

Dear Parishes, Organizations, and Friends:

If all I have to do in order to make people's lives better is bike 2000 km and invite others to contribute to a great cause, I am in.

My name is Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky. I am a Ukrainian Catholic priest, a Fourth Degree Knight, and a Military Chaplain. Like you, I have been challenged by Covid-19. One of my mental health strategies was to exercise a lot. Since I am familiar with long-distance biking and am no stranger to community fundraising, I wanted to focus my efforts. So, **Padre Bikes for Wheels** was born.

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and Dzherelo: Children's Rehabilitation Centre, our purpose is to provide wheelchairs for people in Ukraine. I witnessed the need for greater access to mobility equipment firsthand, during my deployment in Ukraine last year. A donation of \$195.00 provides a new wheelchair for a soldier or a civilian, an adult or a child. A single wheelchair positively impacts the lives of ten or more people, including caregivers. Championed by the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation, we have set our fundraising goal at \$250,000.00. When I felt daunted by this number, Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR reminded me that all I had to do was offer my two fish and five loaves. I invite each of you to do the same.

Here is my pledge. This July, I will cycle approximately 2000 km throughout Northern Saskatchewan while praying for the success of this initiative. To be as conscientious as possible during the pandemic, my daughter, Nina, will be driving a safety vehicle and trailer containing our necessities including food and shelter. For details about my training, the route, and updates during the trip, follow the Padre Bike Ride Facebook Page.

Covid-19 has given each of us a taste of what it feels like to live with certain limitations. For people with disabilities who do not have access to the equipment they need, being cut off from community and opportunity is not new. Join this adventure and change lives.

Donations can be made online or by cheque. Donors will be recognized by name, so please indicate if you wish to remain anonymous. Cheques can be made to Sask. K of C Charitable Foundation, Memo: Padre Bikes and mailed to P.O. Box 61, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 4N7. **For further information or to donate online visit: [www.padrebikes.ca](http://www.padrebikes.ca).**

Just Me,  
With Hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ivan Nahachewsky".

Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky