



Archdiocese
of Vancouver

2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



A MESSAGE FROM THE MOST REVEREND
J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB

ARCHBISHOP OF VANCOUVER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Church continues its 2,000-year mission of bringing Jesus Christ to the world, I am grateful to you – the people of the Archdiocese of Vancouver – for your commitment to living and sharing the Gospel. The Good News is the greatest gift anyone can receive, and your contributions – spiritual and temporal – enable the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, to be a guiding beacon to a world tossed on waves of uncertainty.

The Church’s presence is increasingly needed in the field of health care. An exceptional legacy of Catholic health care exists in British Columbia. It began with the selfless charity of Religious congregations before Vancouver was even a city. Today’s Providence Health Care and Providence Residential Care and Community Services continue that mission guided by Catholic values.

Astounding technological advances in medicine require us to be vigilant that no practice harms our inherent human dignity. Our Catholic health care leaders, workers and institutions need assistance as they address emerging issues, from freedom of conscience debates and moral dilemmas to the ethical challenges posed by the modern-day scourges of widespread mental illness and the deadly opioid crisis.

Our new Catholic Health Care Ethics Fund will support Catholic health care workers as they foster the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. This Fund will provide education and resources to meet this need, through a partnership between Providence Health Care and St. Mark’s College at UBC.

The Archdiocese is also introducing an exciting new evangelization initiative. The Proclaim Movement aims to transform our community by encouraging Catholics who are “intentional disciples” to share their faith as “missionary disciples.” I pray that you will answer this call!

We in the Archdiocese of Vancouver have so much to be thankful for. It is my hope that this Annual Report will illustrate our many gifts from God, signs that he is blessing us abundantly with his grace.

With the assurance of my blessing and prayers, I remain,

+ J. Michael Miller
Archbishop of Vancouver

OUR EVANGELIZING MISSION: PRIORITIES AND GOALS

Our evangelizing mission as an Archdiocese aims to help people experience God’s merciful love.

We are focusing our pastoral efforts on the following priorities and goals:



MAKE EVERY SUNDAY MATTER

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



GET CLOSER TO JESUS

- Foster personal encounters
- Promote discipleship paths



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
- Every parish will be offered services in management, development and human resource functions



Every month, we invite our community to pray intentionally for the success of our evangelizing mission. Each prayer intention is aligned with one of our four Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals.

Join the Intercessory Prayer Network at rcav.org/ipn

ARCHDIOCESE AT A GLANCE

156 years of service: Established in 1863 as the Vicariate Apostolic of British Columbia and in 1908 as the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver

77 parishes

51 schools and **4** institutions of higher education

1,779 catechists

443,828 Catholics

2018

3,007 Baptisms

2,732 Confirmations

2,740 First Communions

609 Marriages

“WE MUST never lose sight of the fact we have so much to be thankful for, and it is appropriate at times like this to take stock and express our gratitude for the many blessings the Church receives from the good Lord.”

ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB



PARISH VISIT

Archbishop Miller visited 11 parishes this past year, building on the six parish visits he made last year.

- 1. St. Francis of Assisi, Vancouver
- 2. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey
- 3. St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
- 4. Immaculate Conception, Vancouver
- 5. St. Edmund, North Vancouver
- 6. Pius X, North Vancouver
- 7. Our Lady of the Assumption, Port Coquitlam
- 8. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Vancouver
- 9. Church of the Assumption, Powell River
- 10. Immaculate Conception, Delta
- 11. Canadian Martyrs, Richmond

The parish visit is an occasion for rejuvenating the energy of a parish, for encouraging and strengthening the lay faithful, and for fostering the Church’s evangelizing mission.

Parishes have responded positively and with great enthusiasm as they prepare for the visit. Planning for the visit brings the parish community together. It engages parishioners, focuses on how the Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals are being lived out, and includes opportunities for discussion and social interaction. It is a unique and special time for the parish.



What happens at a parish visit?

Parish visits usually take place from Thursday evening to Sunday morning and include meetings with all parish groups as well as a meet-and-greet reception for all parishioners.

Archbishop Miller celebrates Mass, offers Anointing of the Sick and meets with teachers and students in the school.

Pastors report they are pleased with the results and the Archbishop has been able to see for himself some of the best practices taking place at the parish level.



“IT GIVES the Archbishop an on-the-ground and in-the-field awareness of what is going on at the parish level – the good things that are happening and the honest, real, and specific challenges that a parish faces.”

FR. BRUCE-JOHN HAMILTON, Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish



VOCATIONS

2018

115 diocesan priests

105 religious priests

27 seminarians

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

God has not stopped calling men to the priesthood and we have not stopped asking. In 2018, our Director of Vocations and Seminarians continued his practice of travelling to different parishes every month to lead that parish in a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations.

In response to these prayers, and the prayers of all the faithful throughout the Archdiocese, six men entered the Seminary of Christ the King in September 2018, embarking on the newly implemented Spirituality Year.

