



ARCHDIOCESE of KINGSTON

August 21st, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to share with you an update on the 2026 Lenten Collection. To date, we have received a total of \$93,326.11 from our parishes to be allocated to agencies serving our communities' vulnerable populations. Your tremendous charity is not only a blessing to those who will receive assistance from the agencies funded, but also to yourselves, as you participate in the building of the Kingdom of God. Truly I can say along with St. Paul that "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity" (2 Cor 9:11). Please be assured of my gratitude for your charity. Our finance department has rounded the total to \$93,300.00 to make distribution easier. The remaining funds and any additional donations received in 2026 will be rolled over to the 2027 collection.

I would also like to extend by warm thanks to the Lenten Collection Committee, comprised of young parishioners from across the Archdiocese. With the cost of living continuing to rise, committee members prioritized agencies addressing food insecurity, especially rural food banks. Remaining funds were allocated to local agencies providing relief for those in material and spiritual poverty and international relief efforts addressing crisis situations.

There is a hazard to become overwhelmed when confronted by the needs of our brothers and sisters that seem to grow in magnitude and complexity year after year. And yet the Christian confronts these challenges with a great hope that Christ has conquered the world (John 16:33). Indeed, to live "in the power of his Resurrection" (Philippians 3:10) is to live with the bold faith that "the kingdom of God is among you" (Luke 17:21). Through the Paschal Mystery we have become active co-builders of our Lord's community of love and mercy, here and now. My prayer is that the Archdiocesan Lenten Collection continues to be evidence of how small acts of love contribute to a wider community of love for all.

Please see the attached document for the list of agencies selected for the 2026 collection.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Archbishop Michael Mulhall

Funds Donated Breakdown – Lenten Collection 2026
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Lenten Collection Total 2026: \$93,326.11
Rounded Funds for Allocation: \$93,300.00

Agency	Deanery	Donation Amount
Athens and Area Foodbank & Crisis Fund Association , Athens and Area Offers help to area residents.	Northern	\$3,000
Elgin Food Bank , Elgin A volunteer run, community-based food bank.	Northern	\$3,000
North and Central Frontenac Food Bank , Sharbot Lake Provides fresh and canned/dry food once per month to individuals and families in need.	Northern	\$3,000
Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 5333 Food Bank , Kemptville The food bank provides emergency grocery supports to anyone who requires assistance.	Eastern	\$3,000
South Grenville Food Bank , Prescott, Cardinal, Spencerville, and Maitland A community-based, non-profit organization that provides food to those in need. The food bank relies mainly on volunteers, donors, grants and the community for its continued operation.	Eastern	\$3,000
Gananoque and Area Food Bank , Gananoque A community-based organization serving Gananoque and area, providing food to those in need.	Central	\$3,000
Partners in Mission Food Bank , Kingston Provides a shopping experience, providing non-perishable food items as well as fresh foods to those in need.	Central	\$3,000
South Frontenac Community Services – Community Food Bank , South Frontenac and rural Kingston	Central	\$3,000

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Available to low-income individuals, families and seniors in South Frontenac and rural Kingston once a month.		
Frankford Food Pantry, Frankford Supported by local churches, service clubs and businesses and seeks to supplement the food requirements for the local community.	Western	\$3,000
Gleaners Foodbank, Belleville Provides food, resources and hope to people who are hungry in the Quinte Region.	Western	\$3,000
Helping Hands Food Bank, Marmora Food bank for clients in the Marmora and Lake area.	Western	\$3,000
Stirling and Area Christian Community Care – Community Cupboard, Stirling and Area The Community Cupboard provides Stirling residents with fresh produce as well as boxed and canned goods monthly.	Western	\$3,000
St. Mary's Drop-In Centre & Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter, Kingston Based out of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Drop-In Centre and winter overnight shelter provide hospitality to Kingston's most vulnerable population through nourishing meals, clothing, laundry and shower services.	Central	\$5,000
Morningstar Mission, Napanee Provides food, fellowship, prayer, and other essential services to vulnerable people looking for community and connection in the Napanee area.	Central	\$5,000
St Mary of Egypt Refuge, Queensborough Provides a natural setting for respite and support to various groups; including vulnerable populations.	Western	\$5,000
St Vincent De Paul Society of Kingston, Kingston	Central	\$2,000

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Provides practical assistance and support to vulnerable individuals and families residing in the Kingston area.		
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Belleville This organization helps the vulnerable in the Belleville/Bay of Quinte area with love, respect, justice, hope and joy.	Western	\$2,000
St. Gregory's St. Vincent de Paul Committee, Picton The committee provides emergency assistance with food and clothing to residents of Prince Edward County irrespective of their religion.	Western	\$2,000
St Peter Conference, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Trenton The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Peter's works to provide food and clothing to our neighbours in need (regardless of colour, creed or religion) with love and respect.	Western	\$2,000
Beacon Bags, Prescott Provides "go bags" addressing the basic needs of women and girls escaping human trafficking. Also facilitates training and conferences to raise awareness and empower people around the issue of human trafficking.	Eastern	\$2,000
Birthright, Belleville and Kingston Birthright is a pregnancy care centre providing free and non-judgemental support and practical assistance to all women facing unplanned pregnancies.	Western and Central	\$4,000 (\$2,000 each)
Anchor of Hope, Madoc Christian charitable organization offering assistance to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy or challenges due to pregnancy or abortion.	Western	\$2,000
Pregnancy and Family Care of Quinte West, Trenton	Western	\$2,000

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The agency exists to serve any pregnant mother (and father) regardless of age, race, creed, or marital status. Staff answer questions, present options and offer support through the decision-making process and beyond.		
QueenCare, Brockville Provides education, resources, and peer support to mothers and their families through pregnancy into the postpartum period.	Eastern	\$2,000
The Natural Family Planning Association – Ontario The agency provides free natural family planning services and education based on the Billings Ovulation Method to anyone residing within the Archdiocese of Kingston.	Northern, Eastern, Central, and Western	\$300
The San Damiano Foundation, Locations in Madoc, Trenton, & Tweed The SDF provides safe places for youth where prayer, love, kindness, and virtuous behavior are acceptable norms.	Western	\$3,000
Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, Peru, Mexico, and Dominican Republic Helping the infirm 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 Centre teaches skills such as sewing, carpentry, and cooking to the impoverished young people. They provide care for the elderly in St. Anthony's Home for the destitute aged.	Abroad	\$6,000 (\$2,000 per site)
Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica Hurricane relief.	Abroad	\$2,000
Diocese of Mahagi-Nioka, Congo Ebola Outbreak relief.	Abroad	\$2,000
Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's Good Samaritan Trust Fund	Northern, Eastern, and Central	\$1,000

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Helps CDSBEO students who are in dire straits; those whose needs are beyond what existing community organizations can offer.		
Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board's Education Foundation Assist families within school communities who require immediate financial aid during challenging times, addressing unexpected expenses.	Northern, Central, and Western	\$1,000
Central-Eastern Catholic School Board's Foundation Provides financial assistance to children living in poverty, providing funds for basic needs, extracurriculars and camps, and post-secondary education.	Northern, Eastern, Central, and Western	\$1,000
Victim Services , Lanark County, Leeds and Grenville, Hastings, Prince Edward County, and Addington, and Kingston and Frontenac Victim Services provide immediate support, practical assistance, and guidance to individuals affected by crime and sudden tragedy in our communities.	Northern, Eastern, Central and Western	\$6,000 (\$1,500 each)
	Total	\$93,300