



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

July 22nd, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The past Lenten season may feel like a distant memory with the hot summer days upon us. However, over the last several months, a group of lay people supported by Chancery staff have been working diligently on the topic of the Lenten Collection. To date, we have received a total of \$66,392.74 from our parishes to be allocated to agencies serving our vulnerable populations. Our finance department has rounded the total to \$66,500 to make distribution easier. Any additional funds received will be rolled over to the 2023 collection. I have elected to focus the 2022 Lenten Collection on local initiatives as our parishioners were overwhelmingly generous with our special collections for Ukraine, which raised a total of \$141,025.50. Future Lenten Collections may address international issues depending on the current need of the times.

During spring 2022, a committee consisting of young members of our parishes was formed to assist me with the distribution of the funds collected. The group is comprised of representatives from each of our four deaneries. Over several weeks, the group met virtually to identify local initiatives and organizations that are currently addressing the greatest needs in our Archdiocese. Committee members offered profound insights into their respective communities, sharing concerns regarding poverty, homelessness, crisis pregnancies, food insecurity, end of life issues, and mental health. Being docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, the young adults prioritized local efforts that respect our Catholic understanding of the human person.

It is a great responsibility to be a prudent steward of the funds our parishioners have so graciously and generously given. The committee members brought forward many excellent agencies for my consideration, though regrettably, not every agency could receive funds this year. The goal was to support agencies addressing current needs in our diverse communities across the Archdiocese that may not be receiving widespread financial support for the community at this time. In the coming years, I will continue to reassess and adjust as needed the agencies that the Archdiocese will fund with the support of the young adults committee. Members will keep me apprised of local community needs to prioritize grass-roots initiatives, when possible, always deeply mindful of our Catholic values.

Please see the attached document for a list of agencies selected for the 2022 collection.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston

Appendix A
Funds Breakdown Lenten Collection 2022

Lenten Collection Total: \$66,392.74
 – rounded to \$66,500

Agency	Deanery	Donation
<p>Birthright, Kingston and Belleville</p> <p>Birthright is a pregnancy care centre providing free and non-judgemental support and practical assistance to all women facing unplanned pregnancies.</p>	Central and Western	\$12,000 (\$6,000 each)
<p>Grace INN Shelter, Belleville</p> <p>The only homeless shelter in Hasting County, Grace INN provides emergency housing for adults in a safe environment, with a special focus on dignity, community, and mentorship.</p>	Western	\$5,500
<p>North Frontenac Food Bank, Sharbot Lake</p> <p>The North Frontenac Food Bank provides emergency food support to those in need in Central Frontenac and surrounding communities.</p>	Northern	\$5,500
<p>Project Rachel – St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, Queensborough</p> <p>Project Rachel offers confidential and non-judgemental post-abortion support for women and men who have experienced abortion.</p>	Western	\$6,000
<p>Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 5333 Food Bank, Kemptville</p> <p>Based out of Holy Cross Parish, the food bank provides emergency grocery supports to anyone who requires assistance.</p>	Eastern	\$5,500
<p>Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP), Kingston, Belleville and Brockville</p> <p>SSVPs provide practical supports to our vulnerable population through a variety of programs, including clothing and furniture vouchers and emergency food programs.</p>	Central, Western and Eastern	\$6,000 (\$2,000 each)

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<p>St. Mary's Drop-In Centre, Kingston</p> <p>Based out of the Cathedral, St. Mary's Drop-In Centre provides hospitality to Kingston's most vulnerable population through nourishing meals, laundry and shower services, and clothing.</p>	Central	\$5,500
<p>The Falls Food Hub - The Table Community Food Centre, Perth, Smith Falls location coming soon</p> <p>The Table seeks to foster healthier and more connected communities through integrated food programs. The Table provides access to healthy food, food skills and literacy training, and education and advocacy around food insecurity and poverty.</p>	Northern	\$5,500
<p>Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, across Canada</p> <p>The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to support and advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The 73 dioceses across Canada will make contributions over the next 5 years to fulfill the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops.</p>	N/A	\$15,000
	TOTAL	\$66,500