



# ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT BONIFACE 2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT

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Archidiocèse de  
Saint-Boniface  
Archdiocese

## Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with all of you, priests, deacons and lay faithful of the archdiocese, our financial report for the year 2018-19, which depicts an accurate representation of the current priorities of the archdiocese and demonstrates that we have indeed been attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

To this effect, I wish to highlight a few key elements of our 2018-19 efforts, as shown by the financial resources allocated to them.

### 1) *Catholica 200*

In 2018, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Church in Western and Northern Canada as one big diocesan family. A strong breeze of renewal was felt in our diocese, particularly during the Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix on July 15, gathering 3,500 faithful. What a tangible expression of how proud we are of our Catholic faith!

Remembering the dedication and faithfulness of our predecessors, we found new impetus to share the Good News, just as Fr. Norbert Provencher and his companions did. All of this was made possible thanks to the contributions of our partners and to the generosity of our major donors who covered most of the additional costs incurred to mark this milestone in our history. We extend a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who made the many gatherings, Eucharistic celebrations, concerts and theatrical performances, publications and exhibitions possible!

### 2) *The recruitment and Formation of Priests, Supported by the Good Shepherd Campaign*

As shown by this report, the generosity of the members of the archdiocese was truly astounding in 2018; we received \$256,734 in total donations to the campaign! Your support helped us to ensure the formation of eight seminarians throughout the year, which led to one ordination to the priesthood and two ordinations to the diaconate in 2019.

We have also persisted in our efforts to better welcome and integrate priests coming from other countries to serve in our archdiocese. We remain steadfast in our efforts, as much remains to be done in order to continue responding to the needs of our parishes! Further information regarding the 2019 Good Shepherd Campaign will follow.

### 3) *Marriage, Family and Respect for Life Service*

In 2018, this Service saw to the organization of various events to help us reflect on how to faithfully live out the values and the teachings of our Catholic faith. Thus, a workshop took place in the spring of 2019 on Health Care Directives from a Catholic perspective and on the question of Medical Assistance in Dying. Anthony and Teresita Chiarella participated in this workshop and shared: *"The two emotionally laden topics were presented logically and were very enlightening. The information will guide us in our decisions."*

I also wish to draw your attention to the family conference organized in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg on the themes of listening to the Gospel and renewing the family bond; over 200 people participated in this event. Rachele and Adam Chevrefils noted: *"The day allowed us to spend time with other families who share our faith and to take the time to reflect on how we are growing as a Catholic family. Our children had the opportunity to connect with a broad group of young Catholics from various parishes."*

Congratulations to this service's staff and to the many volunteers who support it!

### 4) *Urgent repairs to the Foundation of the Diocesan Centre (Archbishop's Residence)*

Life surprises us sometimes, as was the case in October 2018 when the southeast corner of the Archbishop's Residence collapsed in a potentially very dangerous way due to the uncharacteristically dry summer. As the Archbishop's Residence is a historic building to which we are attached, we sought wholeheartedly to find the means to repair it. Luckily, experts in foundation repairs were able to find a solution, at a final cost that was lower than anticipated, and donors helped us to pay for this unforeseen expense.

### 5) *Succession Planning and Donations Towards the Future of Our Church*

In 2018, a committee was formed to focus on succession planning for Catholics and on planned giving to support our Church. This committee has developed presentations and informative materials regarding succession planning and preparing for one's final days. Please visit the "Donate" page on the Archdiocese's website for an overview of these materials: [donate.archsaintboniface.ca](http://donate.archsaintboniface.ca). We hope that the fruits of the committee's labour will entice many people to invest in the future of evangelization in our archdiocese by encouraging bequests to support the parishes, Catholic schools and our diocesan pastoral services.

Our first priority of evangelization grows and reaches out ever more throughout our archdiocese. I wish to thank the volunteers in our archdiocese, schools and parishes who work hard to nourish our shared faith. These volunteers recognize the gifts that our Lord has given them, and cultivate and share them with gratitude, sowing our Creator's love wherever they go. I believe that the richness of our pastoral life and this report confirm this.



