



BISHOP BUDKA EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY INC

2018 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL FUNDRAISING GOALS

The directive that we have received from His Beatitude Sviatoslav is very clear. We are called to build, grow and maintain our Ukrainian Catholic Church and faith in Saskatchewan through the concept called "Vibrant Parishes". The various SOBORS of our Faithful held in previous years provide us with a clear road map as to how this mission can be accomplished. Building and growing "Vibrant Parishes", or a place to encounter the Living Christ, is essential to our unity and even to the preservation of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Saskatchewan. Building, growing, and maintaining "Vibrant Parishes" is hard work and requires significant human and financial resources.

No longer can we expect our Ukrainian Catholic faith to flourish, or even be sustainable into the future, without aggressively making our faith relevant in fulfilling personal and spiritual needs. It is up to us to ensure that our faith grows, and the 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal will serve to provide those financial resources which will serve to build "Vibrant Parishes" through our Eparchial Ministries.

The 4th Annual Eparchial Appeal will be conducted throughout the Eparchy from April 14th to May 28th, 2018. The fundraising goals for this Appeal will be designated for specific and distinctive initiatives which will offer opportunities for spiritual growth to every member of the Eparchy. These initiatives, offered by the Eparchy through the Eparchial Ministries, funded by the 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal, are designed to be a resource to help ALL parishes become vibrant, visible, vital and relevant and will aid all our parishes which may not be able to afford to do so on their own.

The theme of the 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal is **"Do You Love Me...Feed my Sheep". Caring for ALL that God Has Given Us.** In other words, we are called to show gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us, and to use these gifts in unity to help the faithful of our Eparchy live more fulfilling and fruitful lives.

INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED BY THE 2018 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTRE:

Adult Faith Formation Program - \$95,000

The Adult Faith Formation Program began in January 2016. Coordinators of this program are the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and Eparchial Lay Formation Alumni. The program teaches participants about the sources of Christian faith, offers insights into how to live a Christian life through five basic stages of Christian conversion: scripture, spirituality, liturgy, theology and ministry. As graduates deepen their relationship with Jesus and others, they are invited to participate in the Pastoral Ministries within their parishes or assist with various Ministries in our Eparchy. The alumni serve as Catechists, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospital Visitors, Parish & Youth Workers. The funding from the 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal will cover the Adult Faith Formation program that will be offered in the three Deaneries in the Eparchy: Regina, Saskatoon and Yorkton.

Human & Environmental Development Program - \$5,000

This program will be delivered throughout the Eparchy by Dr. Lesya Sabada, whose objective will be to solidify the connection between personal habits of consumption and the impact this has on the lives of people and the environment throughout the world. Promulgated by Pope Francis as an essential educational component for Catholics worldwide, the Eparchy is obligated to provide this education to the faithful of the Eparchy, and as the faithful of the Eparchy, we have a responsibility to be informed. It is imperative that we must leave our world a better place for our youth. We have been charged to be stewards of our Earth. This funding will allow Dr. Sabada to pay the expenses for her to present this education to throughout the Eparchy.

"Christ Our Pascha" Catechism Program - \$5,000

"Christ our Pascha", the Catechism for the Ukrainian Catholic Church, writes about Catechesis: *"...the goal of Catechesis is to teach and to form Christians in the faith, leading them into fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Church Community."* (Christ our Pascha #54)

The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church referred to as "Christ Our Pascha – The Faith of our Church" continues to be available through the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre. This Catechism is also being taught by Hieromonk Gregory Hrynkiw, ASTH, throughout the entire Eparchy. The funding amount designated for this program is for the expenses incurred in teaching these Catechism sessions.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE MINISTRY:

"Transitions of Life" & "Dying Healed" Programs - \$15,000

The "Transitions of Life" and the "Dying Healed" Programs have been combined into one presentation.

This program is being developed and delivered as a project of the Family & Life Office as Family Ministry for the benefit of seniors, those with special needs and the family members that assist in their care. As the faithful of our Parish transition from one stage of life into another, there is an enormous amount of information and guidance that is required to make sound and rational decisions. Navigating the sources of information and assistance in these matters can seem overwhelming and at times, and intimidating. In addition to the "transitions" that people will encounter, this program also delivers information concerning questions surrounding health directives. The funding amount designated for this program is for the delivery of the program, including travel expenses to deliver it throughout the Eparchy.

"Crown Them with Honour & Glory" Marriage Preparation Program - \$5,000

This program, written and developed by the Family & Life Office staff, was piloted in Saskatoon in 2016 with exceptional results. It is a specifically Ukrainian Catholic Marriage Preparation Program focused on our traditions and spirituality and will speak to 21st century North American couples, even if not from a Ukrainian Catholic background, as it deals with the important contemporary issues facing marriage today. The goal is to have this program published and packaged along with training sessions for clergy and lay leaders, so it could go out to the parishes throughout the Eparchy enabling them to present this program in their specific locale. The Family & Life Office are prepared to offer this program and/or training throughout the Eparchy if they are requested to do so. The funding amount designated for this program is for development costs and materials, and for administrative costs allocated to the preparation of the program.

Family Support Referrals & Spiritual Direction Services - \$5,000

The Eparchy has been called upon to provide referrals and in-house support to families in crisis. While this type of counsel could be made available through government or private agencies, families are looking for assistance with the spiritual or religious perspective and direction that in some areas is not available from the other agencies. With resources provided by the Clergy, Religious or staff in the Family Life Office, the Eparchy can provide this type of referral and direction. The funding amount designated for this initiative is for materials and administrative costs associated with providing this service to the faithful of the Eparchy.

Discovery of the Unity of Life and Love - \$5,000

This is a document from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and is based on the teachings of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Through a series of nine podcasts, reflection is provided for both young and old as we consider the timeless and essential truths of our faith on marriage and family. The funding amount designated for this initiative is to provide a series of nine podcasts through the Eparchy's website that provide reflections that are available to the faithful at their convenience.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

World Youth Day Panama 2019 – \$4,500

The next World Youth Day will take place in Panama 2019. The dates are: January 10-13 – Mexico City Tour Guadalupe; January 14 – 21 - Days in the Diocese Colona Panama; January 22 – 27 - World Youth Days (Panama). The Theme of WYD 2019 is "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your Word" (Lk 1:38).

Pope Francis invites all young people of age 18 and above to participate in WYD. He indicates that it is the journey that must proceed in line with preparations for the next Synod of Bishops which is dedicated to young people under the title "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment". The funding amount will assist in costs associated with flights, staying in diocese, expenses for World youth days, local diocesan pilgrimages and Canadian pilgrim kits.

New Lent Project for the Youth - \$3,000

This project is addressed to all young people of all ages, regardless of religion and culture: Catholics, non-Catholics, agnostics, atheists, or the lukewarm in faith. It encourages the youth to have an encounter with Christ. The young people will be invited to go through 3 steps:

STEP 1: Go to the youth forum on "saltandlighttv.org/ypfdforum2017" and listen carefully to the voices of the young people and the message from Pope Francis to all Canadian youth on the upcoming Synod dedicated to "Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment".

STEP 2: Reflect on one or more of the Stations of the Cross in the light of the Pope's message and write down their reflections and prayers and send them to the Eparchial Youth Ministry Office.

STEP 3: Come and participate in the Youth Stations of the Cross, where they will have the opportunity to read their reflections together with other young people and to experience an encounter with Jesus Christ by following Him to His resurrection. This youth "journey" with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross will take place in Saskatoon this year. The funding amount designated for this initiative will cover the costs of book publication of the Youth Stations of the Cross and its preparation and implementation.

Web-Site Project "Dyven Svit" - \$2,500

This global project aims to create the access of all English-speaking youth throughout the world (Australia, England, the USA, Canada) to the youth UGCC web-site "Dyven Svit" in Ukraine by providing the translation services from Ukrainian into English and from English into Ukrainian to this web-site. This project will enable young people of UGCC throughout the world to strengthen their world Christian community, to broaden their Christian outlook, to become closer and familiar with the life of UGCC youth throughout the world. The funding amount designated for this project will cover translation services and organization expenses.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE:

Communications Office - \$35,000

To have a vibrant Parish and a vibrant Eparchy, the communication and interactive relationship line between the Eparchy and the parishes must be enriched. The objective of the Communications Office is to establish a more effective, yet efficient communication line between the Chancery Office and the members of our parishes. The funding amount designated for the Communication Office will be for expenses incurred in the establishment of an effective line of communication throughout the Eparchy. Three major areas of focus for the 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal funds that will be raised under the Communications Office banner are:

- Eparchial News – The traditional Eparchial News offered by Father Yuri Lazurko was discontinued in 2016. However, the need to communicate news and Eparchial events did not diminish, and in fact, has intensified. Therefore, a new format for the Eparchial News will evolve over 2018 and move forward. The funding amount designated for this initiative will cover the administrative costs to develop and deliver the Eparchial News in the new format.
- Livestreaming – Funds raised in the 2017 Annual Eparchial Appeal will provide the seed money required to deliver the livestreaming of the Divine Liturgy and other Church services (i.e.: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy). The funding designated in the 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal for this initiative will be required to continue expanding and enhancing this service.
- Ongoing Communication Office initiatives

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There are expenses involved in conducting the Annual Eparchial Appeal. In 2017, the cost to run the Annual Eparchial Appeal were just over \$20,000. These expenses are expected to be approximately the same for the upcoming year.

Total Amount of 2018 Annual Eparchial Appeal Initiatives - \$200,000