



## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

### 2019 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL FUNDRAISING GOALS

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We are now beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Eparchial Appeal. The Faithful of the Eparchy have been extremely generous and supportive, and over the past 4 years have donated \$738,740 to the Appeal. Through a sharing program with the Parishes which have exceeded their Eparchial Appeal Goals, these Parishes have also received rebates amounting to **\$129,771**. So far, the Appeal has also raised **\$549,989** for Eparchial Ministries so that they can continue offering these programs and initiate new programs that are relevant to our society today. These ministries have been developed to serve and support Clergy, our Parish Leaders and Lay Ministers in all our Ukrainian Catholic Parishes.

The need for the programs and services offered through the Eparchial Ministries is more crucial today than it was 5 years ago. The information and education offered through the Eparchial Ministries give the Faithful the opportunity to get this information with a faith building spiritual flavor and a Gospel based perspective which is sometimes significantly different than the information provided by the secular world. It is our responsibility to take advantage of these programs to ensure that we feed our spiritual growth with the information offered through the Eparchial Ministries on the moral and ethical dilemmas facing our Parishes and Parishioners, particularly the elderly and the youth.

The results of the recent Stewardship Forums suggest that the Ukrainian Catholic Church requires **RENEWAL** and **REVITALIZATION**. 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 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal will serve to provide those financial resources which will serve to build "Vibrant Parishes" through the experiences provided by our Eparchial Ministries. Building, growing, and maintaining "Vibrant Parishes" and our Ukrainian Catholic Faith is critical and requires significant human and financial resources.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Eparchial Appeal will be conducted throughout the Eparchy from **April 6<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The fundraising goals for this Appeal will be designated for specific and distinctive initiatives which will offer spiritual growth opportunities to every member of the Eparchy. These initiatives, offered through the Eparchial Ministries, funded by the 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal, are designed to be a shared resource to help ALL parishes become vibrant, visible, vital and relevant without incurring the expenses of having to do it on their own.

The theme of the 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal is **"Whoever Sows Generously, Reaps Generously"**. In other words, we are called to all work together to "sow generously", so as to help each other to all reach our full potential which in turn will enrich our Eparchy and our Ukrainian Catholic Faith so that we can "reap generously".

### **INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED BY THE 2019 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL:**

#### **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTRE:**

##### **Eparchial Lay Formation /Adult Faith Formation Program /Lay Formation Alumni - \$105,000**

The Eparchial Lay Formation Program, the Adult Faith Formation Program, and the gathering of all Eparchial Lay Formation Alumni are coordinated by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate. The Eparchial Lay Formation was implemented in 1999, with joy we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> year with the announcement of our 10<sup>th</sup> two-year program beginning in the fall of 2019. The Adult Faith Formation Program began in January 2016 and continues to grow in Yorkton, Regina and will commence in Prince Albert. The Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre offers ongoing formation to all Alumni members once a year. These programs teach 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 throughout the Eparchy. The alumni serve as Catechists, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospital Visitors, Parish & Youth Workers. The funding from the 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal will cover programs offered to all three deaneries within the Eparchy.

##### **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. In recent years, scholars have recognized that the theology of creation as understood by Eastern Christians has the potential to offer a meaningful Christian response to environmental issues. Eastern Churches believe that the environmental crisis is symptomatic of a spiritual crisis. The implicit emphasis of the Eastern Church which focuses on the restoration of the image of God, allows the believer to see his or her part in creating the ecological impasse. Our concern is not with transforming structures, but with the transformation of humanity.

#### **FAMILY & LIFE OFFICE MINISTRY:**

##### **"Dying Healed": Make Time for Life - \$15,000**

In a culture where Euthanasia is legal, what are the implications for people, especially believers? When faced with this "choice" will we come to see it as the acceptable and even considerate choice to end our lives prematurely? Or, will we still see the meaning and value of our lives despite suffering and limitations? The Dying Healed Seminar explores these questions and more. Participants will come to understand how in exercising the "power of presence" they can help those who suffer to experience their innate human dignity and explore the possibility of emotional, relational and spiritual healing regardless of physical condition.

##### **"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 without any cost to them.

### **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:**

#### **What Now? - After World Youth Day Panama – \$3,000**

Participants in the 2019 World Youth Day in Panama experienced profound spiritual enrichment and eagerness to serve our families, parishes, our Eparchy. The theme of the WYD 2019 was "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk.1:38). Coming back from Panama we would like to develop this theme in our Eparchy by sharing our wonderful experience gained during those blessed days in Panama. Therefore, we are planning to make visitations to our parishes throughout Saskatchewan, to meet with parishioners, youth, and in this way to continue our missionary activity as servants of the Lord. The funding amount designated for this initiative will cover the trip expenses to the parishes for young people.

#### **Stations of the Cross for the Youth - \$3,000**

The youth of our Eparchy have written and prepared the Stations of the Cross that they are going to lead at our parishes in Saskatoon during this Lenten season. They are also in the process of creating a draft version of a book which will include prayers and illustrations. In order to develop this initiative, our youth are planning to organize presenting the Stations of the Cross outside Saskatoon at the other parishes throughout the Eparchy. Also, this pilot project will enable the Youth Ministry to publish a book with the Stations of the Cross for the youth soon. The funding amount designated for this initiative will cover trip expenses for the youth to travel to other parishes outside Saskatoon, organizational expenses and the costs of the book publication.

#### **Unity 2020 – Toronto - \$2,000**

Unity 2020 invites Ukrainian youth throughout Canada to a spiritual journey through prayer, teachings, workshops, talks in union with others. This event promotes spiritual growth, leadership and relationship building. We will encourage our youth to take part in this national event.

#### **Web-Site Project "Dyven Svit" - \$2,000**

This global project aims to create access of all English speaking youth throughout the world (Australia, England, the USA, Canada) to the youth UGCC website "Dyven Svit" in Ukraine by providing the translation services from Ukrainian into English and from English into Ukrainian to the website with the perspective of creating our own youth website in the near future. 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 first steps to this wonderful initiative have already been taken. This is an on-going project that requires further support.

### **ST. MATTHEW'S CLERGY SOCIETY:**

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One of the most important elements of service to the Faithful of the Eparchy is the sanctification aspect provided by the Clergy of our Eparchy. Without the Clergy we have no Eparchy, we have no Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Faithful of the Eparchy do have a responsibility to ensure that the welfare of our Clergy is accommodated.

In accordance with the Code of Canon Law, which requires Eparchies to ensure social security measures for its Clergy, the St. Matthews Clergy Society was established to provide Clergy a supplemental Provincial Plan for health and dental benefits, life insurance and funds for retirement. Increased costs over the years have caused financial strain on the Society. The Society needs an infusion of capital to ensure that it can provide the benefits for the Clergy of our Eparchy on an ongoing basis.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE:**

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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 and on-line expertise expenditures incurred in the establishment of an effective line of communication throughout the Eparchy. A perfect example of the on-line presence was the establishment of the Cantor's Corner initiative, which serves as a reference to cantors on how to sing the various Tropars, Kondaks and Prokimen.

#### **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN - \$20,000**

There are expenses involved in conducting the Annual Eparchial Appeal. In 2018, the cost to run the Annual Eparchial Appeal was approximately \$20,000. These expenses are expected to be approximately the same for the upcoming year.

### **TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2019 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL INITIATIVES - \$250,000**