God's blessings upon each of you,

*+ Albert LeGatt*

**+Archbishop Albert LeGatt**  
Archbishop of Saint Boniface

# NOTES ON THE 2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT

We are pleased to present the Financial Report of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface; it is also available on our Website: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca). Please note that parishes, missions and parochial schools each produce their own separate Annual Financial Report.

A financial report such as this can usually be better understood with a few explanatory notes.

The Diocesan Centre offers several pastoral and administrative services to parishes, and maintains the buildings at 622 Taché Avenue, the Archbishop's Residence and the retirement home for priests. The Financial Report includes two columns of numbers: the one on the left refers to the year 2018-19, which ended on January 31, 2019, and the one on the right to the preceding fiscal year.

## REGARDING THE REVENUES SECTION:

**1.** About 65% of operating revenues are generated by parish contributions coming from the Diocesan Tax (20%), recoveries for insurance programs and contributions to the priest's pension fund. The Diocesan Tax of 20% applies to all Sunday Collections and individual donations made to parishes.

**2.** We are very grateful towards the people of our archdiocese for gifts of \$708,508 in 2018-19, falling under *Donations and Bequests*. This includes a large bequest of \$258,128 by the late Mgr. Henri Perron to be divided equally between our ministry to First Nations and the formation of seminarians. Unrestricted donations vary from year to year and are used to fund new or ongoing initiatives, such as regional youth ministry, increased missionary presence on First Nation reserves, evangelization, adult faith formation, and other priorities as set out in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

**3.** Over the last year, the *Good Shepherd Campaign* has provided instrumental support to the formation of seminarians, priests and lay formation programs, raising \$256,734. The average annual cost per seminarian is \$25,000.

**4.** Every year, the national organization called "Catholic Missions in Canada" offers grants to the Archdiocese in support of First Nation Ministry (\$139,296) and for the studies of our seminarians (\$72,000). Its support has increased significantly in keeping with the strengthening of ministerial services provided in the diocesan parishes that minister in First Nation communities.

**5.** The Archdiocese's low-risk investments are professionally administered with great prudence. However, last year was a difficult year in the financial markets and the Archdiocese was not spared. Investment income, including revenues from investments and unrealized gains on investments, decreased significantly in 2018-19 in comparison to the previous year, dropping from \$816,583 to \$83,319, a decrease of \$733,264, which contributed significantly to the large operational deficit of \$889,773. A portion of the investment income serves to finance the pastoral and administrative services offered to parishes.

## IN THE EXPENSES SECTION, SIX

### IMPORTANT ASPECTS ARE TO BE NOTED:

**1.** Looking at the overall picture, almost \$2 million was used in 2018-19 to cover the many pastoral services of the Archdiocese, an increase of approximately \$200,000 from the previous year. Of the total amount, more than \$639,000 was invested in the formation of priests, seminarians and lay people to meet the needs of parishes, now and in the future.

**a.** Eight First Nation Missions are served by several individuals. The addition of urban ministry to serve the indigenous community in Winnipeg contributed to increased expenses of more than \$90,000, which were partly offset by major donations.

**b.** The item *Formation for Seminarians, for Deacons and for Priests* covers the initial or ongoing formation of our seminarians, deacons and active priests.

**c.** *Lay Formation* costs of \$140,135 would include the Nathanael Formation Program and other diocesan lay formation programs. There is a corresponding revenue item in *Recoveries* for the fees charged to candidates for their share of the cost of the Nathanael program.

**d.** The item *Cultural Integration and Formation of Foreign Priests* refers to the training provided to international priests to help them adapt to their new environment (cultural awareness, speech and language training, and internship programs).

**2.** Administered by the Archdiocese, *Parish Property and Group Insurance* (employee benefits program) records the cost of the

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Period from February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019

## REVENUES

	2019	2018
Diocesan Tax (20%)	1,474,911	1,483,927
Recoveries - Property and Group Insurance, and others	1,270,161	1,185,683
Priests' Pension Plan	542,942	512,855
Apartment and office rentals for 622 Taché and other buildings	324,068	319,788
Donations and Bequests	708,508	600,646
National Collections	234,455	262,543
Good Shepherd Campaign	256,734	178,864
Grants from Catholic Missions in Canada	211,296	148,944
Revenues from Investments	108,698	170,188
Unrealized gain on Investments	(25,379)	646,395
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,106,395</b>	<b>5,509,833</b>

