



A Message from the Most Reverend

J. Michael Miller, CSB

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2017, Pope Francis gave two messages of particular relevance to the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

The first came during my *ad limina* visit to Rome, when the Holy Father told Canada's western and northern bishops to accompany our people as Jesus did – to give them hope by offering them Jesus Christ.

Francis had similar words in a video address to Vancouver's TED Talk in the spring, proposing "a revolution of tenderness" that begins with hope.

If hope is the measure of faithfulness, I am truly gratified at how the Archdiocese of Vancouver's pastoral activities, ministries and programs today are offering hope to our more than 435,000 Catholics as well as countless others in the Lower Mainland.

It is with this in mind that we set the Archdiocese's Priorities and Goals: expanding our programs and ministries, broadening our efforts at evangelization, and implementing new forms of engagement in our parishes and schools.

It has been heartening to witness the results of our efforts, from new parenting programs to bold initiatives in social media. With God's grace and the faithful commitment of our people, we are making great strides in serving our evangelizing mission.

None of our initiatives would be possible without our dedicated clergy and consecrated men and women, and we continue to be blessed with new priests, deacons, and sisters. In this past year, we welcomed a new religious community to the Archdiocese, the Daughters of the Queen of the Rosary from Indonesia, announced a new Catholic high school, St. John Paul II Academy in Surrey, and launched a new parish, St. Agnes Kim in Port Moody. Our Archdiocese is truly graced.

Yet we see so much need in the world around us – illness, poverty, violence, natural disasters, and moral upheaval – and we who have been blessed with abundance in security, resources, skills, and faith must continue to seek ways of reaching out to those "on the periphery," in hope and service.

I am deeply grateful for you, our supportive and prayerful lay people and our dedicated and faithful clergy and religious. Every day I reflect on the generosity and commitment I see in you, and recall with gratitude the Master's response to the servant in the parable of the talents: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Thank you for supporting our evangelizing mission of bringing hope to a broken world longing, often unknowingly, for the mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

With the assurance of my prayers, I remain,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver

ARCHDIOCESE AT A GLANCE

"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love."

(Amoris Laetitia 325)

109 years of service

77 parishes, 50 schools, and 4 institutions of higher education

2,341 catechists

437,181 Catholics

2016

3,091 Baptisms

2,816 Confirmations

3,203 First Communions

649 Marriages







NEW EVANGELIZATION: PRIORITIES AND GOALS

To focus our pastoral efforts and mission as we work intentionally to help people experience God's merciful love, Archbishop Miller invites everyone to participate in implementing four priorities and goals.

"Each of you is crucial to this endeavour, by lending a hand and offering advice on how we can all work together."

(Archbishop Miller)



Make Every Sunday Matter TANIOCESE OF VAL

- Celebrate like we mean it
- Welcome like we mean it



Get Closer to Jesus

- Foster personal encounters
- Promote discipleship paths



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Strengthen Marriages and Families

- Provide support for parents seeking to acquire additional parenting skills
- Connect people in need with support services that address their challenges



Develop Parish Leadership and Support

• Parishes are called to be dynamic communities of missionary disciples

DISCIPLESHIP IN FAMILIES

"Marital love is not defended primarily by presenting indissolubility as a duty, or by repeating doctrine, but by helping it to grow ever stronger under the impulse of grace."

(Amoris Laetitia 134)

16 parenting workshops

1,056 participants in 13 Marriage Preparation courses



There were 1,056 participants in 13 Marriage Preparation courses in 11 locations in 2016.

The Parenting Ministry verified 12 registered professional counsellors in the Lower Mainland, starting in 2016, who are Catholic or practising Christians from another tradition, and who will support clients who want to adhere to the Church's teachings in their marriage and family life. In 2016, 16 workshops were hosted in all six deaneries of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to help parents acquire additional parenting skills. Popular workshops include:

- Making Sense of Anxiety
- Couples Connect workshops based on The Seven Principles of Making Marriages Work
- Your Brain on Twitter: Helping Children in an Age of Distraction

How you can help

Take a few minutes to fill out the survey on **rcav.org/parenting** as a way of participating in this important ministry and guiding us towards meeting your particular parenting needs. We thank you for your commitment to your families and helping us to form a more relevant and engaging Parenting Ministry.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

"God is still revealing new things to me and changing my heart to become a better father, husband, and man in the community. After all these years, I am able to change and find peace. God is leading this journey and we are not done yet, but God is healing and changing my heart, and I am a better person for it."

