



GRATITUDE REPORT



With Gratitude

In 2025, we have witnessed the incredible fruit of your generosity. Through your prayers, gifts, and encouragement, lives are being transformed, parishes are coming alive in mission, and the movement for renewal is gaining momentum around the world. Because of you, more people are coming to Jesus, more communities are being renewed, and the Church is becoming a brighter witness to His love.

Thank you for partnering with us and making this work possible.

MESSAGE from OUR FOUNDER



As I reflect upon this past year and Divine Renovation's place in the world of parish renewal, I am gratified and filled with hope as I see hundreds of new Catholic leaders and priests step more boldly into their call and journey to mission. The fruit of this process is, of course, transformed lives as people encounter Jesus for the first time and parishes come to life.

I think of a recent story where a young girl named Tiphaine could not answer when asked about Jesus. Fortunately, she connected to a Divine Renovation accompanied parish and her life changed. Jesus is at the center of her life today. She is a disciple. Her parish celebrated 30 adult baptisms at Easter, 70 confirmations at Pentecost, and over 240 people are in faith formation.

I have also witnessed our coached priests forming bonds of friendship and collaboration that transcend borders – strengthening a grassroots movement of missionary parishes in a region. This too is

very exciting. This is what I dreamt every parish could be ten years ago when we began our coaching process. Stories like Tiphaine's are now not new to our ministry.

All this wonderful fruit would not be possible without the support of our many donors and supporters and the grace of the Holy Spirit. On behalf of our ministry, I thank you!

There is also still much work to do. I ask you to pray for our ministry's work and for the continuing momentum of parishes around the world towards the path of mission. Once again, I express my appreciation for your continued financial support of the ministry.

May the Lord continue to bless our work and each of you with abundance.

In Christ,

Fr James Mallon



Bringing hope to priests, life to parishes,
and **people to Jesus.**

OUR VISION

**For every Catholic parish in the
world to be missional.**

We pursue this by living out our mission to
**inspire, connect, and equip parishes to be missional,
and through them bring people to Jesus.**

HIGHLIGHT

Transformation in New Zealand

The Hope and Renewal Summit in Palmerston North, New Zealand is transforming parishes – and hearts – for mission and evangelization.

By Fr. Hemi Ropata, SM | Catholic Parish of Napier • New Zealand

Before sharing what happened over the weekend of the *Hope and Renewal Summit*, it may help to give a little context. When I arrived in Napier, I found a parish carrying many quiet wounds. Over the years, people have weathered losses, farewelled many loved ones, and at times felt spiritually stretched or unseen. Yet, beneath that, there has always been a faithful core and a deep longing for renewal.

So when I sat at my table and found eight parishioners eager to learn, dream, and pray, I was moved. As the summit went on, I watched hope rise in them. I heard them say things



like, “Let’s try that on Sunday!” and I realized how ready many in our community are for new beginnings.

One moment in particular touched me deeply. At the end of the summit, when priests were asked to identify themselves and people were invited to lay hands on them, our parishioners immediately gathered around me. As they prayed, I burst into tears because I felt something I didn’t know I needed: the simple grace of being held in prayer by the very people I serve. In that moment I felt, very clearly, “these are my people. God has given them

to me.” This kind of realization should fill a young priest with fear and trembling, but I know that the Holy Spirit goes before me and my brother priests go alongside me.

I don’t yet know what the next steps will look like for our parish. Beginnings are often messy. But the Hope and Renewal Summit taught me two things: hope is contagious, and there is nothing more powerful than when the people of God begin to move.



HIGHLIGHT

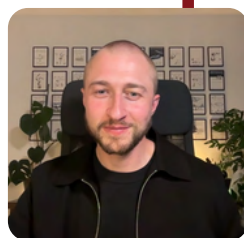
OVERFLOW

— The Mission of Joy —

"I have tears of joy seeing the renewal and hope in our Church."

In close partnership with Alpha, ***Overflow: The Mission of Joy*** brought together over 1,000 leaders from 52 countries for a powerful conversation on mission and joy. Thanks to your support, priests and parish leaders received the encouragement, formation, and tools they need to continue leading renewal in their parishes.

Overflow showed that your generosity multiplies impact, bringing renewal and mission to parishes worldwide.



