



August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear parishioners,

Our Moncton Diocese is organizing through all the Catholic Parishes a special annual COLLECTION, on November 2nd and 3rd 2024 under the banner of REBUILDING ... TOGETHER

We are sending you this message as an introduction-explanation. You'll recall that in his letter to parishes this past may, Mgr. Guy Desrochers explained the Archdiocese of Moncton had narrowly avoided bankruptcy due to the generous donations of several organisations outside our diocese. However, to keep the archdiocese going and rebuild our assets we need your help now to move towards financial recovery. Our 2024 budget forecast calls for a deficit of \$311, 000.00.

The archdiocese offers many services to parishes, liturgy, catechism, pastoral care (chaplains) in hospitals, adult faith education, youth education and summer camps, provides help to parishes and priests, partnerships with parishes on property management, manages insurance and claims provides tribunal and chancellery services and the list goes on. In addition, let us never forget that our Church is always there when you need its services: baptism, confirmation, sacrament of the sick and special visits, funerals and wakes.

Our archdiocese has some full time and part time employees for the needs and services of all. In the last several months we have made great strides towards rebuilding and putting in place the necessary structures to improve the administrative and financial structures which we believe required either straightening, updating or implementing new structures or policies where structures or policies did not exist. To achieve our goals money is required. The financial contribution of the faithful of the diocese is important. Let us be generous so our Church may continue to shine and be strong. As always, we are confident of your positive response... each one according to your means.

We would be grateful if you would share this information with as many people as possible, paying special attention to those who are less regular or distant for all sorts of reasons including your business partners.

We thought this information would help you all understand and support this special Moncton Diocese November 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 COLLECTION.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this diocesan drive.

We remain,

  
+ Guy Desrochers, C.M.

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