

Overview of St Basil's 2022

Charitable Donations and Disbursement

As part of the parish's year-end financial report presentation, a recommendation was made that the Finance Council publicize a report on the charitable donations that are made by the parish. Parishioners at St Basil's are very generous with their financial support, and it is important that all parishioners are made aware of the marvellous array of contributions their donations make to our community far and wide. Because in some situations all donations received are not spent in the year of receipt (example capital fund raising), the information noted below provides parishioners with an overview of a *hybrid* of either the annual donations received from parishioners and/or disbursements made to the various recipients within our community both local and abroad.

St. Basil's Parish donation of CIBC Shares

2022 Dividend Revenues received

Several years ago, a very generous benefactor who requested to remain anonymous donated to the parish CIBC securities. These securities are held in an endowment funds for which the benefactor stipulated that the investment revenue received from these securities was not to be used for parish operating requirements but rather for charitable activities and/or organizations such as Mission and Social Justice, Social Action/Food Cupboard and Pastoral Outreach. *The benefits of this very generous benefactor have been **and** will continue to be felt within our community for years to come.* In 2022 the investment revenues received were \$16,350.00. The 2022 allocation of most of these resources are listed below;

- Mission and Social Justice - \$6,087.00
- Social Action - \$3,043.00
- Pastoral Outreach - \$1,015.00
- Bursaries for parish high school students - \$1,000.00
- Sisters of Holy Cross support for health centre in Africa - \$500.00
- Financial assistance to a special situation of person in need \$1,500.00
- Conversations of our Times - donations to the charities of choice of guest speakers - \$1,200.00

St. Basil's Mission and Social Justice Committee (MSJC)

2022 Charitable Disbursements

Each year the Committee chooses recipients for its share of the parish's charitable donations budget. The 2022 recipients are listed below. They are categorized according to the MSJC priorities: Indigenous Reconciliation, Care for Creation, Homelessness, Housing and Poverty, Seniors and Health, and International and Refugees. Of a total \$8,600, \$200 went to membership fees for the Green Churches Network and Multifaith Housing and the remainder was divided equally (\$700) among the other twelve

recipients. The source of funding is twofold: i) Allocation from CIBC investment revenue and parishioner's contributions via specifically identified envelopes.

For more information about each organization, click on the link.

Indigenous Reconciliation

Kateri Native Ministry (www.katerinativeministry.ca/about-us/) has been committed to the healing, reconciliation and spiritual growth of Indigenous people for over 20 years. St. Basil's is a long-time financial contributor to the Ministry and in recent years has hosted the monthly Kateri mass.

Legacy of Hope Foundation (<https://legacyofhope.ca/>) is a national Indigenous charitable organization with the mandate to educate and create awareness and understanding about the Residential School System and to support the ongoing healing process of Residential School Survivors and their families.

Odawa Native Friendship Centre (<http://www.odawa.on.ca/programs.html/>) offers a range of services that meet the special needs of Indigenous people in Ottawa's urban environment. (Also, Homelessness, Housing and Poverty.)

Kairos Canada (www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus) is a national ecumenical movement for ecological justice and human rights. Indigenous reconciliation is one of its principal concerns and it is well-known for its Blanket Exercise, which has been presented twice at St. Basil's. (Also Care for Creation and International and Refugees.)

Care for Creation

Ecology Ottawa (www.ecologyottawa.ca) provides residents with the information and tools needed to understand local environmental issues and promote environmental leadership at all levels impacting the City of Ottawa.

Faith and the Common Good (www.faithcommongood.org) is a national, interfaith charitable network dedicated to assisting and inspiring religious congregations and spiritual groups of all backgrounds to take collective action in creating more sustainable communities

Green Churches Network (<https://greenchurches.ca/>) equips faith communities to opt for better ecological practices while educating members to live in a way that stewards Creation. Through the St. Basil's Green Team, our parish is an active participant in the Network activities.

Homelessness, Housing and Poverty

Multifaith Housing Initiative is well-known to St. Basil's parishioners. The parish has been a member for many years, providing both financial and volunteer support.

Ancoura (<https://ancoura.ca/>) provides a nurturing and fulfilling environment for adults living with a mental illness, through stable, affordable housing and a supportive community. St. Basil's is a long-time supporter, both financially and volunteering.

Seniors and Health

Council on Aging of Ottawa (<https://coaottawa.ca/>) identifies and addresses issues that affect seniors in our community through advocacy, education, research, and planning. (Also, Homelessness, Housing and Poverty.)

Ontario Health Coalition (www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/index.php/about-us/mission-mandate/) represents more than 400 member organizations and a network of Local Health Coalitions and individual members. Its primary goal is to protect and improve our public health care system.

Hospice Care Ottawa (<https://www.hospicecareottawa.ca/>) provides compassionate, high-quality care to people and their caregivers from the time of diagnosis with a progressive life-limiting illness through their palliative and end-of-life journey.

