



2022  
**IMPACT  
REPORT**



"See, I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not  
perceive it?"

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19



# Inspire Connect Equip





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & PRESIDENT



**Over the past year, the ministry has continued to grow and thrive.** I want to share a few highlights that made this year particularly special.

2022 brought the launch of two new books under the Divine Renovation brand. *Preaching on Purpose*, written collaboratively by three Catholic priests and a Wesleyan pastor, was released in July. While there are many books on the theology of preaching, there are few Catholic resources on the skill of missional preaching. Divine Renovation worked to fill this gap. With thousands of copies sold worldwide, the book has been a hit with Catholic priests, deacons, and Protestant leaders looking to preach in an effective and missional way. We also published my latest book, *Thriving Faith*. It was written from an entirely different perspective. Written for lay Catholics and ideal for group study, this book is a primer on how we can live an active and joyful faith even in the uncertainty of modern times. We've been honoured by the positive reception both books have received.

At my own parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe, we have been on the same journey as so many other parishes: the journey from maintenance to mission. When I wrote my first book, *Divine Renovation*, I was pastoring a parish that was well on the journey. After asking my Bishop to return to parish ministry in the midst of the pandemic, I was presented with a wonderful

and challenging opportunity to begin the same journey that our ministry supports so many parishes on. I'm excited by the challenges my parish faces, but more excited in seeing the fruit locally of what we coach globally. By embracing the three keys of Divine Renovation – the Power of the Holy Spirit, the Best of Leadership, and the Primacy of Evangelization – we are beginning to see fruit. This is the fruit of lives transformed, of people encountering Jesus for the first time, and of parishes coming alive. None of that fruit would be possible without the support of our many donors from around the world. I thank you this year on behalf of Divine Renovation Ministry for that support. Support of our work that happens through the incredible team that God has assembled, I am happy to also thank you from a very personal place. The parish that I pastor has been impacted by your generosity as well.

Through your support and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are seeing more and more parishes take the same journey towards mission. 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.

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

In Christ,

**Fr. James Mallon**

Founder

Divine Renovation Ministry



**I'm thrilled to share a few ways God has blessed us in 2022.** Accompaniment is the cornerstone of our work, and in 2022 we coached

406 parishes in seven different languages around the world. In these relationships, we walk alongside parish priests and their senior leadership teams as they learn, discern, and implement principles of parish renewal in their context. With our expertise on parish renewal and their knowledge of their local needs, we've seen lives changed and people brought into relationship with Jesus around the world.

Divine Renovation has also had increased opportunities to gather in person, in many cases for the first time since the pandemic in 2020. The DR USA conference brought over 500 people from as far as Australia and Poland to Dallas for five days of prayer, fellowship, and learning. Even the heat of Texas summer couldn't stop the contagious joy and excitement from spreading among attendees – both those registered and the carload from the other side of the country that showed up on the first day!

While previous DR events have been held in Halifax, the DR USA conference confirmed for us that the right new model is to host

events regionally, allowing people from around the world to attend and encouraging regionally linked parish teams to support one another. We saw this successful dynamic play out at a smaller conference in Breda, Netherlands. In fact, our regions have been so passionate about bringing people together that we had an event (in person or online) on every continent except Antarctica in 2022.

The Holy Spirit is at the centre of all we do, and we continue to pray for God's guidance as we head into 2023. We are so grateful for the donors, supporters, and partners who make this work possible.

Sincerely,

**Dan O'Rourke**

President

Divine Renovation Ministry





At Divine Renovation, our vision is for  
**every Catholic parish in  
the world to be  
missional.**

We will do this by  
**inspiring, connecting, and equipping parishes  
to be missional, and through them bringing  
people to Jesus.**

And by God's grace and the support of people like you,  
together we will reach our goal of helping  
**33,000 parishes become missional.**

