

Thank You!

As chief shepherd of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who so generously donated to the Marriage Tribunal.

In 2015, Pope Francis brought significant changes to the Office of the Marriage Tribunal and new reforms to the process of applying for a declaration of nullity with the implementation of *Mitis Iudex*.

The first notable response to this announcement was an immediate increase in the volume of applications and inquiries, which rose to 300% of the usual volume.

Coinciding with this change, and in keeping with the wishes of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Halifax-Yarmouth Branch Tribunal removed the previous fee for service and replaced it with a donation request as there are indeed expenses associated with the process that the diocese must cover.

I invite anyone, whether you are applying for a decree of nullity or know of someone who has received one, to consider assisting this ministry by making a tax-deductible donation with a notation to the Marriage Tribunal by: cheque, e-transfer (finance@halifaxyarmouth.org) or online through our Diocesan website by picking *Marriage Tribunal in the Donate Now section* or [click here](#). Online donations will receive an instant tax receipt.

Alternatively, cheques can be made out to the Diocese of Halifax-Yarmouth with a notation for the Marriage Tribunal and mailed to:

The Marriage Tribunal at The Diocesan Center, 1559 Brunswick Street, Suite 101,
Halifax, NS B3J 2G1

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