



“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

Thank you donors

I'm pleased to share our latest issue of Family News, to tell you the many ways in which the funds you have contributed are being used right across our archdiocesan family of faith.

With your generosity, we have been able to fund many programs and projects that are helping local parishes be stronger families of faith. I thank each and every one of you who have contributed to your parish's Family of Faith campaign.

May God continue to bless you as we walk together in loving and joyful service to the Lord and one another.

Sincerely in Christ,

† Thomas Card. Collins

Cardinal Thomas Collins

Good Leaders, Good Shepherds

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan notes that flourishing parish communities need priests who are supported in their work by ongoing developmental and educational opportunities. After all, as the plan states, "The spiritual, physical and emotional health of those who lead our parishes is critical to ensuring a high level of pastoral care for our parishioners."

To help address these needs, the Family of Faith campaign dedicated \$200,000 per year or \$2 million over ten years for the ongoing professional development

of clergy. The Good Leaders, Good Shepherds program is central to the archdiocese's work in this area.

The Good Leaders, Good Shepherds program runs over a twenty week period. Thus far, a total of 75 priests in three cohorts of 25 have completed the program. Monsignor Thomas Kalarathil, Director of Clergy Personnel is seeing many positive results from the program. "I've noticed that those who have participated in the program, overall, spoke very highly of their experiences

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HopeStone Catholic Formation

The Family of Faith campaign case statement noted that there are 300,000 students attending more than 500 Catholic schools in the archdiocese. As part of our investment in our future family of faith, the archdiocese is committed to a deeper and wider partnership between families, parishes and religious educators in our publicly- and privately-funded schools.

We are placing a special emphasis on sacramental preparation to ensure our young people are engaged in their faith. \$2 million over 10 years is being committed to these efforts. Funded programs will help spark increased participation in parish life, provide outreach to the poor and support the overall involvement of our Catholic community.

The first investment is \$150,000 for HopeStone Catholic Formation, a start-up organization with a mission to operate a retreat ministry. Fr. Frank Portelli, the Director of the archdiocese's Office for Catholic Youth is a champion of HopeStone. "Since their inception in 2015 they have facilitated 150 retreats

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Meeting the Capital Needs of Parishes

As detailed in the Family of Faith campaign case statement, some of our parishes face daunting expenditures to maintain their facilities and others do not have the financial capacity to preserve their historic sacred spaces. Many of our older buildings require extensive work to ensure we can welcome our parishioners and visitors safely and comfortably.

To help meet these needs the campaign will provide funding of **\$10 million** in interest-free loans to assist parishes requiring capital improvements. To date, almost \$5 million has been allocated in no-interest loans, including the projects noted below.

St. Anthony's Parish, Toronto: Slate roof replacement, masonry repairs, and chimney repairs. The campaign is providing a \$1 million loan toward this \$1.7 million project in addition to \$400,000 from the archdiocese.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Toronto: Roof replacement and ceiling repair. These are necessary repairs and the parish has limited funds. The campaign will provide a loan of \$1 million toward the \$3.7 million project with the archdiocese providing an additional \$2.7 million loan.

St. Mary's Parish, Toronto: The parish has been undergoing significant repair and restoration work for the past several years. The campaign will provide a \$1 million loan in addition to an earlier \$12 million loan from the archdiocese.

St. Peter's Parish, Toronto: Renovation and restoration of the rectory. This is a significant repair and restore project costing \$4.7 million. Approximately half of project cost is for creating a space for the Sisters of Life as they move to the south wing of the rectory building. The parish will receive a loan of \$2.3 million, \$1 million of which will be provided by the campaign with the archdiocese providing the balance.



St. Timothy Parish in Orangeville will see several repair restoration projects completed in the church.



The roof and ceiling at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Toronto will be repaired.

St. Andrew's Parish, Brechin: \$250,000 loan from the campaign for completion of roof and steeple projects on this 92 year old building.

St. Brigid's Parish, Toronto: This heritage church has a large circle window behind the altar and 31 smaller windows surrounding the sanctuary. The windows will be repaired and restored through a loan of \$120,000 from the campaign.

Assomption de Notre Dame Parish, Oshawa: Hall kitchen renovations. The parish is carrying out this necessary project at a cost of \$97,100 which will be funded through a loan from the campaign.

St. Timothy Parish, Orangeville: The parish is undertaking various repair and restoration projects that cost \$290K. Included in this work is approximately \$60,000 to improve accessibility (door openers, sidewalks). The campaign will provide a \$60,000 loan and the archdiocese will lend the balance.

St. Nicholas of Bari Parish, Toronto: Roof replacement. This \$19,300 project will be completed with a loan from the campaign for the full amount.

Sainte-Croix Parish, Tiny: Sacristy floor refinishing at Sainte Croix and floor refinishing at the parish's mission of **St. Florence** in Penetanguishene. Projects costing \$22.4K have been approved by archdiocese. Much of the work has been completed with the parish's share of campaign funds. An additional loan of \$10,000 will be provided to complete the work.

Parish tours of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

One of the *Five Core Directions* of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan is *The Cathedral as a Sign of our Mission*. The Family of Faith campaign is helping to support this key element of the pastoral plan.

The campaign has flowed \$25 million to the cathedral to help ensure the continued investment in the transformation of this historic building. The funding from the campaign was used to solidify the structure and enhance the beauty of the cathedral.

