



**ST. IGNATIUS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**  
**CHRISTMAS 2021 SPECIAL MESSAGE – December 9, 2021**

To all members of the St. Ignatius Community:

We need your help!

To begin with, if you did not have a chance to participate in our virtual Annual General Meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, we encourage you to go to the Parish website and review the reports posted there. You will find an excellent overview of all things St. Ignatius including our School, Adult Education Centre, Parish Pastoral Council, Facilities and much more. Don't miss it!

Earlier this week, the Finance Council met to finalize the 2021 financial statements and review our financial course for 2022 and beyond. We have so far weathered the challenges of COVID. However, despite some welcome government financial assistance of \$146 thousand in the course of the past year and cost control measures taken on all fronts, we incurred a combined (Parish and School) loss of \$88 thousand. Without the assistance programs, our loss would have been \$234 thousand.

Our School was particularly challenged this past year as in-class teaching resumed, but additional staff and expenses were necessary to comply with COVID and Public Health protocols. You will note from the AGM reports that the School incurred a loss of \$137 thousand. The Parish covers all deficits incurred by the School and provides bursary funds annually. Our School is our biggest ministry - we are all in this together!

With that as background, today our Finance Council is reaching out to you to help cover our 2021 deficit of \$88 thousand. We are grateful and blessed by those who have maintained their financial commitments to St. Ignatius through these crazy times, but our reality is that annual donations are down about 14% from our last pre-pandemic year. This translates to \$105 thousand dollars less annual revenue for our Parish and School.

Let me repeat. We need your help!

Please help us cover last year's deficit of \$88 thousand. We respectfully request that you do what you can – an additional Christmas donation to the Parish will help us create a strong post-pandemic financial foundation for the St. Ignatius community.

Click [\\*\\*\\*\\*HERE\\*\\*\\*\\*](#) to make your contribution, or drop your cheque into the collection plate or our drop box at the office door.

We can never thank you enough.

On behalf of the St. Ignatius Parish Finance Council,

*Steve Ward*