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Re: Bishop's Appeal 2022—*Growing Together*

Dear Pastors, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance and Appeal Committee Members,

The 2022 Bishop's Appeal has come to a close. Together parishes received pledges totaling \$740,000—well done! This money will go towards 2022 Bishop's Appeal *Growing Together* projects that support Catholics of all generations, while striving to heal and grow the Church.

Fundraising during the financial uncertainty of 2022 has been challenging. This was seen widely by organizations across sectors. I commend you all for your efforts and the success that you had collecting pledges and donations from parishioners.

Although we did not reach our goal of raising one million dollars, several parishes raised over 70% of their parish goal, which is a wonderful achievement in these uncertain financial times. These include: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Andrew's Cathedral, St. Bonaventure, St. Joseph the Worker, St. Mary's, Port McNeil, and St. Peter's Parish. St. Patrick's Parish in Victoria raised just over 100% of its goal, and Holy Cross Parish surpassed its goal by raising 124% percent—an amazing feat!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Bishop's Appeal. Please find the 2022 Bishop's Appeal Final Report Summary attached. The first payment for the parish share of the Appeal funds will be transferred in early March.

I am also pleased to announce that the Diocese is now accepting grant requests from parishes for *Growing Together* community projects and have enclosed the application form.

Kind Regards,

Jacqueline Sloan Morgan
Director of Development