



**Living the Gospel: 2020 Parish Campaign**  
**ShareLife Sunday Collections**  
**March 29 | May 3 | June 7**

### **ShareLife Bulletin Inserts and Speaking Notes**

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 an announcement to be used anytime during February, 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, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese (Simplified and Traditional).

[sharelife.org/resources](https://sharelife.org/resources)

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

Kris Dmytrenko  
Communications Manager

**February 2020**

**How has your gift to ShareLife made a difference?**

Thanks to generous donors like you, ShareLife agencies helped 140,000 people locally last year. Your gift:

- enabled 20,000 clients to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies
- provided dignified support to 11,500 seniors
- facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto
- invested in the future of our Church by supporting 85 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

**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.*

**Volunteer for ShareLife 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](http://sharelife.org/volunteer) to learn more about ShareLife and different ways you can assist. Register online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShareLife](http://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](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3411 if you have any questions about pre-authorized giving.

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

**ShareLife Parish Campaign – March 1 to July 31, 2020**

<p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>March 1, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by sharing our blessings</b></p> <p>“The needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are greater than ever before. In order for ShareLife agencies to continue their vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only with your help. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.” – <i>Cardinal Thomas Collins</i></p> <p><b>March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>This weekend marks the start of our annual ShareLife Parish Campaign. The ShareLife mission, “living the Gospel by providing for those in need,” reminds us that our support of ShareLife agencies helps bring the message of the Gospel to life in our community and around the world.</p> <p>Our parish goal this year is \$ _____, which I know we can achieve with our collective support. Over the next few weeks, you will hear how ShareLife agencies are making an impact in the lives of those who need our help the most. As we approach our first collection weekend on March 29, please reflect on your ability to contribute to our campaign this year.</p> <p>Our parish’s ShareLife committee is comprised of [names]. I am grateful for their leadership in guiding our efforts this year. Feel free to speak with any member of the committee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support for ShareLife!</p>
<p><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>March 8, 2020</b></p> <p><b>ShareLife: It’s who we are!</b></p> <p>Catholic agencies have been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized since the founding of our diocese 178 years ago – it’s who we are as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto! We continue that legacy through ShareLife, which funds over 40 agencies that provide unconditional care, regardless of religious affiliation.</p> <p><b>March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>One of the key messages Jesus left us is to “love one another as I have loved you.” Similarly, one of the core components of our archdiocesan Pastoral Plan is “Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.” One way we carry out this outreach and express love for neighbour is through our annual ShareLife Appeal. Our generosity toward ShareLife agencies is one of the ways we can help transform the lives of the marginalized in our society. Thank you for your support of ShareLife!</p>

<p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>March 15, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by helping young mothers</b></p> <p>Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on school work with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."</p> <p><b>March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Cardinal Collins recently noted that it is people of faith who run shelters and food banks, help refugees to begin a new life, and reach out to the ill and abandoned. The social service agencies supported by our ShareLife collection live the Gospel value to love everyone as I have loved you through their daily programs and services. Our support for the ShareLife campaign is critical to making these programs possible; I ask you to reflect on your ability to contribute to our annual appeal as our first collection takes place two weeks from now.</p>
<p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>March 22, 2020</b></p> <p><b>How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Next Sunday, March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Are we able to identify those who are asking for help in society? We may often judge based on appearance, without appreciating that this alone does not define who is in need. There are many people dealing with family issues, mental health problems, or struggling to settle in a new country, whose concerns are not obvious to the outside world. They need our support and we are able to bring the hands of Christ to them through ShareLife agencies.</p> <p>Next weekend is our first ShareLife collection weekend. Envelopes are available in the pews. Over the next week, I ask you to discern your ability to make a sacrificial gift to our Parish Campaign as we work toward our \$_____ campaign goal. Please join me in supporting the work of ShareLife agencies when the collection takes place next weekend.</p> <p><u>For parishes on direct mail:</u></p> <p>Parishioners can contribute to ShareLife through pre-authorized giving. Please consider a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG. Refer to the package received from Cardinal Collins for further information.</p>

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: First ShareLife Sunday  
March 29, 2020**

**Living the Gospel locally and around the world**

“Last year, your generosity to ShareLife made a difference in the lives of over 140,000 people locally and countless more around the world. Thank you for helping so many people experience God’s love and compassion.” – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

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

**Speaking notes:**

This weekend is our first ShareLife collection, which will take place after communion.

ShareLife is more than a collection. Our annual appeal is one of the ways we bring the Gospel value to “love one another” to life. The agencies supported by ShareLife help thousands of people in our archdiocese and countless more around the world. The family seeking counselling, the isolated senior seeking a friendly voice, the child in the developing world without food – these are some examples of how our support fulfills the core component of our Pastoral Plan of “Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love.”

