



Living the Gospel: 2019 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections
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ShareLife Bulletin Inserts

To raise awareness of the ShareLife Parish Campaign, please include the following announcements in your bulletins. In addition to weekly messages starting the first Sunday of Lent, we have included announcements to be used anytime during the months of January and February (once per month), as well as messages to promote pre-authorized giving and volunteer recruitment.

Note that this resource will not be available in hard copy. All bulletin announcements can be accessed from our website. Here you will also find translated versions in multiple languages, including French, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Tamil, Vietnamese and Chinese (Simplified and Traditional).

sharelife.org/Public/Resources

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

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Living the Gospel in countless ways

You might not realize the impact of your donation to ShareLife. Your generosity supports over 40 agencies that help thousands of people in your community and beyond. From counselling for someone suffering from depression, to a meal for someone who has nothing to eat, to support for a young mother trying to finish high school – you are making a difference in the lives of those who turn to a ShareLife agency for help.

As the 2019 Parish Campaign approaches, we thank you for your faithful support!

February 2019

Living the Gospel by supporting those with infirmities

Florence slipped on an icy sidewalk, fracturing her right hip and breaking her thigh bone and ankle. Due to the cost of physical therapy, she worried she would never walk again. Her doctor referred her to LA Centre for Active Living, a ShareLife-funded agency. Within a week, Florence began participating in the centre's free health and fitness classes. In just six months, she progressed from needing a wheelchair, to using a walker, and finally to walking independently.

Your generosity helped Florence to regain her health. Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Note to parishes: You are welcome to modify the announcement below in accordance with your particular needs for volunteers to help with your ShareLife parish campaign.

Be a ShareLife volunteer in our parish

Helping the ShareLife campaign in our parish is a great way to live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Volunteering requires a minimal investment of time during the active ShareLife season between January and the end of July. Visit sharelife.org/volunteer to learn more about ShareLife and different ways you can assist. Register online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShareLife or ask the parish office how you can help.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Note: Parishes that participate in the direct mail program may use the following announcement at any point during the campaign.

Supporting ShareLife through pre-authorized giving

Monthly pre-authorized giving (PAG) is an easy way to spread your ShareLife contribution over the course of a year. The ShareLife package you received by mail includes a response form with a PAG option. Simply submit a void cheque with the completed form to your parish office, or drop it in the offertory basket at any time. Contact ShareLife at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving to ShareLife.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

ShareLife Parish Campaign – March 6 to July 31, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2019

Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies

"As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!" — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it."

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 24, 2019

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: First ShareLife Sunday**March 31, 2019****Living the Gospel locally and around the world**

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**" — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Today is ShareLife Sunday.**Thank you for your generosity.****FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****April 7, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting those with disabilities**

Ben, a 66-year-old with a developmental disability, lives with his 90-year-old mother. Without any other family, she didn't have a plan to take care of him after she no longer was able to do so. She turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife agency, which matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that he has befriended its residents and staff, Ben will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.****PALM SUNDAY****April 14, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting vocations**

Martin Dicuangco had a life-changing encounter when he visited Serra House, a residence run by St. Augustine's Seminary for those discerning a priestly vocation. He is now a third-year theology student at St. Augustine's. "I thank ShareLife for supporting St. Augustine's Seminary," says Martin, "where young men like myself, after experiencing the love of Christ, are joyfully preparing for ordination to the priesthood."

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.**

EASTER SUNDAY**April 21, 2019****Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services**

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. For some agencies, ShareLife is the sole funder of this important program. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.****SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER****April 28, 2019****Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada**

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

Next Sunday, May 5 is ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.****THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Second ShareLife Sunday****May 5, 2019****Living the Gospel with Justice and Love**

"ShareLife represents a reliable signpost on the course mapped out by our Pastoral Plan—namely, its core direction of 'Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.' The work of our agencies, and your generosity towards them, serve as a pathway through which acts of justice and love are realized, and the witness of the Catholic faith is strengthened." — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Today is ShareLife Sunday.**Thank you for your generosity.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**May 12, 2019****Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions**

It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities.

