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Refugee Committee Update



DEAR PARISHIONERS

The response to the Refugee Committee's call for financial and other support to help with the settlement of the Kreit family has been generous, immediate and heartening.

After only two weeks, we've reached more than half of our stated goal of \$25,000, the amount needed to maintain our one-year commitment.

The funding will allow us to continue to support the integration of the Kreit family to Canada. Moreover, we'd like to leave a little money in the St. Basil's Refugee fund to support future humanitarian and refugee efforts.

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- You can find special envelopes in the pews and at the back of the church, in which you can place donations and have them picked up in the collection baskets.
- You can pledge a specific amount now to be paid over a period of time. If that's the option you choose, simply place a note in one of the special envelopes detailing the specifics of your pledge and put the envelope in a collection basket.

- You can provide a series of post-dated cheques, or;
- You can donate on line through the **Canada Helps** website, a link for which is located on the St. Basil's website (<https://www.stbasilsparish.ca/donate-on-line>).

While our current focus is funding, many of you have helped with donations of your time, talents and various items like furniture. The Kreits are now nicely settled in a townhouse on Henry Farm Drive, which is well-equipped. School has started for Pierre and the other members of the family are busy studying English.

To find out more about the work of the Refugee Committee and how you might help our ongoing effort consider coming out to the next meeting Wednesday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

Parishioners will note the presence of a section of bristol board at the back of the church as of this past weekend depicting the level of funds we've collected. Keep an eye on it to see how we're doing. Again, many thanks to those who have donated.

Should you have any questions or require more information about the work of the Refugee Committee, you can contact Bill Elliott or Terry Tunney.

And if you want to find out more about the work of the Refugee Committee and how you might help with our ongoing effort to support the Kreit family, consider coming out to a meeting of the Refugee Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 14th at 7 p.m. (new date)** in the Conference Room at St. Basil's.