

Together In Action 2011 Annual Appeal

Guiding Principles of Stewardship Giving:

- While important needs exist, I have a personal need to make a return to the Lord,
- In gratitude and thanksgiving, with sacrifice planned and unconditional,
- In proportion to what I have received with a conscious commitment that is honoured.

**IMPORTANT CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN YOUR
COMMUNITY NEED YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE
CONSIDER A LENTEN DONATION.**

GOAL = \$38,452 (DEADLINE DEC. 31)
Surplus Money will be donated to the Building Fund

Thank you for your contributions to the 2010 Campaign. St. Mary's Parish met its 2010 TIA commitment and furthered the efforts of many worthwhile ministries and charities in our communities and abroad!

What is TIA?

- The Together In Action Appeal ("TIA") is the **major and primary social justice fundraiser for the Calgary Diocese to support a wide range of agencies which assist the needy in our diocese and beyond.** The campaign runs throughout the calendar year.
- TIA distributes approximately \$1.91M annually to three categories of recipient agencies including:
 - **Catholic Charities** (\$671K): serving the terminally ill, the elderly, aboriginal and homebound, the abused and the impoverished, the refugee and the hungry, the discriminated, and the exploited, the addicted and the homeless, the unborn and the unwanted, the lonely and the bereaved.
 - **Ministries in Support of Parish Life** (\$878K): supporting The Life & Family Resource Centre (LFRC), St. Mary's University College, The

Continuing Education of Priests Fund, The Retired Priests Fund and the Diaconate Formation Program.

- **National and International Outreach** (\$361K): supporting the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace amongst other national and international relief organizations.

How do I participate or contribute to the 2011 TIA Appeal?

- Over the last couple weeks, enclosed with your tax slips, you have received a letter and a pamphlet in support of this year's Lenten TIA campaign. Simply fill in the pledge sheet and forward via the mail or drop off at the Parish office or place your contribution in the Sunday offertory.
- Please make your cheque payable to "*St. Mary's Parish Cochrane/Together in Action*".

Why should we support the TIA Annual Appeal?

- **When you are making your charitable donations decisions, please support TIA. Its work is important.**
 - **It provides a one-stop and convenient way to support and reach local, national and international outreach agencies and charities.**
 - **It is the major and primary fundraising activity by our Diocese and Parish for social outreach, social justice and parish life.**
 - **It ensures all charities, outreach, missions and agencies it supports are targeted towards causes managed and consistent with Catholic teaching.**
 - **St. Mary's has always done its part in this effort thus supporting and encouraging our broader Diocesan faith community.**
 - **We support the Church's preferential option for the poor and we show solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are struggling with poverty and injustice in our communities and in the developing world.**

What happens to any funds collected in surplus to our stated objective?

- **If any surplus funds are collected above the target, they will be returned by the Diocese at the end of the year and will be applied to our building mortgage.**

Where can I go for further information?

- You may inquire with any of the TIA Committee listed below or contact the parish office.
- You also go directly to the TIA website at www.rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca/annualbishopsappeal/ for further information.
- Committee – David Delainey, John Griffin and Norline Johnson