

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is Together in Action (TIA)?

A. TIA is an annual fundraising campaign of the Diocese of Calgary. It was created to streamline and centralize the funding requests and to be of service to the Catholic and general community.

Q. When does the Campaign start?

A. Kick-off is the first weekend of Lent (February 17/18, 2018).

Q. When does the Campaign end?

A. It officially ends Palm Sunday (March 24/25, 2018) but funds continue to be donated to the campaign up until January 15 of each year.

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

A. Each parish's pastor will receive a letter (via email and mail) with the parish's goal in February. You can contact the Diocese TIA Coordinator (information at the end of the document) for further information.

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

A. Please contact the Diocese TIA Coordinator to coordinate receiving more.

Q. How does my parish request any potential Surplus Funds?

A. The TIA Goal Surplus is any funds your parish raises over your annual TIA Goal. Each parish must complete a form by the April deadline to request these funds be returned to their parish for the stated use.

Prior to submitting this form, parishioners must be notified of the use of any potential surplus funds. When submitting the form, include copies of bulletin and / or pulpit announcements informing parishioners of how any potential surplus funds will be used. ***Without these copies, your request will NOT be processed.*** TIA contributions are designated gifts, and in order for them to be reallocated, the Canada Revenue Agency requires donors to be informed.

The following outlines how surplus funds can use be utilized and if exempt from assessment or not.

Deferred Revenue:

Where Surplus funds are to be directed towards an Approved Building Fund (new church, major renovation/expansion) the return of surplus funds would be considered exempt.

E.g. the parish has been approved to build a new church and wants to save the funds towards their future project.



Building Fund / Central Fund Loan:

Where surplus funds are to be directed towards the parishes current Building Fund/Central Fund Loan the return of surplus funds would be considered exempt.

E.g. the parish has a current central fund loan and would like to use the surplus to pay down the principal on the loan.

Surplus returned not related to Building Fund/Central Fund Loan:

In all other cases, the returned surplus is considered assessable and should be recorded as Miscellaneous Income.

Important - Repairs and maintenance expenses to preserve/improve the ongoing operation/functionality of parish buildings and property are not considered exempt from being assessable.

E.g. the parish will use the funds to buy a new fridge, upgrade lighting, carpet, painting, etc.

Exceptions:

Where the parish determines it will use its returned surplus for one of the allowable deductions below (updated 2018), the parish will receive an exemption on the amount expensed, which may or may not be equal to the amount of the surplus returned. (Note: the exemption will be on the expense, not on the revenue.)

Allowable Deductions:	
5372	Refugee family*
5378	Welfare* / **
5385	World Youth Day, Net of Revenue, >0 <i>4600 Youth (for WYD)</i> <i>5385 World Youth Day cost*</i>
5804	Parishes in need*
5806	Retired priests fund*

E.g. The parish received \$4,000 as a returned surplus. It would be recorded as Miscellaneous Income, \$4,000, and is assessable. The parish then spends \$4,000 on its Welfare program and receives an allowable deduction of \$4,000. Net assessment income becomes zero

Q. Do I have to do anything after submitting the Surplus Funds Request Form

- A. No but the form must be submitted before the deadline of April 13, 2018. If you surpass your campaign goal and have requested your surplus funds, a cheque will automatically be sent to you (you do not need to request these funds again)

Q. Do other diocese have similar campaigns across Canada?

A. Yes there are several. Here is a sample.

Victoria	Vancouver	Prince George	Nelson	Edmonton	Toronto	Saskatoon	Regina	St. John's	Winnipeg	Prince Albert
\$750,000	\$3,000,000	\$400,000		\$2,000,000	\$14,000,000		\$1,600,000		\$1,000,000	\$425,000
Annual Appeal	Project Advance	Building Together in Faith	Pilgrimage of Faith	Together We Serve	Share Life	Let Your Light Shine	Archbishop's Appeal	Archbishop's Appeal	Sharing God's Gifts	Bishop's Annual Appeal

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Q. How does TIA benefit my community?

A. TIA allows our Catholic Community (through the diocese) to respond generously by sharing our gifts to a variety of areas:

TIA Grant Program Recipients \$ 646,000

See the TIA Brochure for a complete list of last year's recipients

National & International Outreach \$ 360,670

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Catholic Missions in Canada

International Ministries

Diocesan Programs \$ 903,330

Care for Retired Priests

Mission Council

Seminarian Education & Continuing Education of Priests

St. Mary's University

Diocesan ministries

Diocesan Youth Retreat Team

Life & Family Resource Centre

Social Justice Ministry

Youth Ministry

Campaign Material and Administration \$ 90,000

Total \$ 2,000,000

Q. How do I order material, get more information, or want to leave a comment?

A. Contact one of the Diocese TIA Staff

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