June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****May 19, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting youth ministry in our parishes**

What difference does training make for youth ministers? Consider that the 40+ youth ministers in the Archdiocese of Toronto collectively impact thousands of youth and their families. The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), funded by ShareLife, visits parishes, equips youth ministers, and facilitates networking—including an archdiocesan training day attended by 200 youth ministers and volunteers. OCY helps ensure a vibrant church for future generations.

June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****May 26, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting isolated seniors**

In the span of three months, Debbie felt she had lost everything. Her partner of 33 years died, her leg was amputated, and she could no longer care for her beloved pets. She turned to the Society of Sharing, a ShareLife-funded agency, who partnered her with a volunteer named Geoff. Not only did Geoff provide friendship, he used his teaching background to help Debbie fulfill a lifelong goal: learning how to properly read. Though it will be impossible for Debbie to regain all she has lost, her life is feeling full again.

Next Sunday, June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday.**Please give generously.**

ASCENSION SUNDAY: Third ShareLife Sunday**June 2, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness**

Last year, over 3,200 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

Today is ShareLife Sunday.**Thank you for your generosity.****PENTECOST SUNDAY****June 9, 2019****Living the Gospel by maximizing the impact of your donation**

Administered by SE Health, the Shared Services Initiative is supporting ShareLife-funded agencies in the areas of human resources, financial services and information technology. Participating agencies are able to improve the quality, competency and accuracy of their work. Through this initiative, ShareLife agencies are reducing their administrative expenses and ensuring that the maximum amount received is directed to the front-line services they provide.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or sharelife.org**TRINITY SUNDAY****June 16, 2019****Living the Gospel by helping homeless youth**

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20% of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House is making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

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Irma is a 29-year-old single mother to four children in El Salvador. Her children suffer from malnutrition because she earns just \$5 per day selling household items at an outdoor market. A local charity reached out to Canadian Food for Children (CFFC), a ShareLife-funded agency. CFFC began sending shipments to her community that include food, clothing, and toys. Irma is relieved to receive ongoing support to help her feed her family.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**June 30, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting at-risk youth**

The single mother of Trinity worried about who might influence her daughter after school, given the presence of gangs in the neighbourhood. She enrolled Trinity in a program at the St. John Paul the Great Family Centre, a ShareLife-funded agency. Along with helping with homework, the centre provided music training that would otherwise be too costly. Now 15 years old, Trinity volunteers at the centre so others can benefit just as she has.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**July 7, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting those who suffer from anxiety**

Kristen is a college student whose mother recently died. The sense of loss led to crippling anxiety, which made it hard for her to eat, sleep or study. She decided to attend a free walk-in counselling clinic offered by Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, a ShareLife-funded agency. She found the session helpful, so she agreed to attend several more. With her clinician's help, Kristen learned what triggered her panic attacks and developed a plan to battle her anxiety. She now has the tools, resources, and support she needs to manage her day-to-day life.

Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or sharelife.org before July 31.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**July 14, 2019****Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community**

Imagine you're a Deaf child and your parents don't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice," says one grateful parent, "because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 700 Deaf people and their family members received help through Silent Voice.

The ShareLife parish campaign ends on July 31. Please make a sacrificial gift through your parish or sharelife.org

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 21, 2019

Living the Gospel by supporting victims of domestic violence

When a woman endures domestic violence, she may require a number of services all at once—counselling, legal aid, children's aid services, and childminding. The Safe Centre of Peel brings these and other services together in one secure location, helping hundreds of individuals every year. ShareLife funding of Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, one of 10 onsite agencies, helps ensure adults and children receive compassionate care in their time of need.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 2019

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

"Without you, ShareLife could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." — *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

This is the final weekend of the ShareLife Parish Campaign. Please make a sacrificial gift through your parish or sharelife.org before July 31.