"I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world." - Pope Leo XIV



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# Where Does My Money Go?



The Filipino Potluck Gathering, held on May 25, 2025, at St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo, was a vibrant celebration of Filipino culture, cuisine, and community. Attendees shared a wide array of traditional dishes, enjoyed warm fellowship, and celebrated their shared heritage in a joyful and welcoming atmosphere.

In a spirit of unity and remembrance, the gathering also included a solemn moment of silence to honour the lives lost in the Lapu-Lapu tragedy—adding a meaningful layer of reflection to the day.

This special event was made possible through a grant from the Bishop's Appeal Relationship & Community Building Fund, which supports initiatives that strengthen parish life and foster connection.





#### Dear Friends in Christ,

If God has loved us so deeply, then we too must love one another. This is the heart of our 2025 Bishop's Appeal: Love and Unity.

I appeal to you, the beloved of the Diocese of Victoria, to act together—united in service, love, and generosity. By supporting this year's Appeal, we strengthen not only our local parish communities but also reach beyond our borders: to our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Whitehorse, and to those in need around the world.

Through our shared mission, we echo the words of our Holy Father, who calls us to bring God's love to the world in tangible ways. Thank you for answering that call. Let us work together. Let us love together. Let us act together—in unity and in hope.

In Communion,

+ Dary John

Bishop Gary Gordon



# Estimate your monthly gift to the Love & Unity Appeal ANNUAL GIFT PAYMENT AS LITTLE AS LITTLE

## **Vocations/Clergy/Religious Support**

\$120,000

Supports the formation and spiritual growth of future priests and other pastoral leaders, while also caring for retired priests and religious sisters who have faithfully served our Diocese.

#### Local Missions

\$325,000

Sustains our Mission churches as they bring the Gospel to some of the most remote communities on Vancouver Island, by covering operating costs, maintenance, pastoral leadership and religious support.

#### **Community & Relationship Building**

\$185,000

Passes on the richness of our faith through communications, faith formation, and parish/school grants that strengthen outreach, community connection, and spiritual growth.

#### **Parish Portion**

\$180.000

Fosters parish unity as each community directs its share of the Appeal toward a meaningful local project chosen by the pastoral and parish leadership.

#### **Diocese of Whitehorse**

\$45,000

Supports our twinned Diocese in northern Canada by helping provide pastoral care, sacraments, and outreach in remote and often challenging environments.

#### **Global Church in Need**

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\$45.00

New this year, our initiative will extend support beyond our Diocese to *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN)—an organization that serves the faithful around the world. Through ACN, we will help fund projects such as supporting religious sisters in the Diocese of Odesa-Simferopol in Ukraine, enabling them to continue offering humanitarian aid, hope, and the love of Christ to those suffering from conflict, poverty, or persecution.

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\$	240	\$20	\$5 week
\$	360	\$30	\$1 day
\$	600	\$50	\$12.50 week
\$	1200	\$100	\$25 week
\$	2400	\$200	\$50 week
\$	3600	\$300	\$10 day
\$	5000	\$417	\$104.25 week



### **Administrative Costs**

All administrative costs for the Bishop's Appeal are covered by the Diocese of Victoria.

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