



# The Catholic Foundation: supporting faith and outreach across diocese of Saskatoon

Every day across our diocese, faith is lived out in families and communities in, schools and hospitals, prisons and soup kitchens, in Catholic groups and parishes. And every day, the faithful in our parishes and communities reach out to welcome new life; to catechize children; to inspire youth; to call forth vocations; to support marriage and family life; to form faith; to care for the sick, the imprisoned, the elderly, the grieving, and the suffering; to work for justice and to reach out to all those who are marginalized; and to share our hope in Jesus Christ with all those hungry for the Good News.

**No one person or parish can do all that is needed, but together as the Body of Christ we join together our efforts, our prayers and our resources to make a difference right now, and also to ensure our faith is passed on to the next generation.**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon has been blessed with a legacy of faith, good stewardship and a spirit of servant leadership from the days of the earliest pioneers. However, with fewer priests, religious sisters or brothers to carry on many of these tasks, and the new challenges that continually arise in our world, there is an ever-increasing need for an engaged and involved laity, including well-formed volunteers and more paid lay ministry. Resources to work for



Several members of the Diocesan Youth Retreat Team recently led a Steps in Faith retreat about the Apostles Creed for Grade 8 students preparing to reaffirm their faith this spring. Funded by the BAA, the diocesan Youth Ministry Office is also planning a Grade 6-8 "Momentum: Don't Stop Believing" youth rally 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Holy Spirit parish. Call Colm Leyne at the Catholic Centre: 242-1500 Ext. 225 or toll free 1-877-661-5005 or visit: [saskatoonrcdiocese.com/youthministry](http://saskatoonrcdiocese.com/youthministry)

justice, to educate our children, to evangelize our young adults, to support small or struggling parishes, and to care for the suffering are also required across our diocese.

**Developing financial resources to meet such needs across our diocese is the mission of the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation**, established in recent years at the request of the bishop, and through the work of the diocesan financial committee and recently-retired financial officer Ed Deis.

The Catholic Foundation office came into existence in the process of a successful fund-raising campaign for a new Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre, which recently ended in the parishes.

**The Catholic Foundation has now been asked to address all areas of financial stewardship and development, including Legacy and Planned Giving, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and a Stewardship Office to work with parishes on achieving their priorities.**

News of the Foundation and its work has been highlighted in recent editions of the Diocesan Newsletter, as well as at diocesan gatherings, through stewardship visits with parish pastoral councils as well as recent meetings with Bishop's Annual Appeal volunteers in deaneries across the diocese.

This publication of "News from the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation" further highlights the work of this new diocesan office, and invites prayer, involvement, and donations for the continued efforts at strengthening of our Church today and into the future.

## **Under the umbrella of the new Catholic Foundation:**

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Continuing more than 25 years of generous grassroots support for ministries and groups in the diocese of Saskatoon, the BAA supports faith formation, youth ministry, hospital chaplaincy, justice and peace, children's catechetics, vocations promotion, marriage and family life programs, the education of seminarians, rural and native ministry, and MORE.

**Stewardship awareness:** Communicating the gospel call to share time, talent and treasure, and working with parishes, parish clusters and deaneries across the diocese to foster an understanding of stewardship, and to find needed financial resources.

**Uniting in Faith Campaign:** Fund-raising for the new Catholic Pastoral Centre and diocesan Cathedral **has now ended in the parishes**, however, the Catholic Foundation continues to seek support for a number of special features for the new building.

**Special appeals:** Coordinating and assisting with special diocesan appeals, such as the recent collection for the Priest's Pension Fund, as well as assisting parishes that have special projects, helping with planning and providing ongoing advice.

**Community outreach:** Catholic Foundation staff are actively involved in various community efforts, such as providing counsel and management of a recent \$3-million Friendship Inn expansion campaign. The Foundation office continues to provide expertise to various smaller not-for-profits including Good Food Junction Cooperative Grocery at Station 20 West.

**Legacy Gifts:** Providing information and promotion about planned and directed giving opportunities to meet long-term and immediate needs in the diocese and in our parishes – ensuring our legacy of faith continues to reach out in this generation and the next.

# Bishop's Annual Appeal:

## *"Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Giving in Love"*

The Bishop's Annual Appeal raised just over \$1.3 million in 2010, thanks to contributions by individuals and families from across the diocese, and the hard work of parish volunteers.

This will again provide vital funding for another year of diocesan programming in support of parish ministry, outreach, evangelization and faith formation across the diocese, as well as supporting ministry and outreach in the broader Catholic community (*see list below*).

A desire for more youth ministry across the diocese; a demand for resources for parish catechetics programs; an ongoing call for more Catholic chaplaincy at City and Royal University Hospitals; ever-more challenging issues facing the Justice and Peace office; increasing efforts by the office of Restorative Ministry to answer overwhelming unmet needs in prisons; a longing for increased efforts around faith formation and evangelization to answer the hunger for Jesus Christ in our world; the costs of educating seminarians and of engaging in effective vocations promotion – all of this and more prompted the decision to increase the BAA goal in 2010.

"We know that when these very real needs are presented to people, they respond with incredible generosity," said Don Gorsalitz, director of the Catholic Foundation office, which now includes coordination of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. "For more than 25 years the BAA has made a difference in the life and the vitality of our diocese, and it continues to be vital as we move into the future."

Representatives of the Catholic Foundation office recently met with parish leaders and Bishop's Annual Appeal volunteers from across the diocese at meetings in each of the seven deaneries. Input about

the BAA – including feedback about some changes implemented in 2010 will be extremely valuable, said Gorsalitz.

"We were again deeply touched by the passion and commitment of all those working on the Bishop's Annual Appeal in our parishes. We really appreciated their insights."

