



## Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal

*Giving · Sharing · Serving*

### Week Three

**Commitment Weekend: September 27–28, 2025**

#### **The plan for Commitment Weekend includes the following:**

- 1) Pastors speak at all Masses to support Called Together—if possible, include related themes in your homily.
- 2) Post information about the Appeal on your parish website, social media and in any email newsletters you may have – please consider including the following information:
  - how to donate to the appeal by Interac eTransfer to [appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca) along with a request for every donor to include their email, parish affiliation and, if possible, their Appeal donor number (above their name on the envelope)
  - credit card donations through the Diocese’s home page, where there is a link to the Canada Helps site for the Called Together appeal
- 3) Please ensure that blank pledge forms are available at Mass as part of the Commitment Weekend wherever this is possible – the PDF is attached to last week’s WW.
- 4) Bulletin and pulpit announcement that includes parish goal (see below)
- 5) Universal Prayer (*see below*)
- 6) If you have not yet mailed out any unclaimed envelopes, please do so immediately after the Commitment Weekend and send the invoice/receipt to me.

#### **To all pastors and/or secretaries:**

- 1) Please take some time to prepare for our Commitment Weekend
- 2) Please make the following available:
  - Pledge forms and pencils (ensure that they are photocopied and available) – the PDF of the pledge form is attached to the Wednesday Weekly
  - 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. Again, PDF copies are available in the Wednesday Weekly for you to print as needed
  - Please re-use any Appeal packages that are not needed by applying a mailing label over the address. You can also open the envelope and just use the contents.
- 3) Make sure that the greeters/ushers know what your plan is – have them point out where the forms are and what parishioners are to do with them.
- 4) Many parishes will ask ushers to hand out blank forms and pencils at some convenient point in the liturgy and have the parish priest explain the importance of the Appeal and the need for support.



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- 5) The Pastor should explain how to complete the pledge form and encourage all parishioners to participate.
- 6) Pledge forms should be collected by the ushers.
- 7) If you do not follow this format, it is very important to insure that the ushers provide a blank pledge form to those who have not already one and the parish priest should explain the form to all parishioners.

### Bulletin Write-up and Pulpit Announcement

*Please note that there is no update available yet. These will begin to be distributed next week in the WW.*

On this Commitment Weekend for Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving, 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 people in our smaller parishes, missions and ministries rely on your contributions to our Appeal to support the work they are doing. All of us share as Christ's disciples in the mission of the Church.

Many thanks to all who have completed a pledge form and have moved us closer to our goal as a parish family.

Parish Goal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Universal Prayer

For our Diocesan family,  
called to support the ministries of our Church  
through the Annual Appeal,  
that we will allow God's Spirit to work within us  
as we respond to the needs of our diocesan family.  
We pray to the Lord.