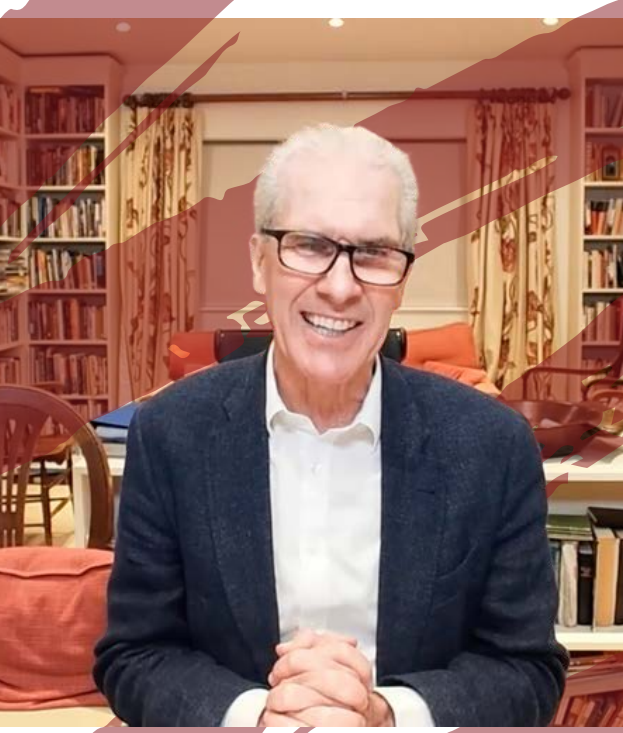
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20









## Notable highlights from 2022

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**Over 7,000 people** registered for this event, with 300 watch parties organized in parishes, diocesan offices, chaplaincies, and organizations around the world.

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH?**

 **7K+ PEOPLE REGISTERED**

 **300 STREAMS AT WATCH PARTIES**

Following the event, 150 priests answered the call to mission through an exclusive event focused on orienting parishes for mission, while over 1,000 parish leaders signed up for *Prayer for Parish Renewal* — a Lenten prayer campaign for the transformation of our parishes.

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In July, the first Divine Renovation USA conference was held in Dallas, with people traveling as far away as Australia, Austria, and Poland to attend the sold-out event. Our Australasia office also hosted an Open House in Taupō — our first live event in New Zealand — with attendees representing every single diocese in the country.

We also released new books in 2022:

- Fr. James Mallon's *Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times*, aimed particularly at the laity, and
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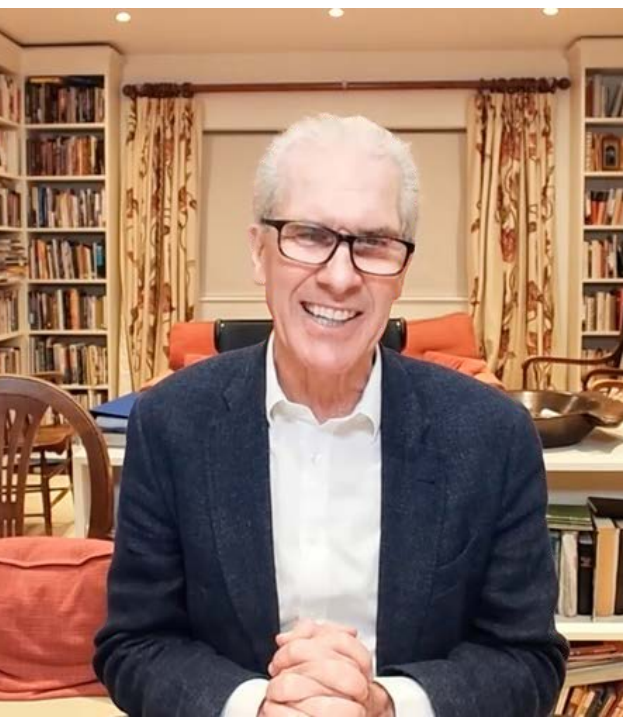
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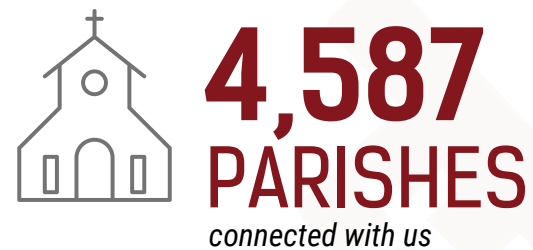


# INSPIRE

**Divine Renovation inspires priests and lay leaders to move their parishes from maintenance to mission.**

Through our online and in-person events, stories, videos, and resources, we're giving priests and lay leaders a platform where they can share inspiring stories of transformation. In turn, more and more parishes are inspired to move into action and see their parish come alive by reclaiming their missionary identity.

