

PASTORAL CENTRE - COMMUNICATOR



Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton
Українська Католицька Едмонтонська Єпархія

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Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!

This Communicator includes shares several important options for your parishes and we hope that your councils will have opportunity to review and discuss each of these items.

1) Utility contract for power and gas (response needed by February 16, 2024)

Five years ago, several of our parishes entered into a contract with Enmax for power and/or gas under a group rate. The billings were managed by individual parishes, but negotiated at a rate that was more favourable. We had 14 properties registered under the contract. This five (5) year term comes due at the beginning of March 2024, and we are once again researching and negotiating a new contract. This will be offered to those parishes currently on the plan, and to all other parishes in our Eparchy.

Our committee contacted a number of providers and compared rates and terms for each. It was agreed that for our parishes, we were looking for the best rate and for a term that would provide stability in pricing for our parishes. The recommended offering is as follows:

Utility	Terms	Estimated Rate (may change)
Electricity	5year Fixed	\$0.090040 / kWh
Gas	5 year Variable with fixed administration fee	Index + \$0.59/GJ

The utility contract will be with Emax Commercial where prices are based on a volume threshold. Another benefit of the commercial contract, should prices for electricity drop significantly, is the ability to renegotiate to a blended rate (i.e. (contract rate + current rate/2)). With gas, we would remain on a variable rate and could lock into a fixed rate if the market indicators recommend this. Such decisions would be made by the Eparchial Finance Council with consultation from our subcommittee.

For parishes on the current contract, you would have received a renewal notice from Emax offering a very high rate through their EasyMax. When we contacted EasyMax their best rate for electricity was \$0.1229 (much higher than the rate we negotiated). Please respond if you are interested in once again participating in the joint contract.

If your parish is interested in joining this plan, please complete the attached form and email it along with a copy of your recent utility bill to properties@edmontoneparchy.com. By February 16, 2024.

I would like to thank our subcommittee from St. Stephen's Parish Steve Groch and Mark Ewanchyna who helped with the research and recommendation.

2) Cathedraticum and other eparchial collections

A reminder to our parishes to kindly submit their 2023 cathedraticum and any 2023 donations received for eparchial collections as well as any humanitarian aid donations to the Pastoral Centre as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our Pastoral Centre and speak with Iryna.

3) Year-end financial statements, Charity Return, and List of Pastoral Council

We have started to receive year end filings from our parishes – thank you! It is important that we receive your financial statements (reviewed by your audit committee), charity return (if one is filed), and it is most **important** we receive a list of your Pastoral Council members and their contact information. This is how we can maintain strong relationships and communication with our parishes.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our Pastoral Centre and speak with Iryna.

Our pastoral staff are here to help our parishes with answers to questions and information as needed. May God grant you good health, rewarding ministry and a joyous 2024!

Continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers and pray for peace throughout the world.

3 Божом! Yours in Christ,

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