From L-R: Fr. Antoine Laviale (Student Parish of Toulouse) • Georgia Clarke (St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish, Richmond) • Fr. Peter Wojcik (St. Clement Parish, Chicago), • Huw Warmenhoven (Alpha)

YOUR IMPACT

Bringing hope to priests, life to parishes, and **people to Jesus.**



Coaching (2025)

People & parishes who benefitted from coaching in 2025



397 PRIESTS & LAY LEADERS
from 34 countries



Coaching: All-time

Leaders who have benefitted from coaching since 2016



1,510 PRIESTS & LAY LEADERS
from 47 countries



Connected Parishes

Parishes connected to Divine Renovation



5,683 PARISHES
from 73 countries



Languages

Coaching was offered in (2025)



8 LANGUAGES



DR Events Participation

Leaders who benefitted from Divine Renovation events



5,175 LEADERS
from 86 countries

The renewal of the Church is urgent, and parishes are at the heart of it.

Each parish
taking bold
steps
toward
mission
inspires
others.

The need for parish renewal has never been greater. Families are drifting away, attendance is shrinking, and the call to mission is urgent.

Yet hope is rising. Each parish that takes bold steps toward mission becomes a spark, inspiring others to follow. This is how a movement grows — parish by parish, leader by leader, heart by heart.

Divine Renovation equips and acc-

ompanies these parishes, guiding them to embrace mission and multiply their impact. Through prayer, coaching, and resources, we help leaders create vibrant communities where people encounter Jesus.

With your gift today, you become part of this movement — helping more parishes come alive, more families return, and more hearts be drawn to Christ.

Three ways you can help:



Support the work of parish renewal through your prayers: Scan the QR code to download a copy of the Prayer for Parish Renewal.



As an independent Catholic ministry, we do not receive funding from the hierarchy or institutions of the Church and rely entirely on our donors. We invite you to make a donation in support of global parish renewal.



If your organization supports priests and evangelization, we invite you to partner with us. Contact us at development@divinerenovation.org for ways to join the movement and support the momentum.

SUPPORT FROM OUR CLERGY



Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ
Emeritus Archbishop,
Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall,
Canada

"I've become acquainted with parishes that have adopted the Divine Renovation vision and have been transformed thereby. My hope is that many more parish may be set on fire and equipped to help lay leaders become truly missional, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ as missionary disciples by the Jubilee Year 2033!"



Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archdiocese of Vancouver, Canada

"Divine Renovation has been a very effective and popular catalyst for parish renewal. The one-on-one formation and the extraordinary range and depth of resources are certainly worth consideration by any priest, parish or diocese looking for ways to foster renewal and empower evangelization in their own setting."



Archbishop Zbignevs Stankevics
Archdiocese of Riga, Latvia

"I see Divine Renovation as an excellent tool for the renewal of the parish."



Bishop Andrew Cozzens
Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota

"I am grateful for the fire of evangelization spreading in my diocese and other places through the work of Divine Renovation."



Bishop Michael Gielen
Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand

"Challenging times call for clear vision and bold leadership. The world is hungering for the witness of a dynamic Church that has embraced her missionary identity. Grounded in Scripture and Sacred Tradition, Divine Renovation offers just such an example: clear vision and a concise framework for the challenges we are all facing. It provides the practical tools in bringing about significant renewal."



Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC
Diocese of Saint John, Canada

"I am enthusiastic about this initiative and encourage any pastor, parish, or diocese that is serious about building thriving, Christ-centred and mission-oriented parishes ... to connect with Divine Renovation today!"



Bishop John Adams
Diocese of Palmerston North,
New Zealand

"If you are contemplating the Divine Renovation 'philosophy' in your parish I would judge this opportunity as being indispensable."



Bishop Philip Egan
Diocese of Portsmouth, England

"Thank you to Divine Renovation for all the wonderful work you do to assist the renewal of the Church in our time. Let us in prayer implore the Holy Spirit to make us grow in holiness, thus equipping us to bring many more people into communion with Jesus Christ."



Bishop Thomas Dowd
Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie,
Canada

"I have seen the Divine Renovation movement grow since its very beginnings. The core insights it provides are essential for the health of our communities as we move from maintenance to mission."



Bishop John Keenan
Diocese of Paisley, Scotland

"I hope many parishes across the world will join in this mission and create a tipping point for the reconciliation of our world with the Lord and His Gospel of life."



Bishop Brian Mascord
Diocese of Wollongong, Australia

"I am most grateful to the team at Divine Renovation Australasia for the great generosity they have shown in terms of time, expertise and resources, supporting not only the work of my Office of Renewal and Evangelisation but numerous parishes, especially clergy and leadership teams, to shift from a maintenance to a missional mindset. The 3 Keys of Divine Renovation and the strategies and formation to help bring them to fruition are proving most beneficial in bringing our Diocesan Vision for Parishes, Come and See - Go and Make, to life in a number of key parishes."



Archbishop William M. Joensen
Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa

"Your anointed efforts and collaboration are a great grace and source of evangelical promise in our Diocese. May this initiative bear even greater fruit for our Universal Church!"

"I hope that people will have the same experience that I had with God that changed my life."

