



OUR *Hope* IS IN THE LORD

 2020 IMPACT REPORT
DIOCESE OF CALGARY



2020

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BUT THOSE WHO
HOPE IN THE LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR
STRENGTH.

*They will soar on
wings like eagles; they
will run and not grow
weary, they will walk
and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31



THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC
has created many
uncertainties and challenges
in the year 2020. They continue in this
current year despite a growing sense of
hope that there is an end in sight.

These hardships and difficulties have
adversely affected the Diocese, its
parishes, families, our lay employees
and clergy. The implementation of
health and safety restrictions, financial
and pastoral guidelines have been
discouraging for parishioners, staff and
lay organizations, devastating for the
parish celebration of liturgies and
programs of outreach.

These decisions of stewardship can
provide a path of recovery for the
Diocese. In the midst of this experience
we have also received many graces and
blessings from the Lord to renew our
hope and trust in Him.

This 2020 Impact Report reflects the
goodness of God and the presence
of the Holy Spirit working through
the generosity and sacrifice that we
have all had to make. It is also a
reminder that although darkness
may come upon our lives, the light
of the risen Christ can burn ever
more brightly in those of faith.

With this report we celebrate the
stewardship and initiatives
undertaken on behalf of the clergy,
religious and laity in sustaining the
Diocese in its outreach services,
ministries and the life of our
parishes. Our hope must always be
in the Lord.

Yours faithfully,

+William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

*Thank!
you.*

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OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Established in 1912, our Diocese stretches 110,000 square kilometers across Southern Alberta.

557,000

Catholics

68

Parishes

11

Missions

158

Priests

46

Deacons

65

Religious Sisters

Catholic Education

177

Catholic Schools

76,667

Catholic School Students

1

Catholic University



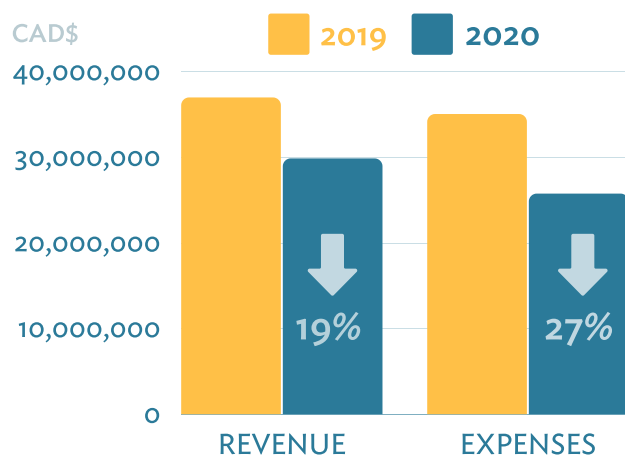
PANDEMIC RESPONSE

OUR RESPONSE TO THE EMERGING REALITY

To address the impact of the pandemic in the year 2020, the Diocese identified four priorities:

- 1 Promote the common good of our local parish communities through consultation and the informed implementation of health & safety measures.
- 2 Continue offering fundamental pastoral services, celebration of the Sacraments, pastoral care, sacramental preparation, and essential outreach.
- 3 Reduce operational costs in the parishes and the Diocese with the anticipated decrease in revenue from restricted attendance.
- 4 Prepare the Diocese and parishes for a financial and pastoral recovery in 2022.

ANNUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES



CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

2020

2019

1,679 3,091



FIRST COMMUNION

2020

2019

2,303 3,053



CONFIRMATION

2020

2019

1,497 2,476



RCIA | FULL INITIATION

2020

2019

97 154



MARRIAGES

2020

2019

214 416



FUNERALS

2020

2019

956 1,076

2021 AND BEYOND

To prepare for the post-pandemic stage, the Diocese of Calgary seeks:

- 1 Assess the impact caused by the pandemic on parishes and diocesan pastoral services
- 2 Identify pastoral priorities for 2021/2022 and beyond.

