

***We are grateful of your generosity.
It helps support:***

Camps, Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Aside from the two camps that the diocese maintains, it is also blessed to have an active ministry for Youth and Young Adults. It is currently led by our newly ordained priest and an assistant coordinator. Through their presence at the University of Northern British Columbia they facilitate regular prayer gatherings, form youth leaders, and promote vocations to the priesthood and/or religious life. This special ministry also offers formation and training to youth leaders in the parishes. The following events are planned for 2018-2019: Fall Retreat, Winter Ski Retreat, Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) Rise-Up, Ignite BC and the annual Diocesan Youth Conference.



Vocations, Priests and Seminarians

Promotion of Vocations is an important task in the Church. Through prayer and discernment, those who are summoned are awakened to their calling. At present, the diocese has two seminarians pursuing their vocation to the priesthood, as well as two aspirants to the religious life. In addition, the priests serving the diocese are given an opportunity for on-going education. This includes; Priests' Convocation (that was inaugurated last year), specialized studies, retreats, and workshops helpful to their ministries. The diocese also assists its retired priests.



Catholic Independent Schools

The Vision of the Catholic Independent Schools, Diocese of Prince George: "Parents, Pastors, and Staff collaborate to form a community where students are inspired to live the sacramental life, to grow in the moral life of virtue, and to thrive intellectually." To achieve this vision, the diocese assists with the administrative expenses of its eight Catholic Schools. Our schools offer a quality academic education and support parents in faith and religious development of their children.



Home Missions

Several small parishes and communities in the diocese struggle to meet their own financial needs. With the support of the Catholic Missions in Canada and the Diocese they are able to offer programs and activities necessary to their spiritual growth. This year, Holy Trinity Mission of St. Joseph's Parish, Vanderhoof will also receive support. The allocations for St. Mary's Parish and Missions in New Hazelton will be increased.

Outreach, Healing and Reconciliation

Returning to Spirit is a reconciliation model offered to both aboriginals and non-aboriginals. The diocese trusts this process of reconciliation and healing and regularly sponsors this program.

Other outreach programs include:

- Shepherd's Corner is a drop-in centre in downtown Prince George offering support and safety to some of the city's vulnerable.
- The Annual Rose Prince Pilgrimage hosts pilgrims from across the diocese and Canada. It is another source of spiritual renewal and healing to many.
- The Hospital Ministry and Outreach to Seniors acknowledge the importance of providing assistance to patients in the UHNBC, as well as residents of care facilities. At present, a religious sister and a diocesan priest fulfill hospital chaplaincy and minister to patients across the diocese.
- Pro-Life groups and their initiatives also receive financial assistance.



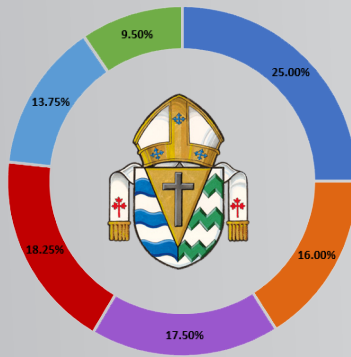
Evangelization and Formation

Formation of the faithful and the work of evangelization are one of the main priorities of the diocese. Knowledge and confidence are essential to fulfilling the Church's mission, these are achieved through solid formation. Last year the following were offered: Domano Renewal Centre facilitated the "New Life in the Spirit" series, the Chancery hosted Formation Days for Personnel and Volunteers, and a Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. The following are being planned for 2018-19: Diocesan Formation Days, Faith Formation Days, Liturgy Training and Stewardship Workshop. The Marriage Preparation will be offered again and the Canonical Pastoral Visits of the Bishop will continue.



CALLED TOGETHER

Goal: \$400,000



■ Camps, Youth and Young Adults - 25%

- Camp Emile, Moberly Lake - \$25,000
- Camp Morice, Fort St. James - \$25,000
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry - \$50,000

■ Vocation, Priests and Seminarians - 16%

- Vocation Promotion - \$9,000
- Seminarians - \$10,000
- Priests' On-Going Education - \$15,000
- Priests' Retirement - \$30,000

■ Catholic Independent Schools - (\$70,000) 17.50%

- Annunciation School, Prince Rupert
- Immaculate Conception School, Prince George
- Notre Dame School, Dawson Creek
- Sacred Heart School, Prince George
- St. Anthony's School, Kitimat
- St. Joseph's School, Smithers
- St. Mary's School, Prince George
- Veritas School, Terrace

■ Evangelization and Formation - 13.75%

- Faith Formation Programs - \$30,000
- Liturgical Workshops and Formation - \$5,000
- Stewardship - \$5,000
- Domano Renewal Centre - \$15,000

■ Home Missions - 18.25%

- St. Cecilia's Mission, Fort St. James - \$5,000
- Portage Mission, Fort St. James - \$2,000
- St. Mary's Parish, New Hazelton - \$7,000
- Holy Rosary Mission, Moricetown - \$8,000
- St. Felix's Parish, Stewart - \$8,000
- St. Anthony's Parish, Houston - \$3,000
- St. Patrick's Parish, McBride - \$10,000
- Our Lady of the Islands, Haida Gwaii - \$5,000
- St. Theresa's Mission (Fort Babine, Fort Ware, Tsay Keh Dene, Takla Landing) - \$15,000
- Franciscan Brothers, Fraser Lake - \$5,000
- Holy Trinity Mission, Stoney Creek - \$5,000

■ Outreach, Healing and Reconciliation - 9.50%

- Shepherd's Corner, Prince George - \$15,000
- Rose Prince Pilgrimage, Fraser Lake - \$8,000
- Pro-Life - \$8,000
- Hospital Ministry and Outreach to Seniors - \$7,000



The Diocese is grateful that **"Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving"** continues to impact communities and ministries that we serve. We are transforming and being transformed by the generosity of the people in our diocese.

The purpose is to promote stewardship. **"Called Together"** is inviting us to share the Good News of Jesus by proclaiming and sharing God's abundance! This is an invitation to all of the Catholics in the diocese.

Fr. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.
Vicar General and Appeal Director

"Joy springs from a grateful heart."

- Pope Francis

Ways to Make Pledge:

- Complete pledge card
- Your pledge may be fulfilled by:
 - ✓ ONE-TIME DONATION
 - ✓ POSTDATED CHEQUES
 - ✓ MONTHLY GIVING through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or Canada Helps (visit www.pgdiocese.bc.ca for more information)
- Make cheques payable to: RCEC-Diocesan Appeal or RCEC-Called Together
- Tear perforation and enclose
- Place in parish collection basket or MAIL to:
 - Called Together**
 - Diocese of Prince George
 - 6500 Souhtridge Avenue
 - Prince George, BC V2N 5P9
- DO NOT MAIL CASH DONATIONS.
- For any questions and other information about **Called Together-Giving, Sharing, Serving**, please call Appeal Office (250-964-4424) or e-mail appealoffice@pgdiocese.bc.ca



"Our participation in the diocesan appeal is an exercise of Christian stewardship: we return God's gifts in order to help others in the family of faith and thereby grow in gratitude and thanksgiving for all we have received from Him."

Most Reverend Stephen Jensen
Bishop, Diocese of Prince George



PRAYER

God, our Father, Giver of life and Source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that "Yours is the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all that we have and are and will be. We understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.

As we participate in being **"Called Together - Giving, Sharing, Serving"** may we remember Your generosity to us. Through our generous support, may we be faithful stewards of the gifts You have entrusted to us, using those gifts wisely, for the benefit of others.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide the work of the Church in our Diocese, that Christ's message of love may be realized by all. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' holy name. Amen.