



# Campaign Update:

## - Ministry that matters

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At St. Aidan's, we are blessed to be continually growing - in size of our parish and in strength of our presence in the Beach community. But with that growth comes the need for more ministry to support our church's daily operations and community outreach, and to reduce the high demands on our incumbent priest's time. We've met that need through the role of our associate priest.

Our associate priest role was introduced in 2014 with a focus on congregational development and community engagement. Since then, the role has come to play an integral part in:

- Assisting with congregational care, leading worship and preaching
- Developing innovative learning programs for new Christians and seekers
- Supporting and training our lay leaders involved in family ministries, youth development and outreach ministries within the community
- Supporting community activities involving social justice
- Developing media such as podcasts for adult education and outreach; and
- Finding opportunities to foster positive and cooperative dialogue and interaction between people of different faiths and spiritual beliefs within the community.



While our associate priest role began as a support for the incumbent priest during the church renovation period, the role has since become an essential part of the church's 'engine'. And while it has recently been a part-time role, plans are to restore it to its full-time status.

Currently, funding for this position is shared by our parish budget and by a diocesan grant which will soon expire. Our goal, therefore, is for our **Strong Roots, New Season** Campaign to provide the bridge funding needed until the role can be fully sustained through our parish budget.

**Estimated costs of the bridge funding needed is \$100,000: \$20,000 per year for the next five years.**

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