



Guardian Angels Parish

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My dear parishioners,

As one of the 98 parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we at Guardian Angels have an obligation to support the annual Project Advance appeal. This year, in response to the pandemic which has caused such suffering and hardship throughout the world, the amount to be contributed by each parish has been reduced by 50% and will go to support the needs of those in crisis, rather than to the building of new churches and schools.

Last year our target was \$24,000. This year it is \$12,000, and, as usual, anything raised above that amount will be given back to us to be used for our own parish project. As most of you know, I have been meeting with local contractors with the intention of building a new, accessible washroom at the back of the church and I am very much hoping that, once we have passed our Project Advance target, the money given back to our parish will cover the cost of construction.

So far we have raised \$11,025 for the Archdiocese and I would like to extend a big “Thank You” to those parishioners who have already donated, many of you online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to encourage those who have not yet made their donation to do so. Although this Pandemic has done its best to keep us apart from each other and to limit our numbers at Mass, it has not succeeded in destroying our Parish family. Far from it! At this time more than ever, we are connected by our faith and by our sense of community. Every one of you is important to me, your pastor, and every one of you has a part to play in the life of Guardian Angels Parish.

So I am asking that EVERYONE contribute whatever they can to Project Advance. My personal goal is to have 100% participation, no matter how small the amount donated. I know that is an ambitious goal but as I have told you many times, my dreams for our parish are big. Everything helps!

The official launching of Project Advance in the Parish will be in September. Thank you to Deirdre Santesso, our Project Advance Coordinator, for her role in coordinating with the Archdiocese.

God bless you all. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Enjoy your weekend and stay safe!

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

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