(Men's Retreat participant, 2016)

227 men and **188** women attended the retreats in 2016

In answering the Church's call for a New Evangelization, Life Restoration ministry was consulted by the Archdiocese to help people encounter God and experience the fullness of life through human and spiritual formation, transforming retreats, and the re-proposing of the Gospel. These retreats create environments for people to have a personal encounter with Jesus, live as his disciples, and respond to his mission of evangelization. Each year approximately 400 adults of all ages attend these retreats with the hope of deepening their relationship with God through inspiring presentations, prayer, the sacraments, and fellowship.



CREATING A CULTURE OF LIFE

450 people attended **12** monthly pro-life Masses and an Annual Pro-Life Mass in 2016

\$160,000 raised through donations to the Pro-Life Sunday collection

\$108,869 raised from the Focus on Life dinner

22 pro-life grants awarded to support life-affirming projects, including:

- Advertising and supplies for eight crisis pregnancy centres;
- The new Dying Healed Program by Vancouver Right to Life, which trains volunteers in end-of-life care;
- Compassionate Community Care Service, a helpline which answers questions about end-of-life care Resources and programs for groups promoting respect for life on university campuses;
- Signal Hill's Value Project, which prepares high school students to speak effectively about the value of human life;
- The annual B.C. March for Life in Victoria.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

"A Catholic school teaches and fosters learning (the heart of education!) in a particular way, one that goes far beyond the catechism or religious education classes in which the content of the specifically Catholic tradition is taught and tested."

(Archbishop Miller)

 $m{40}$ elementary schools and $m{10}$ secondary schools

4 institutions of higher education

16,340 students enrolled in Catholic schools

Catholic elementary and secondary education continues to be a high priority for the Archdiocese of Vancouver and is reflected in the significant resources that have been invested in developing the system of education in the Archdiocese. This collective legacy that has been built over the years now includes a total of 50 schools: 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools with a combined student population of 16,340 students.

Enrolment has been modestly trending upward over the past five years. Current enrolment across the 50 schools is 16,340 at Sept. 30, 2016, representing a growth of exactly 100 students over the same period the previous year. An aggregate 87% of students enrolled in Catholic schools are Catholic, with Catholic enrolment at individual schools varying significantly between 51% and 100%.











YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

"In Krakow, at the opening of the last World Youth Day, I asked you several times: "Can we change things?" And you shouted: "yes!". That shout came from your young and youthful hearts, which do not tolerate injustice and cannot bow to a "throw-away culture" nor give in to the globalization of indifference."

(Pope Francis, Letter to Young People for 2018 Synod of Bishops)

1,513 young people in 46 parishes attending regular parish youth ministry events 361 people involved in youth ministry leadership

254 people in **19** parishes with active and intentional young adult ministry

223 young adults involved in seven non-parish young adult groups and ministries

The Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver is forming active and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Our annual rally for Grade 7 students, Spirit Day, is the largest annual Catholic youth rally in Canada. In 2016, 2,150 participants and 150 volunteers, both youth and young adults, were involved.

The annual Youth Ministry collection in December 2016 received \$149,000, a 12% increase from last year's collection in 2015.