Tours of St. Michael Cathedral Basilica can be arranged for parish groups by contacting Caroline Fernandez, Operations Manager, at 416.364.0234 x222 or fernandez@stmichaelscathedral.com.

More Lay Pastoral Associates for Parishes

“Lay Pastoral Associates are doing incredibly vital work in parishes across the archdiocese,” says Fr. Chris Cauchi, Director of the Office of Formation for Discipleship. Currently, about 25 per cent of parishes employs an LPA. And, says Fr. Cauchi, “that percentage will rise, over time, to at least 35 per cent, thanks to those who are supporting of the Family of Faith campaign.”

The Family of Faith campaign is providing \$300,000 annually or \$3 million over 10 years to help subsidize the hiring of Lay Pastoral Associates to work in parishes.

The subsidy program is for parishes that are interested in employing a full-time assistant but lack the financial resources. “Funding can be provided for up to three years, after which the expectation is that the parish will assume full responsibility for the salary,” said Fr. Cauchi.

The next deadline for applications is December 15, 2017. More information and application forms are available at www.archtoronto.org. Fr. Cauchi can be contacted at 416.934.3400 x520 and ccauchi@archtoronto.org.

What Does a Lay Pastoral Associate do?

The LPA is delegated by the pastor to carry out specific, non-sacramental duties for the education and spiritual support of the parish.

The Lay Pastoral Associate reports directly to the pastor and may sit on a variety of committees as an ex officio member, such as a parish pastoral council. They are assigned responsibilities which may include: liturgical formation and animation, sacramental preparation, social justice, ministry with maturing adults, family ministry, catechesis and adult faith development.

Volunteerism in the parish should be strengthened rather than diminished by the presence of a Lay Pastoral Associate.

Construction of a new parish hall for St. Mary’s Parish in Brampton is almost halfway complete. The parish’s very successful Family of Faith campaign and a loan from the archdiocese is helping to provide much needed program and meeting space for this thriving parish.

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and many have said they have greater confidence in performing their temporal roles in parishes. And, he added, “The fraternal aspect of the program helps our priests build stronger bonds with their brothers.”

Fr. Ruggiero Dibenedetto is Pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Toronto. He said the program was “excellent” overall and that he particularly benefited from the fraternity of other priests in the program. He also said that the program “gave me practical tools that I was able to put to use right away in my parish.” And, he said, “I think that it really helped me look at my approach to various pastoral duties in the parish and that

in turn caused me to make some positive changes that I believe have benefitted my parishioners.”

Fr. Ivan Camilleri is the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs for the archdiocese. He is a strong supporter of the program and says “Parish work is challenging. Today’s priests also spend an increasing amount of time overseeing administrative work and addressing more complex pastoral matters than perhaps ever before.” He also believes that at its core, the program “helps priests imagine and implement a vibrant parish ministry.”

HopeStone

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for 7,750 confirmandi and high school students in the Toronto and Durham boards and have collaborated with more than 18 parishes and 18 schools.”

The Family of Faith campaign will help HopeStone ‘scale-up’ and expand its operation so that its programs are accessible and available right across the archdiocese. According to Stacey Leitmann, who founded HopeStone with her husband Peter, “We do not look at this like it’s a business, this is a mission. A mission to change hearts and a way and a means to meet the face of God.” Adds Mr. Leitmann, “We’ve been into this intensely for 2 years, pushing at 6 days a week trying to grow this organization. We are committed to keep growing.”

Mrs. Leitmann says that “Students are learning about the faith but not all are experiencing the faith. Experiencing comes through the sacraments, prayer and reflection; all of which occur on retreat.

Family of Faith campaign funding will help HopeStone accelerate development and enable the

organization to facilitate 150 retreats in 2017/18 with 9,000 confirmandi and high school students in dozens of schools across the archdiocese.

While there are fees for HopeStone’s programs, support from the Family of Faith campaign will ensure that ability to pay is not a barrier to school or parish participation.

By the fall of 2017, HopeStone will have reached out to at least 90 per cent of parishes in the archdiocese to share information about their services.

Fr. Portelli says that “HopeStone offers a quality, oriented and proven means of youth evangelization. Students participate in an authentic Catholic experience that goes beyond a retreat.”

Learn more about HopeStone at:
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Campaign Update

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners across the archdiocese, the Family of Faith campaign received tremendous financial support. Most contributions to the campaign were made in the form of pledges, payable over up to five years. The campaign has received \$171 million in cash and pledges to date. \$26 million (25%) of the \$105 million campaign goal was earmarked directly for parish priorities. \$19 million has already been made available to parishes to implement the plans outlined in their parish case statements for the Family of Faith campaign.

Read your parish bulletins for periodic updates on how your parish’s Family of Faith campaign is doing and the progress that is being made to implement your parish’s case statement. You can also visit www.ourFamilyofFaith.ca.

Has your Address or Bank Information changed?

Please help us keep your records up to date. If your credit card information or address has changed, please advise our Donations Processing Centre as soon as possible. That way, we can ensure your pledge continues to support your parish’s plans and keep our campaign operations costs low. Please do not place campaign cheque payments in the regular church offertory. Contact: campaign@archtoronto.org or 416.934.3400 x555

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