



EDUCATION WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2020

Includes the following:

- Lay Witness Presentation **or** read from the thank you below **and** the brochure back page
- Bulletin write-up that includes parish goal
- A parish specific pulpit announcement
- Universal Prayer – *please see below*

Bulletin Write-Up

TODAY is the Educational Weekend for **Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving**. As in the past, your pledge truly benefits the small parishes, missions and ministries throughout our Diocese.

Our Parish Goal: \$ _____

Pulpit Announcement (please adapt as needed)

TODAY is the Educational Weekend for **Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving**.

*(If you have a lay witness to share a testimony about the benefits of the Appeal, please let him/her speak after **Prayer After Communion**.)*

If you do not have a lay witness to share a testimony, please ask at least two readers to read the thank you message from Fr. Pier Pandolfo below and the back page of this year's Called Together brochure.) After reading the content, continue with the following announcement:

*The Diocesan goal for **Called Together** is \$ 200,000 and our parish goal is \$ _____.*

*One way in which we can live a stewardship lifestyle is through our support to “**Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving**.” With your support, you are serving the material and spiritual needs of our diocesan community. Let us remember our Lord Jesus himself calls us to be generous with all the gifts God has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.*

*Thank you to those who have already given their support to **Called Together** and let us continue to pray for its success.)*

Universal Prayer

For our Diocesan family called to support the parishes, missions, and ministries of our Church through the Annual Appeal: *Called Together*; that our participation will reflect our sharing in the mission of the Church. We pray to the Lord.

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Thank you from Fr. Pier Pandolfo

Father Pier Pandolfo thanks those who contribute to *Called Together* for the support that he, the Franciscan brothers, and the Saik'uz First Nation receive from the Appeal.

The Holy Trinity mission in Saik'uz relies on the assistance of Catholic Missions in Canada and the generous support of contributors to our Diocesan Annual Appeal to keep the church building operating in Saik'uz. Between the costs of utilities, insurance, and keeping the space in good repair, there isn't enough money to pay all the bills. The money received from *Called Together* helps to pay for Fr. Pier to travel to the community for the celebration of the Eucharist and to provide access to the sacraments. Because of the Appeal, he also is able to be in the community to provide faith formation and education each week.

The Franciscan brothers, too, spend valuable time in Saik'uz and help with the important work of home visits and keeping in close contact with members of the mission community. Their presence is deeply felt by all those they serve.

Without the whole Diocese coming together to help support the small parishes, missions and ministries of the entire Church in Northern BC, it would be near impossible to keep everything going. We are thankful for the generosity of so many people throughout the Diocese who help this important work continue.