SPIRITUALITY YEAR

From now on, men interested in ordained life will spend a Spirituality Year at the Seminary of Christ the King under the direction of an Archdiocesan priest, before starting studies in philosophy and theology, extending the time of preparation before Ordination to at least nine years.

The aim of the Spirituality Year is to immerse would-be priests in personal development, spiritual direction, prayer, and one month of full-time service in the community before they dive into eight years of academic study.

PRIEST AND DEACON ORDINATION

A priest and a deacon, Father Guy Zidago and Deacon Felix Min, received Holy Orders on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 – the first time since the 1980s that a priest and transitional deacon have been ordained on the same day.

Holy Rosary Cathedral was packed with family and friends from local parishes as well as from Yukon, Guam, and Ivory Coast. The solemn ceremony was held in English, French, and Korean and lasted nearly three hours.

QUO VADIS? MEN'S DISCERNMENT EVENTS

The traditional men's discernment group meetings were re-imagined this year to involve various themes and activities. The initiative is open to men aged 18 and older who want to answer the question, "What is God calling me to do with my life?"

"THIS IS SO GOOD for young people. It is crucial for them because it will help them not only to become a better person within their family, but also in society, the parish, and the country."

LUKE TAM TRAN, Seminarian



VOCATIONS TO THE CONSECRATED LIFE

As of 2018, we have 96 professed women religious, and 36 professed religious brothers.

FIAT: WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

The Fiat Women's Discernment Group hosts monthly activities for young women who are discerning their vocation by spending time with religious Sisters and other young women open to consecrated life. Events include an annual retreat, days/evenings of recollection, hikes, game nights, and more.

Our second annual discernment retreat attracted 16 young women from across the Archdiocese and province.

NEW PRE-POSTULANTS

Three young women from our discernment group have been accepted as pre-postulants with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, while others have taken active steps in their discernment and formation process.



"I PRAISE and thank God for the opportunities that the FIAT Women's Discernment Group provides for young women to encounter and experience the beauty of religious life through their monthly events, and especially at the annual retreat!"

NATALIE YUEN, Pre-postulant

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate Office helps the Archbishop oversee the formation and ministry of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese. It also promotes the diaconal vocation by encouraging prayer, identifying prospective applicants, and offering information sessions. Our first permanent deacons were ordained in 2015 and are now serving throughout the Archdiocese as ministers of the liturgy, the Word, and charity.

- 25 permanent deacons serve parishes, hospitals, prisons, ports, First Nations ministry, and Filipino ministry.
- 9 men are preparing for ordination next year
- 15 new inquirers in 2018

FORMATION

Men who are preparing for the diaconate receive theological, human, pastoral, and spiritual formation. St. Mark's College provides their academic studies alongside other programs organized by the Permanent Diaconate Office such as annual retreats and guest speakers. The program lasts four to five years, having recently been enhanced with the addition of Sunday formation sessions meant to augment their human, spiritual, and liturgical formation.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Of our 77 parishes, 45 have regular gatherings for youth.

SPirit DAY is designed to celebrate the Grade 7 students of our Archdiocese and has grown tremendously since its inaugural event in February 2005.

In 2018, 1,727 youth and 279 adult leaders participated, supported by more than 131 volunteers.

SEARCHING IN THE SPIRIT is a fun and faith-filled experience of Christian community that deepens the newly-confirmed young persons’ understanding of the special gifts that the Spirit has given them.

In 2018, 52 youth participated, accompanied by 14 young adult leaders, with 14 leadership team members who ran programming for the week.

The annual **YOUTH MINISTRY COLLECTION** in December 2018 received \$160,666. The purpose of this special archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support to parish youth ministries, as well as support parish initiatives and leadership through rebates.

“THE TEENS attending small groups have had the opportunity to be inspired by their peers to a deeper following of Jesus.”

DANIEL WACK, Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Joseph’s, Langley



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT ALPHA

In Spring 2019 we piloted an Alpha course at a pub in downtown Vancouver. Seventeen young adults invited friends, family, and co-workers who don’t go to church or have a relationship with Christ. As a result:

- The core team deepened in their faith
- Catholics on the periphery were strengthened in their convictions
- People who would call themselves agnostics became more convinced of the credibility of Christianity.

The friendships formed in Alpha have already spilled out beyond the course. Team members and participants are organizing socials, get-togethers, and are discussing running Alpha again in the near future.

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA

In January 2019, 60 pilgrims from Vancouver attended World Youth Day in Panama with Pope Francis. These young adults experienced a global Church, young and vibrant, and full of devotion to Christ and our Blessed Mother. They attended catecheses led by bishops from around the globe, visited holy sites, conversed with peers from all over the world, worshipped at Mass, enjoyed loud music together, and walked hundreds of kilometres.



