



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

2023 Lenten Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings.

Following the practice from last year, Fr. Justin Pulikunnel, along with a dedicated committee of young lay Catholics, played a crucial role in guiding the recommendations for the distribution of the 2023 Lenten Collection. I am incredibly grateful to report that the total amount of funds collected in our parishes was \$95,478.55.

The committee, after several meetings, took the time to carefully assess the growing financial needs of the four deaneries in our Archdiocese. Through prayerful consideration, they submitted a list of charities that they believe passionately embody God's love, particularly in ministering to those facing challenging circumstances. These charities, though impactful, may not be receiving widespread financial support.

The commitment and thoughtfulness shown by the committee are truly commendable, reflecting a deep dedication to ensuring that the funds collected serve those in need effectively.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the compassionate and devoted work the organizations have done. Whether it involves feeding the poor, providing shelter for the homeless, caring for individuals facing end-of-life issues, supporting women with unexpected pregnancies or post-abortive needs, offering crisis intervention and referrals, providing respite for families, or delivering healthy and nutritional meals, their contributions enhance the well-being of their community.

Also, I want to thank you for your unwavering loyalty in spreading God's kindness through your generous giving. Please see the attached document for a list of recipients for the 2023 Lenten Collection.

As we approach the holy season of Advent, I extend my heartfelt wishes to you. May your heart be filled with joy, peace, and expectation during this sacred time.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall
Archdiocese of Kingston

Appendix A
Breakdown of Funds for 2023 Lenten Collection
Archdiocese of Kingston

Lenten Collection Total - \$95,478.55

Agency	Deanery	Donation
<p>Quinte Hospice, Belleville</p> <p>Provides individuals, their families and caregivers with compassionate end-of-life care, by attending to their physical, psychological and practical needs, and offering empathetic care to those who are grieving.</p>	Western	7,956.55
<p>Almost Home, Kingston</p> <p>Provides a place of comfort and respite for families whose children are receiving medical treatment in Kingston area hospitals. Daily accommodation for eleven families at Almost Home makes it easy for parents to maintain their bedside vigil. Children can frequently leave their hospital beds for a few hours to spend time with their families in a home-like setting. Children attending clinics have a place to go between appointments, or to stay overnight if necessary.</p>	Central	7,956.55
<p>Loaves & Fishes, Brockville</p> <p>Provides a nutritious healthy meal to people for a subsidized fee or a dollar. Operated by a volunteer board who work in food prep or on food service, delivering meals, salads, desserts and coffee to those who need a hot home cooked meal.</p>	Eastern	7,956.55
<p>Grace Inn, Belleville</p> <p>21-bed emergency shelter for adults in Belleville and surrounding areas, with a special focus on dignity, community and mentorship.</p>	Western	7,956.55
<p>St. Mary's Drop-In Center, Kingston</p> <p>Caring for the material, emotional, and spiritual needs of the homeless and those most in need in the city of Kingston.</p>	Central	7,956.55
<p>Anchor of Hope, Madoc</p> <p>Christian charitable organization offering assistance to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy or challenges due to pregnancy or abortion.</p>	Western	7,956.55
<p>St. Vincent de Paul, Kingston, Brockville and Belleville</p> <p>Provide practical supports to our vulnerable population through a variety of programs, including clothing and furniture vouchers and emergency food programs.</p>	Central, Western and Eastern	7,956.55 (\$2,652.16 each)
<p>Project Rachel, Queensborough</p> <p>Offers confidential and non-judgemental post-abortion support for women and men who have experienced abortion.</p>	Western	7,956.55

<p>Holy Cross Knights, Kemptville</p> <p>Food bank that provides emergency grocery supports to anyone who requires assistance.</p>	Eastern	7,956.55
<p>Interval House, Leeds & Grenville/Lanark</p> <p>Centre for women survivors of intimate partner violence and their children which takes a holistic approach to helping women and children leave abuse behind and start new lives, free of violence.</p>	Eastern	7,956.55
<p>Victim Services, Leeds & Grenville/Lanark</p> <p>Community-based program that provides immediate, confidential, crisis intervention services, practical assistance, information, referrals and emotional support to persons affected by crime, tragedy and / or disaster, to help lessen the trauma of the experience and to help people cope with the longer-term impact of what has occurred.</p>	Eastern	\$7,956.55
<p>Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, Peru, Mexico and Dominican Republic</p> <p>Helping the affirmed with their medical needs. In spite of the limited facilities, the clinic in Dominican Republic can receive up to 200 out-patients a day. The Education Center teaches skills such as sewing, carpentry, and cooking to impoverished young people. They provide care for the elderly in St. Anthony's Home for the destitute aged.</p>	ABROAD	\$7,956.55 (\$2,653.16 each)