APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application forms are available from the parish, school, chancery or online (www.pgdiocese.bc.ca). All applications must be made by the parish, mission, school or diocesan agency and approved by the parish priest, pastoral life director, principal or supervisor. Individuals cannot apply to the fund directly.

Applications are reviewed twice a year (normally spring and fall).

Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis. All original receipts for the project must be submitted before funds are released to the parish, mission, school or diocesan agency.

"BEING A CHRISTIAN MEANS SAYING
'YES' TO JESUS CHRIST, BUT LET US
REMEMBER THAT THIS 'YES' HAS TWO
LEVELS: IT CONSISTS IN SURRENDERING
TO THE WORD OF GOD AND RELYING ON
IT, BUT IT ALSO MEANS ENDEAVORING
TO KNOW BETTER AND BETTER THE
PROFOUND MEANING OF THIS WORD."

ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATECHESI TRADENDAE
(CATECHESIS IN OUR TIME)

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THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TRUST (RET) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1991. CON-TRIBUTIONS FROM THE DIOCESAN DE-VELOPMENT FUND AND THE DIOCESAN INSURANCE FUND AUGMENT AN INITIAL CORPUS THAT WAS PROVIDED BY BISHOP FERGUS O'GRADY, OMI AND J. J. RAWLEIGH, A PARISHIONER IN THE DIO-CESE. WHILE THE CORPUS OF THE TRUST REMAINS PERMANENT, THE INTER-EST AND OTHER DONATIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO FUND RELIGIOUS EDUCA-TION PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARISHES, MISSIONS, SCHOOLS AND DIOC-ESAN AGENCIES AND THE INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THOSE PROJECTS.

Purpose and Priorities

Funds from the Trust support and encourage new initiatives for religious education/faith formation in the Diocese of Prince George. Religious education/faith formation can include catechesis (adult, youth, child), theology, scripture, liturgy, social justice, lay formation, ministry formation programs and workshops, reflection days in parishes. The priorities are:

- Adult religious education and faith formation
- Initiatives for youth
- Native catechesis and spirituality
- Liturgical formation
- Faith Formation

RET funding is available for parishes, missions, schools and diocesan agencies to further the goal of faith formation through courses, conferences, workshops and the provision of catechetical materials.

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Criteria for Funding

- 1. Financial partnership*
- 2. Beneficial to more than one individual (directly or indirectly)
- 3. Canadian in content whenever possible
- 4. Diocesan in nature, that is:
 - Available to region or diocese
 - Shared in some form with others in the diocese
 - Educational in nature
 - Encouraging the development of lay ministry
 - Supportive of persons who have, and plan to continue to, work in the diocese

Ineligible for funding:

- Capital expenditures
- Parish missions
- Rental of facilities
- Personal retreats
- Salaries

*The usual expectation is that the individual or group participating and the parish, mission, school or diocesan agency contribute toward the cost of the project.