



Archdiocese of Vancouver

PROJECT ADVANCE

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Dear Father George,

Project Advance in 2020 is going to be different. Upon the recommendation of the Project Advance Steering Committee and in consultation with the Presbyteral Council, I have determined that we should launch this year's Appeal, but with adjustments to reflect the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. Please carefully read the following points which address our funding priorities, goals, and launch strategy.

This year, the Archdiocesan funding priorities will shift from capital projects to a newly established Crisis Response Fund. The Appeal slogan reflects this: *Project Advance: Our Catholic Response to the Crisis*. This Fund will be used to support Catholic charities and ministries that serve those who are most vulnerable and impacted by the crisis, including the elderly and disabled, the hungry and homeless, those suffering from domestic abuse and from other trying situations.

For 2020, the Archdiocesan goal is reduced from \$3.25 million to \$1.625. **The goal for St Joseph's - Mission has been reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000.**

The Development Office has provided valuable service to our parish communities over the past seven weeks. They will continue this assistance by coordinating a centralized launch of Project Advance, which has been set for June. This strategy allows parishes to concentrate on Offertory recovery until the fall, at which time the focus of Project Advance will shift to parish communities.

Further details of the June launch of Project Advance will soon be communicated to you by the Development Office staff. I look forward to your collaboration in this new strategy for Project Advance 2020.

With my prayers for you and your parish family as we approach the celebration of Pentecost, I remain

Fraternally yours in the Risen Christ,

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB
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