



Reaching out in Mercy

2016-17 Diocesan Appeal

Weekend	2016
<u>KICK OFF</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 10-11</u>

Instructions for Kick-off

1. Add the **bulletin** write-up in your bulletin—see below.
2. Put out posters and envelopes for parishioners in foyer.
3. Add the intercessions provided below to your regular set of prayers
4. Before the final blessing, read the pulpit announcement including Bishop Jensen's letter and demonstrate what will be found in the envelopes by using one of the blanks
5. Ask parishioners to pick up their envelope, if they do not have a personalized envelope they are welcome to take a blank one provided.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: The video for the "Hearts Transformed" from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will be used on the Educational Weekend September 17-18.

Bulletin Write-Up and Pulpit Announcement *(please adapt as needed)*

Along with all other parishes and missions throughout the Diocese of Prince George, today we kick-off our Annual Diocesan Appeal. The theme for this year is **Reaching out in Mercy**. It reflects the call of Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to reach out in mercy to others and be in solidarity with them, especially those who are beyond our daily horizons.

Reaching out in Mercy supports the mission of our local Church across our diocese. Your gift to the Appeal is one way that you can participate in the mission of the Church.

For the pulpit announcement, please read
Letter from Bishop Stephen Jensen

You are invited to participate in this task in providing for the needs of our Diocesan church.

Our Parish Goal is: \$_____

Prayers of the Faithful

- That through our participation in the Diocesan Appeal, **Reaching out in Mercy**, we will continue to be instruments of the living and loving presence of Christ in our world, we pray to the Lord.
- That as we support the ministries of our church through the Diocesan Appeal, **Reaching out in Mercy**, we recognize our participation in the mission of the Church, we pray to the Lord.
- That all who minister on our behalf will be encouraged by our support of their ministry through the Diocesan Appeal, **Reaching out in Mercy**, we pray to the Lord.
- That all who are served by our support of the Diocesan Appeal, **Reaching out in Mercy**, may know Christ's mercy and compassion, we pray to the Lord.