



## ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to share with you an update on the 2025 Lenten Collection. To date, we have received a total of \$89,825.73 from our parishes to be allocated to agencies serving our vulnerable populations. I want to thank you for your generosity towards “the least of these” (cf. Matthew 25:40) as our community needs continue to evolve and grow. Our finance department has rounded the total to \$89,800 to make distribution easier. The remaining funds and any additional donations received in 2025 will be rolled over to the 2026 collection.

St. Paul’s Great Hymn to Charity (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13) reminds us that even our most noble endeavours come to nothing without love. Animated by this Christian love that honours the inherent dignity of the stranger and demands radical hospitality, the Lenten Committee sought to prioritize agencies that are providing immediate relief to those who are experiencing deep material and spiritual need in our communities. As in past years, agencies assisting with food insecurity, pregnant mothers, disadvantaged youth and the unhoused were identified as recipients for donations in 2025. Human trafficking was also identified as a new priority during this collection cycle.

When I look upon the continued generosity and service of our faithful, I see “pilgrims of hope” on the move. This hope, born from a deep love of God, rooted in the promise won by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and constantly renewed by the Holy Spirit, is salt and light to a weary world. In this jubilee year of hope and beyond, continue to “[l]et your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Please see the attached document for the list of agencies selected for the 2025 collection.

Yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston

## Funds Breakdown Lenten Collection 2025

**Lenten Collection Total 2025: \$89, 825.73**

**Rounded Funds for Allocation: \$89,800**

Agency	Deanery	Donation Amount
<b>St. Francis de Sales's Outreach Lunch Program, Smith Falls</b>  The ministry's mission is to feed the hungry of the area.	Northern	\$2,500
<b>Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 5333 Food Bank, Kemptville</b>  The food bank provides emergency grocery supports to anyone who requires assistance.	Eastern	\$2,500
<b>The Friendship Lunch Program, Kemptville</b>  Each lunch averages 80-100 participants and is a way to provide food, fun, and friendship.	Eastern	\$2,500
<b>St. Michael's Senior's Luncheon, Belleville</b>  The Senior's Lunch is a ministry of appreciation that supports the bedrock of our parish through building community, offering support, and fostering fellowship.	Western	\$2,500
<b>St. Mary's Drop-In Centre &amp; Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter, Kingston</b>  Based out 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	\$7,500
<b>Morningstar Mission, Napanee</b>  Provides food, fellowship, prayer, and other essential services to vulnerable people looking for community and connection in the Napanee area.	Central	\$7,500
<b>Grace Inn Shelter, Belleville</b>  Grace Inn provides emergency housing for adults in a safe environment, with a special focus on dignity, community, and mentorship.	Western	\$7,500

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<b>St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, Madoc</b>  Provides a natural setting for respite and support to various groups, including vulnerable populations.	Western	\$7,500
<b>St. Vincent De Paul Society of Kingston, Kingston</b>  Provides practical assistance and support to vulnerable individuals and families residing in the Kingston area.	Central	\$3,000
<b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Belleville</b>  This organization helps the vulnerable in the Belleville / Bay of Quinte area with love, respect, justice, hope and joy.	Western	\$3,000
<b>St. Gregory's St. Vincent de Paul Committee, Picton</b>  The committee provides emergency assistance with food and clothing to residents of Prince Edward County irrespective of their religion.	Western	\$3,000
<b>St. Peter Conference, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Trenton</b>  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	\$3,000
<b>Beacon Bags, Prescott</b>  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	\$5,600
<b>Birthright, Belleville and Kingston</b>  Birthright is a pregnancy care centre providing free and non-judgemental support and practical assistance to all women facing unplanned pregnancies.	Western and Central	\$7,000 (\$3,500 each)
<b>Anchor of Hope, Madoc</b>	Western	\$3,500

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Christian charitable organization offering assistance to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy or challenges due to pregnancy or abortion.		
<b>Pregnancy and Family Care of Quinte West, Trenton</b>  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.	Western	\$3,500
<b>QueenCare, Brockville</b>  Provides education, resources, and peer support to mothers and their families through pregnancy into the postpartum period.	Eastern	\$3,500
<b>The Natural Family Planning Association – Ontario</b>  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	\$500
<b>Help our Students Program</b>  The program provides financial assistance to students living in difficult circumstances to help them graduate high school.	Eastern	\$3,200 (Sponsors two students in the Eastern Deanery at \$1,600 each)
<b>The San Damiano Foundation (SDF), Locations in Madoc, Trenton, &amp; Tweed</b>  The SDF provides safe places for youth where prayer, love, kindness, and virtuous behavior are acceptable norms.	Western	\$5,000
<b>Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, Peru, Mexico, and Dominican Republic</b>  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 Centre teaches skills such as sewing, carpentry, and cooking to the impoverished young people. They provide care for	Abroad	\$6,000 (\$2,000 per site)

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the elderly in St. Anthony's Home for the destitute aged.		
	Total	\$89,800