



FAITHFULLY PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

“Dear friends, our Church started with the Incarnation. The Word of God took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and He who was the Son of the Eternal Father became the Son of Mary. And at that moment He took on a relationship with all those who in the course of history would share humanity with Him.”

(Cardinal Justin Rigali)

A Pastoral and Financial Report to the Faithful
Fiscal Year 2002-2003

FAST FACTS

Catholic Population
1,494,883

PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Priests and Deacons
Ordained for Service
953
Religious Order Priests,
Sisters and Brothers
3,922

SOCIAL SERVICES

People Served
154,844
Homeless Men, Women
and Families Served
7,165

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms 18,314	Funerals 12,733
Confirmations 16,863	Christian Initiation of Adults 618
Marriages 5,369	

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOLS

Elementary 76,373	Special Education 337
Secondary 23,102	Total 99,812

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pre-School 3,719	High School 7,264
Elementary 46,574	Total 57,557
Catholic Instruction (Schools, Colleges, Religious Programs) 203,851	

ARCHDIOCESAN EMPLOYEES

12,843
Information above is as of June 2003
(Provided by the
Office for Research and Planning)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with a profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ that I am pleased to present to you **“A Pastoral and Financial Report to the Faithful”** for fiscal year 2002-2003. It was just fifteen days after the close of this fiscal year that in God’s Providence I was appointed the Archbishop of this historic Archdiocese. Even before arriving in Philadelphia, however, I was already aware of the great work being exercised on behalf of the Church by so many dedicated individuals. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to highlight the outstanding leadership my esteemed predecessor, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, provided to this Church in Philadelphia throughout the course of fifteen years. His Eminence has always enjoyed the reputation of being a zealous, pastoral shepherd of souls who is equipped with strong administrative skills. I have witnessed firsthand that this is true and I am privileged to have been named as his successor to this Archdiocese on which he has left such a profound mark.

I greet you once again with immense affection and with deepest gratitude and love. I invite you to accept, along with me, the responsibility of our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ, the Word of God who Himself was made flesh and entered into humanity. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are all called to proclaim Him as the Son of God and Savior of the world and His uplifting Gospel of merciful love. We are all commissioned to serve in His name. We receive from Jesus Himself the mission to *“Go out into the world and teach all people about the Good News.”* (Cf. Mk 16:15) So, too, we are presented with our mandate to be people of service. At the Last Supper, during the Institution of the Eucharist, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and told them, *“I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you also should do.”* (Cf. Jn 13:15)



These words of Jesus have echoed through the corridors of the history of the Church. In our own times and in their writings, Popes Paul VI and John Paul II allude to these Gospel mandates when they speak of the concept of evangelization, or the bringing of Christ to others by word and deeds.

The priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese are to be commended for the genuine efforts they exercise in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Archdiocese is blessed to have so many offices, entities, and institutions through which the mercy and love of Jesus Christ can be channeled. Parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing facilities, and countless numbers of offices serve as the fertile ground in which the seeds of the Gospel are sown on a daily basis. This report illustrates how generous the faithful of the Archdiocese are in their efforts to be faithful stewards of the gifts with which God has blessed them. For the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the FY 2003 was “*a year of favor from the Lord.*” (Cf. Is 61:2) Despite a fragile international landscape marked by war, uncertain and volatile national economic conditions, and even scandal within the Church, the faithful of the Archdiocese demonstrated an unwavering fidelity to a holiness of life marked by generosity, humble service and witness to the Lord.

I would like to thank all of the faithful of the Archdiocese who give so willingly of themselves in order that others might experience the compassionate touch of the person of Jesus Christ. Finally, permit me to invoke the intercession of Mary, the Blessed Mother, Saints Peter and Paul, John Neumann and Katharine Drexel. We pray to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We lift our hearts and souls in prayerful thanksgiving for the blessings this Archdiocese has received. Let it also be our prayer that we will more faithfully proclaim the Gospel message in word and give expression to it by lives of service.

Sincerely in Christ,



Cardinal Justin Rigali, J.C.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Cardinal Rigali blesses the congregation at the conclusion of a Mass he celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

EVANGELIZATION

Those who labor in the realm of *Evangelization* endeavor to bring others to moments of encounter with Jesus Christ. Whatever the setting, evangelization efforts are exercised so that people can experience Christ in a threefold manner, namely, conversion to Him, communion with Him as members of His body, the Church, and the receiving of a mission by Him to proclaim his good news of salvation to the world. In FY 2002-2003, the Archdiocese exercised evangelization related activity in a variety of settings.

Departments, Offices and Programs:

Whatever the level of their faith commitment, all people were invited to conversion to Jesus Christ through *Evangelization Outreach* programs such as Community of Disciples, Door to Door Evangelization, Landings, and the BlessMe.org web site. The ***Prison Ministry Program*** reached out to the incarcerated with the compassion and forgiveness of Christ. ***The Office for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees*** reached out to immigrants, migrants and refugees which together constituted ten percent of the Catholic population of the Archdiocese. ***The Office for Hispanic Catholics*** provided pastoral support for the growing Hispanic community, welcoming them and nurturing within them a strong and lively faith. ***The Office for Black Catholics*** served a similar role in the African American community through programs such as KIJENGA, which evangelized youth, and Family Focus Day, which evangelized families. ***The Family Life Office***, through marriage preparation programs, encouraged couples to on-going conversion to Jesus Christ who calls them to fidelity, generosity in openness to the gift of children, and the enduring bond of the marital union which is characteristic of the Sacrament of Marriage. This Office communicates and supports the role of the family within society as the “Sanctuary of Life.” It offers educational efforts regarding Natural Family Planning which protects and promotes the dignity and integrity of married love which is both unitive and procreative. ***Adult Faith Formation*** assisted parishes with the implementation of the RCIA process whereby people were baptized and entered into communion with Christ and His Church.

The Office for Worship supported parishes and all of the structures within the Archdiocese in their efforts to worship God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The act of worship culminates in the Mass which is both the source and summit of the life of the Church and the most profound expression of communion with Christ as members of His Body. In FY 2002-2003, workshops were conducted throughout the Archdiocese to introduce the revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which guides the proper celebration of Mass. The Mass, as source and summit, is the cornerstone of the pastoral care provided by all of the offices of the Secretariat for Evangelization.

