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Grey Cup Archbishops make act of faith in their teams

VANCOUVER, Nov. 25 – The Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Archdiocese of Winnipeg announced a friendly wager today on the outcome of Sunday's Grey Cup Game.

Recognizing the rivalry at play – Winnipeg has the most Grey Cup appearances in the CFL while the Lions have a rare opportunity to win on home turf -- the Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, and the most Reverend James Weisgerber, Archbishop of Winnipeg, wished both teams well as they made the long-distance bet.

If the Winnipeg Blue Bombers win, Archbishop Miller will make a \$100 donation to the [Archdiocese of Winnipeg's Archdiocesan Appeal](#), which is the major vehicle for funding pastoral work in the Archdiocese.

If the B.C. Lions win, Archbishop Weisgerber will make a \$100 donation to [Project Advance](#), the annual diocesan-wide appeal that helps fund many of the institutions, programs, ministries, and needs within the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

In a joint statement, the two Archbishops said, "Sporting events such as this one can provide an opportunity to celebrate the best in healthy competition, bringing people together in community and recreation, fostering respect for rules, and imparting important human and spiritual values such as excellence, fitness, and loyalty."

The archbishops also expressed hope that the friendly bet would draw attention to the work and mission of the Church that is so vital both in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

"Our archdioceses are close in solidarity and service to those most in need in our two cities. We invite all who are celebrating the Grey Cup to also join us in our service to the needy by contributing in some way to our charitable work."

Although Archbishop Miller initiated the bet by suggesting a Winnipeg victory was an “unlikely event,” Archbishop Weisgerber responded quickly that he had “no doubt about the outcome of the game. Winnipeg will prevail because a good defence always trumps a so-so offence.”

For more information about the Archdiocese of Winnipeg’s Archdiocesan Appeal and the Archdiocese of Vancouver’s Project Advance, click on the links below.

Archdiocese of Vancouver Project Advance: www.rcav.org/pa/donations

Archdiocese of Winnipeg Archdiocesan Appeal:
http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing_gods_gifts.php