The ShareLife mission is “living the Gospel by providing for those in need.” I invite you to join me in supporting the important work of ShareLife agencies with a sacrificial gift to the campaign. Envelopes can be found in the pews. If you are unable to make a contribution, please pray for the success of our parish’s campaign, and pray that those who are able to support the campaign will do so.

Thank you for your generosity!

**PALM SUNDAY  
April 5, 2020**

**Living the Gospel by helping seniors maintain their independence**

Marie dreads the day when she can no longer care for her husband, who is experiencing memory loss. She worries they will have to move to a nursing home, where they might not be able to live together. Marie learned Les Centres d’Accueil Héritage (CAH), a ShareLife-funded agency, offers services for francophone seniors in their situation. Marie feels so relieved that, with CAH’s support, they can continue living together in their own home.

**May 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**Speaking notes:**

Thank you for supporting our Parish ShareLife Campaign. To date, our parishioners have contributed \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward our parish goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_. We’re grateful for your generosity! If you wish to make a contribution, envelopes can be found in the pews. You can place them in the collection basket.

Please help us to “live the Gospel” by supporting our Parish ShareLife Campaign!

<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>April 12, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by supporting vocations</b></p> <p>“The financial help provided by the people of God through ShareLife plays a significant part in my vocation. Without ShareLife, I would not be able to complete my studies and go on in my formation. Thank you very much for being instrumental in the hands of God and His Church, so that His word could come true in my vocation.” – <i>Deacon André Luis de Lima, priest in formation at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary</i></p> <p><b>May 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the ShareLife campaign. As we reflect on our mission of “living the Gospel,” we are reminded of the many people in our society who will turn to a ShareLife agency for help this year. Perhaps it will be a neighbour, a co-worker, or someone in our parish community. Help us extend the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need by making a sacrificial gift to our Parish Campaign this year. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!</p>
<p><b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <b>April 19, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services</b></p> <p>Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That’s why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients’ needs without requiring longer term sessions. 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. Thanks to your support, no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.</p> <p><b>May 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Today’s Psalm “ Lord, you will show me the path of life” speaks not only to how Jesus guides us, but also how the Catholic agencies supported through our ShareLife campaign are helping to guide people in need to the right path in life. For some, it is recovering from addictions, for others seeking counselling at a difficult time, or for some it is providing food and drink to those who require this basic necessity in life.</p> <p>Next Sunday is our second ShareLife collection; thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, I invite you to reflect on your ability to help those in need, and make a sacrificial gift to help those who turn to our agencies for help.</p>
<p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>April 26, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada</b></p> <p>The Dia Desso family were forced to flee the Cote d’Ivoire due to the civil war. They sought safety in neighbouring Ghana, where they met a team from the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). ORAT, a ShareLife-funded agency, facilitated the family’s private refugee sponsorship by Good Shepherd Parish in Thornhill. They are now thriving! The father loves his work driving a forklift, the mother cares for their one-year-old son at home, and the daughters are succeeding at school. Thanks to your support, the Dia Desso family is proud to be living in Canada.</p> <p><b>Next Sunday, May 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Today is our second ShareLife collection weekend. As we “Live the Gospel by providing for those in need,” we are reminded of the Gospel value to “love one another as I have loved you.” Through ShareLife, we are able to bring this value to life through the work of over 40 agencies, caring for families in crisis, people with special needs, the elderly, immigrants and refugees, and children and youth. In addition, our support provides for the formation of our clergy and for international programs in the developing world.</p> <p>To date, our parish has achieved \$_____ toward our parish goal of \$_____. I invite you to join me in making a contribution to ShareLife during the second collection this weekend. Envelopes can be found in the pews. On behalf of those who are served by our agencies, I thank you for your generosity.</p>

<p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Second ShareLife Sunday</b>  <b>May 3, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by putting faith into action</b></p> <p>“ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That’s what we do with ShareLife.” — <i>Cardinal Thomas Collins</i></p> <p><b>Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Thank you for your support of ShareLife. After our second collection, we have now achieved \$_____ toward our parish campaign goal of \$_____.</p> <p>There are many stories from ShareLife agencies that demonstrate how our support makes a difference. Here is a simple one from Camp Ozanam. A young boy showed up for a week-long camp with a bag of chips and nothing else. He came to camp without any clothes or toiletries. The staff at the camp took him into town to purchase clothes and other essential items he would need for the duration of his stay. Sometimes the needs are not obvious, but they are there. This is where ShareLife comes in to help.</p>
<p><b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>May 10, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions</b></p> <p>After the death of a close friend, Alex turned to hard drugs to escape his reality. He continued using, despite getting married and having a son. Realizing the impact of his addiction on his son, he sought help from St. Michael’s Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. He completed their treatment program and, as a result of his recovery, he can now be there for his family. Alex credits St. Michael’s Homes for saving his life.</p> <p><b>June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.</p> <p>Thank you for “living the Gospel” through our parish ShareLife campaign. If you have not contributed to date, please consider doing so. Envelopes can be found in the pews.</p>
<p><b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>May 17, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by supporting youth ministry in our parishes</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><i>No speaking notes for Easter weekend</i></p>

