

# **Together In Action** **2010 Annual Appeal**

***“IT IS BY MY DEEDS THAT I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH”***

## **KEY FACTS AND REFLECTIONS – 2010**

### **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.
- Previously, it was known as the Annual Bishop’s Appeal or ABA. The name change reflects the reality that the success of the appeal is the result of the generosity of all Catholics in the Diocese and is not directly linked to any one individual.
- 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.

### **What were the major policy changes for ABA in 2009?**

- Acknowledging that TIA is the primary diocesan fundraiser and its importance to social justice, parish life and the community, the Diocese has instituted a policy making each parish’s TIA target a hard commitment. In other words, the parish target if un-met will be drawn from operating funds.
- Thus donations to TIA will not only fund the very important work described above but will assist St. Mary’s Parish to meet it’s obligations towards this effort. We should look at this as an opportunity to be faithful steward in our community versus a new obligation.

### **What are St. Mary's TIA targets for 2010?**

- **Our target for 2010 is \$38,018.** The overall TIA target is allocated to each diocesan parish based on a proportional means test. Our target is 1.901% of the total target of \$2 million.
- **Any surplus funds raised over \$38,000 will be allocated to St. Mary's Building Fund consistent with Diocesan policy.**
- FYI- the St. Mary's TIA Committee are planning two additional events during 2010 to highlight two of the larger charities that directly benefit from your support.

### **THANK YOU St. Mary's for Your Generosity in 2009!**

- **As of December 31, 2009 St. Mary's has raised over \$36,000** towards full satisfaction of our 2009 Goal.
- **Thank you for your generosity and faithful stewardship.**

### **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 and managed consistent with Catholic teaching.**
  - **St. Mary's should want to be seen doing its part in this important ministry thus reaching the target is important for the Parish as a part of the larger Diocesan faith community.**

### **How do I participate or contribute to the 2010 TIA Appeal?**

- In a recent mailing, you should have received a TIA pamphlet and contribution form. If you did not receive these materials, there are extra copies with the TIA poster board in the Parish gathering area.
- Please make your cheque payable to "***St. Mary's Parish Cochrane/Together in Action***". You can drop off your contribution at the parish office or place in the weekly offering basket.

### **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.rdiocese-calgary.ab.ca/annualbishopsappeal/](http://www.rdiocese-calgary.ab.ca/annualbishopsappeal/) for further information.
- Committee – Anita Curle, David Delainey, John Griffin and Norline Johnson