



4 May 2016

Re: Special Collection for Fire Relief in Fort McMurray

Dear Fathers,

As I write this letter, we are hearing of the great loss of property in Fort McMurray due to wild fires. This sounds eerily familiar to what we experienced in the Town of Slave Lake in 2011. At that time, people from across the Province and beyond wanted to help out our people in their hour of need. The table has now turned, and this is the hour when we might reach out to the people of Fort McMurray.

As usual, the Canadian Red Cross is going to provide assistance to the residents of Fort McMurray. Our people may be encouraged to make a donation directly to the Red Cross.

Further to this, I have spoken to Bishop Paul Terrio, the Bishop of St. Paul. He also is collecting money to help the parishes and the people of the town. I therefore ask you to take up a second collection in your usual manner for this worthy cause on the weekends of May 7-8 and May 14-15, 2016. Donations by cheque should be made out to your parish. Those who use their regular envelope number to make a donation will have this amount added to their total donations for 2016 from the parish.

I ask you then to forward the total proceeds of this special collection directly to:

Diocese of St. Paul
4410 – 51 Avenue
St. Paul AB T0A 3A2

Indicate on the memo line that your cheque is for Fire Relief. The Diocese of St Paul will split the proceeds in half, between the Fort McMurray parishioners and the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association to be distributed to any local

residents in need. Bishop Terrio advises that any monies received by the St. Paul Diocese for this relief effort will be accounted for and their use indicated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan