



# Annual Report

## St. James Cathedral Parish 2011-2012

**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, 2012, our total parish income was \$4,001,579.**

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 \$4,088,506. 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 deficit of \$86,927.** While we were able to pay all our bills by drawing on our modest savings, this deficit is clearly a matter of serious concern to me and to our Finance Council, and I'm sure it will be a concern to you as well. As more and more people suffer the adverse effects of the economic downturn, the demands on the services we provide have increased. Thanks to your generosity, we have thus far been able to meet those demands.

### OUR LIFE AS A PARISH, 2011-2012

**We continue to be a dynamic and vibrant parish with 2,591 registered households,** comprising 5,414 individual members. Our parishioners come from more than 180 ZIP codes. Well over 1,000 volunteers are involved in more than forty different parish ministries.



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

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. Seventy-three infants and children and twelve adult catechumens were baptized; fourteen more made a Profession of Faith and were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Around forty adults are currently enrolled in our RCIA program, preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Nineteen confirmations were celebrated; 28 children received their First Communion. During the year 48 weddings and 35 funerals were celebrated.

### LITURGY AND MUSIC

As the Cathedral Church, we are privileged to host special events which gather Catholics from across Western Washington. Some special events this year included our observance of the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11; a special celebration of the Centennial of Maryknoll; a Funeral Mass for Governor Albert Rosellini, to name a few. Numerous 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, 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 wonderful

staged presentation of *Carissimi Prophets* by 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 offerings for adults in 2011-2012 included bulletin inserts and workshops that prepared us for the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal on the First Sunday of Advent, 2011. Other offerings included a four-week series on the history of the Mass, *From Age to Age. Keys to the Council*, a four-week Lenten series celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council; and our Vatican II Lecture series, which began in March, 2012, with a lecture by Father Paul Janowiak, SJ, and continues through November, 2012. In addition, the Camino Seattle, a five-week walking and prayer adventure, began in June, 2012, and concluded on the Feast of St. James. Hundreds of parishioners walked on their own or joined others for walks around the city.

### 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 5,964 volunteer hours and served 481 students (an increase of 44 over last year!). This program also helped 74 people become US Citizens (compared to 21 last year!). 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 fourth 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 eight years into a marvelous resource where needy people in our neighborhood can get the referrals and help they need.



Seventy-three beautiful infants were baptized in the Cathedral from July, 2011-June, 2012

Our new Mental Health Ministry, which is a joint effort with the Order of Malta, has grown over the past year, with about a hundred client contacts monthly.

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