

Archdiocese of Vancouver

The Joy of the Family

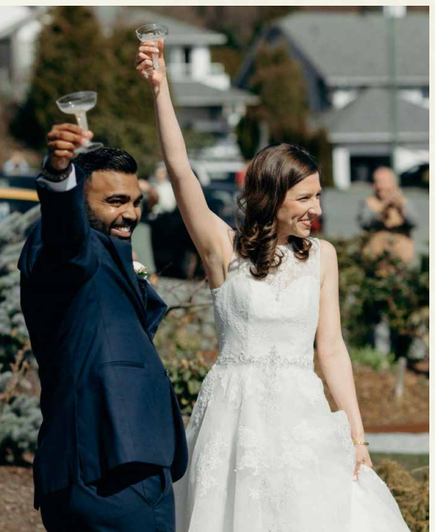
2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER













A Message from the Most Reverend

J. Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been about 20 months since the Archdiocese of Vancouver adopted the motto "the Church Never Stops" in response to the challenges that faced us during the first year of the pandemic. As we approach the end of the second year of this crisis, I remain grateful that our local Church has indeed never stopped. Our mission of evangelization has continued without faltering.

The trials of this past year in some ways proved more challenging than those of last year: added restrictions on religious worship, increasing attacks on the sanctity of life, widening divisions in our society, and yet another painful reminder of the legacy of the Catholic Church's involvement in operating government-established residential schools for Indigenous Peoples.

Amid these crosses and challenges, however, the Church never stopped. We continued to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. We witnessed the providence of God working in the Church in Vancouver in numerous ways:

- We are thankful that our churches and schools are now fully open to worship and education.
- New opportunities have arisen for bringing healing to the longstanding pain of residential school survivors through the Archdiocese's formal commitment to those who have suffered.
- Our Men's Shelter now operates from its new location at St. Paul's Hospital. It is working closely with its partners BC Housing and Providence Health Care to shelter and care for transient or destitute men in downtown Vancouver.
- We experienced a year of blessings as Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph and the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. These celebrations remind us that our country's patron saint accompanies us in our trials, and that in the face of a throwaway culture that marginalizes the elderly we should honour our older generations.
- The Holy Father blessed the Church by proclaiming the Year of the Family. Appropriately this year's Archbishop's Dinner proceeds are funding our reinvigorated Marriage and Family Office, as it helps us testify to the joyful love found in marriage and the family in a culture that desperately needs this witness.
- Despite setbacks that the necessary restrictions brought about, vocations to the priesthood continue to flourish. We celebrated two priestly ordinations: Father Richard Conlin and Father Raffaele Salvino. This October, we were blessed to ordain nine new permanent deacons, who immediately began assisting parishes and other ministries.
- This year we are joyfully celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Evangelization of the Philippines. Our Filipino Ministry Office has been coordinating a highly creative and successful year-long celebration of events including special Masses, devotions and pilgrimages.

No one knows what challenges may lie ahead in 2022. I am confident, however, that our Catholic community will continue to labour and pray with its customary dedication to ensure that the Church's mission continues. It is to them that I dedicate this Annual Report, appropriately titled "The Joy of the Family."

Placing our faithfulness and trust in God's grace, and through the prayers of the Holy Family, we will continue to ensure that the Church in our beloved Archdiocese of Vancouver, "the Church Never Stops."

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller CSB

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Archbishop of Vancouver



OUR STORY

The Archdiocese of Vancouver covers approximately 120,000 km², including B.C.'s Lower Mainland, and has roughly 446,000 baptized Catholics within its boundaries. It was established in 1863 as the Vicariate Apostolic of British Columbia and in 1908 as the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver.

77 parishes

52 schools and **4** institutions of higher education

6,365 catechists

446,611 Catholics

207 priests
109 diocesan
98 religious

95 religious sisters

34 permanent deacons

30 religious brothers

2020

2,103 Baptisms

2,385 First Communions

2,406 Confirmations

356 Marriages

Priorities and Goals

Make Every Sunday Matter

Celebrate like we mean it

Welcome like we mean it

Get Closer to Jesus

Foster personal encounters

Promote discipleship paths

Strengthen Marriages and Families

Provide support for parents seeking to acquire additional parenting skills

Connect people in need with support services that address their challenges

Develop Parish Leadership and Support

Parishes are called to be dynamic communities of missionary disciples

Every parish will be offered services in management, development, and human resource functions



DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

20 seminarians

5 new seminarians for the 2020-2021 academic year

Our seminarians underwent a full academic year during the pandemic. Despite many challenges, they had a fruitful year of ministry and community life at the Seminary. The Seminary of Christ the King accompanied young men discerning the priesthood by launching King's Gambit, the first ever online seminary live-in.