The Respect Life Office proclaims the Gospel message of the inestimable dignity of the human person made in the image and likeness of God and redeemed by Christ. Human life, therefore, is inviolable from conception to natural death. Pro-Life activities carry this forth through advocacy and education concerning the profound tragedy of abortion. Throughout FY 2002-2003, this Office, through the Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate helped promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities and hearing related challenges within the Mass and other settings so they could participate fully in the life of the Church.

One particular initiative begun in FY 2002-2003 was a collaborative effort between the *Respect Life Office and the Office for Black Catholics* to raise awareness of the impact of abortion within the African American community. Project Rachel responds to the lives and relationships broken by abortion. With reference to AIDS Ministry, pastoral care is offered to individuals and families impacted and affected by HIV/AIDS. ***The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith*** played an important role by raising awareness in parishes of the essential mission of the Church, namely, to proclaim Christ to all people. Finally, within the context of Evangelization, a variety of formation programs were coordinated to help the laity, religious, and clergy develop and share their gifts in forms of service to the Church. These programs included the *Church Ministry Institute, The Parish Pastoral Council Program, and the Pro-Life Leadership Day* for the Catholic high school students.



Indian Catholics carry bejeweled umbrellas in the procession of many nations during a Mass which was celebrated to highlight National Migration Week.

CATHOLIC INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELIZATION

The *Catholic Institute for Evangelization*, located in North Philadelphia, is tasked with designing and implementing evangelization training, adult religious formation, and outreach programs for the Hispanic Community in North Philadelphia. The Catholic Institute, during FY 2002-2003, offered a wide range of services and programs in Christian Formation, Lay Ministry Training, and Human Development. Some of these services and programs were: the Hispanic Young Adult Evangelization Program which offered evenings of reflection, day and weekend retreats, and leadership training opportunities; a music education program for children; Hispanic Regional Pre-Cana classes, offered in collaboration with the *Family Life Office*, and liturgy workshops conducted in collaboration with the *Office for Worship*. In FY 2002-2003, over 720 individuals participated in these various offerings. The goal of these programs was to motivate people to live the Gospel within the context of their families and society and influence others to do the same. The Catholic Institute for Evangelization also continued to conduct its *Process of Christian Formation Program* for adults. This three year Faith development program offers a series of nine courses, totaling sixteen hours per course, on topics that include Bible Studies, Church History and Dogma, and Theology. Each course extends over an eight week period and is concluded with a retreat experience. In FY 2002-2003, over 530 individuals attended these courses. Individuals who completed the *Program* were encouraged to participate further in enrichment courses.

MISIÓN SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

The *Misión Santa María Madre de Dios*, located in Avondale, PA, serves the spiritual, social and religious educational needs of the Spanish speaking community of Southern Chester County. The Mission Center provides Spanish language access for a number of purposes such as the making of arrangements for reception of the sacraments of Marriage and Baptism, organization of the CCD program, ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, advocacy, transportation, translation services, and immigration services. In FY 2002-2003, a Social Service Coordinator was added to oversee the daily operations of food, clothing and furniture distribution efforts on behalf of some one hundred people who visited the Mission daily. The Coordinator also served as a liaison with the Mexican Consulate. The Mission added a fifth school bus to its operations to help meet the growing need of transporting the more than six hundred children who participate in the religious education and cultural programs conducted at the Mission. These classes are conducted in English, Spanish, or bilingual settings depending upon the language abilities of the students. One of the primary goals of the cultural programs is to help the students develop a healthy appreciation of their heritage which is rooted in the traditions of the peoples of Mexico.

SAINT PETER CLAVER CENTER FOR EVANGELIZATION

The *St. Peter Claver Center* for Evangelization serves as an Evangelization Center for the benefit of the African American Catholic community. The Center plans, hosts, and facilitates many sacramental preparation programs, parish or cluster special-interest retreats, and Days of Reflection. The Center assists parishes with their evangelization efforts. From the perspective of the African American Catholic experience and in conformity with the teachings of the Catholic Church, in FY 2002-2003 the Center added to its programs: the Catechism of the Catholic Church extension course of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; St. Peter Claver Feast Day celebration, cosponsored by the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver; a Young Adult retreat day which targeted 18-40 year old individuals; Basic Skills programs for students in 7th and 8th grades; parish basketball and teen value retreat days; and a Music Ministry workshop which involved 32 of the parish choirs in the Archdiocese. This year, the Center welcomed two African American Bishops for special celebrations. The St. Peter Claver Center continues to inspire and enrich the Archdiocese through the gifts and talents of the African American Catholic population.

ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

The *Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs* is charged with the mission of cultivating and maintaining a climate of understanding, respect, and cooperation between the Archdiocese and other Christian and non-Christian communities in the Philadelphia area by means of education, dialogue, and common witness. An important activity within the Catholic community during the FY 2002-2003 was the coordinating of a network of lay Parish Ecumenical Representatives (PERs) to foster ecumenical awareness and involvement on the parish level through workshops, newsletters and other activities. PERs have been designated in approximately sixty-three percent of the parishes throughout the Archdiocese. The Office provided educational opportunities within the Archdiocese through the Church Ministry Institute, the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, and the annual Archdiocesan Catholic Life Congress. To further its goals regarding relationships with religious traditions outside the Catholic community, the Office engaged in various dialogue groups such as: Interfaith Lay Dialogue Project (Catholic-Protestant-Jewish), a Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Dialogue within Graterford State Correctional Institution, Priest-Rabbi Dialogue, Lutheran-Catholic Dialogues (both clergy and lay), Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue, and Youth Odyssey (Jewish and Catholic teenagers).

