

Stanley Cup Would be Heavenly, Betting Bishops Say

VANCOUVER, June 3 – The Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Archdiocese of Boston announced a “friendly wager” today on which team will bring home the Stanley Cup.

Recognizing the great hockey traditions of both hometowns and the enormous pride each is taking in supporting their team to victory, the Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, Archbishop of Boston, issued today’s wager.

If the Boston Bruins win, Archbishop Miller will make a \$100 donation to Catholic Charities Boston, which provides a broad spectrum of social service care to thousands of needy individuals and families in Massachusetts. In the event the Vancouver Canucks win, Cardinal Seán 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, “The competition between our two great cities is wonderful for hockey, sports in general and our respective communities. We pray that these two outstanding teams play to their best abilities. By making this friendly wager we are also calling to mind the work and mission of the Church that is so vital both in Vancouver and Boston. Our two dioceses share a common love and concern for those most in need. It is our hope that through the experience of this world-class sporting event we can, in some small way, encourage more people to support these two deserving and important charities.”

Project Advance: www.rcav.org/pa/donations

Catholic Charities Boston: <http://www.ccab.org/>

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