



Annual Report

St. James Cathedral Parish, 2016-2017

Dear Friends,
 Each year at this time, we publish a report on the financial condition of the parish. As you reflect on your giving to the parish will be in the coming 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 some of the ministries and activities made possible by your support.



DOLLARS AND CENTS

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. **For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, our total parish income was \$4,854,567.**

This came from:

- Sunday and holy day collections (59%)
- Various gifts, grants, and bequests (24%)
- Fundraisers (5%)
- Annual Catholic Appeal rebate (4%)
- Business income (including rental of parking spaces and reception rooms, Cathedral Bookstore, etc.) (8%)

Total expenses for the year were \$4,777,693.

They included:

- Salaries, benefits and other personnel-related expenses such as security (57%)
- Parish assessment by the Archdiocese (5%)
- Our annual assessment to support five central area Catholic schools and parish scholarships for Rainbow Schools and high schools (8%)
- Various operating costs for the maintenance and improvement of the Cathedral, other parish buildings, and the grounds (29%)

This left us with a surplus in 2016-2017 of \$76,874. Last year at this time, we projected a deficit of \$192,525, so this is extremely good news—but it could be misleading. It was several unexpected and extremely generous bequests that made all the difference.

But as you will see from the budget to the right, we are anticipating another large deficit (\$301,080) in the coming year. The reason for this is that our ordinary expenses (insurance premiums, utilities, archdiocesan assessments, salaries and benefits for staff) continue to increase, and so do major maintenance costs on our beautiful, 110-year-old Cathedral (e.g., the recent repair and painting of the Chapel, the major restoration currently underway on the towers, and a long-deferred upgrade to the 70-year-old Rectory elevator). All this to say that our income doesn't always keep pace with our expenses!

OUR LIFE AS A PARISH, 2016-2017

We are a vibrant and diverse parish with 2,529 registered households, comprising 5,422 individual members. Our parishioners come from across Western Washington, from more than 180 ZIP codes. Nearly 1,000 volunteers are involved in some forty parish ministries.

2017-2018 Projected Income and Expense	
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$ 2,982,000
Bequests (<i>anticipated</i>)	164,000
Other gifts, grants & Appeal Rebate	1,192,200
Business income (<i>bookstore, property rental, fundraisers, etc.</i>)	387,623
Projected Total Income	\$ 4,725,823
Staff salaries & benefits	\$ 2,698,209
Supplies (<i>including postage & printing</i>)	419,650
Operations & Maintenance	242,500
Capital Expense	190,000
Contracted Services (<i>includes insurance premiums, service contracts, & contract musicians</i>)	371,253
Business Expenses (<i>including bookstore & fundraising expense, hospitality, donations to others</i>)	163,500
Utilities, vehicles	290,150
Archdiocesan assessment	223,053
Rainbow Schools & Scholarships	428,588
Projected Total Expense	\$5,026,903
Projected Deficit 2017-2018	\$ (301,080)

During the past fiscal year, more than 1,100 Sunday and regular daily liturgies were celebrated, not counting special liturgies for Holy Days, the Sacred Triduum, and ecumenical and interfaith services. Fifty-nine children and six adults were baptized; thirteen people baptized in other Christian traditions made a Profession of Faith and were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Twenty-seven confirmations were celebrated; thirty children received their First Communion. During the year 40 weddings and 27 funerals were celebrated.

LITURGY, MUSIC, & SPECIAL EVENTS

As the Cathedral Church, we are privileged to host special events which gather Catholics from across Western Washington, including Rites of Election, the Chrism Mass, Ordinations, Madre de las Americas and Simbang Gabi. The Cathedral also hosted Baccalaureate Masses for O'Dea High School, Holy Names Academy, Seattle Prep, and Seattle University.

In November, 2016, we marked the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, and in December, we marked Father Ryan's Golden Jubilee of Ordination with special celebrations at the Sunday Masses. As a gift to Father Ryan, the parish community contributed \$203,322 in his name to the Hunthausen Fund, which helps people move from shelters into permanent housing. In May, 2017, we hosted the episcopal ordination of our new auxiliary bishop, Daniel Mueggenborg, and in June, 2017, the ordination of four men to the priesthood.

Over the course of the year, there were numerous concerts, recitals and other musical events. Among the highlights of the past year were our New Year's Eve Gala Concert. In addition, the Schola Cantorum Choir Camp in August brought fifty children to the Cathedral for a week of prayer, service, and singing.

OUTREACH AND PASTORAL CARE

The Cathedral Kitchen has continued to thrive, with between 150-170 people of all ages and races sharing a hot, nutritious meal, lovingly prepared and served in the Cathedral Hall each weeknight—around 40,000 meals a year!

The Solanus Casey Center, our drop-in and referral center, found a new home in the Cathedral's Gallagher Center and continues to be open four days a week to provide a caring, listening ear as well as to help hundreds of people secure their Washington State IDs and to access basic social and mental health services available in our local community.

The St. James Immigrant Assistance program provided thousands of hours of services to immigrants and refugees. The St. James Winter Shelter provided overnight shelter to 10 to 15 men for 120 nights. Tens of thousands of sandwiches were prepared by our parishioners and distributed through St. Martin de Porres Shelter and Operation Nightwatch.



Many homebound parishioners received communion in their homes each week, allowing them to remain connected to the liturgical life of St. James. Others received the bulletin in the mail each week, along with a recording of the Sunday Mass. And our faithful van drivers continued to transport nearby seniors to the 10:00am Mass each Sunday.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

More than 150 Cathedral children participated in Sunday School classes, offered September through June. Special events and presentations for adults in 2016-2017 included our popular Catholic 101 series, bringing in notable local speakers to talk on a variety of subjects, from Flannery O'Connor to reading the bible. During Lent, a dozen small groups gathered for *Pilgrim People*, a scripture study course. Other offerings included a series on T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets* and Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, as well as bible study and other offerings.

Our Youth Ministry and Young Adult programs continue to be a whirlwind of new and exciting opportunities for youth, including retreats, service activities, and social events.

ALL THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND BY THE GENEROUS BEQUESTS OF PARISHIONERS WHO INCLUDED THE CATHEDRAL IN THEIR ESTATE PLANNING. We want you to know that, under the careful oversight of the Cathedral's Finance Council, there has been careful 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