We were blessed to celebrate the priestly ordinations of Fr. Richard Conlin and Fr. Raffaele Salvino.



I look forward to being with my sons and daughters and sharing this great gift that I've been given from Jesus. I ask you to pray for me, that I may live out this vocation as a father to so many people out there that need a message of hope, a message of the goodness of God during these times.

Fr. Richard Conlin
NEWLY ORDAINED ON DECEMBER 11, 2020

In this unpredictable year of change, I have rediscovered the One who doesn't change. Regardless of the future to come, Our Lord remains unchanging, an anchor in the midst of storms: "Stat crux dum volvitur orbis" ('The Cross stands firm while the world turns').

Fr. Raffaele Salvino
NEWLY ORDAINED ON JULY 3, 2021



In February, the seminarians in the Spirituality Year worked at the new Catholic Charities Men's Shelter and the Door Is Open in the Downtown Eastside for their Discipleship Immersion Experience. Through ministering to the homeless and the destitute, they showed their trust in the providential care of God.



Working at the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter showed me the heart of St. Teresa of Calcutta's words that "we can do no great things, only small things with great love." I learned that we must love the best we can, and then trust and know that God loves these men more than we ever could – and He will take care of them.

Gabriel Canizares
SEMINARIAN

A NEW WEBSITE!

In June, the Vocations and Seminarians Office revamped its website. With a new focus on those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, the website features a survey to help young men concretely begin the process of priestly discernment and points them to seek accompaniment from the Vocations Director and other discerners.



FOSTERING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

Consecrated Life

The Fiat Women's Discernment Group has moved to an online format for the past year, allowing many young women from various locations to participate. Online tools have allowed the women to be introduced to cloistered communities, with our two local cloisters, the Dominicans and the Poor Clares, able to present their life and charism to the group for the first time.

Many of the young women in the discernment group are opening their hearts to God's plan for their life and vocation. Some have begun intentionally discerning with specific communities while others are taking advantage of opportunities for human and spiritual formation so that they can respond to God's will with their whole being.



95 professed women religious

50+ young women on women's discernment email list

10-15 participants in each monthly online discernment event

5 religious communities presented to the group (2 of them cloistered)

Permanent Diaconate

Our nine new candidates for the Permanent Diaconate were finally ordained this fall after a long wait due to the pandemic. All nine already have their appointments from the Archbishop and many are already involved in the parishes and agencies to which they have been assigned. The current deacons are almost entirely back to their ministries. Those who were able continued their ministry during the pandemic, although some found it impossible in apostolates with strict restrictions.

During the past year, the Permanent Diaconate Office also began a program for the wives of deacons under the direction of Sue Coutant, a veteran leader in Marriage Encounter.



