

Dear <Donor's Salutation>,

I hope that you and your family are safe and healthy.

Last month, you would have received a letter in the mail from Archbishop Miller. The letter explained that the donations from Project Advance this year will support the needs of our community, that have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to support the work of our Archdiocese and parishes.

As a Pastor of a parish in our Archdiocese (St. Anthony's, West Vancouver), and as Chair of the Project Advance Appeal, I want to share with you the importance of this year's appeal from the perspective of both the parish and the Archdiocese.

Many of our parishes have taken a financial hit because of the new restrictions in place. This year, the parish rebates given through Project Advance will provide significant support to the unique needs of each parish. At the Archdiocese, the work of outreach and evangelization continues in new and creative ways.

The new Crisis Response Fund, established by Archbishop Miller, will help those facing domestic abuse, mental health challenges, addiction recovery, homelessness, and hunger, in our Archdiocese. Through your support, Catholic organizations in our Archdiocese will receive funding to help provide critical support in these areas.

It was a difficult decision to determine if the appeal should go forward this year, but given the needs arising from the pandemic, and seeing the response, the decision to move forward has been validated. To date, over \$2,000,000 has already been committed to the 2020 appeal, with many previous Project Advance supporter's yet to contribute.

I personally wanted to reach out to you and ask if you are able and have the means, please donate to Project Advance today. It is supporters like you who help us continue the mission of serving our community during these challenging times.

If you, or someone in your family have already donated to Project Advance through your parish office, please accept my sincere gratitude on behalf of all those who will benefit.

**To make your online gift to Project Advance today, please go to [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca) and click donate now.**

With cordial best wishes and assurance of my prayers,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gary Franken,  
Vicar General, Project Advance Steering Committee Chair  
Archdiocese of Vancouver