



GREGORY THE GREAT INSTITUTE 2025 IMPACT REPORT

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DIRECTOR'S YEAR IN REVIEW LETTER

2024 - 2025

A Year of Growth

This year marked a season of extraordinary foundational growth for the Institute. In January, we completed our first round of seed funding, surpassing our goal of \$120,000—a remarkable testament to the generosity and vision of our early supporters.

The year began with momentum as the four founding board members gathered in January for the Institute's first board retreat, setting the direction for what would become a period of steady and inspired development.

From February through May, our efforts focused on discernment and definition. This time of reflection and discussion with various Catholic leaders, brought forth the Institute's name, logo, and brand identity, as well as the completion of a comprehensive business plan. These months laid the groundwork for clear and confident public engagement.

By July, we joyfully announced the Institute's name, full Board, and amazing new staff. Momentum continued as we made our first appearance at Alberta's Family Life Conference, hosted our first Folk Music camp for youth as well as our annual Faith and Reason seminar for Catholic leaders.

This fall we celebrated several milestones. Wonderfully, on the Feast of St. Gregory the Great (Sept 3), the province confirmed our legal status as a non-profit society! Our second board retreat brought together 16 committed members of our team. We hosted several events, notably, our first annual Renewing Culture Conference, study groups across Canada, and more.

Looking ahead, November begins our second round of seed funding, with a goal of \$250,000—an ambitious next step to expand our mission of planting the seeds of cultural renewal within Canada.

We thank you for your generous support.

May God bless you in the good works he has prepared for you now and in the coming year (cf. Ephesians 2:10).

Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping
Executive Director

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Member: Brian Holdsworth
Member: Patrick Schiller
Member: Peter Csillag

2025 Timeline



December
2024

*Initial Seed
Funding*

January
2025

*First Board
Retreat*

July

Faith & Reason Seminar

*St. Gregory's Folk Music
Camp for Youth*

September

*Legal Status as
Society Approved*

*30+ Inklings Book
Studies Across Canada*

*Webinars, articles,
first video*

*Full Board
Retreat*

November

*Renewing
Culture
Conference*

*Magnalia, First
Journal Published*





2 Webinars



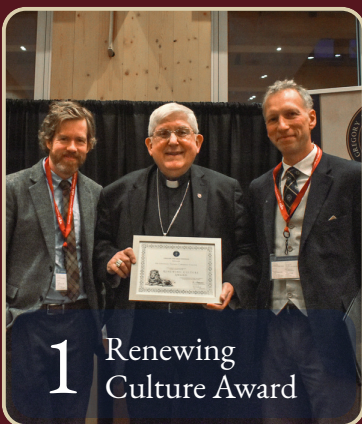
30 Faith & Reason Participants



30+ *Inkling's* Book Groups across Canada



50 St. Gregory's Folk Music Camp participants



1 Renewing Culture Award



200 New contacts made at the Family Life Conference



800 Average monthly website visitors



180+ Renewing Culture Conference Attendees



1.2K Views of our launch video

Supporter Reflections



"The Gregory the Great Institute has cast a vision for renewal in Canada. They have the right leadership team, an amazing network of partners, and the skill to carry out this great work. For the sake of our families and our Country, they deserve our support. I am proud to be part of this work and I invite you to join me."

Evan Ropp, husband, father,
Catholic Entrepreneur

"I am pleased to serve as the patron of the Gregory the Great Institute. The Institute has done good things already and shows great promise to become a force for renewal in the Church and in civil society. I encourage you to support its important mission."

Cardinal Thomas Collins



Renewing Culture Conference banquet attendees share a laugh with Cardinal Collins



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2025 Facts & Figures

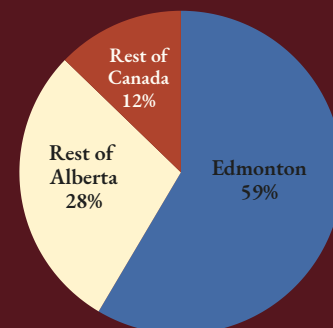
Total Gifts Pledged as of January 2025

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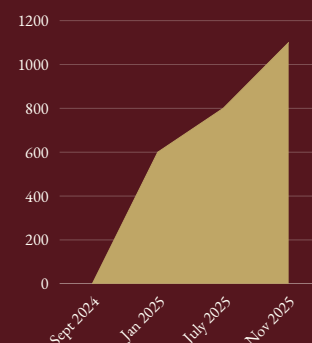
Total Donors as of January 2025

97

Donors by Region



Growth in Mailing List



Number of People in Governance or Operations

25

Looking Ahead

Goals for 2026

Gregory the Great Institute is a new non-profit with a big vision for renewal. It has been awe-inspiring to see how the Institute has begun to equip hundreds of people already in its first year, but much work remains. In the following year we plan to realize the following goals:

Raise

\$250 000

for 2026 Budget

Test & Deliver

Innovative Programs such as:

- *New YouTube Series*
- *New Journal*
- *Conferences, Classes & more*

Serve

50

Book Studies

100

Young Catholics in courses and camps

300

Leaders in seminars & conferences

3 000

Readers of articles & new journal *Magnalia*

10 000

Viewers of new YouTube series

Your support will ensure the Gregory the Great Institute realizes these goals and continues to share the riches of the Faith without compromise.

Thank you for your generous support in renewing culture in Canada!

OUR VISION

The Gregory the Great Institute is a non-profit society that equips Christians to renew culture in the light of faith and reason through formation programs, short courses, and research that focuses on Catholic life in Canada.

To join our mission by offering a donation, visit our website or scan this code:



www.GregoryTheGreat.ca