

PASTORAL CENTRE - COMMUNICATOR



Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton
Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

July 5, 2023



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

Dear pastors and pastoral council members. Summer is our time to rejuvenate and spend more time outdoors enjoying family, friends and your parish families too. Although your councils may break for the summer, this ***Pastoral Centre Communicator*** will include some important information for you to consider now or at your next meeting.

1) New Pastoral Assignments and responsibilities of parishes

As of August 1, 2023, some of our parishes will be welcoming new pastors. Although it is difficult to say goodbye to our current pastor, who served our parish for many years, it is also a gift to welcome new and fresh ideas.

Pastoral councils should contact their incoming pastor and set up an orientation meeting where parish representatives and the pastor are able to discuss life in the parish. These parishes will receive updated payroll statements, which may or may not be different than the current amount. Parishes are also responsible to pay for the moving expenses of their incoming pastor.

2) Cathedraticum and other Eparchial Collections

“The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary to provide for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers?” excerpt from Canon 25 of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.

Cathedraticum is assessed for ALL parishes, including those with debt. The intent of these funds is to support the mission of the church as directed by the bishop. The usual calculation is

10% of collections, dues and donations and 10% of net proceeds from fundraising. At this time Bishop David requires that only 10% of “Sunday collections” to be used to calculate the cathedraticum. These funds are to be remitted to the Eparchy offices either monthly or quarterly. During COVID, Bishop David provided a 3-month reprieve from paying the cathedraticum (April 1, 2020 to through June 30, 2020) and resumed this requirement July 1, 2020. Please review your financial reports to ensure that your parish has forwarded their cathedraticum. If you have not done so, please remit the amount owing for the outstanding years as soon as you are able.

Annual Collections. Since 2011, the bishop established four annual collections to support various needs of the church including:

- Aid to the Missionary Church in Canada (during Great Lent)
- Missionary Church in the World (during Pentecost Sunday)
- Vocations and Seminary (in September)
- Annual Bishops Appeal (Feast of St. Nicholas)

Special envelopes, printed with the donation purpose, are available at the Pastoral Centre. Your pastor can pick these up anytime. Please ensure that these collections are announced at your parish and encourage parishioners to be generous.

3) Major Repairs, Major Purchases and Long-Term Leases

As a reminder to all parishes, any major repairs or purchases over \$15,000.00 must be approved by the bishop before the expenditure is made. This also includes long-term leases or rentals that would be worth over \$15,000 per year and commits the parish to an agreement for a year or more. Approval is based on the parish’s ability to pay for the expense, priority of the expense, and purpose.

Should your parish be involved in these activities, it is important to contact the Pastoral Centre as soon as possible so that any approvals do not delay work that is required. Usually these repairs/purchases or leases, require the approval of the pastoral council and/or parishioners, unless it was approved during the annual budget meeting.

4) Insurance – Assessing Insurance Coverage for your Parish

As per our March 2023 issue of the Communicator, we recommend that parishes interested in changing their insurance coverage and reducing their cost of insurance, submit requests before August 31, 2023. This provides time to process the changes before our renewal at the end of September. If you have any questions regarding the potential insurance options, please contact Iryna at the Pastoral Centre.

5) Donations for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

Thank you to the Parishes who have sent in their donations for Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine. Our Eparchy has collected over \$2,800,000 from our generous donors and have sent most of these funds to Ukraine through CNEWA. Representatives from CNEWA recently returned

from a mission in Ukraine where they visited various projects that our donations are supporting. Please refer to their website for more information: www.cnewa.org/ca/blog/.

We are still collecting donations for the emergency “Food Boxes For Ukraine” project, where \$25 provides food packages that can feed two people for one week. These boxes are delivered throughout Ukraine. You may donate through your parish, our Eparchy website (www.eeparchy.com) or directly through CNEWA www.cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/.

Thank you for your generosity.

6) Humanitarian Aid Settlement Grants - Alberta

Some of the funds received were set aside to support Ukrainian nationals fleeing the war. We have distributed over \$175,000 in Humanitarian Aid Settlement grants to our parishes who have been helping newcomers with food, housing, medical expenses, English language classes and finding jobs. There is approximately \$25,000 still available. If your parish has a project that supports the objectives of this grant, please submit your application soon, before the grant funds are all expended.

7) 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)
- 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 БОГОМ! Yours in Christ,

Iryna Laschuk

Chancellor and Director of Finance

email: accounting@edmontoneparchy.com