“WORLD YOUTH DAY was an incredible experience that I will truly remember for the rest of my life! It came with challenges, struggles, and moments of chaos, but amidst all that was the presence of God.”

MATTHEW FURTADO, St. Matthew’s Parish



STRENGTHEN MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

More than 500 couples (1,046 participants) attended marriage preparation courses in five locations: Vancouver, Coquitlam, Surrey, Langley, and Richmond.

10% of registered couples were identified as “conflictual” during the course and were offered the opportunity to meet with personal counsellors. More than half chose to do so.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Reintroducing Date Night provided married couples the opportunity to take some time together before the busy season of Christmas. Couples enjoyed a dinner and an evening of celebrating the joy of love in marriage. Inspiring messages from the 2018 World Meeting of Families in Dublin were shared, offering a great opportunity to connect with other couples striving to live their marriage fully.

CELEBRATING 4,800 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

In May 2019 the second annual Marriage Anniversary Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Miller, with 160 couples celebrating more than 4,800 years of marriage; it kicked off National Week of Life and Family. This is a way of supporting and encouraging married couples; it also enables them to be witnesses to our Church that marriage is an institution worth upholding.

LIVING IN LOVE FAMILY CONFERENCE

This event for the whole family coordinated by the movements of the Archdiocese. Keynote speakers were Jake and Heather Khym, while NET Ministries provided a teen program and child minding. The culmination of the day was the celebration of Mass by Archbishop Miller, followed by dinner for the 70 families (270 people) who attended.

SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES

Over the past year, the Ministries and Outreach Office offered 30 parenting talks and workshops to more than 1,200 people across all six deaneries. It included topics such as “Making Sense of Anxiety”, “Discipline that Doesn’t Divide” and “How to Keep Your Kids Catholic”.

Our counsellor list has grown to 15 professional counsellors, including one who specializes in addressing pornography addiction.

“AS A single parent, I do not think I would ever have gone to a family conference. I am so grateful that you thought to include the “single parenting workshop” as part of it.”

Living in Love attendee



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

Our annual men's and women's retreats have been wonderfully successful. The weekends are full of life-changing experiences and have become a launch pad for people to dive deeper into their faith and become disciples of Jesus.

SOLD-OUT RETREATS

In 2018, both retreats for men and women were sold out.

- 253 men personally encountered God the Father and experienced his generous love over the Men's Retreat weekend under the theme *A Man After God's Own Heart*
- 292 women encountered our amazing God at their retreat, which was themed *Royal*.
- 520 women attended the first Women's Conference, themed *Restore the Beauty*.

These weekends experience provided opportunities for prayer and worship, fellowship, workshops, sacraments, music, adventure, laughter, and rest.

BEYOND THE RETREAT EXPERIENCE

We have provided solid resources to help those who attended to continue their faith journey after the weekend is over through:

- Weekly podcasts
- Bible studies
- Small group discussions
- Follow-up gatherings

RECONNECTING WITH GOD

Many people have commented on how these retreat weekends far exceeded their expectations and provided a powerful reconnection with God that propelled them to live their faith more seriously and engage with the Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals in personal ways. Our hope is that men and women are encouraged to be intentional disciples and live out their God-given calling and purpose. It will strengthen their relationships, marriages, and Church communities to be places of vibrant faith, hope and love.



“I DIDN'T KNOW *what to expect when I went to the women's retreat last year. It was, quite simply, the best surprise of the year! We all went home deeply encouraged.”*

Retreat participant



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



“THANK YOU *for taking a chance on me. Thank you for the time that you give us ... the most important thing you have taught us is that God is with us always.”*

Grade 4 CGS Participant

Children’s catechesis is necessary for our Catholic faith to be passed onto the next generation. Our 1,779 catechists all work to inspire and motivate children to fall in love with the Lord and to equip them for Christian living.

PREP

The Ministries and Outreach Office assists parishes in the development and implementation of the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), a program that provides religious instruction to approximately 6,300 children from Grades K-7 who don’t receive religious education at school.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

LWC is a pre-catechetical religious formation program that provides children aged 3 -7 with an opportunity to participate at Mass while hearing God’s Word proclaimed in a way they can relate to and understand.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is Montessori-based religious education that aims to help children and adults have a “living encounter with the living God.”

- 186 trained catechists teach in 15 established atriums (CGS classrooms)
- 11 parishes and schools integrate CGS into their religious education program which reaches more than 1,500 children

The Ministries and Outreach Office hosted a National CGS Conference in coordination with the CGS Association of Canada (CGSAC) in October 2018. Nearly 100 people gathered, the highest attendance in the history of CGSAC. In March, we organized local CGS training and greatly exceeded our registration goal.

VANSPEC

Vanspec offers special needs children and young adults the opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith at their own pace, bringing them closer to Jesus. Volunteer teachers adapt the content of each lesson and learning materials to the needs and pace of each student.

