



## Diocese of Austin

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Vicar General

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Good Morning Fathers,

I hope you are well and ready for these next three days of grace and Easter joy. I write offering some information about an interesting initiative called *One Hope 2020*. Gustavo Rodriguez, our Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, would like to share some thoughts about how we might be a part of this ecumenical opportunity. Here is Gustavo's message to priests and parish teams:

*A grand ecumenical event, providing 100,000 people the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, is being planned for April 25, 2020 on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station. This vision has been discussed and prayed about for the last 30 years by people in the community and is coming to fruition. The event is called OneHope2020 and its purpose is to bring people of all faiths together to encounter Jesus through Prayer, Caring and Sharing. In Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, he states, "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them: I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day."*

*We have been invited as a diocese to support this event and encourage all parishes to participate and become involved as volunteers. The team organizers of this event are known as the City Leadership Team (CLT). We have two Catholic representatives on the team: Roger R. Martinez, Ph.D. a St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner and Alison Sullivan a parishioner at St. Mary's Catholic Center. The Catholic members of the leadership team along with the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of our Diocese will serve as liaisons for our parishes.*

*Since Bryan/College Station is in the Diocese, the CLT of OneHope2020 has requested that we communicate this event to Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Austin and to allow each parish to be a participating church for this event. I encourage you to learn more about this event and opportunity by clicking on to the OneHope2020 website [onehopemovement.com](http://onehopemovement.com) or by contacting me in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Austin. Please consider becoming one of the participating parishes of diocese and share this event with your parishioners and parish ministry groups.*

*The official kickoff announcement for One Hope 2020 is scheduled for April 25, 2019. Invitations for this Kickoff event have been sent to the surrounding pastors and parishes in the Bryan/ College Station area. This event will take place at the Zone Club at Kyle Field Kyle from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and will include a lunch.*

*If you have any further questions please reach out to me via email at [Gustavo-rodriguez@austindiocese.org](mailto:Gustavo-rodriguez@austindiocese.org) or calling me at 512-949-2542. With kind regards, Gustavo.*

I am grateful to Gustavo and his team for their partnership in not only this project but also in all that they do in the Evangelization and Catechesis Office for and with our parishes.

Let's continue to keep each other in prayer this weekend.

With kind regards,

Very Reverend James A. Misko  
Vicar General