 **EDUCATION AND PROMOTIONAL WEEKEND
September 21-22, 2024**

**Includes the following:**

* Priest presentation or provided testimonial

(*The parish priest is asked to present his own testimony about the benefits of having the Appeal in our diocese. The testimony can be shared either during the Homily or after the Prayer After Communion. Another person may be asked to speak about the importance and benefits of the Appeal, when necessary.* ***However, support from the parish priest is an important part of this Appeal.****)*

* 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, Serving.** As in the past, your pledge truly benefits the many people in 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 Combined Parish Goal: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Pulpit Announcement** (please adapt as needed)

This weekend is the Education-Promotional Weekend for **Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.**

*(The Parish Priest or his designate is asked to present his own testimony about the benefit of having the Appeal in our diocese. The testimony can be shared either during the Homily (if it’s the parish priest) or after the Prayer After Communion)*

***Please include the following announcement:***

*The Diocesan goal for* ***Called Together*** *is $ 300,000 and our combined parish goal is $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*One way in which we can live out our call to stewardship is through our support of* ***Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.*** *With your participation,**you are serving the material and spiritual needs of the entire 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 ministries of our Church through the Annual Appeal: Called Together; that we will humbly respond to the call to serve others as we support the needs of our Diocese. 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.