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood:

The Director of the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood coordinated numerous activities to promote vocations and assist those men who believed God might have been calling them to the priesthood. The office exercised a number of initiatives to engage and assist these men with their discernment process. Some of the activities were: weekend retreats, overnight stays, and the following of a seminarian for a day. Holy Hours for Vocations were also begun.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary:

In the Fall of 2002, there were 164 seminarians enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from sixteen (Arch)Dioceses and Religious Orders, including thirty-eight new men, or men who were in the Seminary for what was their first year. The total of 164 represents the combined number of seminarians who were in the college and theology divisions of the Seminary as well as those who were attending the Spirituality Year at Mary Immaculate Center in Northampton. Fifty-eight of the seminarians were studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



Seminarians and clergy process out of St. Martin Chapel, the chapel in the college division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Religious Studies Division:

In the Fall of 2002, 263 students were enrolled in the Religious Studies Division. This evening division affords the lay faithful as well as seminarians, religious, and clergy the opportunity to study at the Seminary. Through this division, various certificates and even a Master of Arts degree can be earned. Teaching locations included the main Seminary campus in Overbrook and satellite campuses in Lansdale, Northeast Philadelphia, South Philadelphia, and Allentown.

Health and Fitness:

In March, 2003, under the guidance of Mr. Pat Croce, the Seminary initiated the Fitness Rooms Renovation Project to provide seminarians and priests of the Archdiocese with a state of the art facility for exercise and physical fitness training. This project was made possible through the generosity of the Priest Alumni Association, foundation support, donations by organizations and individuals, and gifts in kind.

The Annual Seminary Appeal:

The 2003 Seminary Appeal reached its \$2.5 million goal. The Seminary received over \$232,000 in matching gift donations, reflecting a 42% increase in matching gifts over the 2002 Appeal. Rector's Circle membership (donors contributing \$5,000 or more) increased by 10%. The Priest Alumni Appeal exceeded its goal for the third straight year and generated \$81,639.

The Saint Charles Seminary Classic:

The Seminary's inaugural Golf Outing, the Saint Charles Seminary Classic, was held at the Blue Bell Country Club on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This event generated over \$118,000 in support of the Seminary's General Scholarship Fund.

CLERGY

ORDINATIONS

Transitional Deacons:

In May, 2003, five men were ordained transitional deacons for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These men would ordinarily spend one year serving in the role of deacon before being ordained priests.

Priests:

In May, 2003, nine transitional deacons were ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



During the Ordination Rite, the soon-to-be priests prostrate in the sanctuary of the Cathedral.

DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING FORMATION FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

At the request and direction of the Secretary for Clergy, the Department for Continuing Formation for Priests designed a *Pastoral Leadership Institute*. The goal of the Institute is to cultivate and enhance the ministerial skills of priests who have a few years of experience in pastoral ministry. It is comprised of seven progressive phases designed to prepare the priest in the duties and responsibilities of pastoral leadership over a two and one half year period. The *Pastoral Leadership Institute* is a spiritually driven, multi-disciplinary program that seeks to prepare the priest to better understand and execute the three-fold office of a pastor, namely, sanctifying, teaching and governing. The program culminates in the priest's final discernment process to formally present himself to the Archbishop for consideration as a candidate to be a pastor in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The program also provides ongoing formation opportunities and support to new pastors.

RETIRED PRIESTS

To the extent that their health permits, retired diocesan priests are encouraged to participate actively in the spiritual and pastoral life of the Church in Philadelphia. Presently, approximately half of the over 140 retired priests are engaged in sacramental ministry at local parishes, convents, and health care facilities. Three Archdiocesan facilities are especially designed to provide



At Regina Coeli Residence, Fathers Duddy and Jaworowski concelebrate Mass.

residence and care for retired priests of the Archdiocese, as well as those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to engage in full active priestly ministry. Villa Saint Joseph, Darby, is home to approximately 55 priests; assisted care is available for those who require help with activities of daily living. Regina Coeli Residence, Warminster, is home for twelve priests who are well enough to live independently. Priests needing skilled nursing care are cared for at Saint Francis Country House, adjacent to Villa Saint Joseph, Darby, or at another of the five Archdiocesan nursing facilities. These facilities are funded through various means: the Villa Saint Joseph Fund (an endowment founded and supported by the priests); legacies and bequests; an annual collection among the faithful of the Archdiocese; Catholic Charities, and Archdiocesan subsidies.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

In June, 2003, one man was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Permanent Diaconate Program of Formation was revised a year ago and the transition period which was necessary to shift from the "old" program to the "new" program resulted in the extraordinary circumstance of just one man being ordained. It is anticipated that fifteen men will be ordained permanent deacons in June, 2004. Forty-six men were in the permanent diaconate formation program in FY 2002-2003.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic education focuses on the development of the whole person in a values-based atmosphere.

205 Parish Elementary Schools:

In September, 2002, a trimester grading system was introduced in the 205 parish elementary schools to provide teachers and students an extended period of time for instruction and assessment practices that would enhance the students' academic success.

In September, 2002, Sacred Heart Parish in Oxford, PA opened a new school and St. Clare Parish in Linfield, PA opened an early childhood learning center. A building addition was dedicated at Saints Philip and James Parish in Exton, PA. This allowed for the opening of a new section in grades one through eight.



Students at St. Denis School search the world over to find Pennsylvania.



Students at Cardinal Dougherty High School take a break from their hectic schedule to rally around Fr. Janicki, the School Minister.

22 Archdiocesan Secondary Schools:

During the 2002-2003 year, the 22 Archdiocesan secondary schools completed a strategic planning process of developing goals, objectives, and action plans regarding the areas of Mission, Catholic Identity, Academics, Student Services, Student Affairs, Parent and Community Relations, Enrollment Management and Marketing, Development, and Finance.

Students received \$6.1 million in tuition assistance funding and \$2.2 million in scholarships to attend an Archdiocesan high school through the generous support of school alumni, the Catholic Life 2000 endowment, the Connelly Foundation, the Sullivan Trust, the Ellis Trust, the Archdiocesan Educational Fund, and Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS).

In June, 2003, the schools graduated 5,426 students who received a combined total of \$175 million in scholarships to colleges and universities. Scholarship awards increased by 19.4% from the previous year.

5 Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education:

With the generous support of Catholic Charities, there are five schools of special education. St. Katherine, Our Lady of Confidence, and Queen of the Universe Day Schools provided training in life skills and functional academics to help children with cognitive impairments reach their full potential and become contributing members in their communities. St. Lucy Day School met the unique needs of students with visual impairments while Archbishop Ryan School served students who were deaf or hard of hearing. These schools were also engaged in strategic planning and sought to build on their strengths. The Archdiocese also continued operating six elementary learning disabilities programs in partnership with parishes and two secondary schools.



