



EDUCATION AND PROMOTIONAL WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2022

Includes the following:

- Priest/Parish Administrator/Pastoral Life Director Presentation or provided testimonial
(Priest, Pastoral Administrator, Pastoral Life Director is asked to write his/her own testimony about the benefit of having the Appeal in our diocese. The testimony can be shared either during the Homily or after Prayer After Communion)
- Bulletin write-up that includes parish goal
- A parish specific pulpit announcement
- Universal Prayer – *please see below*

Additional Appeal Materials

If you require additional appeal materials, please contact me at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca and we will get them out to you. We would also encourage you to reuse packages addressed to parishioners who have moved from the parish or cannot otherwise be sent to them. You can also reprint posters, brochures and pledge forms from the PDF files sent to the parishes. If you need those files sent to you directly or have difficulty finding the files, please let me know.

Bulletin Write-Up

Today is the Educational and Promotional Weekend for **Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Servicing**. As in the past, your pledge truly benefits the small parishes, missions and ministries throughout our diocese.

A successful Appeal furthers the mission of our local Church and of our parish and helps others in our diocese with the resources they truly need. We hope that every household in our parish actively participates, a goal that can only be reached with your help. Please consider your support in the coming week. Not everyone can make the same pledge, but if we all offer our sacrifice, we will truly be successful.

Our Parish Goal: \$_____

In addition to our diocesan appeal, the bishops of B.C. have asked us to help support efforts to promote healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples through a separate appeal. The diocese has been asked to pledge \$147,000 toward this important work. Last year, we raised half of that amount. We do not set parish goals for this appeal, but look to the generosity of everyone to make a meaningful contribution to support these efforts.

Pulpit Announcement (please adapt as needed)

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

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In addition, please ask at least two readers to read 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 \$ 250,000 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

PLEASE PICK one option (A or B) from Part 1 and include Part 2.

1. Option A. For our Diocesan family called to support the 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.

Option B. For our Diocesan family called to support the ministries of our Church through the Annual Appeal: Called Together; that our donations will show our desire to be faithful stewards of God's gifts. We pray to the Lord.

2. For the BC Bishops' campaign in support of healing and reconciliation; that our generosity will reflect our desire to bring about peace and justice for the Indigenous communities in our province. We pray to the Lord

Appeal Packages

Please continue to have the addressed appeal packages available in the parishes through this upcoming weekend. Next week, we would ask that you mail any remaining envelopes out and submit your receipt to the diocese for reimbursement.