



## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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### **Several Churches in Diocese of Dallas Observe Feast of St. Francis** **Faithful Can Bring Pets for Blessing**

(Dallas) In observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures and nature, people will have the opportunity to take their pets to be blessed at several churches in the Diocese of Dallas. The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is officially observed on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

St. Francis was born at Assisi in Umbria in 1181. After a care-free youth, he turned his back on inherited wealth and committed himself to God. Like many early saints, he lived a very simple life of poverty, and in so doing, gained a reputation of being a friend of animals and a lover of nature. He is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders and the patron saint of animals, ecologists and merchants.

The following are a few of the churches that will offer a *Blessing of the Animals*. Pastors at these churches invite animal lovers to bring their pets to receive a special blessing.

#### **St. Michael the Archangel, 950 Trails Pkwy., Garland**

Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 4:00 p.m. –In the parking lot in back of the church

#### **St. Monica, - 9933 Midway Road, Dallas**

Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Drive through blessing this year. Cars will enter on Midway and circle around to Walnut Hill parking lot.

#### **Christ the King – 8017 Preston Road, Dallas**

Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Blessing held in Franny's Garden, the northern courtyard between the parish center and the playground.

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