



## Fundraising Farmers Needed

### Christ the Redeemer Growing Project 2020

Our growing project for 2020 is well underway. This project creates a fundraising opportunity for our Parish to grow a crop on two pieces of land near our Church location. One of the locations is directly north of our Church and the other is north of the hospital. The total amount of land available for us to grow a crop on, is approximately 160 acres. Both pieces of land are available to us for this farming season, which is to be used for fundraising purposes. The land just north of the Church is on loan from an investment company and the land north of the hospital is on loan to us by Rod Murphy. We will once again be having 2 projects on this land. The first project is the Growing Project seeded to Lentils and the second is the Potato Patch Project.

#### What happened in 2019 for the Growing Project?

In 2019 the growing project worked out well, as we had around 61 families that took part in the project and became Fundraising Farmers. These Fundraising Farmers provided seed money to get started. This along with some local farmers and businesses helped make the project a success. A Wheat crop was grown and sold. This amount to the building fund in 2019 was just over **\$27,800.00** after expenses. With lower than average rainfall, we were still blessed. We made a nice profit, in which we are grateful. To date the project has donated over **\$46,000** to the **Canadian Food Grains Bank** for a **Development and Peace Project**, which the government matches. Plus, over **\$320,000** has gone to our Building Fund since the project started in 2011. Fundraiser Farmers and business partners gathered for a wonderful roast beef supper end of October. The encouragement and support from our Fundraising Farmers in 2019 have contributed to this success and makes it possible to do the project again in 2020.

#### Seed Money Needed

To grow a Lentil crop today, involves a lot of money for expenses. This year we are growing Red Lentils. To get the land prepared, fertilized, seeded, maintained and harvested can cost as much as \$160 per acre. For those of us that choose to participate in this fundraising project, we will be called Fundraising Farmers. We are suggesting \$100 per family. A family will be considered anyone who lives under the same roof. There will be benefits to becoming fundraising farmers for this Christ the Redeemer Growing Project. **A big Thank you to those who have already committed to the project.**

#### Fundraising Farmer Benefits

- An income Tax receipt will be given for the amount of your donation
- Having this land located so close to our Church property allow for all of us to watch it grow. This is a great opportunity for kids and adults alike. A great way of connecting with our Agricultural roots and talk some farming :)
- Fundraising Farmers and families will be invited to a Free Harvest Supper in the fall (if we are allowed to meet).

#### Our Second Project is the Potato and Corn Patch

In 2019 Earview Colony donated seed potatoes which were planted along the #4 highway. These potatoes along with some corn, beets, squash and carrots were planted, fertilized, tilled, hilled and harvested. This work by many volunteers helped produce a vegetable crop. This produce was sold and the money allocated by the Knights of Columbus to 6 Swift Current Schools, for their Breakfast for Learning Programs. This amount was approx. **\$1,900.00**

**Corporate and Farms Invited**

If you are part of a larger company or farm who wishes to participate in the project, we certainly welcome your participation or donation of crop inputs...

**What has been done so far in the field for 2020?**

The fields has been seeded with a Tractor from SkyHawk Farm (Dunningtons) and a Pattison John Deere Disc drill. Spraying also happened by Skyhawk and Pattison. A big Thank You to our Corporate Sponsors that are helping out with the farm work. With good rains, the crop is off to a nice start.

**Garden Patch**

The potato and vegetables have been planted. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we hand planted the potatoes, hilling, weeding and harvest of the potatoes will provide many with the opportunity to take an active part in the project. This year's potato patch has been planted just north of our Church.

**Contacts**

If you wish to help out with this project or have any questions, feel free to contact any one of the committee members listed below.

Richard St. Jacques	773-9409	Kevin Zerr	773-4724
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**Please complete the following form, along with a cheque written to "Christ the Redeemer Building Fund."**

Enclose the form below and cheque in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish office, or mail it back. If you need more copies of this letter to give to others, please pick them up at the Parish office. **Thank you for becoming a Fund-Raising Farmer and helping to make this project a success.**

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**Name** (as to appear on receipt) \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Family members** (living under the same roof) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** (important if you have an email account) \_\_\_\_\_ or if you don't have an email

**Do you wish to receive Crop any updates by email?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fundraising Farmer Donation amount enclosed** \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_