

The Pastoral Mission Fund

About us...

The Pastoral Mission Fund was established in 1982 to assist missionary sisters and priests of parishes and indigenous orders with religious projects directly related to evangelization and strengthening of the Roman Catholic Faith. Funding is allocated for programs at the parish level. Through this ShareLife funded agency allocations are made in support of missionaries working at a grass-roots level in the following Developing Nations:

Africa, Asia, Central & South America, Oceania, the Carribean.



“Thou shall open thine hand wide to they brother, unto they poor, unto they needy.” — Deut. 15:11

An Allocations Committee administers the Pastoral Mission Fund. Members are 'returned' missionaries and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in Toronto who volunteer their time and services. The Committee meets three times a year to review applications, approximately every:

Q1 - March (application deadline Feb 28)

Q2 - July (application deadline June 30)

Q3 - November (application deadline Oct 31)

Project proposals should be submitted a minimum of 6 months prior to an allocation meeting to allow for processing. Projects with specific timelines must appear on an agenda that allows for an allocation (if awarded) to be processed prior to the start date of project.

If an allocation has been granted, please allow a minimum of 8 weeks for payment processing.

Our year end deadline is October 31. Proposals received after this date will be considered for funding for the following year.

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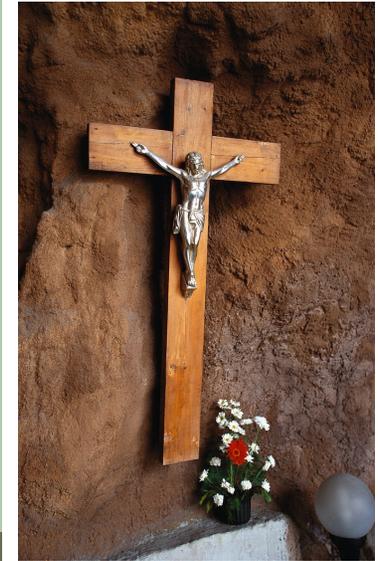
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*“How can they hear
without someone
preaching to them?”*

-- Romans 10:14

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How to Apply...

Applications are accepted in the form of a written project proposal, in English, for projects or programs directly related to pastoral - evangelization (religious) work at the parish level (not the Diocesan level). The project proposal must outline the following:

- ◆ project purpose & objectives
 - ◇ details on what the project entails
 - ◇ justification for the project
 - ◇ whom it benefits
 - ◇ how it fits within pastoral-evangelization
 - ◇ details on what will be covered in any lectures, workshops and/or seminars being held
 - ◇ a complete list of titles of any religious education materials/books to be purchased
- ◆ project timelines
- ◆ detailed budget breakdown
- ◆ local contributions and/or financial aid sought from other agencies
- ◆ applicant name
- ◆ parish & diocese
- ◆ religious congregation or order (if applicable)
- ◆ email and complete postal mailing address
- ◆ date and signature

Along with the application we require:

- ◆ Written endorsement in English of the Bishop of the Diocese wherein:
 - + the funds will be spent
 - + the project takes place

The 'Bishop's Endorsement Letter' must refer within the letter to the project that is being submitted and must bear an original signature, (not an electronic signature) of the Ordinary. The Bishop's Endorsement letters are subject to verification.

The Bishop, as the endorser for the project is responsible

for receipt and distribution of funds for the purpose intended in the original application and ensuring that the applicant returns the necessary documents to us by the deadline.

Applications must be received via postal mail. A digital copy can also be sent through email, but will only be considered once the original/hard copy is received. All documentation must be currently dated. We do not provide multiple year funding for projects or roll projects over from year to year.

Eligibility...

Eligible projects include :

- ◆ religious programs, lectures, seminars and training courses
 - ◇ spiritual animation
 - ◇ faith formation
 - ◇ marriage/family course preparation
 - ◇ the strengthening of Catholic values
 - ◇ training of lay people or catechists to lead effective prayer services and prepare the faithful for sacraments
 - ◇ purchase or creation of religious education materials; Bibles
 - ◇ Public Address & E-communications tools (not cellphones)
 - ◇ Purchase of a motorcycle for priests and nuns, and up to 10 bicycles for catechists to enable travel to remote villages
- ◆ special consideration for one-time projects of boreholes or water wells on parish property for safe and clean water
- ◆ special consideration for solar panels for church & rectory
- ◆ special consideration for livelihood projects to support parish community income: livestock projects and farming

Ineligibility...

Ineligible projects include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Non pastoral-evangelical and socio-economics projects
 - ◇ disaster relief
 - ◇ humanitarian relief
 - ◇ construction, renovation
 - ◇ purchase of 4-wheel vehicles (buses, cars, vans, trucks etc), vehicle repairs, tires, fuel
 - ◇ musical instruments
 - ◇ furniture
 - ◇ liturgical items: vestments/clothes, chalices, ciborium, statues, rosaries;
 - ◇ sports items
 - ◇ libraries: non religious books

- ◇ medicine
- ◇ payment of annual fees for the maintenance or formation of minor seminarians
- ◇ formation for international orders & congregations
- ◇ clergy conferences or retreats
- ◇ education: bursaries, scholarships, or subsidies for youth or teachers or lecturers, school tuition fees
- ◇ HIV/AIDS programs: large scale and outside church teaching
- ◇ mass stipends or mass intentions
- ◇ projects requesting funds above the maximum of \$6,000 Canadian dollars
- ◇ projects spanning multiple diocese
- ◇ projects submitted from non-compliant** Dioceses



"My House Shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."
— Isaiah 56:7

Allocations...

An allocation of up to a maximum of \$6,000 can be awarded. Motorcycles, bicycles or other have predetermined amount restrictions. Funding to any Diocese is limited to a total amount of \$25,000 CAD per calendar year. Allocations may be in full or in part at the discretion of the Allocations Committee. Amounts, if awarded, are paid directly to the Ordinary or Diocese only, then disbursed to the applicant.

**Recipients and their diocese must comply with the Canada Revenue Agency regulations.

Conditions of funding include the return of:

- ◆ the Acknowledgement of Funds form
- ◆ a Project Completion Report which includes:
 - ◇written documentation indicating use of the funds
 - ◇details on any items purchased
 - ◇photocopies of receipts or paid invoices
 - ◇photographs of the project

Non-compliance of these requirements will prevent the funding of future projects to dioceses and its parishes

If a project is cancelled or not carried out, the full allocation amount must be returned to PMF along with an explanation.