Since 2021, the number of priests connected with Divine Renovation has grown from 1,800 to 2,456.



# INSPIRE

## IMPACT STORY

# Renewal is happening: Father Hesse wants Germany to be part of it.



**Fr. Bernhard Hesse**  
Parish of St. Anton  
Kempten, Germany

Germany had 700 people, of which 130 were priests. The movement was growing.

In 2022, DR Deutschsprachiger Raum (German-speaking countries), was established as a new DR region.

Six years ago, Father Hesse was starting in a new parish and looking for resources on renewal. After reading *Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to Missional Parish*, he saw that there was an upcoming DR Conference in Halifax, Canada. He attended the DR16 Conference and returned home with a firm belief that God was leading renewal in the Church.

Father Hesse's parish is now ablaze with renewal, with hundreds of parishioners even travelling by train just for Sunday Mass and others coming around the clock for Eucharistic adoration. This parish is a beacon of the renewal that is starting at a grassroots level in this region.

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Father Hesse returned to Halifax for DR18 — this time bringing 70 fellow Germans, half of whom were priests. In Halifax, it was decided that they would organize a conference in Germany with Divine Renovation.

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The resulting two-day conference in Fulda,



# CONNECT

**Bringing renewal to your parish can be a difficult and lonely journey – but it doesn't have to be that way.**

Catholics want to see their parishes come alive. But without seeing the example of other parishes doing things differently, it can be difficult to see what's possible – let alone know where and how to begin.

As “iron sharpens iron” (cf. Proverbs 27:17), so too do Catholics who are on fire for mission. Divine Renovation connects parish leaders around the world in a network with whom they can create and share new knowledge, ideas, and best practices.

**95 COUNTRIES**

*represented at our events*

**170,000+ WEBSITE VIEWS**

*from 65k users*

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**130,000+ ENGAGEMENTS**



**10,855**  
ATTENDEES AT OUR  
EVENTS



**30,265**  
EVENT REPLAYS



**71,543**  
INTERACTIONS ON  
SOCIAL, WITH OUR  
CONTENT SEEN 1.5M  
TIMES.



**18,990**  
PARISH LEADERS  
RECEIVING UPDATES  
FROM DR



## IMPACT STORY

## CONNECT

**"It was so helpful for me as a new priest."**



**Fr. Nick Desimone**  
St. Mary's Parish  
Uxbridge, MA

Father Nick explains, “The process hinged on the principles of Divine Renovation. This was not a retreat, this was a regrouping, but we were going to be moving forward with the renewal of our parishes.”

Father Nick entered into coaching with DR at a time when his diocese (Worcester) was having to amalgamate parishes. The Bishop approached him about doing a parish renewal process with his parish (St. Mary's) and four other parishes in the Blackstone Valley. He needed to find a way for these churches to function with just two priests.

Father John was able “to see the Divine Renovation process being modelled first by Father Nick and St. Mary's Parish in Uxbridge,” which became formative for his own leadership. “It was so helpful for me as a new priest.”

Three of the parishes were closed to form one new parish – Divine Mercy and St. Mary's united with the neighboring parish. The second priest, Father John, became the new pastor of Divine Mercy Parish.

The fruit of renewal both in the amalgamation process, as well as within St. Mary's has been substantial. Members of the leadership team report: “I have seen St. Mary's blossom, all right, it's amazing...it's now an engaged parish.” Together, they moved from maintenance to mission.

Father John recalls, “About a year ago, I started as a newly ordained priest, and I was assigned as the associate with Father Nick and so immediately was thrown into the parish merger process.”

St. Mary's Parish,  
USA





# EQUIP

**By providing tools and coaching, we help parishes escape maintenance mode and live out their missionary identity.**

As a guide, Divine Renovation exists to accompany and equip parish leaders for the work of mission.