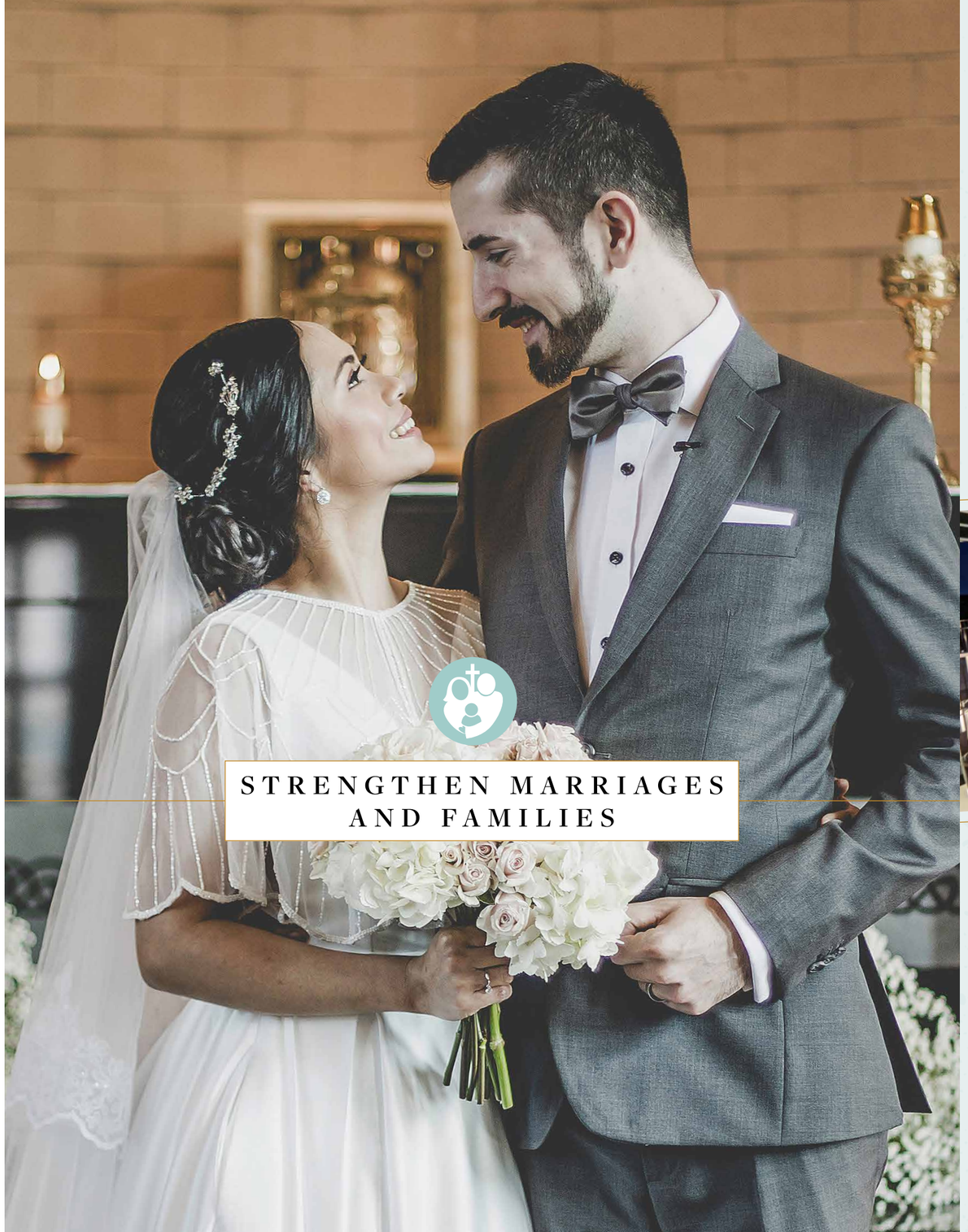
25 ordained permanent deacons

9 newly ordained deacons

8 aspirants







STRENGTHEN MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

WITNESS TO LOVE

The Witness to Love Marriage Mentorship Program deepened our faith and our marriage. We have been together for many years and we always thought we had it together. Going through this book, having meetings, and sharing ideas was a way to really see that you are always growing and learning with your spouse to reconnect and try different approaches of how to communicate. It is a great way to keep your marriage alive and healthy.

PARTICIPANT, WITNESS TO LOVE





400+ couples participated in the Marriage Formation Course and had a facilitated Prepare/Enrich discussion with a trained individual

360+ couples registered for Marriage Anniversary Mass

188 registrants for Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth course

200+ couples registered for The Marriage Course

31+ couples registered for Virtual Date Night

MINISTRY TO THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

When our Catholic leaders express compassion, empathy and real resources to help separated and divorced members, then the priests and others are more likely to offer their support. It was not my choice to be separated. I am grateful that I won't be "shunned" and that I'm still welcome. This means a lot and I can't say that others 10 or even 5 years ago would have been able to say the same. This ministry will bring about healing and restoration; it already has.

PARTICIPANT AT PRESENTATION ON NAVIGATING THE LEGAL WORLD OF DIVORCE





GROWING IN FAITH

178 - 470 participants at each Into the Deep session

276 - 351 participants at each Gospel series session

753 participants at the Advent 2020 Retreat

600+ participants at the Holy Week 2021 retreat

90+ participants at Endow faith studies each week

HOLY WEEK RETREAT 2021

The Holy Week retreat had a big impact on my Holy Week and Easter. I went to confession the following day. I am becoming more forgiving, patient, understanding, and generous in heart.

PARTICIPANT, HOLY WEEK RETREAT 2021

ENDOW: WOMEN'S FAITH STUDIES

Endow was the experience that I didn't think I needed. Considering the loneliness of the pandemic, Endow reminded me of what God created me for: communion. Having the opportunity to commune with other women seeking to deepen their faith reminded me that I will always have a home in the Church.

Ariel Bejer
PARISHIONER AT ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH (SURREY)

INTO THE DEEP

The presentations ... spoke to me as an individual on both a spiritual and, at times, an academic level. The topics were beautifully chosen for informational and spiritual growth.

Felix Durity
PARISHIONER AT ST. MARK'S PARISH (VANCOUVER)

AWAKENING DISCIPLES TO PROCLAIM JESUS

Proclaim has encouraged disciples to proclaim Jesus in their homes and communities. Through the specific tools of Alpha and Discovery, participants have been introduced to Jesus and invited to encounter the Holy Spirit and make a heartfelt decision to place Jesus at the centre of their lives.

