



2017 *Journey of Hearts & Hands*

2017 Appeal Video Transcription

Good morning, to everybody out there in the Diocese. We're just getting ready to start our Diocesan Appeal. This year's theme is *gratitude* and *generosity*. That is so perfect as we get ready for Thanksgiving weekend. We are indeed a people of gratitude as we gather for Eucharist every Sunday—we give thanks to God for all that we have received.

One of the things that gratitude does, is it creates the smiles that you see on our clergy, and our Chancellor, our Superintendent, our Deacon, and our Religious Ed Coordinator. Smiles are a thing of gratitude.

The thing that gratitude does, is it deepens our sense of generosity. As we approach the Appeal, one of the invitations as always, is to be generous, to think about the needs of the whole Diocese. I know we have parish needs, we have personal needs, but when we support the goals and the wellbeing of the whole Church in the Diocese, we are truly supporting each and every individual, and we are supporting our pastors and the pastoral work of our Church here in the Diocese of Victoria.

Brothers and sisters, in this beautiful year, on this beautiful Thanksgiving weekend when we celebrate God's goodness to us, I invite you to generosity. To consider what we need, but more importantly, to consider the needs of our brothers and sisters whom this Appeal always helps, in every way—from our schools, our catechetical programs, our retired priests—and as you can see, the smiles on the clergy of this Diocese is something that is rooted deeply in gratitude for all that God gives us.

God bless you, and may this Appeal be a tremendous success for the wellbeing of the Church in the Diocese of Victoria.

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria

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*Grateful to
God ...
Generous to
Neighbour*