Sr. Lisa Ann Lettiere, I.H.M., assists a young student at the St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments.



A few students from Archbishop Wood High School make use of computer technology which enhances the educational experience of the twenty-first century.

Technology:

Technology continued to be integrated across the curriculum in all schools. Many teachers made extensive use of laptop computers and projectors to enhance instruction in the daily classroom setting. The number of computers and the use of such equipment has expanded dramatically over the course of the last several years. The *Office of Catholic Education* received grants totaling \$1.3 million to fund technology initiatives during the 2002-2003 year.

Secretariat for Catholic Education

Use of Funds for 2002-2003

\$129,923,680

Schools of Special Education	2.7%
Office for Youth and Young Adults	1.8%
Newman Apostolates5%
Office of Catholic Education	3.6%
High Schools	91.4%

NB: *Elementary schools are operated by individual parishes. Thus the allocation of the Secretariat funds does not reflect spending on elementary education. The Office of Catholic Education provides support to the elementary schools through curriculum development, staff development, supervision and other programs.*

Office for Catechetical Formation:

The *Office for Catechetical Formation* focused primarily on guidance and leadership for various schools of catechesis throughout the Archdiocese. The office staff continued to network with various entities to present a single vision for catechetical formation, ensure good communication, and build strong support systems.



A number of high school students leisurely review materials provided during a Day of Recollection or Retreat.

The Newman Apostolate:

The *Newman Apostolate* provided pastoral care for the students, faculty, administration, and staff of secular and private universities and colleges, as well as an environment in which the Faith of Catholic students could continue to be nurtured. In addition, the staff acted as liaisons between Campus Ministry at Catholic Colleges and the Archdiocese.



A young woman from Bishop Shanahan High School takes a break from one of the many OYYA coordinated events.

Office for Youth and Young Adults:

The *Office for Youth and Young Adults* supported schools, parishes and Church leaders in their mission to prepare youth and young adults to hear and respond to the call of Jesus Christ. OYYA performed this mission through its committees, departments, and programs such as Community Service Corps, Parish Youth Ministry/CYO, Summer Training Enrichment Programs, Operation Santa Claus and Young Adult Ministry.

Web Site:

The *Office of Catholic Education's* web site continued to serve as a source of information. For information about Catholic education or to learn how someone can Sponsor-A-Student, please visit the web site at www.catholicschools-phl.org.

STEWARDS OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN



Stewards of St. John Neumann stand in amazement at the computer skills demonstrated by two elementary school students.

The *Stewards of Saint John Neumann* continue to be a valuable resource to the mission of the Church in Philadelphia. Since the creation of the group in 1996, membership has witnessed a 110% increase - with 2003 one of its most active years of expansion.

As a vocal, visible group of lay leaders committed to the ideals of stewardship, the Stewards continued to assist the Archbishop through service on more than a dozen Archdiocesan boards and committees. Additionally, since inception, the Stewards have raised \$5.0 million in support of vital programs that carry forth the message of renewal and evangelization. Included in that total is \$771,740 which was raised during FY 2002-2003 - an increase of 9% over that raised in the previous fiscal year.

The Spirit also moved many Stewards to proactive individual as well as collective efforts this past fiscal year. Aside from various membership efforts, 2003 witnessed a member sharing her personal journey to stewardship at the 2003 Archdiocesan Stewardship Day while another Steward spearheaded the creation of the *Philadelphia Cool Challenge* to assist seniors in need during the heat of summer.

STEWARDS' ALLIANCE

The *Stewards' Alliance* is a valuable organization which helps in fulfilling the mission of the Church, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the *Office for Development*. By providing opportunities for young professionals to commit time, talent, and treasure, the Stewards' Alliance continues successfully to raise funds for the Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education.

In light of their personal commitment to the needs of their neighbors, the Stewards' Alliance hosts an annual *Back-to-School BASH* silent auction benefit in support of special education. The funds raised from this event have grown significantly since its inception in the year 2000. During FY 2002-2003, the event generated \$16,000 - an increase of 60% over that raised in the previous year.

In addition to their fund-raising endeavors, Stewards' Alliance members participated in a number of community service projects which the members label as "Stewardship Saturday." Among the places they visited in 2003 were Saint Charles Borromeo Senior Center, Saint Katherine Day School, Saint Vincent's Home, and Don Guanella School. Members of the Stewards' Alliance also participated in *Philadelphia Cool Challenge*.



Members of the Stewards' Alliance applaud each other's efforts at the conclusion of yet another successful "Stewardship Saturday" service project.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The *Catholic Charities Appeal* makes it possible for any one person or family to touch thousands of lives in the Greater Philadelphia area. For 46 years, men, women and children within the five counties of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have received shelter from physical and emotional distress, assistance in times of crisis, support for those in their senior years and guidance for young mothers and those entering the sacrament of matrimony. Nearly every service offered through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has been touched by the work of the *Catholic Charities Appeal*.

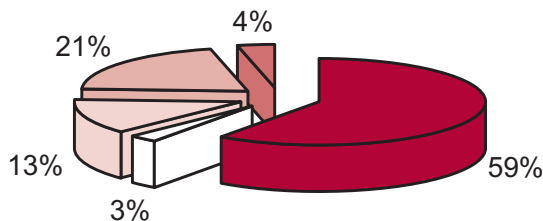


A few youngsters enjoy a beautiful spring day on playground equipment which was able to be purchased because of funding provided by Catholic Charities.

In FY 2002-2003, nearly \$9.0 million was raised by the faithful of the Archdiocese. Because of this, more than eighty agencies and programs were able to be designated as recipients of much needed funding. These monies have enabled said agencies and programs to continue providing their services to those who have need of them. Ninety-five cents of every dollar received was channeled directly to the funding of the just referenced services and programs.

Needs continue to outweigh available funds. Consequently, a greater focus is being made on increasing parish participation for the Appeal. The first annual participation award was presented to St. Nicholas of Tolentine parish in Philadelphia. This parish encouraged just under 65% of its members to contribute to the 2002 campaign. For 2003, their parish participation increased to 78.8%.