Proclaim also accompanied and equipped disciples through online training for Alpha and Discovery, Proclaim peer groups, and an intentional accompaniment masterclass.

- 15 podcast episodes
- 70+ participants in the Intentional Accompaniment Masterclass
- 2 Alpha with Friends with over 70 participants
- 100+ small group faith studies across parishes and young adult ministries
- 27 parishes registered to host an Alpha (in 2020)

Upper Room 2020

- 826 participants (300 in person, 526 online)
- 11 host sites

Upper Room 2021

- 625 participants (415 in person, 210 online)
- 8 host sites, 1 main live site

I had my laptop open on my kitchen counter watching and I was in tears. I was encountering the Holy Spirit and was encouraged to be a missionary disciple.

PARTICIPANT, UPPER ROOM 2020

The 2020 Upper Room was offered in a hybrid model; participants attended online or in person at one of 11 parish host sites. In 2021, the hybrid model remained but a main live site was added, allowing participants to experience the event first-hand. Each Upper Room had a roster of noteworthy speakers including Matt Maher, Dr. Mary Healy, Tim Glemkowski, and Pete Burak.

TRANSFORMING HEARTS



Youth Ministry

Spirit Day: Connected as One

- 1,480 participants at Spirit Day
- 63 groups registered (36 parishes, 27 schools)
- 56 Spirit Day volunteers
- 32 satellite sites

Spirit Day was offered this year on April 24, 2021. The event was livestreamed to "satellite" sites and individuals at home.

Young Adult Ministry

The young adults of the Archdiocese turned eagerly to prayer and community life throughout the pandemic. Supporting one another online and in person, they continued to seek opportunities for growth in discipleship and fellowship. Various young adult groups joyfully hosted in-person gatherings as the COVID restrictions were relaxed in the summer.

The Salesian Sisters successfully ran 'Duc In Altum: A Year for Your Future,' an eight-month program of formation and discernment for young adults. It provides the gift of personalized accompaniment in a co-ed environment and identifies avenues for personal growth and service of life. The next cohort begins in November 2021.



One young man in Catholic Gap Year, in the span of two years, went from apprehensive missionary to becoming certain and sure about his vocation and the service he can offer the Church.

Richie Aldaba
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR

CHINESE MINISTRY

My husband has dementia and is getting worse. His mobility is very limited, and I have to be with him 24 hours a day. It is very tiring. But whenever I watch the online Mass, I feel some relief, and thank God. Without His grace, I would not be able to go any further.

CHINESE MINISTRY PARTICIPANT

Hispanic Ministry

Hispanic Ministry includes ministry to farm workers, many of whom are Roman Catholic, and ministry to Latinos. Groups from a number of parishes provided welcome kits for migrant workers who had to quarantine when arriving in the country, and students from Sacred Heart School in Ladner made Christmas cards for them.

Filipino Ministry

This year, Filipino Ministry celebrated 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines.

gifted to give
500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

In celebration of this anniversary, Filipino Ministry held a song writing competition which produced their theme song for the year: *Gifted to Give*. It has been used throughout the year to proclaim gratitude for the gift of faith.

One of the priorities of the Filipino Ministry Office is to promote priestly vocations in the community. With this goal in mind, two vocations promotion programs were launched: Come and See for those ages 15-18 and Come Follow Me for those aged 19-35.

The Filipino Ministry Office provides spiritual guidance to seven Filipino Catholic Associations which continue to be strong in their charisms, using virtual engagement tools to stay connected during the height of the pandemic.





A NEW GENERATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Although there was no formal Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) training this year, several untrained catechists went through a weekly one-on-one meeting to learn how to do CGS presentations in person or over Zoom.

We are happy to have a new atrium (special classroom for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre to serve as a model for parishes and schools.



I will continue this because it is very enriching for me and I saw the parents' reactions. They want more for themselves and for their children next year. The parents and children are evangelized. I am getting volunteers for next year from these parents.

PREP CATECHIST

PREP

- 1,000 catechists
- 5,000+ PREP students
- 60% increase in attendance in monthly PREP Coordinators Network meetings

During the pandemic, almost 90% of PREP classes transitioned to online delivery using Zoom and Google Meets.

There was a renewed interest in family faith formation and how to be more welcoming to parents when they drop their children off each week at PREP time.



I want to get confirmed because I need a light to illuminate the road ahead of me. And I have faith and am willing to change. What better light is there than God's?