<p><b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b>  <b>May 24, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Two of the greatest areas of need that Catholic Charities have identified are palliative care and programs to support isolated seniors who require support to go grocery shopping, doctor's appointments, or to have a volunteer provide support within the home. ShareLife funding will help to implement these programs in our parish communities; your generosity toward our annual appeal is greatly appreciated.</p>
<p><b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>  <b>May 31, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Every gift to ShareLife is a sacred trust</b></p> <p>At ShareLife, we pride ourselves on being responsible and accountable to you, our generous donors. By keeping administrative and fundraising costs at 11% – one of the lowest in the nonprofit sector – we ensure the maximum amount possible goes to the vital work of our agencies.</p> <p><b>Next Sunday, June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Next weekend is our third ShareLife collection weekend. To date, our parish has achieved \$_____ toward our parish campaign goal of \$_____.</p> <p>Overall, ShareLife has achieved \$_____ toward its \$13.8 million goal from parishes across the archdiocese. It is important we meet our goals, as a parish and an archdiocese, on behalf of those served by our agencies. ShareLife, along with Catholic Charities, has allocated \$220,000 new dollars into the work of the agencies this year, helping create new programs and increasing services.</p> <p>I invite all parishioners to join me in making a sacrificial gift to the best of your ability when the third collection takes place next weekend. Envelopes are in the pews. If you have already donated this year, I thank you for your generosity.</p>

<p><b>TRINITY SUNDAY: Third ShareLife Sunday</b> <b>June 7, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by supporting married couples</b></p> <p>Married for three years, Phil and Helen were expecting their first child when Phil revealed a secret: he had a son from a previous relationship. Feeling betrayed by Phil's dishonesty, Helen learned about affordable couples counselling at Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Over 10 weeks of counselling, they learned to take the risk of being honest rather than using deceit to keep the peace. Phil and Helen found a new sense of confidence as a couple and starting feeling excited about the arrival of their baby.</p> <p><b>Today is ShareLife Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>Today is our third ShareLife collection weekend. As a parish, we have achieved \$_____ toward our \$_____ campaign goal. I encourage all parishioners to join us as we "live the Gospel by providing for those in need." Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!</p>
<p><b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> <b>June 14, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Living the Gospel by helping vulnerable youth</b></p> <p>Incarcerated at a youth detention centre, 18-year-old Rodrigo didn't know what his future held. Upon his release, he was referred to Covenant House, which partnered him with a Youth in Transition worker. Together they developed a plan that included regular counselling sessions and enrolling in an alternative school program. Now living back at home, Rodrigo's future is open to so many possibilities.</p> <p><b>Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or <a href="http://sharelife.org">sharelife.org</a></b></p>	<p><b>Speaking notes:</b></p> <p>After the third collection, we have now achieved \$_____ toward our ShareLife campaign goal of \$_____. Thank you for your generosity! If you have not yet made a contribution, please do so before July 31, which is the end of the ShareLife campaign year.</p> <p>As Canadians, we are fortunate to live in a country where people can practice their faith without fear of persecution. It is not like this in every country. In some places, people are threatened with physical harm on the basis of their religious beliefs.</p> <p>In 2009, Cardinal Collins established the Office for Refugees to welcome families to Canada who are fleeing difficult situations in their homeland. Many parishes in the archdiocese have sponsored these families and welcomed them to their new home. Through ShareLife, we are supporting the work of the Office for Refugees. In 2019, 528 people were welcomed to Canada and 532 resettlement cases were initiated.</p> <p>Our generosity to ShareLife is helping us "live the Gospel." Thank you!</p>

**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**June 21, 2020**

**Living the Gospel by supporting missions in the Global South**

The Pastoral Mission Fund supports 226 projects in 25 countries in the Global South. These projects include programs run by the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary in the remote Colombian village of El Pozon. In this village marked by killings and disappearances, the sisters provide food, job training, and hope – through prayer meetings, Confirmation classes and Bible studies. A grant from the Pastoral Mission Fund is helping the sisters conduct their important pastoral and mission work.

**Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

**Speaking notes:**

Thank you for your support of our 2020ShareLife Parish Campaign. If you have not already made a contribution, please consider doing so before the end of the campaign on July 31.

