

PASTORAL CENTRE - COMMUNICATOR



Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton
Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!
Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Greetings to our Pastors and Pastoral Council members. This *Pastoral Centre Communicator* has important information related to several financial and administrative matters. We kindly request that you please read The Communicator along with all the attached documents.

1) Insurance – Assessing Insurance Coverage for your Parish

The Eparchy receives many questions regarding the rise in the cost of property insurance, and the options available for parishes to best manage their cost and coverage. We recommend that your pastoral council discuss the attached document “**Assessing Insurance Coverage for your Parish**” which reviews the various types of property insurance coverages available, and how they may apply to your parish. If you have any questions regarding the potential insurance options, please contact Iryna at the Pastoral Centre.

2) Donations for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

As we somberly mark one year since the Russian invasion on the people of Ukraine, our churches and faithful in Canada continue to support those in need through financial donations and volunteer efforts. Our donations directly aid displaced families with food, shelter, medical supplies, and spiritual support. Our Eparchy works directly with the Canada Near East Welfare Foundation (CNEWA) to distribute funds to those in greatest need including our church in Ukraine, Caritas and other organizations. For information on relief efforts in Ukraine please refer to: www.cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/.

During this Lenten season, Bishop David encourages our faithful to “renew our practice of fasting and abstinence to remind ourselves of the many blessings we enjoy in our peaceful daily lives here in Canada”. He also encourages us to continue our financial support for humanitarian aid. Our Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic church launched an emergency project; “Food Boxes For Ukraine” where \$25 provides an emergency food package which will feed two people for one week. These boxes are delivered throughout Ukraine. Please consider this project as part of your lenten journey. You may donate through your parish, our Eparchy website (www.eepararchy.com) or directly through CNEWA www.cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/.

Your kindness and continued generosity for relief efforts are a lifeline to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

3) Humanitarian Aid Settlement Grants

Our parishes have responded with great enthusiasm to the Humanitarian Aid Settlement Grant program as set forth by Bishop David. Fifteen parishes have applied and been granted funds that help newcomers settling in Alberta. Most of the \$200,000 has been allocated, however some funds still remain. We encourage parishes who have not yet applied to do so by March 24, 2023, otherwise we will open up the program to all parishes including those who have already received grant funds. Prior to applying a second time, the parish must have spent their previous grant monies and submitted their final report as required in the granting terms.

4) Annual Financial Reporting

As a friendly reminder, once parishes have held their Annual General Meeting please send a copy of your year-end financial statements, CRA Charity Return (if applicable) and the updated list of your Pastoral Council Executive with contact information. (Email, mailing addresses and phone numbers). Please send them to chancery@edmontoneparchy.com or by mail to our offices.

May God Bless you and your parishes and may God Bless the people of Ukraine and grant them peace.

З Божом! Yours in Christ,

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