CONFIRMAND

I continue to teach PREP because it nourishes me spiritually. It has helped me to understand my faith better and formed me to become a better Catholic. The weekly routine of preparing a lesson and studying the book and teacher's manual requires a lot of grace from the Holy Spirit to be able to proclaim the Gospel. I made it because of God's help.

CATECHIST

Vanspec

- 40 volunteers
- 36 students
- 7 site centers

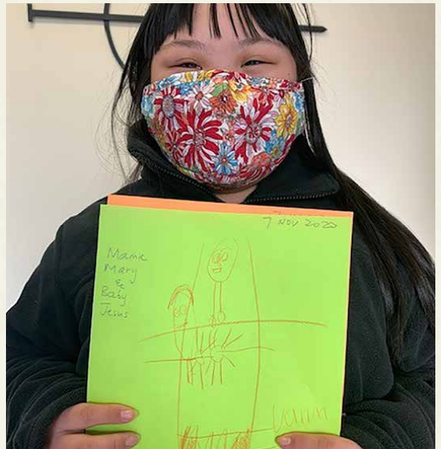
Vanspec volunteers have become more effective evangelizers when invited to think outside the box during the pandemic. They have shown a new way of teaching and creativity when planning and executing their online classes. Parents of two current students have become more involved in the faith after their children's involvement in Vanspec.

Vanspec is a blessing to my child and family. For two years, my son's favourite day of the week has been his "PREP Day". Thank you to the creative, inclusive, and supporting staff and volunteers that created such a wonderful welcoming environment to our special children. God bless you abundantly!

MOTHER OF VANSPEC STUDENT











OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY



917 teachers

542 education assistants

15,993 total student enrollment
(as of January 2021)

86% of students are Catholic

Walk with Jesus, Our Living Hope

Through the month of December, St. John Brebeuf Regional Secondary Student Council encouraged students to extend a daily Act of Advent Kindness to a fellow student or teacher to spread love and light in an otherwise challenging year. These acts, though simple, served to brighten the day of a classmate and remind the school's students and staff that they are all connected.

In April 2021, St. Helen's School welcomed the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit highlighting and focusing on the different miracles associated with the Eucharist and the saints, specifically newly beatified Blessed Carlo Acutis. Following the exhibits, Fr. Alessandro Lovato led Grade 7 students in an informative session highlighting the monstrance and symbols of the Church, as well as leading the classes in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

At Saint John Paul II Academy, witnessing the student body grow each year has been one of the most rewarding aspects of cultivating a strong foundation before moving into a brand-new facility. Visiting the new grounds invigorated and cemented the school community's desire to continue to walk with Jesus Our Living Hope while trusting in his providential plan.

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL



SAINT JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY



DOING GOD'S WORK

Interfaith Dialogue





Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place online this year with daily prayers sent to over 100 Catholics who signed up.

Ecumenical Faith Break
Catholics and Lutherans gathered online for an evening of community, conversation, and reflection as Bishop Gregory Mohr of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Archbishop Miller reflected on the gifts of the Spirit.

Fireside Chat
Rabbi Jonathan Infeld and Archbishop Miller sat down to discuss COVID's impact on their respective faith communities. About 100 participants tuned in live and many more watched a recording of the conversation.

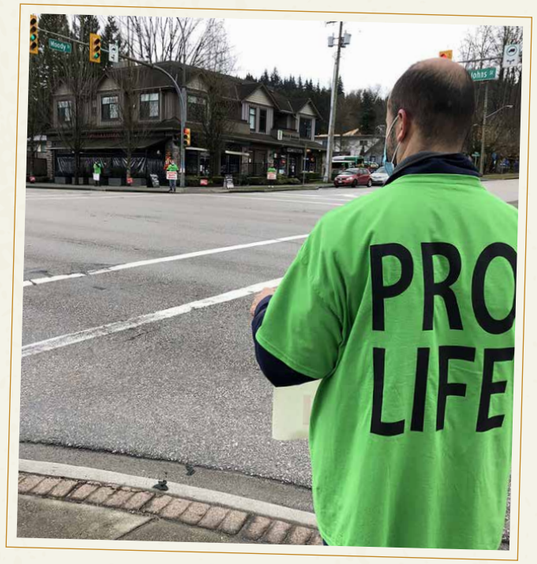
Anti-Human Trafficking



Education on Human Trafficking
The Anti-Human Trafficking Committee is collaborating with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to educate Catholics about human trafficking in Canada. An educational tool is to be published in the coming months. This project focuses on the injustice toward women and girls and calls all Christians to respect the human dignity of all persons and their human rights as expressed in the social justice teachings of the church.

