



Serra Foundation of Canada

Supporting the vocation work of the Serra Clubs in Canada

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REPORT TO OUR DONORS

2025/2026 YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Donors,

we are pleased to report that through your generosity; the Serra Foundation of Canada ("SFC") continued with its mission of supporting and complementing the gift of prayers and good works of Serrans in Canada by leveraging charitable giving to help many worthwhile activities and programs that foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life in Canada. Our year over year Grants are up 87%, totaling over \$132,000, while maintaining our overheads well below 10%. In addition, working in collaboration with National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC), Serra members across Canada were able to generate an estimated 2.5 billion Prayers for over 4,000 Vocations. Finally, the introduction of Micro-campaigns have been effective in stimulating community interest in community Vocation & Youth programs. Here are some comments that we have received from a few of our Grant recipients:

"... our opening retreat was amazing. Rather than seeing the spiritual life as an 'add-on' for the 'really holy priests', it was put front and centre. Showing us that the very foundation of our priesthood is an intimate and loving relationship with Jesus Christ Himself. Having built this foundation, the rest of the formation is opened up to allow God's grace to permeate every aspect of it. Beyond this, the words were delivered by a man who showed a true and sincere love and joy for Christ, and who, perhaps unintentionally, served as a piece of evidence for the very message which he conveyed so successfully."

"Thank you so much for supporting our vocations through your generosity and I am honored to share with you some highlights on our annual retreat. This year we welcomed Fr. John O'Brien S.J. as our retreat master and for five days, he introduced to us the Ignatian method of praying with Scriptures and the writings of the Canadian Martyrs. From this retreat, two graces that stayed in my hearts were first, being able to experience the personal love of Jesus for me by immersing myself into the Scriptures using my imagination; and second, I was inspired by the zeal for the mission through the letters of St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, which deepened my desire to serve Jesus and His people as a priest and so to imitate the examples of these great Saints."

"We are immensely grateful for your commitment to the St. Junipero Serra Bursaries, awarded each year to discerning students who are seriously pursuing vocations to the priesthood or consecrated religious life..... We are pleased to confirm that there are two candidates this year: two young men, who are both serious about pursuing a vocation to the Holy Priesthood. Both are making plans to visit seminaries in the coming months. We invite your prayers for them as they discern where the Lord is calling them, and that they will respond with total generosity of self."

Financial Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Serrans who combine their charitable giving with their daily prayers for vocations and personal investment of time and talent know that their donations are used exclusively for promoting and affirming vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life across Canada. SFC is a completely volunteer organization of the faithful, with administrative overheads below 10% of total revenues.

SFC continues to be well capitalized with over \$800,000 in Net Assets, to provide stable and ongoing support for discernment and vocations initiatives for decades to come. Our current Vocation Programs and Grants continue to grow with distributed Grants of \$132,000 in fiscal year 2025 a yr over yr increase of 87%, on donations income of \$111,000 from members and partner Lay Foundations.

SFC's Board of Directors provides effective oversight to manage the ongoing generosity of our Donors, Partners and fellow Serrans by investing your donation dollars into quality programs for discernment of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life.

Grants Paid:

SFC's main objective is to gather donations from Serrans, partner Lay Foundations, their families and friends to grant funds to registered charitable and religious organizations in support of worthwhile activities and programs that help foster, promote and affirm vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated religious life in Canada. The generous charitable giving received from Serrans and the restricted funds received from other registered charitable foundations; all have enabled the Board of Directors of SFC to approve over \$1.2 million in grants since SFC's chartering as a registered charity in 2002.

Registered Charitable Organizations

- **Grand Seminaire de l'archidiocese de Montreal**
- **Grand Seminaire de Quebec, Quebec City**
- **Holy Spirit Ukrainian Seminary, Edmonton**
- **National Catholic Broadcasting Council**
- **National Association of Vocations & Directors**
- **Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College**
- **Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, Quebec City**
- **Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, Toronto**
- **Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, Vancouver**
- **Serra Club of Toronto Downtown – Enculturation Programs**
- **Serra Canada Council**
- **Seminary of Christ the King, Mission BC**
- **St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto**
- **St. Basil's Catholic Parish (Vocation Masses)**
- **St. Joseph Seminary, Edmonton**
- **St. Peter's Seminary, London**
- **CNEWA (Seminaries)**
- **Catholic Missions in Canada**
- **Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Vocations**
- **Office of Catholic Youth (Youth Programs)**
- **Diocese of Ottawa, Office of Vocations**
- **Catholic Christian Outreach (Youth Programs)**
- **Diaconate Mutual Aid Fund**
- **Canadian Pontifical College**
- **Newman Centre Mission**
- **Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre (Seminary Holy Land)**

Note: Serra Club of Toronto Downtown is not a Registered Charity and its Grant was administered under the provisions of CRA's Grants to Unqualified Donees

For more information on SFC grants, please visit our website at:

<https://serracanada.com/support-serra/#donorReports>