PANDEMIC OUTREACH



HEALTH & SAFETY

Measures that allowed for health and safety in the celebration of the Sacraments



VOLUNTEERS

Mobilizing volunteers in parishes under pandemic conditions



LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

Liturgical and sacramental guidelines and resources under COVID restrictions



MENTAL HEALTH

Barrier-free access to mental health and essential resources



DOMESTIC CHURCH

Domestic Church prayer and spiritual resources for family and individuals



LIVESTREAMING

Livestreaming of masses, parish support in online giving and communication to keep people connected



ONLINE SUPPORT

Family, home-based Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation. Formation webinars for clergy and laity.



COMMUNICATIONS

Ongoing online communications via social media, website and various publications



PARISH SUPPORT

Parish Revenue Generation program and support to parish staff and finance committees



WORSHIP SPACES

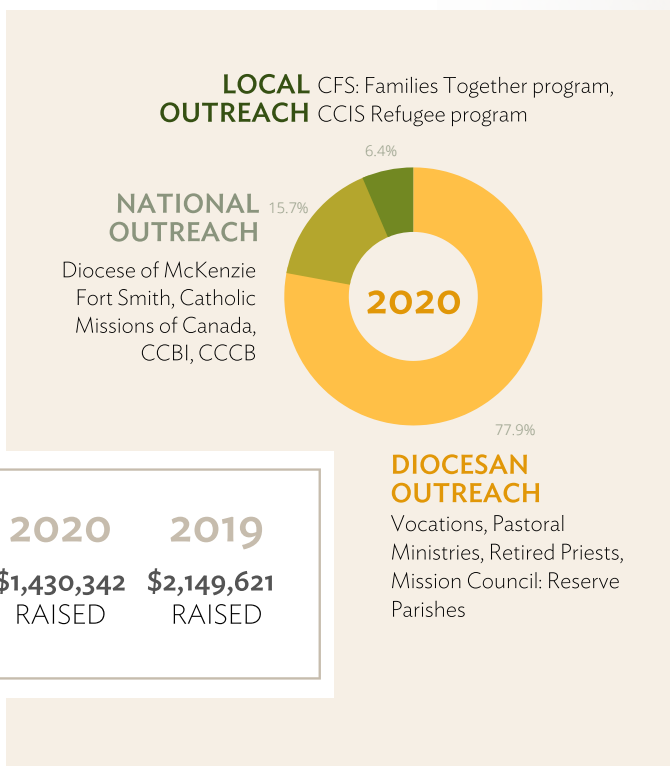
Bishop McGrattan consecrated the following church and chapels in the midst of the pandemic for the glory of God:

- MAY 2020** The Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies in Canmore
- OCT 2020** Our Lady of Providence Chapel in Calgary
- NOV 2020** Clear Water Academy Chapel in Calgary

TOGETHER IN ACTION



Together in Action (TIA) supports pastoral outreach through diocesan, national and international programs. This annual appeal invites the 68 parishes of the Diocese in fulfilling the "Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World" to be engaged in works of service to humanity.



The 2021 Together in Action is operating differently from previous years. Find out how at catholicyc.ca/tia

▶ HOW TO DONATE?
To give to TIA through online donation: catholicyc.ca/donatetia

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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Parish Priests respond to requests for Sacraments for the sick and the dying in their parishes. Three cities in the Diocese require a system to support their ministry in the high volume of requests in hospitals, hospices, and care homes 24 hours a day.

In the City of Calgary where there are many hospitals and health facilities, dedicated hospital priest chaplains provide on-call service to emergency calls.

Prior to the pandemic, the ministry of the priest-chaplains was supported by parish lay pastoral ministers and coordinators who would visit patients and who may also provide Holy Communion upon request.

24-HOUR COVERAGE

CALGARY

 **+724**
call centre calls
+ direct calls

7 priest chaplains, serving

5 hospitals **+6** hospices **+43** care homes

MEDICINE HAT

 **146**
direct calls

1 priest chaplain, serving

1 hospital **1** hospice **14** care homes

LETHBRIDGE

24 hour coverage is provided with collaboration of on-call priest and parish priests

1 priest chaplain

3 hospitals (Lethbridge, Coaldale & Raymond) **1** hospice **17** care homes

2020	2019
\$476,262	\$704,918
SPENT	SPENT

This ministry is funded by the Operations of the Diocese

▶ HOW TO DONATE?