In 2018, 55 children received individual support from 64 volunteer catechists. There are now more than 230 students who are Vanspec alumni and continue to benefit from Bible study, volunteer opportunities and summer camp.

RCIA

The Ministries and Outreach Office assists parishes in implementing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In the past year, the program accompanied 565 adults who are not Catholic or have been inactive Catholics in discovering Jesus Christ.

In September 2019, 102 RCIA Coordinators and team members from 34 parishes attended the TeamRCIA Training Institute. They were provided with spiritual, human, pastoral and catechetical formation so to help them to be better witnesses and evangelizers.

“THIS IS *her fun place. This is somewhere she can be who she is.”*

ANTONELA UDOVICIC, Parent
of Vanspec student



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

41 elementary schools

10 secondary schools

4 institutions of higher education

16,359 students

1,387 teachers and education assistants

87% of students enrolled in Catholic schools are Catholic, with Catholic enrollment at individual schools varying significantly between 51% and 100%.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- St. John Paul II Academy completed its first year with great success. The small community of staff and students enthusiastically embraced all aspects of school life in the inaugural Grade 8 school year.
- Immaculate Conception Elementary in Vancouver completed its seismic upgrade over the summer.
- The \$26 million redevelopment of St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary is well underway with an expected completion date of fall 2019.
- Eight teachers from CISVA graduated from the Catholic Core program at St. Mark's College which aims to give teachers a firm understanding of their faith. Their participation was made possible by the Archbishop's Scholarship for Leadership in Catholic Education.

Laurel and Summer Gu, twins at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary students, have been powerfully moved by outreach and service opportunities since coming to Canada. They serve in the Downtown Eastside and have been part of teams visiting First Nations communities in the North.





DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

The Ministries and Outreach Office supports Discover Discipleship, which is expanding to an increasing number of parishes. The reach of the program continues to grow as participants become leaders and launch their own small groups.

Discover Discipleship is a program that uses faith studies developed by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) and helps parishes form missionary disciples. Through this program participants can strengthen their relationship with Jesus, grow in fellowship with other parishioners, and learn how to share the faith with others.

Over the years:

- 500+ people participated in CCO faith studies
- 100 faith study groups were run
- 14 parishes participated

“I HONESTLY THINK *I have felt and seen, in the last year or two years, the Holy Spirit truly at work in our parish.”*

NICOLE BITELLI, Christ the Redeemer Parish

CREATING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Each year on Father’s Day, we honour the gift of life through our annual Pro-life Sunday collection. In 2018, we raised \$191,238 which supported the life-affirming work of 19 pro-life organizations. Among the initiatives we support through sponsorship and/or partnership are.

- 2,000+ gathered for *March for Life* in front of the B.C. Legislature building.
- 1,250 people from 27 parishes participated in *40 Days for Life* during Lent.
- 1,200 people peacefully prayed at monthly vigils for unborn children and their parents.
- 400 people attended the Archbishop’s Mass for Life on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.
- 350 people raised \$74,000 at the *Focus on Life* Gala Dinner to support life-affirming messages in partnership with *Signal Hill* and the *Christian Advocacy Society*.
- 200+ presentations made to 6,126 public and private school students.
- 134 phone calls to the *Compassionate Community Care* hotline.
- 60 people viewed the movie *Fatal Flaws* with Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.
- 9 post-abortive women received healing at a *Rachel’s Vineyard* weekend retreat.

“IF WE WANT TO SAVE *the innocent unborn, we must first save their mothers. We must continue to give them our understanding, our compassion, and our practical assistance.”*

ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

LUTHERAN

More than 200 Lutherans and Catholics participated in The Cost of Discipleship and Contemporary Discipleship over four Saturday sessions.

JEWISH

Our Hanukkah/Christmas and Passover/Easter events were joint programs of Congregation Beth Israel and the Archdiocese. They included kosher dinners followed by a conversation with scholars. About 450 participated in these dialogues.

We also co-hosted Building Bridges with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, which paired the experiences and skillsets of leaders from Catholic and Jewish communities.

MUSLIM

The Archdiocese collaborated with the Ismaili-Muslim community on World Speech Day in March and Eid al-Adha (Festival of the Sacrifice) in August.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Services were held at seven different parishes with 340 people attending from Lutheran, United, Anglican, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Christian Reformed, Mennonite, and Catholic communities.

“I LIKED *how the dividing lines of being Lutheran or Catholic did not matter. What we had in common is that we all believe in God and his son Jesus Christ.”*

Parishioner of Mt. Zion
Lutheran Congregation

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Roman Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Vancouver operate the Gardens of Gethsemani Cemetery, historic St. Peter’s Cemetery, and support two parish cemeteries, all with the following mission:

We prepare the living for the life to come; we bury the dead in the Catholic tradition; and we comfort the living with compassion and care.