International and Refugees

Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Centre (<https://ociso.org/>) provides comprehensive settlement and integration services to the Ottawa community. St. Basil's contributes to its Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund (<https://ociso.org/mdsf/>) which honours our former parishioner and Mayor of Ottawa.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (<https://www.devp.org/en/>) is the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church. Our contribution this year is earmarked for the Ukraine emergency.

The Mission and Social Justice Committee is very grateful to parishioners for their ongoing support of our activities. We welcome new members to our monthly meetings. For further information, please contact the committee chair, Rosemary Williams, at rosemmwilliams@yahoo.ca or 613-829-1912.

St. Basil's Social Action Committee

2022 Charitable Disbursements

The Social Action ministry of St Basil's consists of two main components. 1) The Food Cupboard and Christmas Exchange Program which assists families living within the parish's catchment area by delivering emergency food hampers to those in need. 2). The Outreach Program which provides financial assistance to community service programs. Parish volunteers liaise directly with the boards of 3 Community Chaplaincy and Lunch programs. The Committee chooses recipients and dollar values for allocation of its share of the parish's charitable donations budget. The current chair of the committee is Mary Ross. The source of funding is twofold: i) Allocation from CIBC investment revenue and parishioner's contributions via specifically identified envelopes. The 2022 recipients are listed below.

Christmas Exchange Program: Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) is used to purchase Food Voucher gift cards which are included in the recipient's Christmas hampers, along with parishioner donated Christmas gifts and non-perishable food items from the food cupboard. In 2022, thanks to the generosity of parishioners' donations to this program, the parish was able to touch 115 people of which 36 were children in 39 households. For additional information contact Michael Gleeson.

Food Cupboard Program: Throughout the year emergency food deliveries are made to people in need. Replenishment of the food cupboard is by means of a food donation bin at Food Basics on Merivale Road, as well as monetary or food items donated by parishioners. For additional information contact Michael Gleeson.

Community Chaplaincy and Lunch Programs: The social action committee 2022 financial support for community chaplaincy and lunch programs in Ottawa West. For more information on these organizations, click on the links below.

Carlington Community Chaplaincy: (\$5,100.00): Guided by a God of love and justice, the Carlington Community Chaplaincy fosters a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for everyone in our diverse community. We offer a range of programs to suit the various needs and interest of the Carlington community. The drop-in center is the heart of the community chaplaincy. They serve a healthy snack and cup of fair-trade coffee or tea to the community members four days a week. <https://www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com>. For further information contact Kathy Czerny.

Pinecrest-Queensway Community (\$4,000.00): Supports food security, after school programs, snacks and many other activities to support the community. There has been a significant surge in food prices and the number of clients needing help has risen by 22% in most areas. <https://www.pqchc.com> For further information contact Susan Wheatley

Britannia Woods Community House (\$1,000): Is a community-based agency that focuses on providing responsive programs and services for children, youth and families who live on fixed and low income. St Basil's support is providing assistance with food insecurity programs for children. <https://britanniawoods.com> for further information contact Susan Wheatley

St. Basil's Diocesan Contributions

2022 Charitable Disbursements

Donations to the Diocese initiatives are done via special envelope collections, usually the "blue envelopes", with a few exceptions for additional special collections. In 2022 an example of this was the addition of the collection for Indigenous Reconciliation. The 2022 diocesan donations were for a total of \$14,135. The 2022 recipients are listed below:

- Indigenous Reconciliation - \$6,910.00
- Development and Peace - \$3,972.00
- Mission Sunday - \$1,139.00
- Holy Land - \$575.00
- Pastoral Works - \$490.00
- Missionary Works - \$447.00
- Needs of the Canadian church - \$387.00
- Vocation Works - \$160.00
- Catholic Missions in Canada - \$55.00

St. Basil's Parish Special Contributions

2022 Charitable Disbursements

As well as there being special Diocesan special envelope donations, the parish itself also has special “designated” donation collections throughout the year. These are also usually managed via special “yellow” envelopes. The 2022 collection amount of \$22,896.00 excludes the Building Fund campaign. The recipients are listed below:

- Social Action/Food Cupboard - \$9,787.00
- Refugee family - \$6,675.00
- Mission and Social Justice - \$3,060.00
- Kateri Native Ministry - \$1,564.00
- Pastoral Outreach - \$510.00
- Conversations of our times - \$1,300.00

St. Basil's Parish Accessibility and Hospitality Campaign

2022 Charitable Donations received for the Building Fund

The Accessibility and Hospitality fund raising campaign was launched in 2017 with a goal of raising \$535,000. This was a major capital fund raising campaign required to cover the costs of repairs and/or replacements of the following parish's infrastructure items. The final costs and residual amounts in reserve are as follows:

- Lift - \$ 81,041.00
- New Boiler - \$119,199.00
- Rectory and Parish office roof - \$117,828.00
- Parish hall heating system - \$148,201.00
- Replenish major capital reserves - \$ 71,095.00

In 2022 which was the last year of this campaign, parishioners donated \$76,682. As a result of the very generous contributions of parishioners over the lifecycle of this campaign, which largely took place during the Covid pandemic, the parish has successfully reached its goal. It raised \$537,364 in total.