission work.

Organization Name: _____

Executive Director (Point of Contact) Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:

A. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Description of the mission's current programs and activities, including any service statistics and strengths or accomplishments. Please highlight new or different activities, if any, for the organization.

B. PURPOSE OF GRANT

1. Brief narrative description of the project or activity for which grant funds are requested.
2. Narrative description of the goals to be accomplished and the impact the program/project will have on the people in the area; the local diocese; and the global solidarity mission of the Church.
3. Describe how those served will be empowered (that is, how will those served discover and develop their power to act and effect change) by the funded project. Describe how leaders will be developed so the project will become self-directed and controlled by those in the area.

C. EVALUATION

1. Please describe the organization's criteria for success (i.e. the desired outcome as a result of the mission activities).
2. Provide how all organizational funds from last year were used.
3. Describe plans to achieve financial self-sufficiency for this project.
4. List other funding sources and grant applications for this project.

D. COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

1. Name *all* collaborating institutions with whom the organization works (i.e. dioceses, parishes, schools, and other organizations).
2. Provide a letter of support for the project from the applicant's pastor.
3. Provide letter from the local bishop who endorses the mission work.

BEFORE SUBMITTING PLEASE ENSURE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ENCLOSED:

- Cover letter
- Two-page narrative with specific annual project
- Pro-forma budget (and disclose the project budget within organizational budget)
- 2021 Letters of Support from collaborating institutions, the local bishop who provides endorsement of the mission work, and the applicant's pastor who supports the project.
- Marketing materials, brochures, newsletters, et cetera

Mail Application Packet to:

Diocese of Austin
Missions & Discipleship
6225 E US 290 HWY SVRD EB
Austin, Texas 78723

NOTE: An application for a grant award is required each year that an appropriation is desired. Beginning in January 1, 2018, no organization may receive a grant more than three years consecutively, nor should submit a grant request for one grant cycle after approval of their third consecutive grant request. No organization should expect an approval of funds or any specified amount of funds annually, as from year to year the review committee's recommendations may change to provide the utmost objectivity, fairness, and professionalism in its dealings with all applicants for funding.