In 2018, Catholic Cemeteries provided the following services:

- Assisted 1,152 families in preparing memorial plans
- Helped with at-need requirements for more than 440 families
- Conducted Estate & Memorial Planning presentations, encouraging parishioners to prepare for end of life on earth and for eternal life
- Through the Works of Mercy Fund, assisted families who may not have the financial means to make burial arrangements
- Created an outreach program bringing people to a better understanding of Catholic teaching on eternal life through key events and lessons for students

MY FAMILY STORY

Gardens of Gethsemani partnered with the Armchair Genealogist to offer free webinars. This year’s program focused on Connecting Family with Today’s Technology.



“THERE’S THE CHURCH *in heaven and there’s the Church on earth. We kind of bridge that gap. We always try to make it beautiful, reverent, and meaningful.”*

PETER NOBES, Director
of Catholic Cemeteries





REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Refugee Sponsorship Program is a humanitarian service that assists persons fleeing from persecution and violence in their home countries. It aims to minister to marginalized families as they resettle in a new country with a different culture.

2018 ARRIVALS

200 persons from Eritrea, Iran, Iraq and Syria were sponsored by 10 Archdiocesan parishes, as well as St. Paul Chaldean and St. George Melkite parishes, through a one-year sponsorship period.

MORE ON THE WAY

We are awaiting the arrival of 306 persons whose applications are overseas for processing.

SECONDARY MIGRATION

Over the past year, 68 of our refugees moved to Ontario while two went to Saskatchewan.

“ONE YOUNG Eritrean refugee was deported by Israel, his country of asylum. After being sent to Rwanda, he risked his life by travelling to Uganda and Egypt by land over four months. He finally made it to Vancouver in April 2018, eager to begin his new life in Canada with members of his parish and community.”

DIANE CHUA, Refugee Program Coordinator

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Established in 2013, the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee of the Archdiocese of Vancouver exists to raise awareness of the negative consequences of abrogating the *Protecting Communities and Exploited Person's Act*. The law addresses the need to reduce demand for trafficking, therefore reducing supply and the greater violation of the human rights of women.

In April, Sister Nancy Brown, SC, attended Releasing Those Unjustly Bound, an international conference in Rome. She participated in highly interactive and participatory sessions which resulted in 42 proposals for action throughout various organizations and institutions of the Catholic Church.

OUR CALL TO ACTION

- Raise public awareness of the different forms of human trafficking for sexual exploitation.
- Dispel myths and clarify responsibilities behind the demand of sexual exploitation.

- Develop educational programs on human trafficking to be offered to bishops, priests, religious congregations, parishes, Catholic schools, and seminaries.



MISSION APPEAL

The Mission Appeal Program assists missionaries who wish to visit the Archdiocese to raise awareness and to solicit donations. In 2018, more than \$76,000 was raised in six parishes to support these three missions:

- The Diocese of Iringa in Tanzania was able to construct a dispensary closer to the village and provide health services to the community.
- The Fathers of the Holy Cross in Bangalore, India, were able to support the ministry for the hearing

impaired, vocational training for local girls, women, and youth, HIV/AIDS care, and counselling for broken marriages.

- The Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria was able to build classrooms for children of poor parents and others displaced by Islamic insurgencies in Nigeria and other parts of Africa.



FILIPINO MINISTRY

More than 130 delegates represented various parishes and ministries at a consultation meeting in November 2018. A smaller pastoral planning team composed of 31 leaders met later that month to realize the two-fold vision of Filipino Ministry: full integration and full participation of Filipinos in their parishes.

- Presentations on the Theology and Practice of Sacred Liturgy were given to more than 100 lectors, choir members, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and others.
- Monthly intensive prayer sessions with Eucharistic Adoration took place in different parishes throughout the Archdiocese.
- 25 parishes in the Archdiocese celebrated Simbang Gabi (Christmas Novena) Masses nine days before Christmas.
- At Holy Trinity Parish, 19 parishioners completed the Filipino Ministry Leadership Formation Program geared toward upgrading the leadership capacities of the parish.



CHINESE MINISTRY

Chinese Ministry is a non parish-based service which has a two-fold mission:

- To offer supplementary pastoral care to Chinese Catholics, enriching their lives of faith in the Church, and;
- To evangelize the non-believing Chinese who are not served by the established communities because of distance and other reasons.

We believe that with the continuous influx of Chinese to Vancouver, more can be done to support the Chinese faithful and to reach out to the Chinese non-believers here.

TOMB FESTIVAL (QINGMING)

Remembering and praying for the deceased, particularly one's ancestors, is an everlasting virtue in Chinese culture. Every April, they visit the tombs, weed and clean the gravestones, as a way to show respect for the ancestors.





FIRST NATIONS MINISTRY

MONTHLY INDIGENOUS MASSES

Monthly Indigenous Masses have begun to take place at St. Paul's Church in East Vancouver. Native peoples attend, dressing in their traditional regalia and singing and drumming ancestral songs in their native tongue.

