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Priorities

Youth Ministry **\$50,000**

Support for Catholic Family Values **\$25,000**

Supporting our Priests in their Retirement **\$65,000**

Pastoral Outreach & Mission Support **\$60,000**

Catholic Education **\$90,000**

Canonical Affairs & Marriage Tribunal **\$18,000**

Seminarians & Permanent Diaconate **\$21,000**

Safe Environment **\$24,000**

Protecting our Data **\$22,000**

Administration & Promotions **\$25,000**



This year also marks the 35th year of the diocese's annual Faith in Action appeal, whose longevity is itself a truly remarkable testament to the faith and extraordinary generosity of Catholics here in the diocese.



faith IN ACTION PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we joyfully celebrate the 80th anniversary of our diocese, we give thanks for the blessings that have shaped our journey of faith over these many years. In this Jubilee Year, we walk together as Pilgrims of Hope—united in faith, guided by love, and inspired by Christ.

We invite you to be part of our diocesan mission by supporting our Faith in Action campaign, bringing Christ's love to our parishes, schools, and those in need. Every gift matters. Together, let's be a beacon of faith, compassion, and hope to those whom we serve.

With heartfelt thanks,

Most Rev. Joseph P. Nguyen
Bishop of Kamloops

This year's theme underscores that we are a pilgrim people, searching and journeying to deepen our faith and to live it in practical and concrete ways.

Support for Catholic Family Values

Pilgrimage can also involve both rupture and restoration. This best characterizes the good work accomplished by the diocese's Rachel's Vineyard ministry, a healing ministry for women burdened by abortion.

"I had not told many people about my abortion," says one recent retreat participant. "After giving birth to a son years later, I realized how precious human life is and what a gift from God a child truly is."

"This is when the pain and shame from my abortion really hit me. I knew I needed to deal with the pain, but I was terrified to attend Rachel's Vineyard. I was terrified of judgement, and I was terrified of being held accountable."

"When I arrived, there was absolutely no judgment. They embraced me and gently led my heart to Jesus and to forgiveness, acceptance and peace."

Hotline: Are you suffering from the effects of having had an abortion or know of someone who has? You are encouraged to call Rachel's Vineyard at 250-267-5081. All calls are held in the strictest confidence.

Your generous financial support through Faith in Action also goes toward providing natural family planning counselling for young couples throughout the diocese.

Office of Canonical Affairs and Marriage Tribunal

Faith in Action also aids the Office of Canonical Affairs which includes support for the Diocese's Marriage Tribunal. The tribunal works with couples who seek an annulment of their marriage. It includes the counselling and investigation work that accompanies this process which often varies based on the circumstances of each case.



Pilgrimage hike, Our Lady of the Mountains parish

This hope can also be seen at Our Lady of the Mountains parish in Whistler where Faith in Action has provided a focus for the parish to mobilize support to build a new church there.

The collective efforts by parishioners over the past few years has mobilized the resources and finances that will see the completion of their new church in the fall of 2025 – a lasting legacy for generations of worshipers to come.

Protecting our Data

Continued progress in this area has included the introduction of cloud-based computing to facilitate the exchange of documents among parishes in the diocese and the rollout of accounting software that leverages a group license to reduce licensing costs for parishes in the diocese.

Finally, in addition, a small percentage (generally 5-6%) of Faith In Action funds raise go toward the marketing and promotion of this annual campaign that includes its administration around the issuance of tax receipting and acknowledgements.

Pastoral Outreach and Misson Support

Your generosity is also a tangible and a fitting expression of the solidarity of Catholics throughout our diocese to assist financially some of our missions in the Shuswap, Chilcotin, Lillooet, and 100-Mile House areas of the diocese. While the individual amounts are relatively small, they are an important support to these communities and a tangible expression of our diocesan family.

Youth Ministry

Youth too are pilgrims on a journey into young adulthood and a deepening of their relationships with Christ through the diocese’s youth ministry. “We don’t just point the way,” say Andy Cyr, the diocese’s youth ministry coordinator.

“We walk with our youth, accompanying them with purpose and care, helping them take meaningful steps in faith, friendship and identify as children of God.”



Kamloops youth event

Permanent Diaconate Program

An important ministry and part of our journeying together is the diocese’s permanent diaconate program. The inaugural cohort of deacon aspirants are near to completing their second year of formal academic study. Your support has gone toward defraying the costs of this program.



St. Ann's Graduation

Supporting Our Priests

Active Clergy: Faith in Action has also gone toward further studies for our priests. This includes support to Fr. Paul Simms who is near to completing a degree in Canon Law and Fr. Ajin George, who completed a Master’s Degree in Catechesis and Evangelization earlier this year.

Retired Clergy: Faith in Action continues to provide financial support to our retired priests who have provided dedicated and long service to our diocese.

Safe Environment

This past year has seen the rollout of an online safe environment training module for all diocesan staff and parish volunteers. It will soon include all Catholic schools in the diocese. Further, efforts are underway to review our safe environment protocols to ensure that they remain current and well understood. Your generosity also supports a part-time administrative assistant to coordinate this program.



Confirmation rally, Kamloops

Catholic Education – Intentional Discipleship

The need for intentional discipleship in our schools has been identified as a priority and efforts are now underway to introduce a bishop’s scholarship in Catholic Education. Its purpose is to provide tuition assistance to teachers who wish to study university level courses in such areas as church history, theology and evangelization and catechesis. It means investing in our dedicated teachers and in the future of our Catholic school system.

Capital Support: Your Faith in Action gift also supports the building up of a capital fund to assist in the capital renewal of our schools. This fund now stands at just under \$500,000. During 2025, a grant was given to Sacred Heart parish in Williams Lake to help in defraying the costs to install a new heating system for its elementary school.



Sacred Heart Elementary School, Williams Lake