Through coaching, events, and resources, we equip parishes and their leaders to pursue mission by helping them live out the Three Keys to Parish Renewal:

- Power of the Holy Spirit
- Primacy of Evangelization
- Best of Leadership



**31 ONLINE EVENTS**

**17 IN-PERSON EVENTS**

**1 CONFERENCE**



**406**

**29**

**7**

**PRIESTS | COUNTRIES | LANGUAGES**

*In 2022, 406 priests were equipped for mission through coaching. Since 2016, we've coached 782 priests from 29 countries, in 7 different languages.*

Australia • Canada • United Kingdom • United States • New Zealand • Argentina • Austria • Bolivia • Colombia • Costa Rica • France • Germany • India • Ireland • Italy • Kuwait • Lithuania • Malaysia • Mexico • Netherlands • Portugal • Singapore • Slovenia • South Africa • Spain • Switzerland • Thailand • United Arab Emirates • Venezuela



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*Translated in 10 languages*

## EQUIP

### IMPACT STORY

**Fr. Sathi was empowered to empower others.**



**Fr. Sathiadasy Antony**  
St. John the Baptist Parish  
Canada

When Fr. Sathi first arrived at St. John the Baptist in Estevan, Saskatchewan in 2020, there were 39 people serving in ministries. They now have over 200 people evangelizing in new and revived ministries.

The parish leaders are clear about the changes that have taken place since focusing on parish renewal and applying Divine Renovation's *Three Keys to Parish Renewal*, which they have learned through coaching.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT) member, Mo, articulates how Fr. Sathi leads out of a leadership team. "He has empowered us to do things. Those things that are sometimes buried inside of you." Furthermore, Mo says it has been good for the team to go "through the process of building trust and using all of these amazing resources [from

DR] for our benefit, which in turn then benefits our people and building the Kingdom of God here."

The changes in the parish are being noticed and supported in the diocese as Fr. Sathi shares, "Our Bishop asked us to do a session for all the priests of the Diocese. We did a full day session for all the priests and deacons of the diocese, and it was very well received. We are planning on (sic) to expand some of the things that we do to share with other parishes."

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**St. John the Baptist Parish CANADA**





# The Church is made for mission.

The fruit that we're seeing in the parishes we journey with is incredible. Every day, we are astonished by the impact that the Holy Spirit is making in people's lives through parishes that are answering the call to mission.

But the heartbreaking reality is that a vast majority of parishes are still on a path of decline. They have yet to fully embrace mission over maintenance as their core identity.

Congregations are aging. Parishes are closing. Instead of winning souls for Christ, people are leaving. For parishes to even stop this downward trend — let alone turn the tide and see new life — they cannot rely on the models and practices of the past.

Today, as the Church fully emerges from the unique challenges of the last three years, this call to mission resounds even louder.

In this crucial moment, there is a real desire among many parishes to be *renewed*. And as a guide, Divine Renovation is uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between parish leaders — both ordained and lay — and the coaching and tools they need to escape maintenance mode and get back on track for mission.

We believe in the vision that God calls all parishes to be renewed in their missionary identity. And as a ministry, we are committed to inspiring and equipping parishes around the world to create a tipping point of change in the Church — one missional parish at a time.



## WHY I GIVE

"I want to see a lineup for Mass outside every single Roman Catholic church that now only has a lineup for tourism."



**Yuriko & Christopher Ryan**  
Vancouver, BC

Christopher Ryan is a lifelong Catholic. His wife Yuriko, a former atheist, experienced a conversion 10 years ago.

When they read *Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish*, they both experienced another conversion: "I believe that Christ's Church needs immediate and significant reform and renovation." For them, this was the moment they believed they "joined the DR movement."

They relate, "DR led us to take actions. We completed an Alpha Course at a DR-coached parish and then joined the inaugural Alpha Team at our new parish which is also DR-coached."

Both doctors, they went to Barcelona for a medical conference. They saw thousands of tourists lining up for entry to one of the city's most famous tourist attractions: Sagrada Familia. Like many other Catholic churches in major European cities, tourists occupy the churches. The line-up to get into

Mass was significantly shorter.