At Étudiante Paroisse in Toulouse, France, the primacy of evangelization has spread beyond the clergy and leaders into the students themselves. Among them are Astrid and Tiphaine – both 19-year-old first-year students in a health sciences and therapy program. And both evangelists. "God is the center of our lives, that's why He is at the center of our discussions," says Astrid.



The two young women met at the start of the school year and soon became inseparable. As a result of being discipled into deeper faith and receiving support from others on the same journey, they found a shared desire to make Christ known through the parish.

On Easter Vigil last year, the parish celebrated 30 adult baptisms. At Pentecost, another 70 Confirmations will follow. Over 240 catechumens are currently in formation at the Étudiante Paroisse de Toulouse.

But the numbers only tell one part of the story. At

the heart of it are moments of encounter and invitation.

"I hope that people will have the same experience that I had with God that changed my life," says Astrid.

Tiphaine agrees. "I think that sometimes when I talk with other students about Jesus... I have a lot of joy in my heart, and it is impossible not to talk about it."



Read the full story on our website
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"For years, I had been praying to find a way to reach those who were distant and indifferent... we can already see an 'Alpha effect' expressed in the growth of adults in catechesis, the new discipleship communities, and also in the increasing number of people willing to participate in conversion retreats. We are convinced that as the months go by, we will witness even more fruit."

Fr. Cesar Anibal Piechestein Garcia | Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Czystochowa • Guayaquil, Ecuador





“I came here to evangelize, to be a missionary.”

Father Mykhailo Ozorovych • Holy Eucharist Cathedral, New Westminster, Canada.

Father Mykhailo Ozorovych has had a fire for evangelization since childhood. An Eastern Rite priest, Father Mykhailo never thought he would end up in North America, let alone be the youngest parish priest of a cathedral. He says, “I came here to evangelize, to be a missionary.”

A few years earlier, as a seminarian, he attended the New Evangelization Summit in Ottawa and heard about Divine Renovation. “Father James [Mallon] was a presenter that year... I was very excited at what I heard.”

Father Mykhailo got into coaching with DR. He created a Senior Leadership Team and together they created a vision for the parish and a roadmap for evangelization, which included running Alpha.

But when they first decided to start Alpha, coordinators Alina and Iryna were nervous. “We didn’t know what to expect. We only had 14 people registered the week before. We asked ourselves, ‘If 10 come will we cancel? What if only 5 come?’ It was a stretch for our Leadership Team to trust in God.”

But they were in for a surprise on their first Alpha night. “We ended up having 70 people come on that first night! We had to add tables at the last minute. The team was so encouraged.”

The fruit is evident with adult baptisms every year for the last five years — something that was previously unheard of. The parish now has 150 children coming to the Ukrainian and catechetical school on Saturdays and Father Mykhailo is spreading the principles of parish renewal throughout his eparchy and beyond.



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“We need the Church alive with the disciples of Christ!”

In 2018, Švč. Mergelės Marijos Ramintojos bažnyčia (Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Peacemaker) in Vilnius, Lithuania, started its first Alpha.

Today, their Alphas are so fruitful that over 60% of participants identify as unchurched. Running the course twice a year, they still need to put people on a waitlist.

The church’s pastor, Father Algirdas, has a passion for renewal that led him to cross paths with Divine Renovation. He would go on to spearhead spreading the parish renewal movement in Lithuania alongside his leadership team members: Zaneta and Vilma. He says, “the most important thing for us, for our community, is how to pass from maintenance to mission.” He continues, “renewal is always ... revival through the Holy Spirit, it comes not from our capacity...it is like the Eucharist, always to be in touch with this experience of the Holy Spirit that acts; if not we become spiritual consumers.”

Father Algirdas and Vilma are now coaching other Lithuanian priests with DR.

So far, they have coached five cohorts of priests (35 priests, including two bishops) – multiplying parish renewal throughout Lithuania.

Part of the dream moving forward, Zaneta says, “is to spread this idea of Divine Renovation: as a movement and as the renovation in a real sense of the Church in Lithuania, so that there would be more and more priests and parishes... running Alpha, having the vision, having a leadership team.”

The bigger picture is that “the priests and the lay people... that they would start with that holy discontent that the church is dying and that the people — even those who come to the church — are not disciples, they are just consumers of ritual services.”

Zaneta says emphatically, “We need the Church alive with the disciples of Christ!”



“Parish priesthood is the most challenging thing I’ve ever done. I would likely descend into despair, cynicism, and/or burnout, without attempting to live out Divine Renovation’s 3 keys of renewal.”

Fr. Damian Ryan | Our Lady of the Holy Souls • London, UK



"Our parish won't die if we don't want it to die!"



