

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Isaiah 61:1

THE LORD

**HAS ANOINTED
ME TO BRING**

*good
news*
TO THE POOR.

Q. What is Together in Action (TIA)?

A. TIA is the Diocese of Calgary's annual fundraising campaign. It was established in 1992 and to date has raised \$43,794,000 to assist our vulnerable population.

It was created to:

- live out Christ's teachings (to share our gifts and care for our vulnerable population)
- allow parishioners to collectively support TIA recipients,
- educate parishioners about the plight of others,
- streamline the funding requests by organizations in the parishes, and
- to be of service to the Catholic and community at large

Further, it is the primary source of funding for many of our diocesan programs and services in southern Alberta.

Q. When does the Campaign start?

A. TIA begins the first weekend of Lent (March 9/10, 2019).

Q. When does the Campaign end?

A. It officially ends Palm Sunday (April 14/15, 2019) but funds continue to be donated to the campaign up until January 15 of the following year.

Q. What is my parish's TIA campaign goal?

A. Each parish's pastor will receive a letter with the parish's goal in February. You can contact the Diocese TIA Coordinator for further information.

Q. What if my parish did not receive enough campaign materials?

A. Contact the Diocese TIA Coordinator to coordinate receiving more.

Q. How does my parish request any potential Surplus Funds?

A. The TIA Goal Surplus is any funds your parish raises over your annual TIA Goal. There are specific guidelines that must be followed to receive these funds.

See the *Surplus Funds Request* Form for the complete list of guidelines.

If you still have questions, contact the Diocese TIA Coordinator.

Q. How do we allocate the surplus funds so it is exempt from assessment?

A. See the *Surplus Funds Request* document for examples and if you still have questions, contact the Diocese TIA Coordinator.

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Q. When is the surplus form deadline?

A. The deadline is April 12, 2019.

Q. Do I have to do anything after submitting the Surplus Funds Request Form?

A. If your parish surpasses its campaign goal and have requested the surplus funds, a cheque will automatically be sent to the parish (no need to request these funds again) in the spring of the next year.

Q. Do other diocese have similar campaigns across Canada?

A. Yes there are several. Here is a sample.

Diocese	Amount	Title
Edmonton	\$2,000,000	Together We Serve
Nelson		Pilgrimage of Faith
Prince Albert	\$425,000	Bishop's Annual Appeal
Prince George	\$400,000	Building Together in Faith
Regina	\$1,600,000	Archbishop's Appeal
Saskatoon		Let Your Light Shine
St. John's		Archbishop's Appeal
Toronto	\$14,000,000	Share Life
Vancouver	\$3,000,000	Project Advance
Victoria	\$750,000	Annual Appeal
Winnipeg	\$1,000,000	Sharing God's Gifts



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Q. How does TIA benefit my community?

A. TIA allows our Catholic Community (through the diocese) to respond generously by sharing our gifts to a variety of areas:

TIA Grant Program Recipients See the for a complete list of last year's recipients	\$646,000
National & International Outreach Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Catholic Missions in Canada International Ministries	\$360,670
Diocesan Programs Care for Retired Priests Mission Council Seminarian Education & Continuing Education of Priests St. Mary's University Diocesan Ministries / Program	\$903,330
<u>Campaign Material and Administration</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>
Total	\$2,000,000

Q. How do I order material, get more information, or want to leave a comment?

A. Contact one of the Diocese TIA Staff

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