As the school summer vacation nears, Silent Voice will hold its annual summer camp program. Silent Voice is a ShareLife-funded agency that serves the Deaf community. For over 40 years, the camps have given Deaf and hard of hearing participants the chance to meet role models and learn American Sign Language in an environment that is fully accessible to them. This helps build their self-esteem, as well as their social and education development.

Your support of ShareLife makes this possible. When we give to the campaign, we help those who face communication challenges. Thank you for your generosity!

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**June 28, 2020**

**Living the Gospel by supporting isolated seniors**

Seventy-two year-old Marta, recently widowed, moved from Argentina to live with her son and daughter-in-law in Toronto. Still grieving, she become a recluse in the house. At her family's encouragement, Marta started attending the Golden Age group at St. John Paul the Great Family Centre, a ShareLife-funded agency. Here she developed new friendships and loved interacting with the joyful religious sisters who run the program. Her love of life restored, she is now so active that her family asks why she is so often out of the house!

**Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

**Speaking notes:**

With one month left in our parish campaign, we have achieved \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward our parish goal of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you to those who made a contribution to support the work of ShareLife agencies. If you have not yet done so, please consider donating before the July 31 deadline. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

The Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese calls us to be the hands and face of Jesus by serving the poor and marginalized. How can we be the presence of Christ? Many of us lead busy lives and can't personally give of our time and talents. ShareLife provides a tangible way for us to show our commitment to helping those in need.

I invite all parishioners to make a contribution to the best of your ability. Thank you for generously supporting the work of ShareLife agencies.

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
July 5, 2020**

**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](http://sharelife.org) before July 31.**

**Speaking notes:**

There are just over three weeks left in our annual ShareLife parish campaign. As we continue to “live the Gospel by providing for those in need,” I thank parishioners who have made a contribution to ShareLife this year. I invite those who have not yet done so to make a sacrificial gift before July 31. Envelopes can be found in the pews and can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the office. On behalf of those served by our agencies, thank you for your generosity!

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
July 12, 2020**

**ShareLife: Revering Life at All Stages**

Reverence for life has been a core principle of ShareLife since our founding in 1976. We recognize the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. We are also committed to Catholic Social Teaching that upholds the dignity of poor and marginalized people, affirming that everyone is created in the image of God. Our agencies apply these values in everything they do.

**The ShareLife parish campaign ends on July 31.  
Please make a sacrificial gift through your parish  
or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

**Speaking notes:**

There are just over two weeks left in our annual parish ShareLife campaign. To date we’ve achieved \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward our parish campaign goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

In our society, many organizations seek our charitable support and many worthy causes deserve our generosity for their great work. We are fortunate in the Catholic community to have ShareLife-funded agencies that reach out to the marginalized in our communities and around the world. These agencies provide service in a faith-based environment, respecting the values we hold dear as a Catholic community.

As a pastor, it is reassuring to know I can refer those who come to me for guidance with difficult family issues to a Catholic Family Service agency that will be attentive to our beliefs and values as they help them.

These services are made possible through our generosity toward ShareLife. When we share our resources with these agencies, we are helping them to grow in response to the increased demand for service they face. This results in a positive impact on the lives of those who turn to them for help. Thank you for your support of our annual appeal!

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**July 19, 2020**

**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.

**The ShareLife parish campaign ends on July 31. Please make a sacrificial gift through your parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

**Speaking notes:**

There is just over a week left in our ShareLife Parish Campaign. Our goal this year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. To date we have achieved \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm grateful for all that our parish does to help those in need. (List local examples.)

ShareLife is more than a collection. It's a way we collectively say "we care." United with our fellow parishes, ShareLife demonstrates the strength of the Archdiocese. We show the entire community the Catholic Church is actively providing social services in our archdiocese and the greater world.

If you have not done so, please consider making a gift before July 31. Over the past few months, we have shared many examples of how our support not only helps those in need, but expresses our love for neighbour by "living the Gospel."

Thank you for all you have done to generously support ShareLife this year!

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**July 26, 2020**

**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](http://sharelife.org) before July 31.**

**Speaking notes:**

This is the final weekend to give to our ShareLife Parish Campaign. Our goal this year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. To date we have achieved \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We can be proud of each and every contribution. This amount represents our love and concern for the poor in our community. It represents our generosity.

It's important to remember that the number isn't arbitrary. Our Catholic agencies need these funds to serve those in greatest need; they can't do it without us. Quite literally, we are the difference between someone receiving the support they need, or not receiving it in a timely way, or maybe not at all.

I invite you to please make a gift today using the green envelope in your pew, or by going online to [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). I offer my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has given to ShareLife, along with everyone who has volunteered to help raise these funds. Thank you!