CREATING A CULTURE OF LIFE

- 80 people prayed the Rosary together each night for 40 Days for Life
- 26 parishes had individuals register for prayer and fasting
- 6 parishes held days of prayer in the parish
- 10 grants given through Pro-Life Sunday that benefitted local pro-life groups
- Pro-life Masses and prayer vigils were livestreamed
- The annual March for Life was held online with speakers from around Canada and the U.S.
- Crisis pregnancy centres remained open and able to help women in crisis through donations of clothing and other supplies.
- Compassionate Community Care continues to receive calls through its helpline to assist people with questions and concerns about assisted suicide.
- With the passing of Bill C-7, many webinars were available to provide information and resources on euthanasia and assisted suicide.



2020 Pro-Life Sunday collection

$44,732





BEING JESUS TO OTHERS

Men's Shelter

- 1 deacon
- 15,071 total guests housed in 2020
- 71 men housed each night, on average
- 31,543 meals served
- 1,200 laundry services
- 1,000+ pieces of clothing shared

In December 2020 the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel moved from the red brick building at Robson and Cambie Street, where it had been located for more than 60 years, to the Comox Building at St. Paul's Hospital. Along with the move came a new name: the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. The shelter offers 102 beds to homeless and transient men but has been operating at a lower capacity to allow for physical distancing during the pandemic.



While it is difficult to work with people who are experiencing homelessness especially during the COVID-19 outbreak, our faith in Christ motivates us to work harder to put smiles on the faces of people feeling desolate and, in some cases, feeling rejected by society.

Solomon Atta
MANAGER, MEN'S SHELTER

Prison Ministry

- 200 volunteers
- 2,000+ Christmas cards, and
- 1,500+ Easter cards made for those in prison and on the streets



GUIDED CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM

This course has been a real eye-opener for me. It has shown me that everyone has a past, but that you can turn that negative past into a glorious future. I have been able to examine and rationalize my past behaviours, but more importantly, I have been shown how to take those behaviours and use them as a springboard to a much more fulfilling and blessed life.

GUIDED CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT, PRISON MINISTRY

SCHOOL OUTREACH

CISVA students and volunteers have been privileged to be the hands and feet of Christ by reaching out in love to those on the margins with cards and written correspondence. Handmade Easter and Christmas cards for those in prison and on our streets helped spread the love of Jesus to people who may not have known that God is love and that God loves them. This was especially impactful this year as those in prison have not had in-person visits with volunteers or loved ones for over a year due to the pandemic.

Angela Veters
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, PRISON MINISTRY



Door Is Open

90,000 meals served in 2020

A client was sleeping in the back alley by our dumpster when Sr. Chita gave him some food. Her kindness spurred him to reach out to her and reflect on his life. He told her that he asked himself if he can continue living in a state of death, or if there was something better. This year, he came back to visit her and told her that he was no longer homeless and living in the Downtown Eastside.

Frances Cabahug
CO-MANAGER, THE DOOR IS OPEN

TRUTH, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

We recognize that there is so much work that remains to be done, yet we hope that, if we persevere in these commitments with humility, we can restore the trust among us that will bring healing.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
IN A JUNE 2, 2021
EXPRESSION OF COMMITMENT

Motivated by ongoing reflection and deepening awareness of the enduring harm caused by colonialism and the part that the Catholic Church played across Canada in the administration and management of former Indian Residential Schools, the Vancouver Archdiocese has taken strides this year to galvanize efforts towards reconciliation and healing for its role in this painful part of our shared history. In May 2021, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation in Kamloops, BC, publicly shared information that they may have found remains of children at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. This painful news confirmed what many intergenerational survivors of the residential school system had spoken about for years. The news from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation was the first of several investigations launched by Nations into the sites of former residential schools, including the St. Paul's Indian Residential School on the Squamish reserve in North Vancouver.

With the news of the investigations taking place at the former school sites, Archbishop Miller released a statement in early June in which he committed to providing support to survivors, family members, and Nations impacted by these schools. His commitments included: mental health supports to survivors, investigative technologies for on-site work, and a firm commitment to make available all records related to residential schools. Over the subsequent months – and ongoing – work is now underway to honour and implement these commitments in meaningful and tangible ways, beginning with establishing relationships with each of the Nations directly impacted. The Archdiocese is now working together with the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to help them fully access and review archival records and to support efforts to search the site of the former St. Paul's Residential School in North Vancouver. This relationship has begun in a spirit of trust, guided by the wisdom of Nation Elders, Chiefs and Council leadership, and is based upon first listening to the truths of intergenerational survivors as the precursor to reconciliation, justice, and healing. While the Kamloops residential school is in the former geographic area of the Archdiocese – now part of the Kamloops diocese – dialogues between Nation and dioceses have been established and are ongoing, with a hope of establishing similarly collaborative and supportive relationships with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation in Kamloops.