Catholic Charities Distribution



■ Catholic Human Services	\$5,905,000
□ Catholic Life and Evangelization	\$276,000
□ Villa St. Joseph	\$1,277,000
□ Schools of Special Education	\$2,025,000
■ The Office for Youth and Young Adults	\$345,000

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP ORGANIZED FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



A couple of happy elementary school boys share their youthful enthusiasm and curiosity with one another.

Many families who desire to send their children to the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese find it difficult to afford tuition. Through BLOCS, local businesses and individuals have an opportunity to support Catholic school students.

The Executive Board of BLOCS, led by Chairman J. William Mills, III, actively solicits support for the long-term betterment of these schools. With the funds raised each year, grants are awarded to students throughout the Archdiocese regardless of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin.

Since 1998, BLOCS has raised in excess of \$8.7 million, including more than \$700,000 from the 2003 Annual Gala, as well as important additional funding via foundations and scholarship funds. In addition to these funds, BLOCS also has leveraged Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax

Credit (EITC) as a source of new funds for the benefit of Catholic education. Through EITC, BLOCS has raised an additional \$3.5 million and has tripled its annual impact on direct tuition assistance. During FY 2002-2003, nearly \$1.3 million was raised by the BLOCS - EITC program.

The total impact BLOCS makes is far reaching and can be found in every Archdiocesan school. It is important that BLOCS funding and support increase each year, as the schools strive to remain superior in preparing students for their futures.

CATHOLIC HUMAN SERVICES

The Gospel message of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, comforting the dying, and caring for our brothers and sisters in their time of physical, material, and/or spiritual need is the mission of Catholic Human Services.

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

A responsive, qualified team of diverse staff, functioning together in the spirit of servant leadership, enabled Catholic Health Care Services to offer a full array of programs and services to the people of the Archdiocese. Through the staff's efforts, the consoling hand of Our Lord touched more than 2000 residents of the Archdiocese's five skilled nursing homes, and the residents and participants in the Archdiocese's community-based programs.

Highlights for FY 2002-2003 included:

- The blessing of *Villa St. Martha* in Downingtown, PA. This supportive, independent living residence offers amenities and services that enable residents to enjoy their independence in a safe and secure environment. The assisted living residents have their own apartment, but also security in the knowledge that staff is ready to assist with their daily living needs. The Carlson Center offers a secure and tranquil environment for residents with memory impairments.
- The Community Model Project (CMP) serves members of the community experiencing life threatening illnesses. The CMP produced a "how-to" manual and video that was distributed to every parish in the Archdiocese. This program was well received in parishes and received national attention.



Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, R.S.M., Parish Nurse Facilitator, teaches 7th grade students at Incarnation of Our Lord Parish the importance of cardiovascular health.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

More than 154,800 men, women, and children benefitted from the services of Catholic Social Services during the 2002-2003 fiscal year. The year was filled with dedications and blessings as CSS revitalized its residential programs in order to provide state of the art facilities for its clients in residential care and for community programs.

Highlights for FY 2002-2003 included:

- Construction of the *Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center* in the Kensington section of Philadelphia - This \$3 million facility is the site of athletic, recreational, and educational activities for children from the surrounding community and parishes as well as meeting space for parents and other adults in need of social services.
- Construction of *Visitation Homes* - This transitional living situation for women and children neared completion at the end of the fiscal year. Located next to the Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center, this complex provides 18 units of housing and support services to women and their children.



The Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center serves as an oasis of hope and provides a well-established presence of the Catholic Church in the midst of community life.

- Development of a new campus for *St. Francis - St. Joseph Homes for Children* - Cardinal Bevilacqua dedicated the new campus located in Bensalem, Bucks County. This \$7.5 million complex includes an administration building, a school, a gymnasium/recreation complex, and five residential cottages each with a family style environment for the boys in care.
- A face-lift for *St. Vincent's Home*, Tacony - This residential program situated alongside the Delaware River in the Tacony section of Philadelphia invested \$3 million for redesigned living spaces, improved plumbing and electrical wiring.
- Renovations at *St. John's Hospice* - This shelter that houses forty individuals and provides 6000 meals each month to homeless men underwent \$625,000 in renovations. *Mercy Hospice*, a shelter for women and children, invested over \$325,000 in necessary renovations.
- Renovations at *St. Gabriel's Hall* - Cardinal Bevilacqua rededicated a new, improved Hall, the result of a \$12 million renovation. Included in the renovation was a ranch style home for The Mitchell Program, renovations to other residential units, roof replacement, internal systems, and kitchen renovations.

NUTRITIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

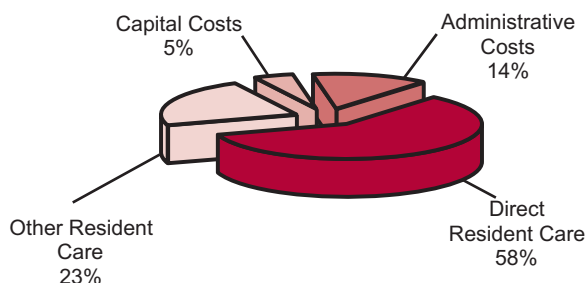
The feeding of children and those in need is carried out all year long. One thousand agencies and more than 75,000 children and adults were nourished through the work of NDS. NDS explored new ways to reach out to the community and three new publications were developed. *Nurture and Nourish: A Residential Child Care Guide* provides recipes and nutrition information for staff of residential group homes. *Anti-Hunger Opportunities* describes how parishes and schools can support food drives and other efforts to allay hunger in the community. *Bring Food-Work for Justice* links hunger and poverty to the need of a more just society.

NDS was honored by the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center with the Leadership Award for Exemplary Commitment and Service to Ending Hunger. This honor is shared with all the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese who assist NDS in its work to feed the hungry.

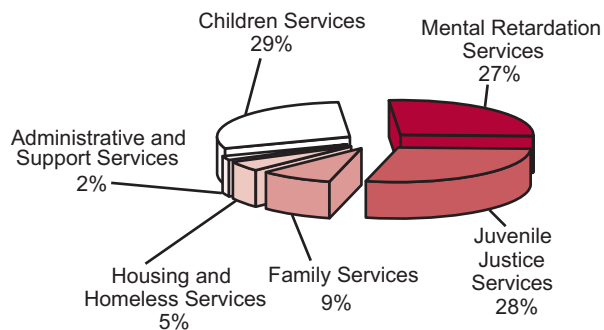
OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

To be a catalyst for change in the community is the mission of the *Office for Community Development (OCD)*. As such, the Office worked with funders from the public and private sector, including Catholic Social Services, to develop Visitation Homes and the Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. The staff of OCD is working with the community surrounding St. Hugh of Cluny Parish to reclaim housing in order to stabilize the neighborhood and assist residents to become homeowners.

