

PARISH MINISTRY

FAMILY MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY



Welcome to the first Bishops' Action Appeal!

We are building on the amazing results of our Leap for Faith Capital Campaign.

This is a very exciting time in the life of our diocese. Together we are working to strengthen and grow parish life and ministry. I want to share with you our first annual Bishops' Action Appeal.

This bulletin insert explains why we have launched this Appeal at this time and outlines the focus on parish, family and episcopal ministry. In the midst of challenging economic conditions the need for us to improve the strength of our ministries has never been greater.

We want to build on the excellent results of our Leap for Faith Capital Campaign. Thanks to your support, the Leap for Faith campaign was a tremendous success and resourced the following key initiatives:

The Bishops' Appeal is being made to each individual in our diocese. A brochure has been mailed to every home and provides the details on how you can respond. I hope and pray that you will be able to respond positively with a financial contribution. Early in 2010 we will report the results of this Appeal.

There is so much we can accomplish as a result of the generosity of parishioners such as you.

Many Blessings

Sue Moxley

Bishop Sue Moxley

Bishop of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

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LUKE 6:38

Our financial goal is to raise \$292,500 in gifts and pledges. People who only want to make a one time contribution will be able to do that. If you want to make your contributions monthly that can be done over the course of a year.

A letter is being mailed to individual Anglicans at the beginning of October. There will be no requests to parishes to make a contribution from your parish. Extra copies of the letter will be sent to the parishes to ensure everyone is able to participate.

You can learn more about the appeal by going to the website www.nspeidiocese.ca or call Jana, the appeal administrator, at 902.422.6925.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Lay Leadership Development

Financial support for lay people to engage in leadership development courses. For example, courses offered by Atlantic School of Theology, Education for Ministry, Conciliation Services Canada, Alban Institute, or courses in church accounting, liturgical architecture, church music, and graphic design for bulletins/newsletters. Clergy have access to Continuing Education Funds and ongoing Christian Formation but currently, although we talk about the value of lay ministry, the Diocese does not provide financial support to allow interested and gifted lay people to develop their skills.

The Diocesan 2010 Anniversary Committee has stated its desire to establish the “Lay Leadership Legacy” as a lasting remembrance of the 2010 Celebration. This would provide continuing funds for lay leadership development beyond this first Action Appeal.

\$30,000

Congregational Development

To continue the fund that was established through the Leap for Faith Capital Campaign to which all congregations may apply for funds to improve the health of their congregation particularly for liturgical renewal or parish stewardship education. The Leap for Faith funds encouraged parishes to set a vision and make strategic plans for implementation. During this process, parishes have identified the needs for liturgical revitalization and ongoing growth in personal stewardship commitment to continue to improve the vitality of their parishes. Additional funding of this program is vital in order to make it accessible to more parishes in the diocese and help participating parishes take the next steps.

\$50,000

To Follow up from the Conference

“Small Church, Great Church” (a conference on parish growth and effectiveness) follow-up by offering specific support to rural parishes, through a grant process, to support innovative initiatives designed to assist them in strengthening their ministries.

\$20,000

Environment—

Reducing our Footprint

Establish a fund to which all congregations may apply for funds to support education initiatives, and action plans relating to environmental issues with their church buildings and grounds in order to reduce their ecological impact.

\$25,000

Families with Young Children

The desire here is to be able to support parishes through a grant process to implement initiatives that will provide ministry to current membership families with young children, as well as the development of initiatives that could attract new families with young children.

\$25,000

Youth Initiatives


The hope here is to provide support to parishes or regions that could, for example, lead to regional youth staff for ongoing youth leadership development and youth events. As part of developing our Regional Ministry teams, each region could possibly have a part time youth ministry coordinator for their region. There will be other youth initiatives that we anticipate that parishes and regions will identify as being worthy of support.

\$25,000

Young Adult Ministry

At a time when much emphasis is placed on youth ministry, the opportunity to connect with young people at University/College at such an important time in their lives is invaluable. This witness is not only powerful in the lives of students, but it has a ripple effect far beyond the boundaries of the college/university. A chaplain becomes a valued member of the campus community and has wonderful opportunities for engaging students and faculty both directly and indirectly with the gospel, and with the ways in which the Church can speak to social, personal, and political questions, as well as to explicitly spiritual matters. In such an environment, a chaplain has an opportunity to take on a pastoral and supportive role which extends beyond religious confession. These funds will be directed to such a ministry. In all of these opportunities and occasions seeds are planted which bear fruit later in life.

\$35,000



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2 CORINTHIANS 9:7