

2024-25 Appeal

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on pilgrimage together

This appeal year we return our focus to the smaller parishes and missions throughout the diocese. These communities have been hit with funding challenges as costs rise and income drops. Without our support, they will struggle to fulfill the Church's mission in their communities.

Our parishes also have plans for capital projects to make their facilities more responsive to the needs of parishioners and the communities they serve. Called Together is meant to support these local initiatives, too. Once a parish reaches its share of the diocesan goal, every extra dollar is returned to the parish for its own use.

We are able to accept your tax-deductible contributions in many different ways: by cheque, Interac eTransfer, pre-authorized debit from your bank account, credit card, or online donation at Canada Helps.

Please email us at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca,
call us at 250-964-4424, or contact your parish
office if you need any assistance.

Thank you for your support.

An update on our Healing & Reconciliation Appeal

For three years, the diocese invited contributions to the BC Bishops' Appeal for Healing and Reconciliation.

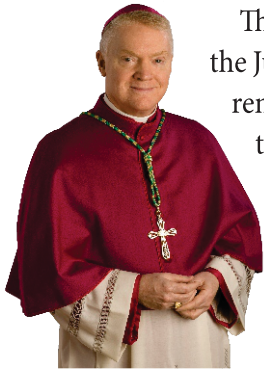
We have fulfilled our commitment to raise \$147,000 toward projects in our diocese. An Indigenous-led committee will now recommend how the funds will be deployed to serve the goal of the appeal.



Diocese of
Prince George



a message from Bishop Jensen



The Old Testament custom of the Jubilee Year (cf. Leviticus 25) reminded the people of Israel that their land and its fruits were a gift of God. In that special time, they acknowledged that God was the owner and giver of all their benefits. During the Jubilee year fields lay fallow, everyone rejoined his own clan, land that had been lost to debt was restored to the poor and other debts were forgiven. The Jubilee reminded people of their status as liberated children of God and helped them reflect that in their life together.

In late December, the Church begins a Christian Jubilee Year to mark our pilgrimage through time to God's eternal Kingdom. Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Jubilee Year in 1300 AD, and this special observance has been held every 25 years since then.

We share this journey as a community of believers and answer the call to "help carry one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ"



(Galatians 6:2). We acknowledge that all our gifts are from Him, and we imitate His goodness by giving of our blessings to those in need. The Annual Appeal is one way of exercising this Christian stewardship that will benefit a variety of needs in the Diocese.

In Jubilee Years pilgrims traditionally journey to Rome, where the major basilica churches open their special Jubilee doors. An expected thirty-five million pilgrims will travel to Rome in the coming year. For those unable to undertake such a journey, a pilgrimage within the diocese will offer the same spiritual experience. More information about that will soon be available.

I invite you to join me in this year's Appeal, so that our gratitude to God for His blessings to us can be expressed in support of the community of faith throughout the Diocese. In this way we will be pilgrims together on the way to the Kingdom of God.

Most Reverend Stephen Jensen



where the money goes

\$ 120,000 for small parishes and missions

\$ 75,000 for youth, young adults and camps

\$ 35,000 for outreach, pro-life and seniors

\$ 40,000 for faith formation & evangelization

\$ 30,000 for priests' retirement fund

\$ 300,000 total diocesan goal for 2024-25

parishes receive back all donations above their parish's share of the diocesan goal