Catholic Health Care Services
Total Expenses \$ 79,743,010



Catholic Social Services
Total Expenses \$ 90,110,945



RELIGIOUS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Within the context of the universal call to holiness and mission, consecrated life stands as a unique charism or gift to the Church. “The consecrated life, deeply rooted in the example and teaching of Christ, the Lord, is a gift of God the Father to His Church through the Holy Spirit.” (Vita Consecrata)

Throughout the history of the Archdiocese, the personal witness to Christ of countless numbers of consecrated women and men has been and continues to be a blessing. They have played an important role in every aspect of the life of the Church. In FY 2002-2003, the talents and abilities of these consecrated persons (93 institutes or societies with almost 4,000 religious sisters, religious priests, and religious brothers) were found in every level of education, health care, social services, parish life, Archdiocesan administration and even the contemplative life.

Never has the need been greater for young women and men to heed God’s call to serve the Church through the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience. God’s call is ever old and ever new. Pope John Paul II envisions “a greater history still to be accomplished.” (Vita Consecrata)



Sr. M. Gabrielle, O.Carm., introduces a furry friend to a resident of Sacred Heart Manor in Mount Airy.

METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

The *Metropolitan Tribunal* is the ecclesiastical court for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Tribunal deals with any kind of judicial process in the Church. Most of its work, in FY 2002-2003 like any other year, dealt with marriage cases. More specifically, the staff of the Tribunal served the needs of people who had been involved in a marriage that had ended in a divorce and who were then seeking a decree of nullity (according to Church law) for that marriage.

The staff of the Tribunal see their ministry not only as one of justice but also as one of reconciliation - returning people to the sacraments and, sometimes, to the practice of the Faith. Petitions are frequently received from non-Catholics who wish to marry Catholics or who themselves wish to become Catholic.

A little known aspect of the Tribunal is that it investigates causes of saints. Hence, the processes for the canonizations of Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel were carried out by the Philadelphia Tribunal. The Tribunal has also investigated alleged miracles attributed to other saints if the miracle is supposed to have occurred within the Archdiocese. The most recent of those was for Mother Frances de Sales Aviat and the miracle was approved by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Members of the Tribunal staff frequently conduct information sessions about their work in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Approximately fifty of these sessions are held each year.

RESEARCH & PLANNING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

New information technologies have enabled the Church to collect, assemble, manage and make sense of large aggregations of data. In FY 2002-2003, the role of the *Office for Research and Planning* with the help of *Information Technology Services* was to turn data into accurate, timely, understandable and useful information which was then made available in reports and on the Archdiocesan web site. The information was able to be turned into knowledge regarding what was happening in the parish communities by the pastors, parishioners, and those working for the Archdiocese who made use of formal planning processes, oftentimes assisted by trained facilitators. It was hoped that the knowledge could result in wise recommended courses of action to help in the efforts to accomplish the mission of the Church.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

The Enactments of the Tenth Archdiocesan Synod were promulgated on May 29, 2003, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. They became effective a month later on June 29, 2003, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the secondary patrons of the Archdiocese. The Synod Enactments were published in *The Catholic Standard & Times* in the May 29th issue of the newspaper. A printed booklet was prepared and sent to priests, deacons, religious, those who had been members of the Synod, seminarians, and schools in the Archdiocese. The publication included: 1) pastoral reflections of Cardinal Bevilacqua on the Synod, 2) the decree of promulgation, 3) declarations of the Synod, 4) eighty-three decrees or norms of the Synod.

The pastoral reflections of His Eminence provided the context in which the Synod was to be understood. The decree of promulgation clearly placed the Synod Enactments in the category of particular law and not merely suggestions for the Archdiocese. The declarations of the Synod provided affirmations of the truths of Catholic faith and morals. Finally, the decrees or norms bound, according to their subject matter, all the members of the Christian faithful of the Archdiocese. The goal of the Synod was to ensure that all of the faithful of the Archdiocese remain sound in the Faith, united in communion, and open to a sense of mission in the local Church.



The closing liturgy of the Synod – December, 2002.

TEMPORAL SERVICES

Within the context of the mission of the Church and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, namely, to proclaim Jesus Christ and his Gospel message of salvation, those who labor in the realm of Temporal Services endeavor to support the spiritual and pastoral work of the Church. The staff of the various offices of the *Secretariat for Temporal Services* provide service through stewardship, leadership, and pastoral management of the temporal goods and resources of the Archdiocese. Those who work in the various offices of Temporal Services are often seen as those who coordinate the business related matters of the Church. These dedicated employees exercise a variety of responsibilities which provide a support structure for the people who are tasked with pastoral ministry and service. Some Temporal Services' staff handle human resources related issues, assisting with the hiring of and retention of employees who are dedicated to the mission of the Church. Other staff members take care of insurance related issues and matters of a legal nature on behalf of the Archdiocese and of parishes. Still, other staff members provide diligent oversight and management of finances so that proper stewardship of donations, investments, budgeting, and the allocation of monies to be spent are properly executed. In addition to exercising these responsibilities on a daily basis throughout the fiscal year, in April, 2003, the Secretariat for Temporal Services conducted a major workshop for the pastors, priests, and parish business managers of the parishes so as to help provide them with the knowledge and tools needed to properly address the temporal aspects of the parishes' operations. Some of the topics covered at the workshop were: Personnel and Human Resources Related Issues; the Processes and Procedures for Implementing Capital Projects, Effective Ways to Enhance Stewardship and Development; the Processing of Insurance Claims; Proper Recording of Accounting Records for Audit Purposes; and matters connected with the Catholic Cemeteries Office.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Catholic Cemeteries prepared and provided more than 8,300 burials for the faithful departed during FY 2002-2003. Included in this total were 160 "gratis burials" which were provided for the poor and less fortunate who otherwise might not have had the means necessary to secure proper burial in a Catholic cemetery.