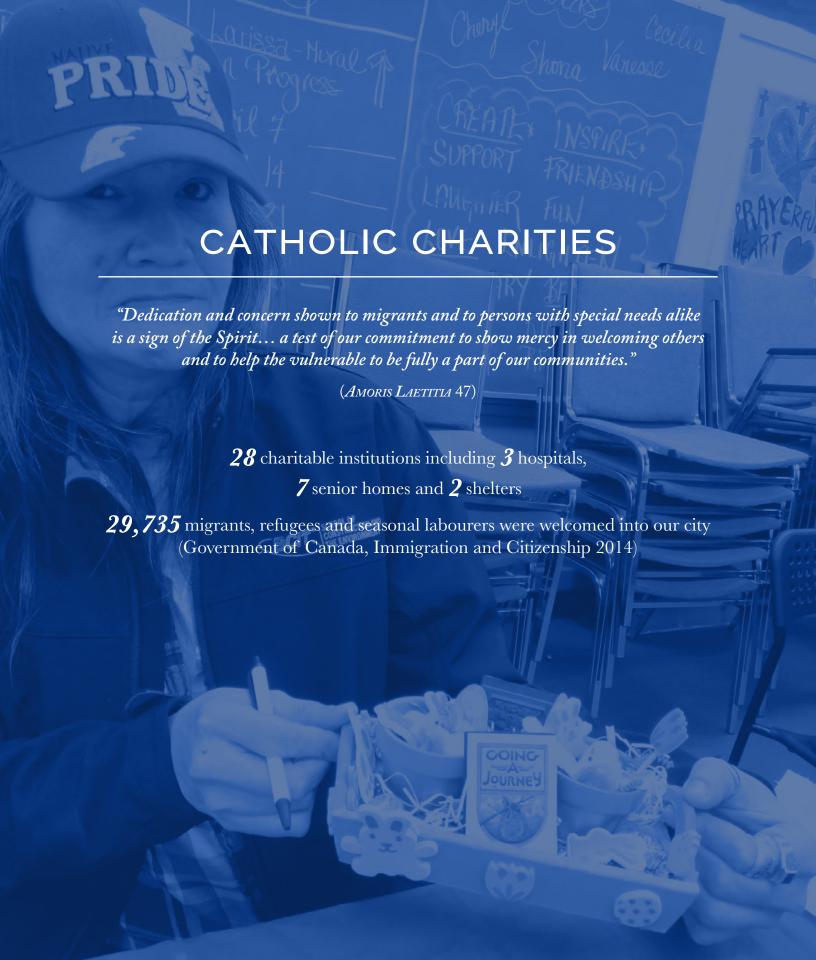
Leadership training is a main focus of this ministry, and we have completed our 20th year for both Searching in the Spirit (our post-Confirmation summer camp) and YouthLeader (our Christian leadership training institute) in the summer of 2016. Seventy young adult leaders have organized activities and events for young adults, including university Masses, Catholic After Hours, and conferences that involved 475 young adults in both parish and non-parish ministries.

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN KRAKÓW, POLAND

500+ young adults, mostly between the ages of 18-29, attended

21 participating parishes from all regions of the Archdiocese





REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

42 parishes, as well as 5 in other dioceses, involved in sponsoring refugees

537 refugees sponsored by the Archdiocese of Vancouver arrived in Canada

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is a private sponsor of refugees in Canada. Forty-two parishes in the Archdiocese, along with five parishes in other dioceses, are involved in sponsoring, welcoming, and settling refugees into our communities. The Archdiocese sponsored 537 refugees in 2016.

The populations of refugees that we are sponsoring has shifted in 2016. While 85% of sponsored refugees in 2015 were from Iraq and Syria, this fell to 43% in 2016, with Eritreans now making up 40% of our sponsored refugees. Out of a total of 40,081 Syrian refugees received into Canada since November 2015, 14,274 of those people – settled into 350 welcoming communities – were sponsored under private agreements like that of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

- How you can help -

Volunteers with different talents and of all professions have helped sponsor refugees by being a part of Parish Settlement Teams. Everyone – business entrepreneurs, doctors, nurses, dentists, lawyers, realtors, driving instructors, computer technicians, teachers, sales people, engineers, financial planners – all have something to contribute to help settle newcomers. Learn more at **rcav.org/outreach-services**.

SHELTER AND SHELTER SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S HOSTEL

168 average monthly unique guests

52% of guests are aged 50 and over

137,329 meal tickets handed out

The Men's Hostel offers 90-day stays for guests in the same bed, provides case management to connect to other services, and focuses especially on finding long-term housing for men. There has been an increasing trend of more senior-aged guests at the shelter.

How you can help

Catholic Charities Men's Hostel is always in need of men's socks and underwear of all sizes. Please drop them off at your parish or at the Men's Hostel at 828 Cambie Street after 9:00 a.m. The Men's Hostel is also looking for paid volunteers for its Extreme Weather Response program. This winter, we will need people to come in and help the staff supervise the shelter from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Overnight shifts are also available. If interested, please call 604-443-3292 or visit **rcav.org/mens-hostel** for more information.

THE DOOR IS OPEN

273 people from 20 school groups volunteered 3,562 hours

234 people from 19 parishes and parish-affiliated groups volunteered 10,997 hours

305 families, businesses, and civic groups volunteered 4,543 hours

96,030 meals were served

The Door is Open served 96,030 meals to guests, made possible by volunteers and donors, including families, businesses and students. Parishes donate carloads of food every month, and the day-shelter also receives donations from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, not to mention generous Easter and Christmas meals provided by donors every year.

- How you can help -

Donations and volunteers are always needed at The Door is Open drop-in centre and the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel. Updated requests and news from The Door is Open are posted on its refreshed website and newsletter, as well as active social media pages on Facebook and Instagram. For more information, visit **thedoorisopen.ca/you-can-help** or contact the Development Office at **development@rcav.org** to ask where you can direct your resources to make a meaningful impact to support those most in need.





VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, CONSECRATED LIFE, AND PERMANENT DIACONATE

"Permanent deacons are called to foster fraternity and co-operation with the priests of the Archdiocese, and sincere communion with me. We are all collaborators in ministry, sharing in complementary ways in the Sacrament of Orders. Together we serve the People of God entrusted to us in active and mature communion."

(Archbishop Miller, 2011)

2016

118 diocesan priests

104 religious priests and 17 permanent deacons

96 professed women religious

30 professed religious brothers





FROM REV. RODNEY NOOTEBOS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has now been over a year since I was made Director of Vocations and Seminarians. In this short time I have been in awe at how God works. Many young men have approached me saying they are discerning a call to the priesthood. They have so much zeal and joy in the path they are taking. They are open to being formed into good and holy priests! Thank you for contributing to the formation of future priests through your support of the St. John Vianney Fund. Thank you especially for your prayers. I believe that your prayers help these men to be docile to God's work in their lives.

FROM SR. MARY SABINA, OP

Dear friends,

The Dominican and Franciscan sisters have teamed up to offer "Coffee with a Sister" as a way to invite more women to have casual, no-pressure conversations about religious life. We are making ourselves available to answer those questions that only a sister who is living in religious life can answer. Discernment is an individual process. There isn't one single path. Every person has a different path, and God works individually with our hearts and our vocations. All women are called to answer with, "Fiat", just like Mary. Whether a young woman is called to be mother or a consecrated as a sister, each of these vocations involves saying 'yes' to God's call.

Have Coffee with a Vocations Director or a Sister

Are you having trouble seeing your next step in life? Clear the fog with a good cup of coffee and a good chat with Fr. Rodney or Sr. Sabina by visiting

vocationsvancouver.ca/contact.





FROM THE PERMANENT DIACONATE OFFICE DIRECTOR. MSGR. GREGORY SMITH

The Permanent Diaconate Office assists the Archbishop is overseeing the formation and ministry of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese.

Last year, the Permanent Diaconate Office saw the progress of the six men currently in diaconal formation who began their final preparations for ordination in 2017, through monthly formation weekends, with nine men who began their courses at St. Mark's College. These men receive the academic, human, and spiritual education necessary for diaconal service in the Church not only through St. Mark's College but a variety of formation experiences. Their formation program lasts four to five years, although some men may take longer to better accommodate their family situations.

The Permanent Diaconate Office is also responsible for ensuring that our deacons and their wives receive the ongoing support, guidance, and resources necessary for fruitful ministries. The year witnessed the growth of continuing education programs for our seventeen deacons exercising their ministry throughout the Archdiocese, notably in parishes, hospitals, prisons, ports, First Nations ministry, and Filipino ministry. The office also saw the beginnings of our wives' program for deacon spouses, highlighting the crucial support of the deacon's wife to his ministry through encouragement, sustaining and accompanying him in the steps he has taken in ministry.

Diaconal ministry is vital to the life of the Church. The permanent diaconate was restored at the Second Vatican Council and introduced in the life of our local Church following the Archdiocesan Synod of 2006, empowered to service in the ministries of the liturgy, the word and charity.





A SPECIAL NOTE FROM FR. NICK MEISL STUDYING IN ROME

Studying and living in Rome for the past two years has been a fascinating and greatly enriching experience. During this time, I have been pursuing a Licence in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, or Biblicum for short. To better understand the Old and New Testaments, we study the original texts (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek), the cultural and historical context present at the time the books were written, as well as various methods of interpretation. A highlight of my studies has been spending six months in Jerusalem following courses in Hebrew, Old Testament, history, and archaeology at the Hebrew University. Having the chance to visit the places I had read about so often in the Bible was incredible and a great benefit to my studies.

While in Rome I live at the Canadian College with more than a dozen other priests from across Canada, all taking different programs of study. This year, Fr. Paul Goo is also at the College and studying spiritual theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Spending time with them has helped me to learn more about the history of the Catholic Church in Canada as well as the current realities – joys and challenges – in different regions. Living in Rome has also helped me to gain a deeper appreciation of the global Church. As we learn together, we have the chance to share experiences from back home.

Though living and studying in Rome has its challenges, particularly following classes in a different language and spending time away from my home and parish ministry, I am extremely thankful for the opportunity. I realize that my continuing education has been a significant investment for our local Church and I am very appreciative for all the financial support, prayers, and encouragement I have received from the people of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Catholics in Vancouver have a strong desire to know their faith in greater depth. With my studies, I hope to act as a sort of bridge, helping people to better understand and love the Scriptures so that we can all respond more fully to God's Word.

COMMUNICATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

"Emails, text messages, social networks and chats can also be fully human forms of communication. It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal."

(Pope Francis, 2016 World Communications Day)

128,185 monthly page views on reav.org

42% open rate in weekly Friday Report and The Busy Catholic newsletters

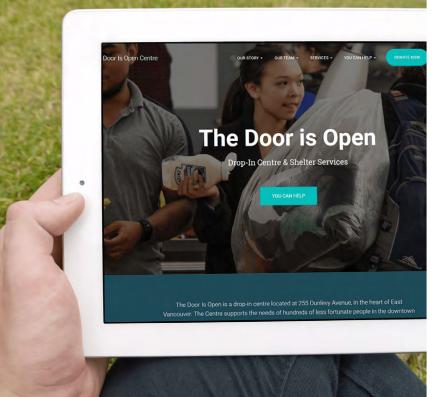
15,179 followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter across 18 social media channels

23,223 print and digital subscribers to The B.C. Catholic newspaper

In 2016, the Communications Office worked closely with The B.C. Catholic Newspaper to serve all parishes, pastors and Archdiocesan ministries and offices better. In weekly email newsletter campaigns, the Communications Office increased their open rate by 8% since 2015, with above-average engagement compared to the non-profit industry average open rate.

Growing the Digital Team in the Communications Office in the latter half of 2016, the Communications Office has grown social media channels to reach new audiences and to share stories that move hearts closer to God in one voice. Share your stories with us on Catholic Vancouver **@archvancouver**.







PROJECT ADVANCE

On behalf of Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, we thank everyone who gave to our annual appeal. We are deeply grateful for all the support from our clergy, parish appeal volunteer teams and our parishioners.

Your gift to Project Advance is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese.

OUR ANNUAL APPEAL 2016 RESULTS

HIGHLIGHTS

\$7,667,584

Project Advance 2016 supported the following important needs in our Archdiocese:

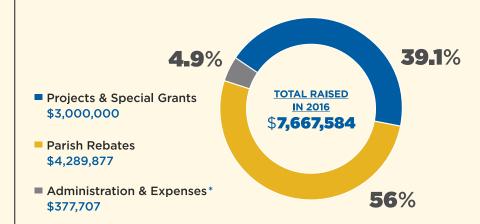
	\$
Secondary Schools	1,400,000
Construction Fund	
New Parish Sites Fund	650,000
Pastoral Ministries	450,000
Diocesan Outreach	250,000
Youth & Young Adults	100,000
Vanspec	50,000
Special Grants	100,000

\$3,000,000

For more information

projectadvance.ca

2016 DISBURSEMENTS



2016 SPECIAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

St. Vincent's Langara - Tapestry Foundation for Health Care

Simon Fraser University Catholic Chaplaincy

Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society

Sancta Maria House of Healing

L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver

Luke 15 House

Catholic Voices Canada Society

Seminary of Christ the King

Parish-based Refugee Sponsorship

^{*} The cost of administering Project Advance is 4.9% not including local costs at the parish level.

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

Combined Statement of Operations for Pastoral Centre and Parishes of the Archdiocese of Vancouver

Year ended December 31, 2016

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The Archdiocese of Vancouver is pleased to publish externally audited financial statements for the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre here: rcav.org/administration-finance

	2016
REVENUE	\$
Ordinary Collections	31,154,868
Building Fund Collections	5,105,514
Project Advance Annual Appeal	7,667,584
Activities and Events	8,409,002
Fundraising for Schools	2,216,521
National and Diocesan Collections	2,602,455
Investment Income	2,456,770
Special Collections for Disaster Relief	567,787
Other	3,820,750
Bequests and Major Gifts	5,755,648
	69,756,899
EXPENSES	
Parish Operations	31,949,332
Pastoral Centre Operations	6,202,443
Diocesan Grants and Expenditures	996,194
School Subsidies	4,045,301
National and Diocesan Collections	2,602,455
Debt Service	809,982
Special Collections for Disaster Relief	567,787
	47,173,494
Net Surplus before Capital Expendituress	22,583,405
Proceeds from Sale of Properties	44,646,275
	67,229,680
Deduct Capital Expenses	12,474,279
Deduct Reserve for High Schools Fund	54,000,000
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	755,401
NET SURPLUS FUR THE TEAR	/55,401





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- GIFT IN YOUR WILL*
- GIFT OF CASH

You can direct all the funds to benefit your parish or specific ministries in the archdiocese.

* Includes a membership into the Catholic Legacy Society of Vancouver.

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