

# Pilgrimage of Faith Update

## YOUR DONATIONS ARE COMING BACK TO YOU!

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- Rebates for capital expenditures have been sent to parishes
- Rebates for youth ministry have been sent also
- Grants for special needs have been issued
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In June of 2014, Bishop John Corriveau OFM Cap., appealed to the people of Nelson Diocese: "When we look at the multiplicity of needs awaiting our annual Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2014 and the often limited means at our disposal, we are tempted to paraphrase the gospel and say, "What value is my small gift when confronted with these many needs?" The young boy with his lunch ... simply presented what he had and Jesus did the rest! The Church needs your five loaves and two fish! No gift is too small! Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal depends on the sacrificial generosity of everyone.

The People of God in Nelson Diocese responded like the small boy of the gospel, sharing generously in the

### Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal.

As of December 31, 2014, donations to the Appeal totaled \$501,225.30 which is 89% of the Diocesan Goal of \$565,000.

Over \$161,000 has been rebated back to those parishes who have surpassed their diocesan goals.

At the meeting of the Pilgrimage of Faith Committee in January 2015, your support was, in part, channeled to the following parishes for necessary capital improvements:

- Sacred Heart, Rossland
- St. Mary, Slocan
- Immaculate Conception, Kelowna
- Holy Child, Summerland
- Our Lady of Lourdes, West Kelowna



Capital and major maintenance projects are eligible for a 10% rebate grant with a maximum expenditure of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). All rebates must be claimed by the end of the calendar year following the completion of the project.

You have supported the young people of the Diocese with your donations, as well. Youth Ministry in the following parishes received financial support for their work between July and December 2014:

- Immaculate Conception, Kelowna
- St. Charles Garnier, Kelowna
- Our Lady of Lourdes, West Kelowna

Grants were also approved that will allow for youth to attend the up-

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coming Steubenville NW Conference. A grant was given to the organizers of the North Okanagan Catholic Family Camp to enable them to bring in a speaker for the summer Family Camp. The Camp is primarily for North Okanagan families, but families from elsewhere in the Diocese are welcome if accommodations permit.

The next scheduled meeting of the Pilgrimage of Faith Committee will be in April 2015. Any submissions or agenda items should be sent to Marina Smith, Secretary, Pilgrimage of Faith Office by March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Marina can be reached at [marina.smith@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:marina.smith@nelsondiocese.org) or at 250-448-2725 (Monday through Thursday). Forms and other information are available on the Appeal page on the Diocesan website. (see above)



## **WHAT IS THE APPEAL AND WHAT IS IT MEANT FOR?**

Annually an appeal is made to the people of the Diocese for financial support for diocesan projects not covered by donations to parish collections. The major projects to be funded by the Appeal are:

### **Communication**

These funds are used for the publication of the Catholic Mountain Star, which is a vital method of bringing news of our Diocese into the homes of our parishioners. The Catholic Mountain Star is available to all registered households in the Diocese. The Diocesan Website is also supported by the Appeal.

### **Pastoral Services**

There are many pastoral programs within our Diocese which are not funded, or are partially funded from other sources of income. The main areas which are assisted are:

- Youth Ministry
- Religious Education and Faith Development
- House of Prayer
- Marriage Tribunal
- Catholic Schools
- Seminarians



### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH COMMITTEE**

*Chair: Fr. Neil Lustado  
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North Okanagan Rep.: Anne Ingram  
Diocesan Finance Office Rep: Cece Sinotte*

*A Representative Committee Member is needed from the South Okanagan and East Kootenay Deaneries. Contact the Pilgrimage of Faith Office if more information is needed.*

**This newsletter will be published periodically as an update on the Appeal. Your feedback is always welcome.**