## OPERATING EXPENSES

### Pastoral Services Expenses:

First Nations Missions	458,597	368,688
Formation for Seminarians, for Deacons and for Priests	368,132	302,832
Lay Formation	140,135	156,521
Cultural Integration and Formation of Foreign Priests	130,744	153,602
Diocesan Gala and Donation to the St. Boniface Cathedral for the Renovation Project	102,475	142,330
Catechetics	86,507	89,104
Chancery Office	141,580	76,542
Marriage Tribunal	93,120	74,933
St. Boniface Hospital Ministry	33,885	62,821
Financial Aid to Parishes in Need	100,519	61,661
Youth Ministry	43,239	57,561
Marriage, Family and Respect for Life	66,244	53,631
Communications	68,037	53,225
Pastoral Services Office	50,622	38,879
Catholic Schools Services	22,914	22,040
Diocesan Charities	19,138	17,755
Other Pastoral Services	63,744	50,443

**Sub-Total of Expenses: Pastoral Services** **1,989,632** **1,782,567**

### Other Expenses

Parish Property and Group Insurance Premiums	989,668	955,556
Archbishop's Office and Diocesan Administration	940,635	734,497
Maintenance, Major Repairs and Utilities	522,445	545,457
Priests Pensions and Rent Paid to Villa Aulneau for Priest's Residences	728,561	681,940
Remittance of National Collections	277,776	293,766
Other externally restricted funds	202,049	212,235
Food Services	171,512	171,352
Investment Management Fee, Audits, and Legal Fees	130,479	94,712
Depreciation	43,411	37,449

**Total Expenditures** **5,996,167** **5,509,530**

**Surplus or Shortfall in Revenues over Expenditures** **(889,773)** **303**

**Net Surplus or Disbursements on Funds with External Restrictions** **(44,351)** **87,339**

**EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES (934,124)** **87,642**

*La Corporation Archépiscopale Catholique Romaine de Saint-Boniface*

premiums paid. There is corresponding revenue in *Recoveries*.

**3.** The expenses under Archbishop's Office and Diocesan Administration cover the administrative costs of various services (Human Resources, Accounting, Legal, Auditing of parishes, Insurance, Property Management, Employee Benefits Programs, Investments, etc.) offered to parishes and schools. In 2018-19, the Archdiocese expanded its services by adding a part-time parish auditing and resource person, a Fund Developer to organize the planned giving program and ongoing fundraising, as well as the addition of a paid position for the Vicar General who is charged with responsibilities within the Office of the Archbishop.

**4.** *Maintenance, Major Repairs and Utilities* covers the costs of maintaining the Archbishop's Residence, built in 1864, which is also the Diocesan Centre, the residence for retired priests and building at 622 Tache Avenue in which space is currently rented to generate revenues for the Archdiocese.

**5.** In 2018-19, \$234,455 was collected by

parishes for special national collections, including: Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Good Friday Collection, the Pope's Pastoral Works, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Catholic Missions in Canada. Under a new funding arrangement with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese paid out the \$19,929 collected by parishes and an additional amount of \$44,356 to help fund its operations. Hence, the total amount sent to other Catholic organizations for the national collections was \$277,776.

**6.** A deficit of \$44,351 is posted for Externally Restricted Funds. This line represents the revenues less the expenses for those funds which the Archdiocese keeps in trust and must spend according to the different funds' purposes. The donations and expenses for the *Catholica 200* celebrations can be found under this heading.

At the beginning of the year, the Archdiocese had approved a budget with an operational deficit of over \$472,000 to meet its ongoing commitments. This deficit combined with the poor performance of the diocesan investments contributed to the

large deficit at the end of the fiscal year. Although the Archdiocese had approved a budget with a deficit, it had done so only on a temporary basis. In the current fiscal year, expenses have been reduced significantly with a commitment to continue to lessen expenses and to develop new sources of revenue.

Finally, we thank you for your donations to the Archdiocese and are also grateful for the bequests received, which are crucial in the ongoing struggle to fund our pastoral services.

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