

Archdiocesan Assessments to Parishes

Policy No. 218

Policy Statement: The Archdiocese levies annually for the *Cathedraticum*.

Definition: **Cathedraticum**

The *Cathedraticum* is an assessment paid yearly to a bishop by parishes in his jurisdiction for the general needs of the diocese.

The funds are used to support

- a) the Pastoral and Administration Offices, each of which deals with a particular need of the people of God
- b) chaplaincy in hospitals and other institutions
- c) other services to the people of the Archdiocese.

The formula for the *Cathedraticum* assessment is based on the parish annual financial report for the prior year and is calculated as 22% of the lesser of:

1) For a parish without any debt to the Archdiocese
Ordinary receipts for Sundays, Christmas and New Year.

2) For a parish with an archdiocesan approved building fund:

Ordinary receipts for Sundays, Christmas, _____
and New Year

Add: + Building Fund receipts _____

Less: - Debt repayment to the Archdiocese _____

Total: = Net assessable total _____

For purposes of no. 2) of the *Cathedraticum* calculation, a debt for the parish guaranteed by the Archdiocese is treated the same as a debt with the Archdiocese.

Procedure:

- a) Parishes are to prepare and submit their annual financial report by January 31 of the following year to the Office of the Financial Administrator.
- b) Payment of the *Cathedraticum* is to be made by the parish before January 31. Cheques payable to the Archdiocese are to be made out to **The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.**