ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION
November 7–8, 2026
Archdiocese of Moncton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we are invited to contribute generously to our annual diocesan collection. This collection is particularly important this year, as our Archdiocese continues to face serious financial challenges.

Since our decision to dissolve the Archdiocesan Foundation in 2023, in order to repay a substantial bank debt that we had previously incurred and to finally settle the outstanding financial obligations related to abuse cases, our diocesan administration has lost the approximately $240,000 in annual investment income that the Foundation previously generated to help cover employee salaries. Long before the Archdiocese Foundation was dissolved, the previous diocesan administration was forced to drastically downsize our staff, from 15 full-time employees to just 8 part-time employees, many of whom work only a few days a week.

Despite their dedication, our employees struggle to respond to all the requests from our parishes and to provide the many essential services required for the proper functioning of our Archdiocese. These staff reductions have therefore had a direct impact on the assistance and support we are able to offer our parish communities.

This is why your contribution to this diocesan collection is so important. Your generosity will help our Archdiocese continue its mission, maintain essential services, and provide better support to our parishes as they face their own pastoral and financial challenges.

Two years ago, thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise $110,000. Unfortunately, last year, that amount dropped to only $40,000. We therefore hope that this year will bring a renewed spirit of generosity and solidarity throughout our Archdiocese.

On behalf of your Archbishop, Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and your continued commitment to our local Church.

By contributing to this collection, you are not simply supporting an administrative structure: you are actively participating in the life and mission of our Church, serving all our parish communities.

May the Lord bless your generosity and your commitment to our Archdiocesan Church!

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† Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton