

The need for strong Catholic parishes, and the ministries they offer, grows larger each day. The principle of living stewardship is, at its core, very simple. God calls and we answer.



Fr. Tom and Fr. Michael offered outdoor Mass for students at St. Teresa's School, one of the many ways that they responded to the pandemic

### An Historic Cathedral, Built by Faith

We are blessed to have such a beautiful place to gather and worship God! With your support, the Building and Property Committee ensures the Cathedral continues to serve us well today, almost 200 years after it was originally built, having completed in 2021 a study by DYCON Roof Consultants Inc., and having received a formal tender for the repairs to the upper stonework.



The Building and Property Committee and Russell, our custodian, do an admirable job of ensuring that this important building with which we have been entrusted continues to serve us well today.

### Maintenance to Mission

Thanks to a generous donor, the Cathedral Community engaged professionals to assist in the formation of *Missional Plan 2021-2026*

Learn more by visiting: [stpeterspeterborough.ca/missional-plan](https://stpeterspeterborough.ca/missional-plan) or calling the office for a printed copy.



Catherine, Office Administrator, and Fr. Andrew Begin display *Cathedral Connections*, the monthly newsletter that preserves relationships with 350 seniors - of the parish and those living in Nursing Homes or homebound

### Communication Has a Vital Role

In 2021, the Cathedral Community reviewed its existing communication platforms, revamped where appropriate and introduced new platforms where needed. Your kind support kept parishioners connected through the challenges of the pandemic by:

- Creating a beautiful online presence that welcomes parishioners and visitors into our community with an attractive, mobile-friendly website
- Engaging parishioners through reformatted bulletins and regular email newsletters
- Recognizing the vital contributions of ministers and volunteers in our *Spotlight on the Cathedral*

### Workers in the Lord's Vineyard

Through your continued support, the strong, dedicated team of Bishop Daniel Miehm, priests and lay staff care for the needs of the Cathedral Parish (over 600 people).

### Giving was never easier using POP!

Never worry about having cash or cheques available again! By using our Preauthorized Offering Plan [POP] you can be sure that the Cathedral receives your support every week! Registration forms for POP are available at the Welcome Desk at the entry of the Cathedral. (Envelopes, and cash gifts are great too!)

### Prefer to E-give?

Visit our Giving page at <https://stpeterspeterborough.ca/giving> where you can easily support your parish on your schedule.

### Planning Your Legacy

Leaving a legacy to St. Peter-In-Chains is easy to do through your Will and will have a major impact not only for the future of the Cathedral, but also on your final income tax return. You may also choose to leave legacy gifts through the donation of Stocks and Bonds, RRSPs, RRIFs, or Life Insurance. You may also consider requesting donations be made to the Cathedral in lieu of flowers as a remembrance for a loved one.

Please consider leaving a gift in your Will to St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral.



A parish family engage in a joyful discussion with Fr. Michael to prepare for baptism

## My Church - A Stewardship Prayer

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous donations to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and  
fellowship,  
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness  
and faith,

and a church with a noble spirit,  
if I, who help make it what it is,  
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,  
I shall dedicate myself to the task of BEING  
all the things I want my church to be.

## Regular Giving

The chart below may assist you, along with prayerful consideration, in discerning your regular offering.

### Suggested Weekly Gift

Annual Household Income	1%	5%	10%
\$25,000	\$5	\$25	\$50
\$50,000	\$10	\$50	\$100
\$75,000	\$15	\$75	\$150
\$100,000	\$20	\$100	\$200
\$125,000	\$25	\$125	\$250
\$150,000	\$30	\$150	\$300



# ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2021



*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

## Message from our Rector

Our parish met the challenges of 2021. Throughout the year St. Peter-in-Chains continued to build the Kingdom of God. Newcomers moved into the parish and students gathered at the 10:30 Mass. When routines were interrupted, many of you became more intentional about your Faith.

Your support remains essential to deepen our service to God. You continued to give generously, and we continued our prudent financial management. In 2021, we were able to cover all expenses and put some money aside for this coming year.

What the pandemic has shown us is that the need to feel known, accepted and part of a vital Catholic community has never been more important and the need for celebration of our Faith through sacrament and prayer has never been greater. St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral took the opportunity of a year apart to take time to discern God's mission for our parish. In the Missional Plan 2021-2026, we aim to respond to God's call: "like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house" 1 Peter 2:5 We have the added challenge of the many leaks in the roof that must be fixed in 2022/23 to ensure the Cathedral remains a welcoming gathering space. To successfully meet the goals in our Missional Plan, we will need your support for our Today for Tomorrow campaign. Please pray as individuals and families as you reach into your heart to respond in proportion to your ability.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom Lynch

"Life is busy. The Cathedral is a place where I simply let go of my anxiety, worries and busyness." Esteban Velasquez



"Fortunately I had the opportunity to experience Cursillo, which moved facts from my head to heartfelt belief, trust, and peace in God's goodness and mercy. Through prayer and study I'm more attune to how I can use the gifts I have received to make a difference."

Catherine Robertson



**54 new parishioners became regular givers**

*"This parish can only be run by our countless volunteers and donors. Thank you for the untold hours, financial generosity, and use of your skills and gifts to make this parish a living community of faith."*

Fr. Tom Lynch

**183 volunteers contributed their time and talents 2019-2021!**



## Finance Committee

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**Thank you for making God's love visible in our world.**