Yuriko said to her husband, "I want to see a lineup for Mass outside every single Roman Catholic church that now only has a lineup for tourism. We must evangelize all nations and DR and Alpha will be the modern miracle!"

Regular donors to DR, active members of their parish, and on fire with the passion for evangelization, they say that they "do not consider ourselves special."

They state, "Average parishioners of Catholic churches may believe that the Church's problems have nothing to do with them. Everyone needs to examine the problems in their own house – not just the physical building, but also most hearts and souls need decluttering, cleanup, and renovation to make room for the Holy Spirit. Then act and evangelize."

"Do not worry. DR will coach you and your parishes. Once DR ignites evangelical fire in you and transforms your life, you will form a true House of the Lord."

When Jesus fed the 5,000 with only five loaves of bread and two fish,

**He was showing us how God's love can multiply the effects of our generosity.**

Fr. Henri Nouwen





# Join the Mission



With your help, parishes around the world will become missional and more people will come to faith in Jesus.

Divine Renovation is catalyzing a global movement of parishes living out the Great Commission, currently equipping priests and parish leaders in 95 countries. Imagine thousands more answering the call to mission, renewing the Church, and transforming the world!

## How can you help?

**Pray** • Mission, evangelization, and parish renewal are the work of the Holy Spirit — and for these to bear fruit, they must be sustained with prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit. First and foremost, we ask you to support the work of parish renewal through your fervent prayers.

**Give** • As a donor-funded ministry, we don't charge any fees. This means priests and lay leaders have access to coaching and resources at no cost to their parishes, thanks to our generous donors. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial gift to Divine Renovation in support of parish renewal around the world.

**Share** • If you know a priest or lay leader who wants more for their parish but might not know how or where to begin, we invite you to share our mission with them. You can do this by referring them to our resources and events, and sharing with them any of the stories and videos we release on our social media channels.



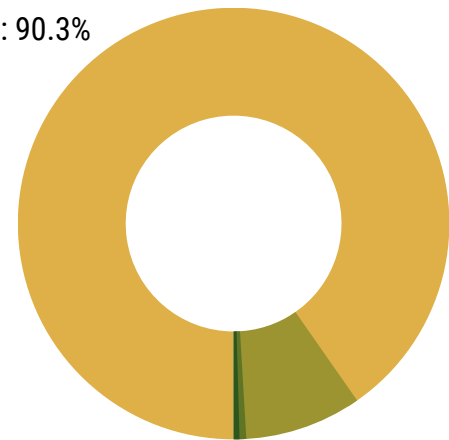


# Financials

## Combined Statement of Operations for Divine Renovation Global Ministry

The financial figures are presented in Canadian \$

Donations and Grants: 90.3%



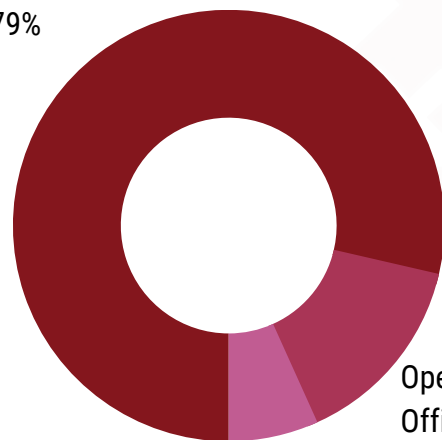
Program revenue: 8.8%  
Interest Income: 0.5%  
Books and Misc.: 0.4%

### Revenue 2022

**\$4,768,872**

<b>Donations and Grants</b>	● \$4,306,140
<b>Program Revenue</b>	● \$417,866
<b>Interest Income</b>	● \$24,059
<b>Books and Misc.</b>	● \$20,807

Mission: 79%



Fundraising: 7%

### Expenses 2022

**\$4,692,070**

<b>Mission</b>	● \$3,687,975
<b>Operating and Office Costs</b>	● \$687,653
<b>Fundraising</b>	● \$316,442





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