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# LETTER FROM BISHOP DAVID

Glory be the Jesus Christ!

This year at the Gala, Bishop David will outline our 2022 Family and Life Ministry Plan, an exciting new initiative that will reinvigorate and rethink how we are reaching out to our youth, elders, parents, individuals, and more.

May God bless you and your family as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Bishop David Motiuk Eparchial Bishop





## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Religious Education

- Launched Online Catechetical Resource Centre Catalogue: with over 1500 resources of books, study programs, DVDs, and audio resources, as well as a children's library.
- Coordinated numerous events: From the Men's Conference, Children's Poster Contest, Virtual Catechist Conference, and Table for Two.
- Started the Saints in Our Lives video series: A series of interviews where we talk to people around our Eparchy about the Saints and Holy People they turn to.
- Created faith forward content: we helped connect the faithful in our eparchy by writing numerous educational faith articles, the eparchial program guide, social mission resources, and more.

#### **Communications**

- Coordinated new eparchial logo: an image that specifically represents our common mission of the Church, to evangelize and share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone, no matter where they are on their faith journey.
- Launched a new online store: to make materials more accessible online to parishes and individuals where people across Canada can order Eastern Christian-specific material in a safe and secure manner.
- Coordinated the popular Ask a Priest blog: where individuals could anonymously submit questions and have an eparchial priest answer them. This blog garnered over 15 000 views.
- Coordinated the Bishop's Thank-You campaign: where we acknowledged members in our Eparchy who have provided exceptional service to their community.
- Edited hours of video: that garnered over 40 000 views in 2021.
- Started faith conversations: with individuals new to our Ukrainian Catholic Church on social media and mailed out welcome packages throughout Alberta.
- Ran Between the Pews Podcast: A Ukrainian Catholic podcast that explored various faith topics related to our everyday lives.



#### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

### Chancery

• Launched Parish Hub: an online website where individuals can access and share information that is directly related to developing, growing, and managing our parishes.

• Launched Lay Leadership and Diaconate Program: to foster "active disciples" whereby the faithful – laity, consecrated, monastic, and clergy alike – use their God-given gifts and talents to build up the Kingdom of God as active participants, not just spectators, both in their own faith journey as well as in the life of the Church.



#### Safe Environments

• Launched safe environments website: to outline the Eparchy's Safe Environments Policy and was designed to make it easy for parishes and faithful to navigate and understand why such a policy is important in our Church and how the policy applies to them.



# Library

• Reorganized library: with over 5,000 book titles and periodicals and launched an online feature to search and sign out books online.



# Youth Ministry

• Distributed 12 grants: with Evangelization fund and helped plan and develop future Family and Life Ministries.



#### **2022 PLANS**

A Sneak Peek into Family and Life 2022

God chooses to reveal God's self by coming into the world through a family. At his birth, Jesus, the Son of God, is born into a family, Mary and Joseph, that is, the Holy Family. Like the Holy Family, our families form the first Church, the "Domestic Church," where God's love accompanies us in the unfolding of God's plan of salvation for humankind.

Today, more than ever, the Church is called to accompany families in the joys and challenges in what it means to be a family today, especially in the family's mission as the domestic church in passing on the faith to their children and grandchildren.

Join the Armchair Gala 2022 to hear Bishop David's plan on how we will focus on the important roles families play in the lives of all of us.

#### SUPPORT THE MISSION

Why Become an Eparchial Month Donor

One way to support our Eparchial Ministry is to become a month-to-month supporter. Starting 2022, we will mail out letters every four months on how our Family and Life Ministry 2022 Plan is progressing to keep you informed of the actions being done to all of our monthly supporters. Any amount donated will be directed to support this vital Family and Life ministry mission and will receive update letters.