"The approach we took to the Appeal was somewhat different this year, as we asked parishioners to consider increasing their gift to the Appeal in an effort to meet some of the increasing needs in our diocese," he said. "As a result of the new format, we enjoyed an average increase in



*Thank You for supporting the vital ministries and programs that are funded by the BAA!*

Dear Friends,

As my first year as bishop draws to a close, my heart is filled with joy, with hope and with gratitude for the blessings of this diocese, and the many ways in which so many in our diocesan family are "growing in faith, living in hope, and giving in love."

One of the many blessings in our diocese is certainly the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the many ministries it supports, thanks to the ongoing, generous response of the faithful across the diocese in supporting the Appeal.

To those who have given their support through prayer, to all those who continue to share their financial gifts, and to each generous BAA volunteer serving in our parish communities, I offer my heartfelt thanks. May God bless you always!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Donald Bolen  
Bishop of Saskatoon



pledge size of 20 per cent, although we saw a decline from 41 per cent of our diocesan families supporting the Appeal last year to 36 per cent in 2010. So what was gained at one end was lost at another," stated Gorsalitz.

"We are hopeful that the feedback and insights received from deanery meetings will assist us in our 2011 Appeal in both participation and amount raised." For instance, it was suggested that rather than ask for a specific amount, the Appeal request a certain percentage increase: at the same time clearly communicating why it is needed, and always stressing that each and every gift, large or small, is important.

"The Catholic community continues to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal generously, and every day that is making a difference in people's lives and in the ministry lived out in our diocese and in our parishes," he said. "That continues to be a sign of hope in our world."

### SUPPORTED BY THE BAA:

#### DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Catholic Deaf Ministry  
Catholic Legacy Program  
Communications  
Ecumenism  
Education of Laity for Ministry  
Education of Priests and Future Priests  
Grants in Support of Rural Ministry  
Hospital Chaplaincy  
Lay Formation Program  
Liturgy Commission  
Marriage and Family Life  
Ministry Development  
Native Religious Ministry  
Office for Justice and Peace  
Priests' Pension Fund  
Resource Library  
Restorative Ministry/Prison Outreach  
Rural Catechetics  
Vocations  
Youth Ministry

#### EXTERNAL GROUPS

Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)  
Catholic Family Services  
Friendship Inn  
L'Arche Saskatoon  
Newman Centre/Campus Ministry STM  
Queen's House of Retreat and Renewal  
St. Paul's Hospital Spiritual Care  
St. Peter's College  
Catholic Health Ministry of Saskatchewan  
Support of Life  
Teen-Aid



Fr. David Tumback and beloved Wheaten Terrier Neulla.

## Insurance policy permits priest to plan legacy gifts

A heartfelt wish to help the diocese of Saskatoon and St. Paul's Hospital has prompted Fr. David Tumback to plan a legacy for both organizations.

Fr. Tumback has named the Saskatoon Catholic Foundation and the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation as joint beneficiaries of his life insurance policy. "This is a way of using a life insurance policy – for a minimum cost every month – to give something back," he explained.

"I love the diocese," says Fr. Tumback of the decision to name the Catholic Foundation as a co-beneficiary of the policy. He described how as pastor at Holy Family parish, he has been inspired by the generosity of people in supporting the Uniting in Faith campaign. "I witnessed the generosity of people – not just the \$1 million or the \$100,000 gifts, but people who made lifestyle changes to support the project. That is truly my inspiration."

As for St. Paul's Hospital, Tumback is a long-time advocate of Catholic health care. "Faith-based health care is very important. Where there is a spiritual base, there is an additional aid to recovery. At St. Paul's Hospital expression of faith is welcomed," says Fr. Tumback.

"We must all look for a way to help give. I hope my gift will be able to impact many."

## Special collection helped Priests' Pension Fund

A special fund-raising effort to boost the Priests' Pension Fund in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon last year raised \$130,000 through a parish collection.

Currently retired priests receive a monthly pension of \$950. With rising apartment rentals, and other basic necessities, many of our retired priests are struggling. The Priests' Pension Fund is also supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**PLANNED GIFTS TO SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY**



We have all been blessed by the legacy of faith left to us by the conviction and generosity of Catholic families, priests, and nuns that first populated our prairie landscape.

Previous generations planted the seeds of faith which have now become the branches of our church today. From these seeds came the many ministries and programs to meet our current diocesan and parish needs.

You too can create a Heritage of Faith through the Catholic Legacy Giving Program. Ensuring the blessings we have received will be shared for generations to come.

For more information on building a Heritage of Faith please contact Jocelyne Hamoline at the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Bishop James Mahoney began the Bishop's Annual Appeal in 1984 as a way to respond to increasing needs in the diocese for ministry and programs as well as to help other Catholic and community groups.
- The new Catholic Foundation office will come out to your parish to discuss ways to raise funds or to hold a planned giving seminar.
- BAA support for Catholic hospital chaplaincy meant there were over 18,000 visits at Saskatoon City and Royal University Hospitals.
- There are an estimated 90,000 Catholics in our diocese, served by 98 parishes.
- There are 7 young men studying for the priesthood in the diocese, with the ordination of Geoffrey Young and Matthew Ramsay scheduled for June.
- The education of priests and future priests is funded by the BAA.
- More than 700 Catholics have deepened their faith through the Lay Formation program since it was launched in 1987, funded by the BAA.



The Roman  
Catholic Diocese  
of Saskatoon  
presents the

# Bishop's Dinner

Friday, May 13, 2011, TCU Place  
35 - 22nd St. East, Saskatoon, SK  
6:00 pm Champagne Reception  
Dinner to follow

To order tickets, please contact Chelsey Hagerty  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon  
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chagerty@dscatholicfoundation.ca  
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