Construction of a garden mausoleum at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery was initiated during FY 2002-2003. The garden mausoleum will accommodate 3,256 entombments and more than 500 cremated remains. The blessing and dedication of this new structure is expected to be conducted in the Spring of 2004. A columbarium for the inurnment of cremated remains is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2004, as well, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The new columbarium will have 500 single niches.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The consolidated financial information includes all significant Archdiocesan entities except for parishes and parish entities (which report separately to their parishioners). The results of the Archdiocesan entities were added together and all intra-diocesan transactions were eliminated. The only information in the consolidated statements which relates to parishes is the subsidy provided to financially struggling parishes through the Inter-Parochial Cooperation Commission (IPCC). In FY 2003, the Commission distributed \$4.4 million. Of this amount, \$3.0 million came from parish assessment dollars and over \$1.4 million was provided from the IPCC endowment fund. Without these funds, 32 parishes and 2 apostolates would not have been able to maintain parish services and elementary schools.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Administration, Offices, Institutions and Support Services Combined Statement of Support, Revenue and Expenses Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003 (with comparative totals June 30, 2002)

	2003	2002
Support and Revenue:		
Contributions and Bequests	\$24,509,469	\$21,713,820
Diocesan Assessments	16,758,712	16,634,963
Catholic Charities Appeal	9,828,000	10,395,000
Archdiocesan Offices & Programs:		
Fees for Services	111,760,048	112,817,707
Tuition	93,253,452	88,116,148*
Government Funding (Social and Nutritional Services)	83,321,458	75,234,711
Contributed Services:	4,038,875	4,095,955
Other Support / Revenue:		
Investment Income	3,734,300	4,432,878
Miscellaneous	490,618	662,212
Archdiocesan Funds to Offset Deficit:	10,330,080	6,960,437
Total Support and Revenue	\$358,025,012	\$341,063,831
Expenses:		
Education	\$129,923,680	\$124,776,595*
Catholic Cemeteries	10,140,584	9,924,043
Catholic Social Services	90,110,945	81,697,160
Nutritional Development Services	10,607,800	10,703,138
Catholic Health Care Services (including Nursing Homes)	79,743,010	75,413,187
St. Charles Seminary	8,754,304	7,881,512
Clergy Development and Care	3,584,940 ¹	3,669,942
Villa St. Joseph	2,627,164 ¹	2,734,527
Administrative	2,620,203	2,630,331
Pastoral Services	6,256,292	6,851,485
Support Services	6,928,452 ²	8,319,246
The Catholic Standard & Times	2,318,639 ²	2,277,365
Inter-Parochial Cooperation Commission	4,408,999	4,185,300
Total Expenses	\$358,025,012	\$341,063,831

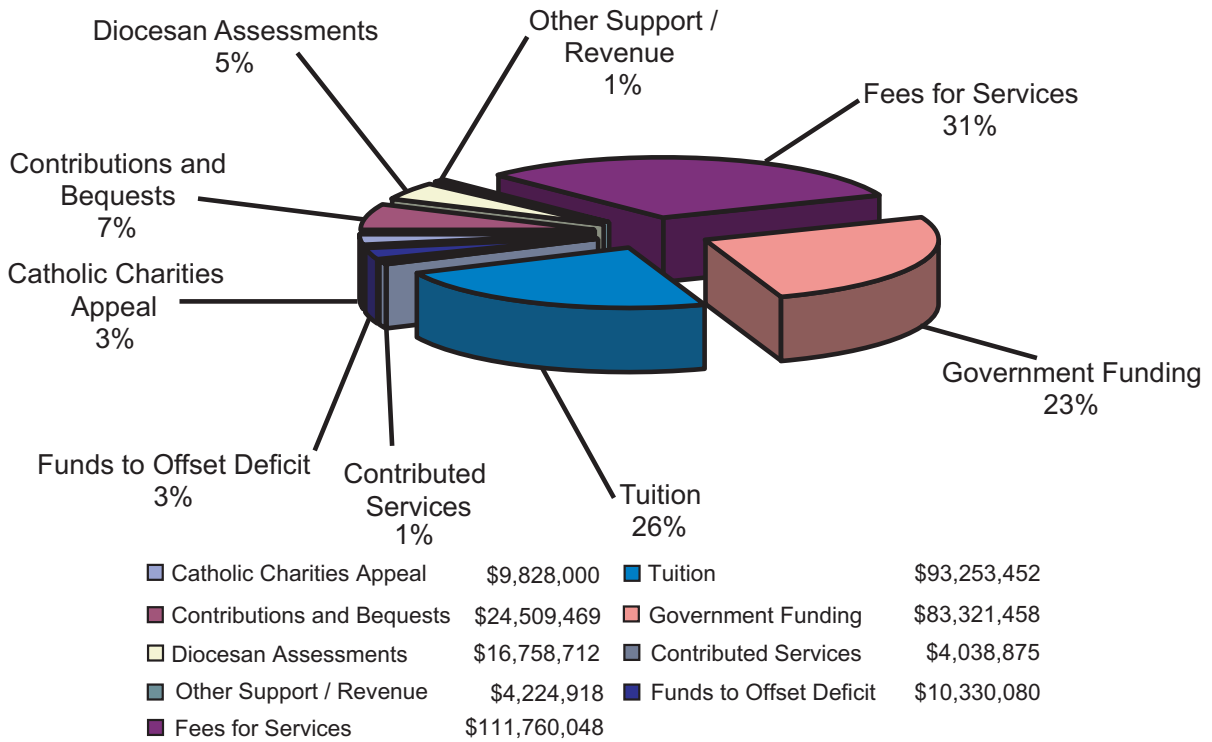
Financial Information does not include activities of the Parishes.