To help hospital chaplaincy, please give to the Operations of the Diocese by donating online at catholicyc.ca/give

FEED THE HUNGRY

This outreach in the centre of the city of Calgary has been in existence for 25 years.

As a result of the pandemic, this essential program of outreach was unable to host the weekly sit-down Sunday meal. Therefore, Feed the Hungry has been providing curbside-pickup food and care packages to approximately 300 guests every Sunday since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.



21,441

care packages



12,500

guests served



4,710

volunteer hours

5,345

hot meals

613

families

2,924

individuals

1,470

volunteers

The Garden

Feed the Hungry Garden at Mount St. Francis produced fresh vegetables for the Calgary Food Bank.

2,490

pounds fresh
carrots,
potatoes,
onions, beets

230

volunteer
hours

2020

\$331,918
RAISED

\$348,369
SPENT

\$143,998

GOVERNMENT
GRANTS RECEIVED -
COVID 19

2019

\$440,752
RAISED

\$444,823
SPENT

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▶ HOW TO DONATE?

Donations to Feed the Hungry through the Birdies for Kids website are matched up to 50%. Donate until August 15, 2021 through Birdies for Kids at shawcharityclassic.com/participating-charities/feed-the-hungry

Or donate directly at
catholiccycc.ca/donateelizabethhouse



ELIZABETH HOUSE

Elizabeth House is a family-oriented home which welcomes at-risk pregnant and parenting women who need a safe and supportive place to live. This life-skills program allows these courageous women to be supported as mothers and to be empowered to transition to independent living with their child by pursuing education and job skills training. This establishes the necessary foundation for a future of hope.

- 70+ volunteers totaling 450 hours contribute to maintenance, landscaping, peer support, cooking and nutrition, data entry, research marketing, communications, fundraising and donation drives.
- 20 community agency partners ensure additional support
- 100% of the resident families meet or exceed the CUPS Resilience Domain goals.



+10
mothers & babies served



2,000
meals provided



1,000
baby items supplied, including diapers & formula

5

resident families and alumni still receiving direct service

35

alumni, waitlisted applicants and women who call for supports



70
volunteers



450
volunteer hours



20

key community agencies on board



100% of resident families met or exceeded their immediate goals

2020

\$298,106
RAISED

\$419,517
SPENT

\$162,200

GOVERNMENT GRANTS RECEIVED - COVID19

2019

\$292,473
RAISED

\$376,527
SPENT

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHAPLAINCY

St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy (SFXC) promotes the faith formation and fellowship for young adults within the Diocese in outreach to university students, young professionals, and young families.

In Calgary, the priest-chaplain connects with all of the universities in the city, collaborating with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), and St. Mary's University to support these young adults.

SFXC has also established St. John Paul II House for women (4 members) and St. Henry House for men (5 members). They hold regular catechetical formation during the week, as well as weekly RCIA sessions.

Reaching



350
young adults

120
at Mass each
Sunday
(COVID-19 restriction)

