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Achievable goals for difficult times



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Date

\$200,000

The Annual Appeal is an important part of meeting the many expenses associated with fulfilling our Lord's instruction to go out and make disciples. Without the support of parishioners throughout the Diocese, many works of mercy would not happen.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your ability to sacrifice in some meaningful way to help support the work of the Church. It is not just making a gift of money, but making this a true sacrificial offering that puts those in need ahead of our own desires. In this time of great difficulty for many, we rely on those who can to do a little more.

The Diocese also recognizes the economic difficulties many are living with and has reduced our annual goal this year by fifty percent. This amount helps us maintain the essentials and support our parishes both by making it easier to reach the parishes' appeal goals, but also helping our smaller parishes deal with reduced income.

It only takes as little as \$4 a day--\$32 per week--to make a gift of more than \$1200. For those who are more able to give, a gift of \$10 per day would grow to become a gift of \$3000. For those who may be going through more difficult times, even a dollar a day--\$7 per week--would become a \$300 gift.

Our goal this year is so easily reached when we act together. **If you have any questions, please contact the Appeal Office at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca or by phone at (250) 964-4424.**



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Diocese of Prince George



A message from the Bishop

Where your help will go this year

“As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another” (1 Peter 4:10). Saint Peter’s words are a fitting commentary on the need for solidarity in the extraordinary times of the pandemic that have engulfed the world.

Everyone feels the economic pain caused by the Covid-19 virus in one way or another. Many parishioners have been laid off or had their hours reduced or seen their businesses close. As parish revenues dropped, the clergy have taken a significant cut in pay for the last several months. The crisis has also made us see more clearly our need for solidarity with each other in the face of psychological, social and economic difficulties.

In this climate, the diocese’s Annual Appeal cannot proceed as usual. To reduce the total goal by 50% this year, some of the areas that benefited in the past have been set aside, but there are needs that cannot be postponed. They call each of us to be a good steward of God’s gifts in the service of others, as far as our resources allow.

Every year, small parishes and missions in the diocese rely on grants from “Catholic Missions in Canada.” However, its revenues have been severely impacted by the pandemic’s economic fallout and the amounts CMIC can provide are much reduced. Now we have to come to the aid of these small communities.

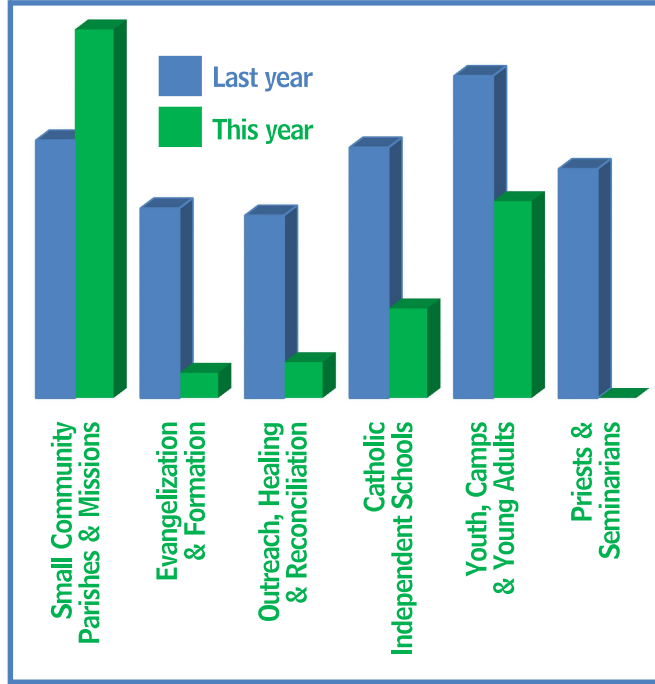
Besides supporting them, our camps and renewal centre must be maintained and the

needs of Catholic schools and ministry to youth and young adults continue. It is vital to grow the community of faith in this generation that will lead the Church in coming years. Finally, outreach to the poor cannot be discontinued, above all in these times.

St. Peter reminds us to use the gifts we have received to serve one another. Our exercise of Christian stewardship is more important than ever as we help those who rely on the diocesan family for support.

The Appeal is an exercise in sacrificial giving. I invite everyone who is able to continue to share this work of stewardship and solidarity.

+ Stephen Jensen
Most Reverend Stephen Jensen



Small Community Parishes & Missions \$103,000 The amount for parishes and missions in small communities increases this year, due to reduced funds from Catholic Missions in Canada	Evangelization & Formation \$7,000 Evangelization and formation will receive only \$7,000 this year in order to maintain essential services and facilities.	Outreach, Healing & Reconciliation \$10,000 The amount has been reduced by more than 80% and has been allocated to some of our most vulnerable.	Catholic Independent Schools \$25,000 Schools will receive 35% of the funds they received last year to help them by reducing administrative costs	Youth, Camps & Young Adults \$55,000 Youth will receive 60% of last year’s amount in order to maintain existing facilities and a reduced schedule of events.	Priests & Seminarians \$0 The education and support of priests and seminarians has been eliminated from this year’s Appeal to help parishes with lower Appeal targets.