**Parish Application for 2021**

Eparchial Evangelization Fund for Programming for Youth and Young Families

Investing in Our Future Today

December 1, 2020

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Clergy:

**Re: “Investing in Our Future Today” – A Youth Ministry Initiative**

In 2012, together as laity, religious, monastics and clergy we embarked upon an ambitious 25 Year Pastoral Plan of spiritual renewal within the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alberta: “Evangelization: A New Springtime – Encountering the Person of Christ; A Call to Action for Parish Renewal.”

As we find ways to implement our Pastoral Plan, our attention is directed to our youth and young families. If it takes a whole village to raise a child, then it takes the effort of the entire parish to nurture and support the faith of our children, youth, young adults and young families.

Pope Francis invites us to invest in our youth. In response to his invitation, the Eparchy of Edmonton has committed to invest $100,000 in youth and young family initiatives each year for ten years, totaling $1,000,000! Investing in Our Future Today.

We invite our parishes to be creative, and courageous, in coming up with initiatives that will help our youth and young families in their faith journey.

Together we can make a difference in the faith of our youth and young families.

Investing in Our Future Today!

May the blessing of the Lord be upon us!

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. David Motiuk

Bishop of Edmonton

**Purpose**

This fund provides the necessary monetary resources to invest in children, youth, young adults and young families through innovative programming within the parish or deanery. All parishes are encouraged to apply.

**Requirements**

* The application’s action plan will reflect each of the three pillars of parish renewal: Word, Eucharist, and Service.
* The application outlines new projects, activities or target group or existing activities; **priority will be given to new projects**
* One application can have multiple projects; please repeat parts 3 to 6 for each individual project.
* Please ensure that all boxes are filled in.

**How to Apply**

Please complete the following application and submit **by March 1, 2021**. As soon as the selection process is complete, you will be notified. Monies for the selected projects will then be mailed to your parish address. At the end of the project, please fill out a project report whether the project has been completed or is still in progress.

**Contact**

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact **Millie Schietzsch**, Director of Youth Ministry, at **780 424 5496**, or email[**youth@eeparchy.com**](mailto:youth@eeparchy.com)

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**Part 1: Contact Information**

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| Parish Name, Address and Pastor |  |
| Contact Name, phone number and Role of Contact in the Parish |  |
| Names of people who worked on this application |  |
| Has your parish/deanery applied before? |  |

**Part 2: Current Reality within the Parish**

Please outline the current reality (existing programming, activities or involvement) for:

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| **Children**  (Up to the age of 12) |  |
| **Youth** (Ages 13 – 17) |  |
| **Young Adults**  (Ages 18 – 35) |  |
| **Young Families**  (Families that have children up to grade 12) |  |

**Part 3: Action Plan**

Please be specific in outlining your action plan, the timeline, and resources.

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| Project Name |  |
| Is this a new project, or an assistance to projects that are already ongoing? |  |
| Targeted Group (Children, Youth, Young Adults, or Young Families) |  |
| Intended Audience of the project (Parish, Deanery or Eparchy) |  |
| Who will implement the action plan? |  |
| Timeline of the project |  |
| How will you advertise to bring in interest for your project? |  |
| Outline the project. Then list the resources needed to implement it. |  |

**Part 4: Indicators of Success and Potential Sustainability**

Please discuss the outcome you would like to see for the project.

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| **Project Goal: What Indicates success for your project?**  (These indicators can be qualitative, like the impact the project makes, and/or quantitative, like the number of people who come to an event) |  |
| **Project Sustainability**  How can this project be sustained for the next 10 years? If this is a continued project, why are you applying for more funding? How will this program be funded when the E-Fund is no longer available? |  |

**Part 5: Pillars of Parish Renewal**

Please indicate how all three pillars of parish renewal are used in your project. Please refer to the Eparchy’s 25 year plan, [“Evangelization, A New Springtime – Encountering the Person of Christ”](http://www.eeparchy.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/25-year-plan-20120325-for-print.pdf), that is attached in the reference documents.

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| **Word: To Know God**  How does your project nourish and develop the word of God, the knowledge of our faith? |  |
| **Eucharist: To Love God**  How does your project align with providing young people a life-giving encounter with God through things such as prayer and sacraments? |  |
| **Service: To Serve God**  How does your project allow your parish to be faithful stewards of all that rightly belongs to Him? (Time, talents, resources, etc.) |  |

**Part 6: Financial Information**

Please be specific in completing the budget. A final financial report is required at the end of the project or fiscal year, whichever comes first.

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| Total cost of project. |  |
| Grant amount being applied for. |  |
| Detailed budget outlining all projected expenses. |  |
| Have any organizations been asked to support through monetary donation, offering volunteers, or partnering? |  |

**Part 7: Disclaimer**

All selected projects agree to have their projects posted on the Eparchy website through pictures, testimonials, or anecdotes. Projects may be featured by Bishop Motiuk at the Bishop’s Gala.

**Part 8: Final Report**

After the project is complete ***or*** by December, 2021 (whichever comes first) a final report or a progress report is to be submitted to Millie Schietzsch, Eparchial Youth Director. This report will include pictures, anecdotes, testimonials and a financial statement with receipts.

Submit this completed application to: **Millie Schietzsch,** Director of Youth Ministry

**9645 – 108 Avenue, Edmonton AB T5H 1A3  
780-424-5496** [**youth@eeparchy.com**](mailto:youth@eeparchy.com)

**Checklist for the Evangelization Fund Process**

* Step One: Plan Your Project
* Step Two: Submit Your Fully Completed Application
* Step Three: Receive your Grant Funding
* Step Four: Begin Project Implementation in Your Parish
* Step Five: Submit a Follow-Up Report

**Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!*

**Pope Francis**

*Dear young people, Jesus wants to be your friend, and wants you to spread the joy of this friendship everywhere.*

**Pope Francis**