70
young
professionals
at the Zoom
launch

150
active
students in the
University
SFXC Discord

1
New
Seminarist

2020 **2019**

\$26,458 **\$62,668**
RAISED RAISED

\$62,564 **\$73,448**
SPENT SPENT

Bishop's Dinner
raised

\$197,665
for SFXC

Celebrated

5 **10**
adult adult
Baptisms Confirmations

8 **4**
infant Sacrament
Baptisms of Marriage

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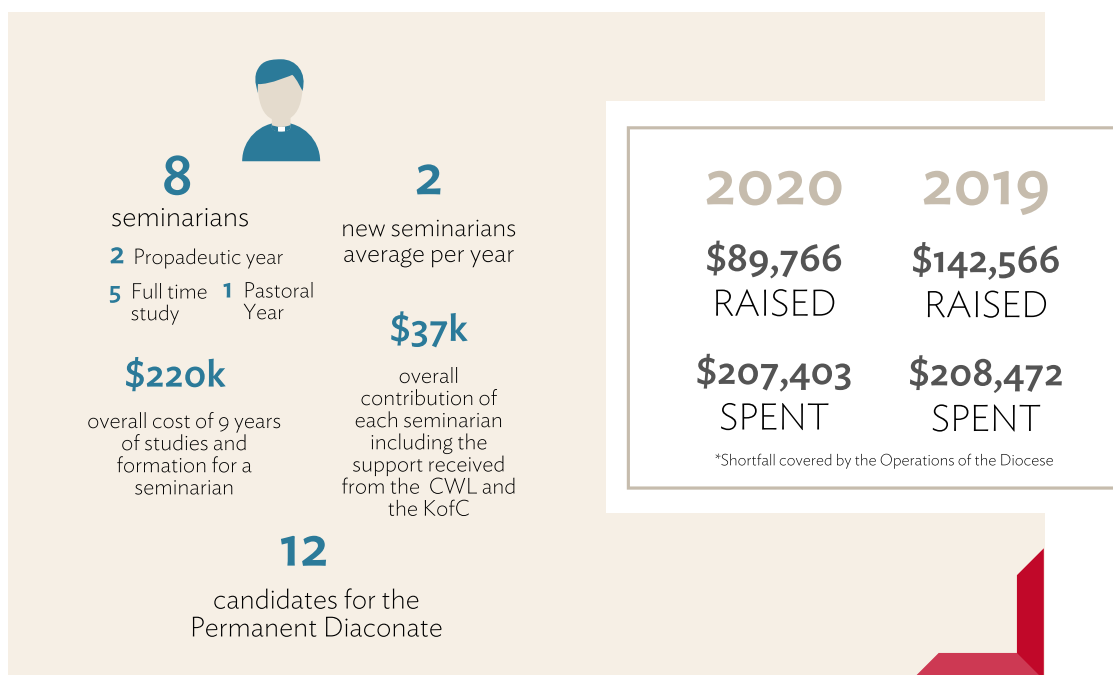
▶ HOW TO DONATE?

To help St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy, give online at: catholicyc.ca/donatetosfxc



SFXC.CA

VOCATIONS



The Office of Vocations assists in the discernment of men called to the diocesan priesthood and women and men called to the religious/consecrated life. It also supports the formation and education of seminarians for ordination to the priesthood.

The Formation of Permanent Deacons is a 4-year Diocesan program of formation which assists married and single men to discern this vocation as an ordained ministry of service in the Diocese. The program integrates human, spiritual, theological and pastoral elements in order to assist candidates in identifying their vocation as Christ the Servant. The academic and pastoral dimensions of the program are offered in collaboration with St. Mary's University and the involvement of diocesan priests and deacons.

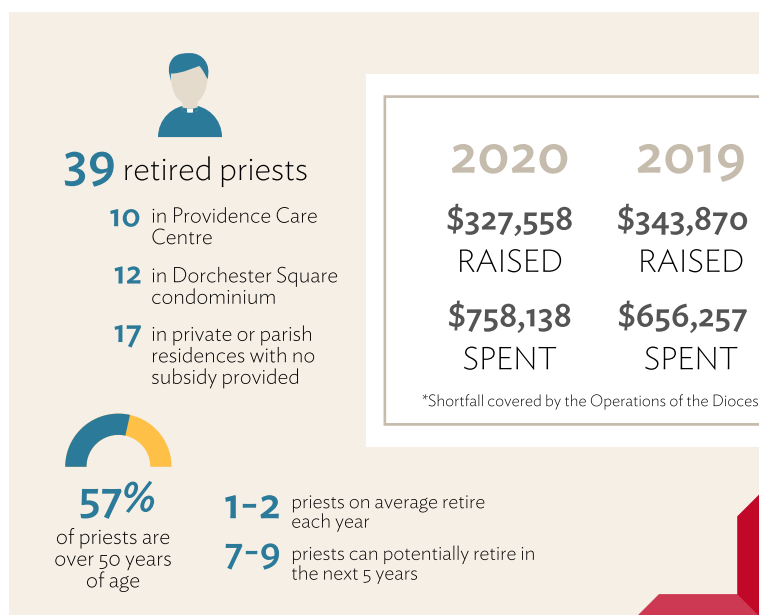
▶ HOW TO DONATE?

