

September 25, 2015

## *Thy Kingdom Come!*

Dear Regnum Christi Members of GTA,

Re: Supporting Our Local Legionaries of Christ

Thank you for your love and dedication to Christ as Regnum Christi members and for the apostolic work you do in our Movement. I am so proud to have brothers and sisters like you at my side.

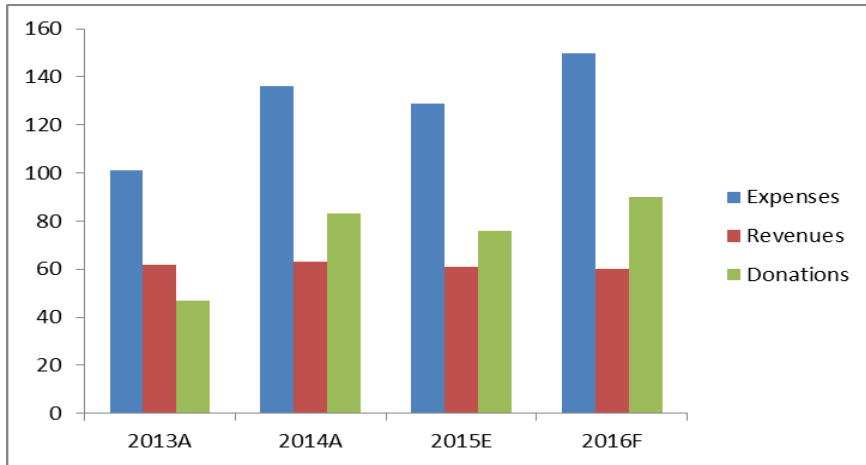
We are truly blessed to have six Legion of Christ priests and brothers in our community to guide, to inspire and to accompany us in our formation, apostolic work and spiritual development. The following testimonials give witness to this.

*"It is a special grace to have the Legionaries of Christ living in my own 'backyard'... As a Catholic who is growing and maturing in the faith, I am uplifted and encouraged by having our LC brothers and priests alongside me. Rooted in a disciplined life of deep prayer, they exemplify an authentic, fraternal love which pours itself out in sacrificial service to others -- a true model of Christian charity for all families! My heart holds profound gratitude for the gift of their presence and I look for any ways that I may support them -returning that love that they so willingly give away every day." (Melanie)*

*"Their presence in the community has reawakened many a dormant and routine faith life. Their unconditional dedication to bring forth the words and teachings of Christ made me realize that a life of purpose and fulfillment is only found in Christ...Now, I'm impelled to let others know of the merciful love of Christ: a love that will transform lives from within and a love our current wounded world is crying out for." (Daniela)*

*"My family and I have benefited greatly through the time we spend with them at our home and through receiving Spiritual Direction. The LCs have become extended family members... Because of their witness, I now have a nephew who is a Brother studying in Cheshire, CT, discerning his call to be a Legionary priest." (Tima)*

As many of you are aware, our Priests rely on Divine Providence to meet their ongoing living expenses. Having taken a vow of poverty, their household expenses are indeed modest. Although they do earn income through their liturgical work, the majority of their expenses are covered by financial donations and gifts in kind from members and friends in our locality. The Chart below (in thousands of dollars) highlights the need for continued financial support from our members.



Autumn is a good time to pause and to give thanks for our blessings. I hope you can count your call to Regnum Christi as one of your many blessings. This autumn you are invited to sign-up for monthly gift-giving to support our Priests. This will help with their budgeting process and better enable them to plan for the upcoming year. A number of families have already signed up for regular gift-giving, and the Legionaries are deeply appreciative for your kind act of generosity.

The figures shown in the table below are suggested monthly donation amounts. For, as we read in Deuteronomy 16:17, “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.”

<i>Monthly Donations</i>	Generous Heart	Merciful Heart	Renewing Heart
	up to:	up to:	up to:
Individual	\$50	\$100	\$150
Family	\$75	\$150	\$200
Corporate	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500

As per the attached authorization forms, your gift can be charged to your credit card or debited directly from your bank account. You may also send post-dated checks made payable to: LEGION OF CHRIST CANADA, INC. Please mail your authorization form or cheques to: Fr. Todd Arsenault, 355 Parklane Rd., Oakville, ON L6H 4J4.

**Our goal is to have 100% member participation and all pledges received by Christ the King feast day, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

I thank God for the kindness and generosity you have shown and continue to show. There is much work to do, and through your contribution of hearts, time and treasure we will continue to serve Christ together.

Yours in Christ and the Movement,

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