The pain that such news causes reminds us of our ongoing need to bring light to every tragic situation that occurred in residential schools run by the Church. The passage of time does not erase the suffering that touches the Indigenous communities affected, and we pledge to do whatever we can to heal that suffering.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
IN A MAY 28, 2021 STATEMENT



To strengthen these initiatives and commitments to Indigenous peoples, the Archdiocese held a second collection on September 12, 2021 as part of the province-wide *Bishops' Campaign in Support of Healing and Reconciliation*. This campaign, led by the laity, was held to provide Catholics the opportunity to support Indigenous peoples in this province. In the coming months, the Church will work with First Nations and Indigenous leaders to identify and support projects that support those impacted and make progress towards the Archbishop's key commitments.

It is the Archdiocese and Archbishop's hope that these actions will help to restore trust and further our ongoing journey together with First Nations peoples towards transformative reconciliation and healing.

Next Steps in Ministry
A working group of the Kateri Council of the Archdiocese has been formed to discuss translating the texts of the Mass, especially those parts recited by the people, using Indigenous languages, with a goal of inviting Indigenous peoples to participate in celebrations of Mass containing their traditional language.

This work is similar to that of other communities that worship in their own language, which was fostered by Vatican II. This work is also further to the Archdiocese's commitments towards implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP), specifically Article 13: "Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures..."

PREPARING FOR ETERNAL LIFE

As Christians, we live in hope and preparation for the life to come. We take comfort in the promise of the Resurrection because we believe that life will change, not end. The Roman Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Vancouver (RCCAV) operates four cemeteries with one mission:

> *We prepare the living for the life to come; we bury the dead in the Catholic tradition; and we comfort the living with compassion and care.*

In the past year the ministry provided:

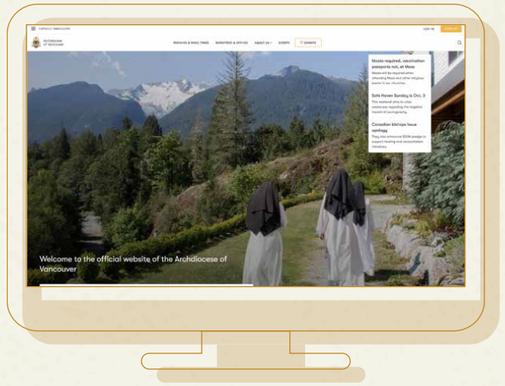
- 800+ families with assistance in preparing memorial plans
- 400+ families with help in immediate need requirements
- Monthly educational webinars, open house events, and one-on-one advisory services
- Assistance for families who may not have the financial means to make burial arrangements, through the Works of Mercy fund
- An aftercare program and support for parish bereavement groups

As Catholics we look forward to the Resurrection, and our Catholic Cemeteries are a visible sign of this hope. To be buried in sacred ground in the company of generations of believers has been a tradition of the Christian faith over the millennia.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB



COMMUNICATIONS



101,650 monthly page views on rcav.org

49% average open rate in weekly Friday Report

25,765 followers on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter across 16 social media channels

32 parishes with Tilma websites

The B.C. Catholic

- 17,069 print subscribers
- 1,488 digital subscribers
- 50% open rate in weekly email newsletter

Awards

The B.C. Catholic received 18 awards for Christian journalism this year, including first place in general excellence in newspapers from the Canadian Christian Communicators Association.

The Catholic Media Association, which represents Catholic media across Canada and the U.S., recognized *The B.C. Catholic* with nine awards including first place honours in investigative reporting as well as layout and design.

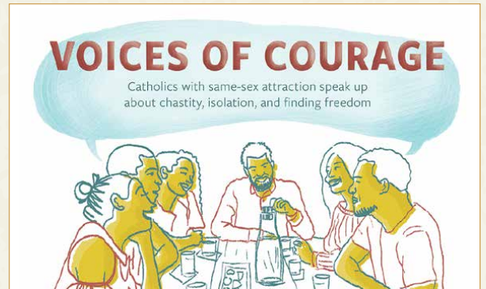
















ADVANCING THE MISSION

Project Advance
Project Advance 2020: Our Catholic Response to the Crisis raised $6.76 million, establishing the Archbishop's Crisis Response Fund to help the most vulnerable during the pandemic. The Appeal also provided over $4 million in much-needed parish rebates to support parishes during this challenging year.

My Sunday Offering
My Sunday Offering, which launched in March 2020, facilitated online parish offerings for 6,062 parishioners—over 3,100 of whom signed up for weekly or monthly offerings. These offerings have been critical in helping parish communities continue and, in some cases, adapt their ministries.

Archbishop's Priorities
The Archbishop advanced his pastoral priorities due in part to the Ninth Annual Archbishop's Dinner in October 2020, which had 685 benefactors and sponsors, raising $422,744 toward enhanced lay formation in the Archdiocese.

Overall Giving
In 2020, 102,619 gifts from over 17,000 donors were made. Estate gifts have provided $1.84 million toward parish priorities and various ministries of the Archdiocese. 7 donors indicated a planned gift in their estate and became members of the Catholic Legacy Society. The increasing popularity of gifting publicly traded securities continued, with 73 donors gifting in this way.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020

Our **Catholic Response** to the Crisis

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIORITIES & GRANTS $1,625,000

Crisis Response and Special Grants	$825,000
Evangelization Programs	$150,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	$150,000
Hospital Chaplaincy	$150,000
Family Life Programs	$100,000
Social Justice	$100,000
Prison Ministry	$100,000
Cultural Ministry	$50,000

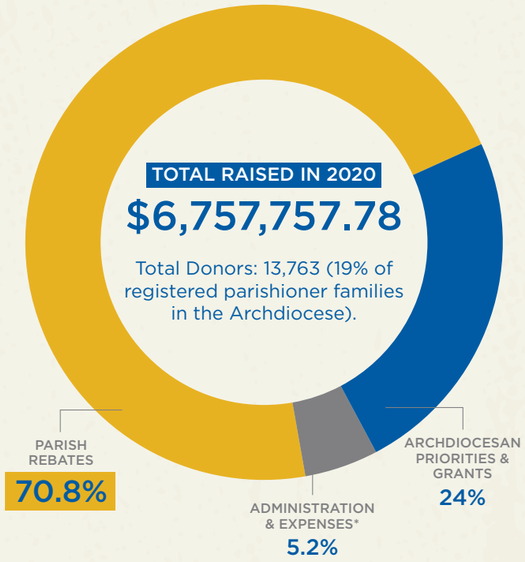
2020 CRISIS RESPONSE AND SPECIAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The areas of addiction recovery, domestic abuse, homelessness and food security, mental health, and spiritual support were identified as key areas of need to provide relief and support. Grants were awarded to organizations listed categorically below.

Addiction Recovery & Domestic Abuse
- Talitha Koum Society – Recovery Homes
- Domestic Abuse Services
- Christian Addiction Recovery Ministries Society
- Sancta Maria House
- Agape Street Ministries

Homelessness & Food Security
- St. Vincent De Paul Society - Vancouver
- All Were Filled – Meal Distribution
- The Door is Open
- Men's Hostel – Downtown Vancouver

Mental Health & Spiritual Support
- Sanctuary Mental Health
- Columbus Residence
- L'Arche – Greater Vancouver
- St. Paul's Foundation
- Net Ministries of Canada
- Signal Hill Life Education



PARISH REBATES $4,779,900.94

The amount that is raised above each parish's goal is rebated back to the parish for a priority project or need. This year the projects ranged from covering the salary of a new parish coordinator for evangelization, to structural renovations, to covering the deficit that was caused by offertory decreases.

ADMINISTRATION & EXPENSES $352,856.84

*Note: A portion of expenses were reduced in part by the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).



RENEWING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

The pandemic has not slowed the Archdiocese's ability to grow and develop. Several projects have been completed in the 2020-2021 year:

- St. John Brebeuf Secondary School expansion
- Notre Dame Regional Secondary School Field
- Corpus Christi Elementary School & Parish Centre
- St. Matthew's Parish Centre
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Centre
- St. Casimir Parish Centre renovation
- VanSpec renovations
- New Men's Shelter location



Combined Statement of Operations for Pastoral Centre and Parishes of the Archdiocese of Vancouver
Year ended December 31, 2020

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	2020
REVENUE	
Ordinary Collections	$34,245,032
Project Advance Annual Appeal	$6,757,758
Fundraising for Schools	$6,509,309
National and Diocesan Collections	$1,134,631
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	$5,474,230
Investment Income	$4,102,836
Bequests and Major Gifts	$2,668,900
Other	$3,357,318
Total Revenues	**$64,250,014**
EXPENSES	
Parish Operations	$31,008,203
Pastoral Centre Operations	$6,524,882
Diocesan Grants and Expenditures	$433,336
School Subsidies	$3,021,676
National and Diocesan Collections	$1,154,549
Less Total Expenses	**$42,142,646**
Add proceeds from sale of properties	$295,639
Deduct Capital Expenses	$22,017,591
Transfer from (to) Reserves	$(358,965)
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	**$26,451**

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