



St. Mary, Vancouver, BC

**Project Advance encourages us to live gratefully and give generously.**

*"For it is in giving that we receive."*

St. Francis of Assisi

Through Project Advance you support the many different ways in which we see the face of Jesus in our brothers and sisters: helping the most vulnerable by providing guidance, shelter, food and love to those who are homeless, abused and marginalized.

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# PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

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One Faith. One Church. One Family.



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## Message from the ARCHBISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Every year we are called upon to foster the growth of our parishes and wider Archdiocesan family. Each of us responds to this call with their own prayers, creative talent and treasure. Our annual Project Advance Appeal gives us the opportunity to share in supporting the evangelizing mission of our local Church.

Project Advance helps to make our parishes vital communities where we can encounter Jesus Christ in the power of His Word and the nourishment of His Sacraments. It builds our churches where we worship, our schools where we educate our children, and our parish halls where we gather for fellowship and service. Through the projects it sponsors, Project Advance enables us to reach out to those who are struggling and marginalized.

Participation in Project Advance is a straightforward way of showing that we are striving to live the Gospel which we proclaim. It is stewardship in action.

I pray that you will continue to join me in supporting Project Advance and making it a priority in your annual gift giving.

Invoking God's abundant grace upon you and your family, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ J. Michael Miller CSB*

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ARCHBISHOP OF VANCOUVER



# PROJECT ADVANCE

## OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

Project Advance is crucial to the Church's mission of providing services that benefit all Catholics and countless others in our Archdiocese.

Our annual appeal lets us not only provide for our local Church but also strengthen our parishes. It helps each parish meet its own unique needs and it ensures that the sacrifices of past generations are built upon for the benefit of the future.

To date close to \$98 million has been returned to parishes so they can meet the growing needs they have for their buildings and social programs.

Our Archdiocesan goal of \$3 million helps the communities we serve. Our core needs continue to be the renovation of our secondary schools, the founding of new parishes, the care of the needy and marginalized through our Pastoral Ministries, evangelization and programs for enriching the faith of our youth and young adults.

### Your gift supports:

Secondary Schools Construction Fund	\$1,400,000
New Parish Sites Fund	\$650,000
Pastoral Ministries Serving Chaplaincies to prisons and hospitals; Refugee Sponsorship Program; Migrant Workers, and Office of Life, Marriage and Family.	\$450,000
Diocesan Outreach Supporting evangelization & communication efforts.	\$250,000
Youth and Young Adults	\$100,000
Vanspec Offering catechetical instruction to children and adults with learning disabilities.	\$50,000
Special Grants	\$100,000

**Total Need: \$3,000,000**

Estimated Annual Rebate to Parishes **\$4.2 MILLION**  
BASED ON 2016 DISBURSEMENTS: TOTAL FUNDS RAISED IN 2016: \$7.6 MILLION

### SPECIAL GRANTS for 2017

#### Sancta Maria House of Healing

Catholic Christian Healing home for women struggling with addictions.

#### Signal Hill Life Education

Promotes the value of human life through education and support services.

#### Tapestry Foundation for Healthcare - Parkview-Youville Residence

Fosters and provides care and compassion for seniors.

#### Columbus Residence

A catholic-based non-profit society that provides health care and subsidized housing for seniors.

#### Domestic Abuse Services

##### - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society

Provides educational programming, a helpline, safe housing and support services to victims of domestic violence.

#### L'Arche Foundation of Greater Vancouver

Provides homes and programs for people with developmental disabilities.

#### Catholic Voices Canada Society

Offers professional communication presentations and workshops on controversial issues of concern to the Church.

#### Saint James Music Academy

Provides free music education to at-risk children and youth of the Downtown Eastside.

#### Parish-based Refugee Sponsorship

Money has been set aside for Parish-based refugee sponsorship initiatives. Parishes can apply throughout the year to help cover any shortfall or unforeseen expense.

## Yes, I would like to give to Project Advance 2017.

### How do you give?

1. Give after mass as explained by your parish Project Advance Team
2. Return pledge forms to your parish
3. Give online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)

Or use this form and detachable envelope:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

My Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Send by mail to your parish or drop into your collection plate with either a cheque made out to Project Advance, or by providing your credit card details:

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One time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months

starting \_\_\_\_\_ total gift = \_\_\_\_\_

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Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you considered other ways to give?

- Yes, I included a faith-based gift in my will.
- I'm planning a Bequest to my Parish.
- Yes, I'd like help setting up a Planned Gift (Bequest, Life Insurance, Securities).

Thank you.

TEAR OFF COMPLETED FORM AND FOLD IN HALF. INSERT INTO ENVELOPE (WITH CHEQUES IF PROVIDING). SEAL THIS GUMMED FLAP. STAMP ADDRESS TO YOUR PARISH THEN MAIL OR DROP INTO YOUR NEXT SUNDAY COLLECTION.