

## What if I can't continue my pledge?

A pledge is simply a statement of intent and not legally binding. There will always be unforeseen circumstances, such as sickness or job loss, to prevent some people from continuing their contributions. The campaign target anticipates this situation. When you receive a reminder envelope, simply send back a brief note indicating that you've had a change of circumstances.

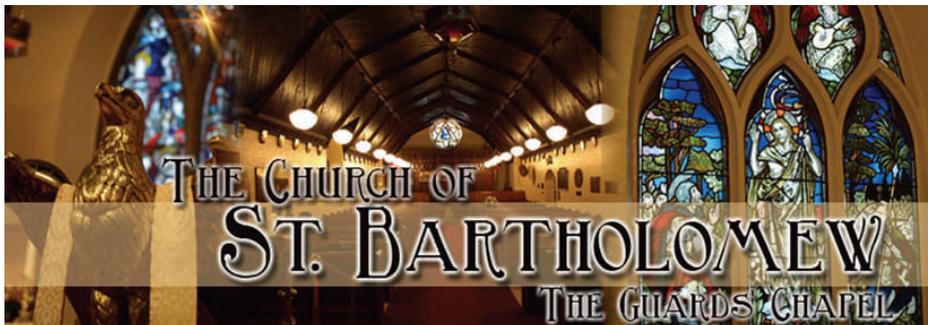
From "Charity"

A paraphrase on the thirteenth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians

MATTHEW PRIOR [1664 – 1721]

Each other gift, which God on man bestows,  
Its proper bound, and due restriction knows;  
To one fixt purpose dedicates its power;  
And, finishing its act, exists no more.  
Thus, in obedience to what Heaven decrees,  
Knowledge shall fail, and prophecy shall cease;  
But lasting Charity's more ample sway,  
Nor bound by time, nor subject to decay,  
In happy triumph shall for ever live,  
And endless good diffuse, and endless praise receive.

**St. Bartholomew's and the GIFT Campaign asks you to prayerfully consider your contribution to the Diocese, your spiritual home and God's work around the world**



## Frequently Asked Questions

about

## St. Bartholomew's



### GOALS AND HOW DONATIONS WILL BE USED

#### How were St. Bartholomew's 150<sup>th</sup> Campaign goals established?

The Diocesan GIFT Campaign provided an excellent opportunity to address the urgent needs that our parish has identified over the past several years and that were approved at the Special Vestry of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Stewardship specialists from the Diocese chose the five-year GIFT targets based on each parish's most recent budgets, taking into account the success of similar appeals across Canada.

#### What are the goals of the Diocese and how will their portion be used?

The Diocese aims to expand the church's ministries in four key areas:

- (1) **strengthening congregations** – to support parish growth and youth activities
- (2) **focusing ministry outward** – community ministries, outreach and child poverty
- (3) **educating leaders** – lay leadership development, curacies and clergy formation
- (4) and **connecting with the world church** – ministry in the north, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and endowment of the Bishop Ordinary.

#### How will the funds raised by St. Bartholomew's be used?

There are five major components of St. Bartholomew's 150<sup>th</sup> Campaign:

- (1) replacing our aging existing instrument with a Létourneau **pipe organ**
- (2) **church restoration**, including replacing the west wall of the hall and upgrading washrooms
- (3) **ministry**, particularly the addition of a curate
- (4) **outreach** through our Social Outreach and Christian Education (SOCE) fund
- (5) and the **diocesan share** of \$170,000.

### Why do we need a new organ?

A considerable portion (\$400,000) of our goal will be spent on a new pipe organ. Music plays a fundamental role in our worship and celebration at St. Bartholomew's. The current organ has been updated, added to, repaired and maintained for over 85 years but has come to the end of its useful life. Problems include: (1) **does not hold tunings well** (2) **fundamentals of the flutes and choruses are weak** (3) several **stops are unstable** and give a harsh, rasping sound (4) the **piston systems mostly don't work** (5) **pedals often cut out inexplicably** (6) and **poor positioning** of the organ.



### HOW THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE OPERATED

#### What is the 50/50 split?

All donated funds will be split evenly between St. Bartholomew's and the Diocese, up to the GIFT target of \$170,000. **Any additional funds raised go entirely to the parish** although we still benefit from the Diocesan fundraising support.

#### How much will the GIFT Campaign cost?

The Diocese has set aside 10% of the campaign goal to cover printed materials, training, and the work of stewardship specialists. If the campaign goal is exceeded, the percentage cost of the campaign will be lowered.

#### How will parishioners be contacted about the 150<sup>th</sup> Campaign?

Each household will be presented with an overview of St. Bartholomew's 150<sup>th</sup> Campaign and GIFT through personal visits, pulpit announcements, guest speakers, mailings, brochures, bulletin inserts and a campaign DVD.

#### What happens when I mail in my pledge?

The stewardship office will keep track of the pledges and will notify the parish of the ongoing total but not individual donation amounts – this is entirely confidential. Then envelopes will be mailed out, monthly, quarterly or annually, to help remind people when their pledged contributions are due.

#### How will the Campaign affect St. Bartholomew's offertory?

Experience has shown that parish offertories usually remain constant or even increase as a result of such campaigns. Parishioners are asked to respond to this campaign with pledges and donations **over and above their regular giving**. A campaign such as this encourages people to consider their overall support of the church.

### HOW AND HOW MUCH TO GIVE

#### What should we be considering, as we pledge?

First, we should consider our family income, to see if we can contribute a percentage to God's work among us. We should also consider what we are already giving to St. Bartholomew's and other charities. The pledge card you will receive has a suggestion of pledge amounts based on household income and details important tax benefits.



#### Will I be asked to pledge a specific amount?

No. Each parishioner or family situation varies widely. Past contributions will not be used to suggest future donations. We are all asked to prayerfully consider making a significant contribution to this important work, based on our own situation.

#### Why five-year pledges, not one-time donations?

Although you are welcome to make a one-time donation, pledges provide us with the opportunity to make a more significant gift to the mission of the church over a period of time. You might view an immediate gift of \$5,000 as out of your means, but if you break that down into a weekly contribution over the five-year period, it amounts to less than \$20.

#### What are the various donation payment methods?

Aside from cheques payable to GIFT, credit cards can be used on the Diocesan website donation page. Pre-authorized payments can also be arranged on a regular basis from bank accounts.

#### What about "planned giving" for the future?

Anyone who is interested in learning about making a bequest, transferring a life insurance policy or donating an investment, should contact the Diocesan stewardship officer, Ms. Jane Scanlon, to arrange an appointment for financial advice. Phone 613-232-7124, Ext. 225.

#### What if I can't start to contribute until next year?

We can start our pledges at any time, by simply filling in the start date on the pledge form. We can also use post-dated cheques or set up pre-authorized bank remittances, to carefully control our contributions.

#### Where can I return my card?

The packages we will receive include a pre-paid envelope addressed to the Diocesan stewardship office, or we can put them on the Sunday collection plate, to be sent to the Diocese.