



# Annual Report

## St. James Cathedral Parish 2010-2011

**D**ear Friends,  
Every year we publish an annual report on the financial condition of the parish. As you decide what your financial commitment to the parish will be this year, I hope that the information contained in this report will help inform your decision. The report details not only the dollars and cents, but also the rich array of activities and ministries made possible by your financial support.

### DOLLARS AND CENTS

**Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, our total parish income was \$4,091,761.**

This came from:

- Sunday and holy day collections
- Annual Catholic Appeal rebate
- Various gifts, grants, bequests and fundraisers
- Business income (including rental of parking spaces and reception rooms, Cathedral Bookstore income, etc.).

**Total expenses for the year were \$4,081,033. They included:**

- Salaries, benefits and other personnel-related expenses
- Our parish's assessment by the Archdiocese
- Our annual assessment to support five central area Catholic schools
- Various operating costs for the maintenance and improvement of the Cathedral, other parish buildings, and the grounds.

**This left us with a modest operating surplus of \$10,728.** After our operating deficit last year and the deficit we had forecast for this year, I must pause here to say how truly amazing this is. I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to you, our parishioners and friends, for your generosity in this time of severe economic challenges. As more and more people suffer the adverse effects of the economic downturn, the demands on the services we provide have increased, and yet—thanks to your generosity—we have been able to meet those demands.

### OUR LIFE AS A PARISH, 2010-2011

**We continue to be a dynamic and vibrant parish with 2,503 registered households, comprising 5,174 individual members.** Our parishioners come



Our annual procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi is a wonderful expression of the vibrancy our parish community

from more than 180 ZIP codes. Well over 1,000 volunteers are involved in more than forty different parish ministries.

During the past fiscal year, almost 1,300 Sunday and regular daily liturgies were celebrated, not counting special liturgies for Holy Days, the Sacred Triduum, and ecumenical and interfaith services. One hundred-sixteen infants and children and eighteen adult catechumens were baptized; thirteen more made a Profession of Faith and were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Around seventy adults are currently enrolled in our RCIA program, preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Forty confirmations were celebrated; 25 children received their First Communion. During the year 42 weddings and 22 funerals were celebrated.

### LITURGY AND MUSIC

As the Cathedral Church, we are privileged to host special events which gather Catholics from across Western Washington. Most notably, we welcomed our new Archbishop, J. Peter Sartain, on September 16, 2010, the day his appointment was announced. Solemn Vespers and the Mass of Installation were celebrated in the Cathedral on November 30 and December 1, respectively. We also observed the retirement of Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett with two special celebrations. Numerous other Archdiocesan liturgies were celebrated, including the Chrism Mass, Ordinations to the Priesthood, the Madre de las Americas celebration with the Hispanic community and the traditional Filipino Advent

celebration, Simbang Gabi. The Cathedral also hosted Baccalaureate Masses for Holy Names Academy, O'Dea High School, Seattle Prep, and Seattle University.

Over the course of the year, there were numerous special concerts, recitals and other musical events held in the Cathedral, including a magnificent presentation of Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers by Cathedral resident ensemble Pacific Musicworks. The Cathedral Music Program continues to be a tool for evangelization, drawing in people of all ages and all walks of life to experience the beauty of the Cathedral and of our tradition of sacred music. In addition, the Schola Cantorum Choir Camp in August of each year has become a magnet for children from parishes across the Archdiocese.

### FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

More than 170 of our Cathedral children participated in Sunday School classes, offered September through June. Special events and presentations for adults in 2010-2011 included Bible study during Advent and Lent, our St. James ESL Book Group, as well as *Living the Gospel*, a six-week program during Lent during which small groups explored the riches of Catholic Social Teaching.

### OUTREACH AND PASTORAL CARE

The Cathedral Kitchen has continued to grow, with 150 people of all ages and races sharing a hot, nutritious meal, lovingly prepared and served in the Cathedral Hall each weeknight. This year a sack lunch program feeding forty people each day was added to our kitchen program—bringing our total number of meals served to nearly 50,000 a year!

The English as a Second Language program provided over 6,000 volunteer hours and served 437 students (an increase of 50 over last year!). This program continues to be one of the most highly regarded ESL programs in the state. The St. James Winter Shelter provided overnight shelter to 10 to 15 men for 120 nights. Thousands of sandwiches were prepared by our parishioners and distributed through St. Martin de Porres Shelter and Operation Nightwatch. And, for the third time, we were happy to be able to host the SHARE shelter for approximately twenty homeless men and women every night in Cathedral Hall.

The Solanus Casey Center, a joint effort with Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services, has grown over the past seven years into a marvelous resource where needy people in our neighborhood can get the referrals and help they need.



Our new Archbishop, J. Peter Sartain, was installed on December 1, 2010

Our outreach programs to the elderly transported seniors to Mass each Sunday and conducted monthly "senior trips." Many homebound parishioners receive communion in their homes each week, allowing them to remain connected to the liturgical life of St. James. In addition, regular communion services were conducted by our ministers at Exeter House, Horizon House, and Faerland Terrace. Finally, about 35 of our seniors were regularly assisted in their homes by the Volunteer Chore Program. Cabrini Ministers visited many others in hospitals, nursing homes and retirement centers.

**ALL THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.** None of these efforts could have been undertaken without the generous support of our parishioners and friends. We want you to know that there has been careful and competent stewardship of the financial resources of the parish. We look forward to accomplishing even more with your support and with the help of God's grace in the coming year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Michael G. Ryan  
Pastor