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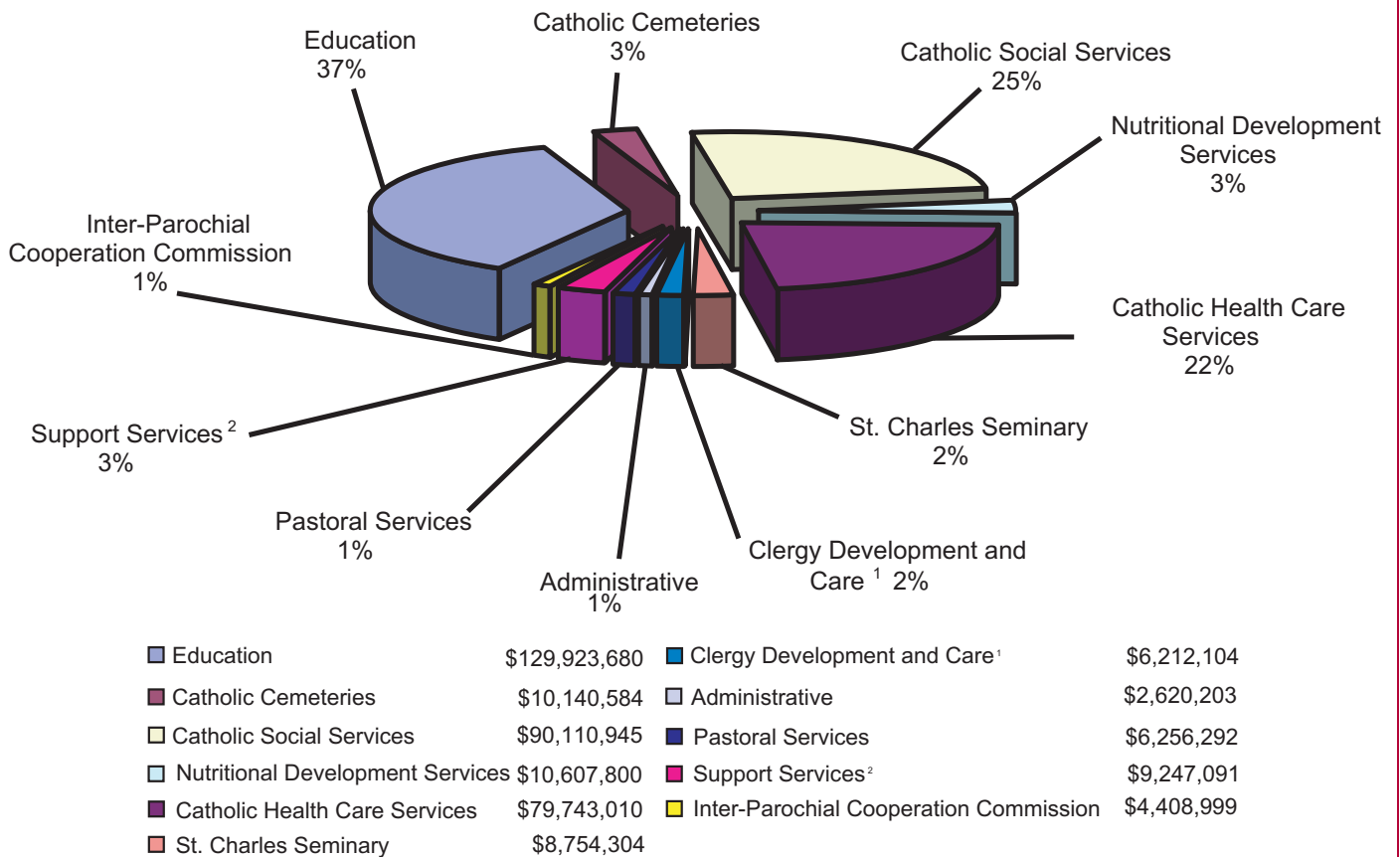
(1) Included in Clergy Development and Care in pie chart on page 15

(2) Included in Support Services in pie chart on page 15

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This past fiscal year has been very challenging for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The economic, political and cultural issues surrounding the world and the Church heightened the need for vigilance and fiscal responsibility during challenging times. On the previous pages, the reduction in the administrative, support, and even pastoral expenses illustrate the sound stewardship which was exercised with regard to the monies which were entrusted to the Archdiocese by the faithful. It was only through the generosity of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that God's vineyard was able to be properly maintained so that it could continue to flourish. The generosity of the faithful was apparent through the spirit of selflessness they demonstrated as they sacrificed of their time, talent, and treasure. As mentioned in His Eminence's introductory letter, the faithful are to be commended for the undying passion they exhibit to proclaim the Gospel message in word and by lives of service.

ARCHDIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL



Pictured with His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, are members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and Staff. Left to right, Seated: Mr. Robert J. Sims, Ms. Kathy Pape, Mr. Joseph J. McLaughlin, Ms. Anita Guzzardi. Standing: Reverend Monsignor Michael T. McCulken, Brother Joseph Willard, F.S.C., Mr. Charles P. Connolly, Jr., Reverend Monsignor John J. McIntyre, Mr. William R. Sasso, Mr. Edward J. Roach, Mr. Glenn J. Masakowski, Most Reverend Joseph R. Cistone, V.G., Mr. Stephen A. Cohen, Mr. Robert Gunn, Mr. John J. Quindlen, Ms. Susan DuBan. (Not present: Dr. Robert T. LeClair)

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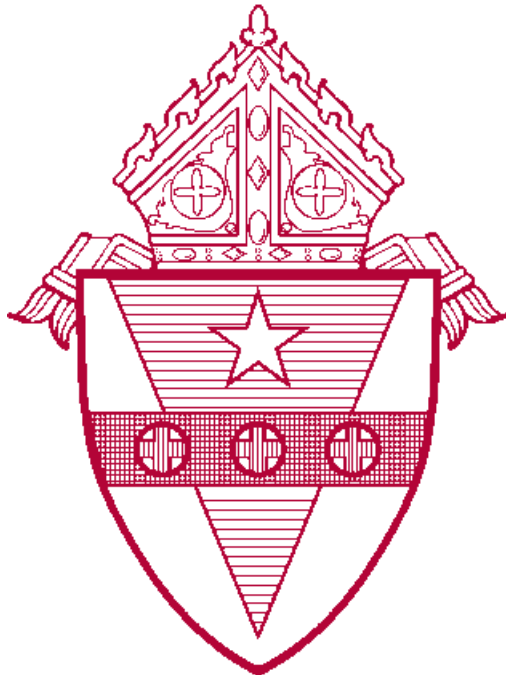
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(Cardinal Justin Rigali)



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