In rural New Zealand, Fr. Tien Cao is leading renewal in the Mackenzie Catholic Parish. Spanning over 100 km, this small, amalgamated parish had been in decline – until now. Watch how they're moving toward mission.



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"All kinds of fishes are jumping into our boat...I have 13 people who are coming this following Monday... They say, 'Hello. We want to become Catholic. The youngest one is 16, the oldest one is 60, but the core of the people are 20-30.'"

Fr. Jochem Van Velthoven | Parish of the Good Shepherd
Dongen, Netherlands



"Evangelization is the greatest act of love for our neighbour."



Once marked by "going through the motions," St. Anthony's in Vancouver is now a thriving missional parish where Fr. Justin Huang and his team are leading people to Jesus through bold hospitality, engaging homilies, and Alpha.

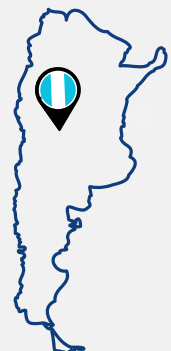


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"Divine Renovation has helped me to lead an effort of transformation from a maintenance Church to a more missionary Church."

Bishop Hector Luis Zordan | Diocese of Gualeguaychu, Argentina





WHY WE GIVE

Murray and Patty Nielson are donors to Divine Renovation.

Both had a conversion to Christianity at a young age. But 22 years ago, it was their son's exploration of Catholicism that changed everything for them.

"When I read about the Eucharist and started to understand what it was," Patti shares, "we felt called to be Catholic."

She tears up as she says, "do you remember Murray, 20 years ago, receiving the Eucharist for the first time? It was..." she chokes up, "...huge," Murray finishes.

Patti says their first connection with Divine Renovation was "when we were given Father Mallon's book." They saw the transformation and growth at Saint Benedict and the powerful use of Alpha to prioritize evangelization.

They both love "how Divine Renovation coaches churches through their coaches and priests to use so many tools. It's wonderful," Patti says.

"Some of the problems facing the Catholic Church – in our experience – is we have faithful people showing up in the pews that don't have a personal relationship with Jesus." Patti adds, "We need to be training young priests so that our future is not limited...and we need to be training lay leaders, we need to be asking and training and calling up lay leaders in our church to use their gifts."

"That's really what Divine Renovation is so well positioned to do," Patti says, "to walk alongside priests and their core group of leadership in order to give really strong leadership to parish communities."

THE POWER OF GIVING

Murray gets direct: "I want to talk about money... Something that I am a big believer in is that you can't outgive God." He continues, "I believe God has given us all the material possessions we have, we should be generous and give back."

Murray says, "one reason we are donors to Divine Renovation is because I want to motivate others to write checks, and I want to motivate them to write bigger checks than they planned on."



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MAKE AN IMPACT

Ways to give

Give now

Become a monthly donor or make a one-time gift by visiting our secure online giving portal at divinerenovation.org/give.

Planned Giving

Divine Renovation welcomes gifts made through different planned giving arrangements. Please contact us at development@divinerenovation.org for more information about these planned giving options:

**Gift in your will or bequest**

The simplest way to leave a legacy to support parish renewal for future generations.

**Gift of securities or stocks**

One of the most cost-effective ways to donate immediately or in the future through a gift in your will.

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Contact us at development@divinerenovation.org for other planned gifts such as gifts of real property, retirement assets, or endowments.



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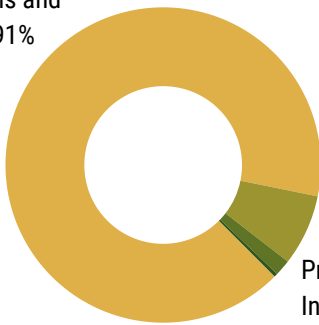
DIVINE RENOVATION MINISTRY

FINANCIALS

Combined Statement of Operations for Divine Renovation Global Ministry

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2025 • In CAD \$

Donations and
Grants: 91%



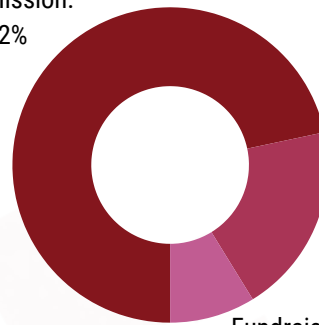
Program Revenue: 7%
Interest Income: 1%
Books and Misc.: 1%

Revenue

\$4,875,555

Donations and Grants	\$4,421,641
Program Revenue	\$355,942
Interest Income	\$81,237
Books and Misc.	\$16,735

Mission:
72%



Administration: 20%

Fundraising: 8%

Expenses

\$6,351,814

Mission	\$4,552,381
Administration	\$1,241,640
Fundraising	\$557,793





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