These Masses restore dignity and pride to Indigenous peoples who still cherish their faith. It also provides an important opportunity for them to pass down the teachings of their people.

HEALING WORKSHOPS

The spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental wellbeing of Indigenous peoples requires balance. A series of healing workshops has included Western medicine, Indigenous cultural values, and Scripture to help individuals recognize suffering in their life and opportunities for healing.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Hispanic Ministry includes Farm worker Ministry and Latino Ministry. Our missionary mandate is to continue to serve and expand the ministry to the Hispanic immigrants and intentionally create and sustain a parish-based pastoral care program for temporary seasonal farm workers.

Most farm workers are Roman Catholic. The Archdiocese has six parishes currently active in ministering to these seasonal farm workers. They are invited to a monthly Spanish Mass and provided with the sacraments as well as offered spiritual and practical support.

PRISON MINISTRY

Having expanded the number of programs and volunteers at the provincial and federal prisons in our region this past year, we look forward to building more partnerships and finding new ways to share the message of God's unfailing love with those incarcerated.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- 10,000+ cards collected for the incarcerated to send to their loved ones
- 9,000+ hours contributed by our volunteers
- 500+ rosaries made by women in prison for those on the Downtown Eastside
- 400 Christmas gift bags collected and assembled for those incarcerated who often receive no gift at all
- 300+ Catholic Bibles and books provided for institutions
- 40+ new volunteers trained
- Students at 12 Catholic schools wrote Christmas cards to those incarcerated, while Easter cards were sent from 8 Catholic schools.
- 10 released offenders were supported as they re-integrated back into the community

FINDING FAITH IN FILM

Secular movies, commercials, and TV shows are used to encourage discussion on topics of faith, morals, relationships, and much more.

FAITH FORMATION

We have introduced Alpha and Matthew Kelly's Decision Point to most of the institutions in the region. It is important to meet the inmates where they are at and these programs do precisely that.

ART

We are exploring the inmates' artistic side through a men's choir, pottery painting, and an inmate/student wrist rosary project with 15 Catholic schools.



"THIS SUPPORT *was absolutely amazing because, as I learned, many inmates receive no visits from family or friends, but they receive great support and visitation by Catholic volunteers."*

RYAN, Former inmate

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND SHELTER SERVICES: MEN'S HOSTEL

The Men's Hostel offers 90-day stays for guys, provides case management to connect to other services, and focuses especially on finding long-term housing for men.

In 2018, the Men's Hostel had:

- 42,527 total stays including 5,420 Winter Weather Mat Bed stays (temporary emergency shelters)
- 39,726 total meals provided including 4,905 Winter Weather Mat Bed meals
- 1,993 unique guests
- Over 50% of guests are over the age of 55 with many over 65

JIM'S STORY

When Keith welcomed Jim, a 15-year old, into the Men's Hostel, Jim had already survived a lifetime of rejection, pain, and poverty.

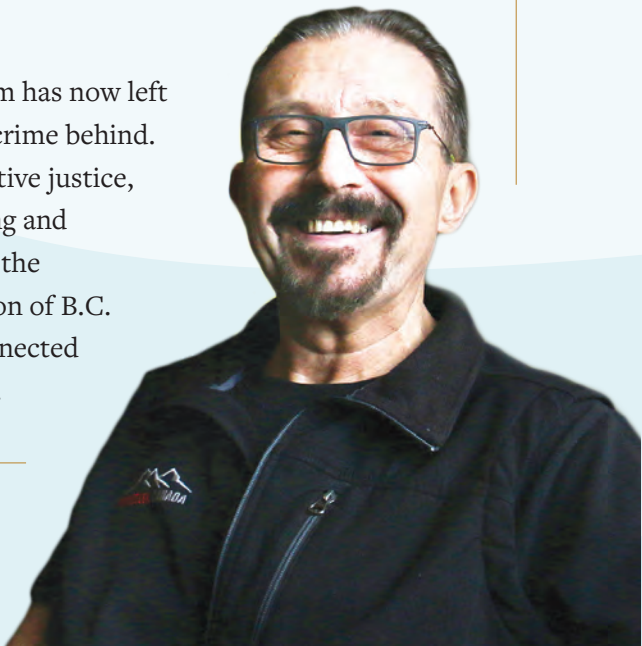
Growing up, Jim was routinely abused by his family members. At school, he was constantly bullied by his classmates and teachers. One day something inside him snapped and he hitchhiked out of town and three days later found himself in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

There, he sold drugs for biker gangs and was molested by pedophiles countless times.

After a while, the bikers told Jim about the Men's Hostel. Having met a friendly Catholic in his childhood he decided to give it a try and checked into the hostel where he met Keith, a staff member.

"I felt safe here, you know?" Jim recollected. Jim would return to stay at the Men's Hostel when he wasn't with the bikers or in jail for selling drugs.