To help with the formation and education of seminarians and diaconal candidates, give online at catholicityc.ca/donatotvocations

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CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS



Diocesan or secular priests receive a monthly salary with deductions for taxes, CPP, and EI. They may join the diocesan pension plan through a monthly contribution which is matched by their parish or by the Diocese. The normal age of retirement is between 68-70 years of age. However, some priests continue in ministry after this age or when retired continue to serve by replacing priests in parishes when needed.

The Diocese provides priests with various options for their residence in retirement. Some live independently providing for their own living accommodation, some live in parish rectories, and some live in the Dorchester Square in downtown Calgary where rental rates are lower due to the subsidy provided by the Diocese.

Retired priests that require more assistance due to health and age may choose to reside in the St. Jean Vianney section at Providence Centre. They contribute a monthly portion of the cost which is funded by the Diocese. Priests in ministry who are convalescing and require temporary support and assistance may also receive this care.

▶ HOW TO DONATE?

To help with the care of retired priests, please give online at catholicyc.ca/careofretiredpriests

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MISSION COUNCIL



Mission Council coordinates diocesan, national, and international requests for the financial support of missionary outreach projects.

The Council helps the faithful to recognize the call to missionary discipleship, first through the personal witness of faith and secondly, the commitment to stewardship and the promotion of the integral human development of individuals and communities.

The call to mission is a call to be involved, whether it is local, national, or international.

HOME MISSION



4

parishes in First Nation Reserves receiving subsidies

2020	2019
\$88,168 RAISED	\$131,049 RAISED
\$102,899 SPENT	\$129,210 SPENT

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (in 2019)



15 8

projects countries

2020	2019
\$12,346 RAISED	\$148,329 RAISED
\$0* SPENT	\$255,845 SPENT

*Deferred to 2021

▶ HOW TO DONATE?

To help Mission Council, please give online at catholicyc.ca/donatetomissioncouncil

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MISSION MEXICO



Mission Mexico is a diocesan outreach by Catholics of Southern Alberta to some of Mexico's poorest people. It was founded in the year of 2000, initially supporting school construction, literacy, health, human rights, and micro-economic self-help projects, Mission Mexico is now focusing more on health and education projects in La Montaña, Guerrero, Mexico, as well as responding to emergency needs of the indigenous population there.



Bursaries

Underprivileged students

The total budget for this is approximately \$48,000 Canadian, a fraction of what it would cost to send 40 students to University in Canada.



2 schools

Schools

Champagnat High School

Built by Marist Brothers and Mission Mexico, now managed by Marist Brothers, with a usual annual enrolment of 200–250 students.

La Estacion Kindergarten

Providing education and breakfast to more than 100 children, and support for 5 teachers.



Health

Xalpitzahuac - Health Project

Assisting people from the region of Xalpitzahuac with medical costs and travel to hospitals in cases of dire need.

2020	2019
\$226,825 RAISED	\$214,457 RAISED
\$169,521 SPENT	\$229,470 SPENT

*Surplus deferred to 2021



Direct assistance to the poor

One-time assistance in emergency situations such as accidents, house fire, emergency medical care, unexpected family expenses, dire hunger needs, etc.

▶ HOW TO DONATE?

To help Mission Mexico, please give online at catholicyyyc.ca/donatetomissionmexico

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

	2017	2018	2019	2020
■ THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH (WORLD MISSION SUNDAY)	\$129,718	\$280,828	\$150,962	\$81,715
■ THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS	\$206,830	\$72,639	\$99,648	\$27,622
■ HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT (GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION)	\$109,738	\$108,121	\$118,157	\$33,103
■ HOLY CHILDHOOD	\$63,392	\$41,385	\$31,542	\$48,465
■ CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY	\$137,311	\$147,314	\$138,400	\$59,784
■ MISSION COUNCIL (50% FROM GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION)	\$109,738	\$108,121	\$118,157	\$33,103
■ MISSION MEXICO	\$0	\$365,218	\$214,457	\$226,825
■ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY	\$107,388	\$111,208	\$119,048	\$83,860
■ DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (DISASTER RELIEF)	\$349,875	\$60,092	\$94,979	\$22,135
TOTAL	\$1,213,990	\$1,294,926	\$1,085,350	\$616,612

HOW TO DONATE?

You are now able to donate to these special collections online under its heading on the giving page of the Diocese: catholicyy.ca/give

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