

“BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.”
(MATTHEW 5:7)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. When does the 2017 Together in Action (TIA) campaign start?

A. Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 1 and the campaign begins the first weekend of Lent (March 4 / 5),

Q. When does the 2017 TIA Campaign end?

A. The 2017 TIA Campaign officially ends on the Sunday before Easter (April 8 / 9). Funds can continue to be donated to the campaign up until January 15, 2018.

Q. What is my parish's 2017 TIA campaign goal?

A. Your parish and parishioners will receive a letter letting you know what your parish's 2017 TIA Campaign goal is. These letters will be mailed in February. You can contact one of the TIA Coordinators (see bottom of page) if you can't find your parish's target letter.

Q. What if my parish did not receive enough TIA Campaign materials?

A. Please contact Doreen Thibeault, the TIA Coordinator at the Diocese (403) 218-5522 charities@calgarydiocese.ca

Q. How does my parish request the return of surplus funds?

A. Your parish priest can request surplus funds by downloading the “**Surplus Funds Request Form**” from the TIA website. *It is very important this is done at the beginning of the campaign and all parishioners are notified of the potential use of surplus funds.*

Include copies of bulletin and / or pulpit announcements informing parishioners of how funds are to be used. ***Without these copies, your request will not be processed. TIA contributions are designated gifts, and in order for them to be reallocated to a parish project, Canada Revenue Agency requires donors be informed.***

Q. How do TIA funds benefit my community?

A. 1) TIA provides partial funding for Ministries in Support of Parish Life (see list below). All of these ministries are accessible to each parish.

2) TIA provides funding for the Together in Action Granting Program. This Program in turn gives financial grants to eligible charities around Southern Alberta that reflect Catholic values. ***Each Parish is encouraged to advise their local charities about this potential funding source.*** For more information about the program visit the Charities & Development section of the Diocesan website.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS cont'd

Q. How do I find out more information?

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Q. How are TIA Funds allocated?

A. Once received: TIA funds are allocated as follows:

Ministries in support of parish life **\$ 903,330**

Such as: Youth Ministry, Seminarian Education, Social Justice Ministry, Retired Priests, St Mary's College, Mission Council, Stewardship

Together in Action Granting Program **\$ 646,000**

Such as: Elizabeth House, Project Rachel, charitable agencies such as Catholic Family Services, Fort MacLeod Society for Kids, Youville, L'Arche Lethbridge

National/International Outreach **\$ 360,670**

Such as: Development and Peace, Catholic Church Extension, needs of the Canadian Church

Campaign Material and Administration **\$ 90,000**

Total **\$2,000,000**