Since seeking counselling, Jim has now left his formed life of drugs and crime behind. He is an advocate for restorative justice, a youth mentor, and a training and membership coordinator for the Homeless Services Association of B.C. Jim and Keith recently reconnected at an event on homelessness.



THE DOOR IS OPEN

The Door is Open (DIO) served over 110,000 meals this year, made possible by volunteers and donors, including families, businesses and students. Parishes donate carloads of food every month, and the day shelter receives donations from the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, as well as generous Easter and Christmas meals provided by donors.

335 nutritious meals were served each day
726 volunteers gave **20,000** hours in service

PROGRAMS OFFERED IN 2018

- Free Lunch Program
- Grief Counselling
- Clothing Program
- Women's Group
- Shelter Services and Referrals
- Information, Support & Awareness

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A grief support group was launched in 2018 and had an average of seven women in attendance. Most of the women are Indigenous who are dealing with complex issues such as sexual abuse, domestic violence, divorce and poverty. The group encourages mutual support which alleviates the isolation of these women who often lack the support of family and friends.

FOOD SOURCES

- 25% Food Bank
- 15% Local Farmers
- 30% Purchased
- 15% Individuals, Parishes & Schools
- 15% Businesses

"WE CAN FIND *so much help here: from food, to clothes, to friends, even spiritual help."*

RUSSEL, Guest at The Door Is Open



COMMUNICATIONS

128,000 monthly page views on rcav.org

39% average open rate in weekly Friday Report

18,999 followers on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter across 18 social media channels

100+ Catholic creators and freelancers who offer their skills and talents to the Archdiocese

TILMA

Responsive, beautiful, effective, and easy to manage, Tilma is a website platform created specifically for parishes and their leadership teams. Parish leaders are able to upload news and bulletins, create events, monitor membership and online giving, and offer rich content to help evangelize and connect with their parishioners.

Currently 30 parishes are onboard, and 18 parishes have launched their new Tilma websites.

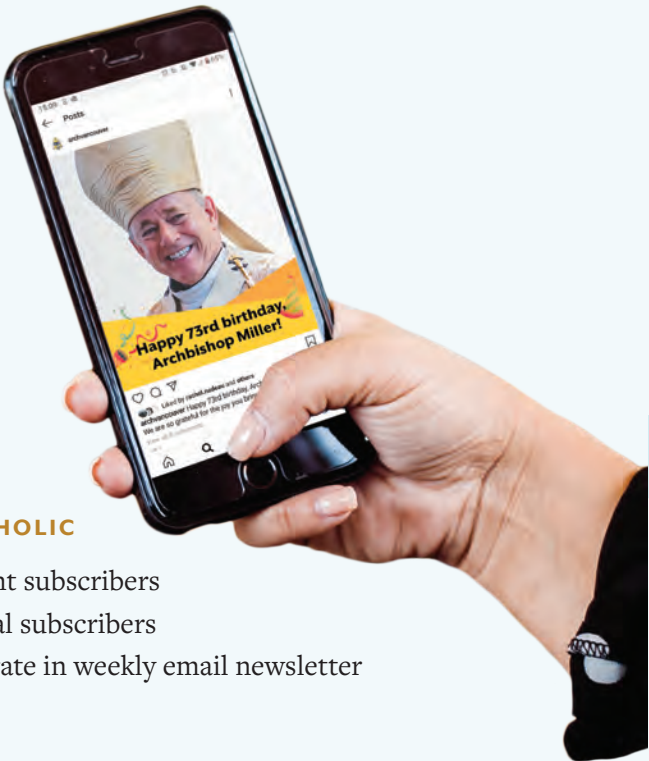


THE B.C. CATHOLIC

- 19,881 print subscribers
- 1,338 digital subscribers
- 37% open rate in weekly email newsletter

AWARDS

- Best Annual Report by a Catholic Non-Profit Organization (*First Place – Catholic Press Association*)
- Best Layout of Article or Column (*First Place, Catholic Press Association*)
- Best Personality Profile (*First Place, Catholic Press Association*)
- Best Feature Layout and Design, newspaper (*First Place, Canadian Church Press*)
- Father Michael McGivney Award for outstanding journalism (*Second Place, Knights of Columbus/ Columbia Magazine*)
- Best Regular Column (*Second Place, Catholic Press Association*)
- Best In-depth Treatment of a News Event, newspaper (*Second Place, Canadian Church Press*)
- Best Column, newspaper (*Third Place, Canadian Church Press*)
- Best Biographical Profile (*Third Place, Canadian Church Press*)
- Best Front Page, newspaper (*Third Place, Canadian Church Press*)
- Best Personality Profile (*Honourable Mention, Catholic Press Association*)



PROJECT ADVANCE

Project Advance meets the growing needs of our archdiocesan family and develops our commitment to stewardship as one faith, one Church, and one family.

