



COMMITMENT WEEKEND OCTOBER 2 - 3, 2020

Commitment Weekend includes the following:

- Pastors/Pastoral Administrators/Pastoral Life Directors speak at all Masses as part of the ***Called Together*** (pastors may incorporate “stewardship theme” in their homily as part of the Appeal promotion)
- **Post information on your parish website, social media and in any email newsletters you may have** – please consider including the following information:
 - the appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca eTransfer address **along with a request for every donor to include their email, parish affiliation, and the amounts going to each of the Called Together and the H&R Appeals**
 - donations through the Diocese’s home page, where there is a link to the Canada Helps site for credit card donations.
- Please ensure that **blank pledge forms** are available at Mass as part of the ***Commitment Weekend*** wherever this is possible – the template PDF is attached to this week’s WW.
- **Bulletin and pulpit** announcement that includes parish goal and current update
- **Universal Prayers**
- **If you have not yet mailed out any unclaimed envelopes, please do so immediately after the Commitment Weekend and send the invoice to me.**

To all pastors and/or secretaries

1. Prepare for Commitment Weekend
2. Where you are able to, please make the following available:
 - ✓ Pledge forms and pencils (ensure that they are photocopied and available).
 - ✓ Make sure that there is a table set up in the church foyer with Appeal promotional materials. i.e. brochures, pledge forms, envelopes and pencils.
2. Make sure that the greeters/ushers know what your plan is – perhaps you are having them point out where the forms are and what parishioners are to do with them.
3. The Pastor should explain the pledge form and encourage people to participate.

Bulletin Write-up and Pulpit Announcement

On this Commitment Weekend for *Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving*, and our **BC Bishops’ appeal in support of Healing and Reconciliation**, we want to gratefully acknowledge the gifts already made and to encourage all those who have not yet made a commitment to support these very important works of charity.

Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving is more than just another collection. Christian stewards recognize God as the source of all of our many gifts. We are grateful for these abundant gifts and are eager to give back in appreciation to demonstrate our love for Christ and for one another and to assist those who need our support. Many of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries rely on funding from Called Together to help support the work they do, especially with the financial challenges of the past year. All of us share as Christ’s disciples in the mission of the Diocese of Prince George. Many thanks to all who completed a pledge form and have moved us closer to our goal as a parish family.

Parish Goal: \$ _____ Total Pledged: \$ _____

Universal Prayers

- For our Diocesan family called to support the ministries of our Church through the Annual Appeal: *Called Together*; that, acknowledging we are created for one another, we will generously support the needs of our diocese, and that those parishes and ministries that will benefit from our donations will be blessed.
We pray to the Lord.
- For the BC Bishops’ campaign in support of healing and reconciliation; that our commitment and financial support of this campaign will reflect that we all belong to God’s family, seeking to restore trust and harmony between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.
We pray to the Lord.