HIGHLIGHTS

\$7,468,218

Project Advance 2018 supported the following important needs in our Archdiocese:

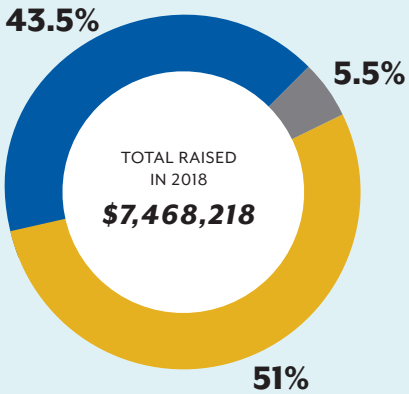
Secondary Schools Construction Fund	\$ 1,650,000
New Parish Sites Fund	\$ 650,000
Archdiocesan Ministries	\$ 600,000
Diocesan Outreach	\$ 100,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	\$ 100,000
Vanspec	\$ 50,000
Special Grants	\$ 100,000
TOTAL	\$ 3,250,000

For more information

projectadvance.ca

2018 DISBURSEMENTS

- ARCHDIOCESAN PROJECTS AND SPECIAL GRANTS**
\$3,250,000
- PARISH REBATES**
\$3,801,192
- ADMINISTRATION AND EXPENSES***
\$417,026



2018 SPECIAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Catholic Justice Services Society
- L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver
- Luke 15 House
- NET Ministries of Canada Inc. - Vancouver office
- Saint James Music Academy
- Sancta Maria House of Healing
- Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries
- SFU Chaplaincy
- Signal Hill Life Education
- St. Mark's College
- St. Paul's Foundation
- Talitha Koum Society
- Vancouver Airport Chaplaincy

* The cost of administrating Project Advance does not include local costs at the parish level.



UPPER ROOM

a Proclaim conference

LOOKING AHEAD CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE ETHICS

“AS ‘GUARDIANS *and servants of human life,’ health care workers need ongoing ethical formation.”*

ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB

Today, it is imperative that all our health care providers are educated in Catholic health care ethics in service of the whole person since, every day, health care decision-making becomes ethically more complex as new issues and technologies evolve.

Catholic health care’s centuries-long commitment to ethical discernment and the advocacy of human dignity equips us with effective, caring and compassionate responses to these and other complexities.

Through the 2019 Annual Archbishop’s Dinner, the Archdiocese established a Catholic Health Care Ethics Fund to provide resources for the partnership of Providence Health Care and St. Mark’s College at UBC which aims to address the need for enhanced ethic in Catholic health care in Vancouver.

LOOKING AHEAD PROCLAIM

“THE MISSIONARY *dimension of the home has never been more important.”*

BRETT POWELL,
Archbishop’s Delegate
for Development
and Ministries

Proclaim is a movement of evangelization that launches at the Upper Room Conference on October 26, 2019.

It is our response to the Holy Father’s appeal that we commemorate the centenary of Pope Benedict XV’s apostolic letter on the Church’s need to proclaim Christ to all. As such, the movement hopes to encourage all the baptized to take seriously the call to share their faith, primarily but not exclusively in their homes and places of influence.

At the conference and beyond, disciples will be challenged, equipped and inspired to proclaim the name of Jesus. The movement promises to provide training and community support to those endeavouring to evangelize. Through the commitment of our staff and volunteers and the faithfulness of the Archdiocese, we hope to see the Good News proclaimed throughout the Lower Mainland. Visit weareproclaim.com for more information.

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

Combined Statement of Operations for Pastoral Centre
and Parishes of the Archdiocese of Vancouver
Year ended December 31, 2018

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*The Finance Office is pleased to publish externally audited financial statements
for the Archdiocese of Vancouver at rcav.org/administration-finance*

2018

REVENUE

Ordinary Collections	\$ 32,557,537
Building Fund Collections	\$ 6,280,457
Project Advance Annual Appeal	\$ 7,468,218
Activities and Events	\$ 11,374,303
Fundraising for Schools	\$ 2,225,055
National and Diocesan Collections	\$ 2,173,022
Investment Income	\$ 3,230,121
Other	\$ 2,924,522
Bequests and Major Gifts	\$ 2,642,694

\$70,875,929

EXPENSES

Parish Operations	\$ 31,913,859
Pastoral Centre Operations	\$ 8,180,657
Diocesan Grants and Expenditures	\$ 1,091,127
School Subsidies	\$ 6,626,624
National and Diocesan Collections	\$ 2,173,022
Debt Service	\$ 993,565

\$50,978,854

Net Surplus before Capital Expenditures	\$ 19,897,075
Proceeds from Sale of Properties	\$ 9,842,363

\$29,739,438

Deduct Capital Expenses	\$ 17,223,128
Deduct Reserve for Future Projects: Parish	\$ 8,260,400
Deduct Reserve for Future Projects: Archdiocese	\$ 4,239,600

NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

\$16,310

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