

OUR LADY
OF MOUNT
CARMEL

stewardship report
for fiscal year 2012

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LETTER FROM FATHER JOHN



Dear Friends,

In a recent conversation someone said to me, "You know Father, I have a real problem with organized religion." And all I could say was, "don't worry, I have more of a problem with organized religion than you ever will." The challenge all religious believers face is how to maintain the structures of the Church without making maintaining the structure the whole focus? Unfortunately when we make self-preservation the highest good then we expend energy, gifts and resources in ways that disregards how the Spirit wants us to use our energies, gifts and talents.

Stewardship is the way by which we can avoid this trap. Since as stewards we place first our entire selves and everything attached at God's disposal. He then becomes the one to tell us how to use our resources and where to expend our energies. This is particularly important to remember as the Church goes through changes both in growth and in downsizing. What the Church looked like in the 1940's, 50's & 60's will not be what the Church looks like in the 2040's, 50's or 60's.

But what must remain the same is our willingness to be Stewards of our Faith. That means always that we seek to give to God our first and best. This annual Stewardship Report gives a glimpse of how well or deficiently in 2011 we did just that. While the numbers contained in this Annual Report reflect how together we used our energies, gifts and resources, it is important for each of us individually to take inventory of the same. Did you serve better in 2011 than in 2010? Did you give more of your resources of time, talent and treasure than before?

The more each of us has the attitude and behavior of a good Steward, the more we can together respond to the promptings of the Spirit in this time and place. Our collective stewardship helps us to maintain what we already have so we can do what we are called to do and be who we are called to be: a worshipping community that overflows into the many concrete ministries in our Parish. However when that maintaining gets in the way of who we are suppose to be and how we are suppose to be we need the courage to let go and let the Spirit have its way.

Sometimes both together and individually that means letting go, living with more sacrifice, less time for self and more time for service. As St. Paul reminds us, "for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:10-13

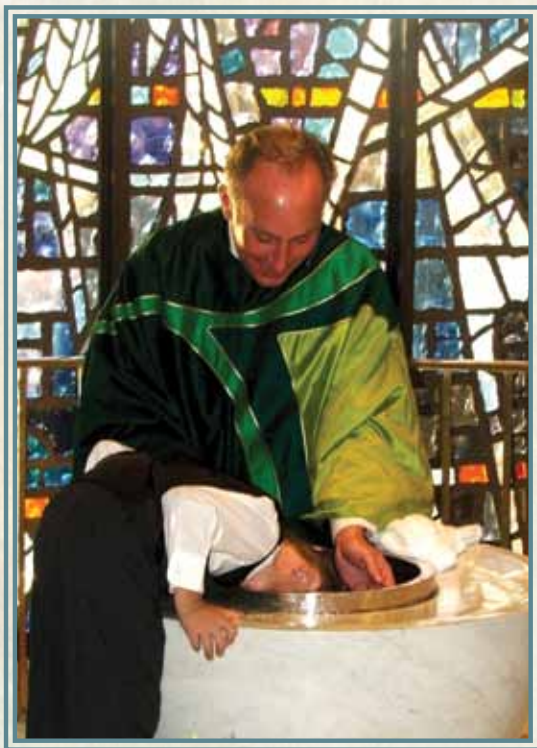
As the Spirit pushes us to be better stewards may we with St. Paul not grow anxious but be convinced with him that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Love,

Rev. John M. Bonavitacola

Fr. John

JULY 1, 2011 — JUNE 30, 2012



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms — 106

First Reconciliations — 73

First Communions — 86

Confirmations — 125

Marriages — 17

Sacraments of the Sick — 50

Received into Full Communion
(Previously Baptized) — 21

RCIA — 20

Funerals/Memorial Masses — 37

VOCATIONS

Deacon Candidate — 1

Entered into Sisterhood — 2

Seminarians — 2



“ Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord appointed to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning... all these were honored in their generations and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise.

But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they have never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. ”

— Sirach 44:1-2,7-9



How would you like to be remembered?

Would you like to be remembered for your athletic abilities or cooking skills? Perhaps you wish to be remembered for the impeccable way you dressed. Or, you wish to be remembered for your leadership skills, or craftsmanship, or any number of accomplishments in life.

Someone once proposed, “Why not strive to be remembered as a great spouse and parent?” This is truly a noble goal. But, is that it? Is that enough? Why don’t you choose to be remembered as a Saint in our times?

All of us are baptized. Baptism confers grace on everyone who receives baptism. This also comes with responsibility: Stewardship, along with the sacraments, is the path to sainthood and the way to fulfill our baptismal call.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Infant (ages from birth to 7 years old) Baptism Preparation is a two-part process at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Parish.

The first is a required preparation class that needs to be renewed every 2 years in the Diocese of Phoenix for the parents (recommended for godparents also).

The second part is an informal home visit that allows young parents to ask specific questions about their child's baptism.



Many young couples today are caught in a culture that does not promote life, faith, and family. That is where the home visit comes in as part of the "first contact" and evangelization from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. This is not always the case with the young parents of Mt. Carmel but to the ones that this is their situation, they are truly amazed and surprised that they mean so much to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. To hear a young father state that he could not understand why he was so important to Mt. Carmel that they would send someone out to meet with him to discuss his child's baptism was the true affirmation that our program is doing what it is supposed to do – encourage young families to become part of the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel family and community!

“ Encourage each other daily while it is still today. ”

– Hebrews 3:13

Stewardship is often described as a way of life, broken down into three areas of life: time, talent, and treasure. At OLMC, we have been promoting the Rule of One as a way of starting to live a life in stewardship. **The Rule of One is simple: spend one hour per week in prayer, one hour in ministry work, and your first hour of wages to OLMC.** Gradually, as we grow in stewardship and in holiness, we will want to move beyond the Rule of One, to give even more freely of our gifts in gratitude to God for all He has given us. Some may even feel moved to become Stewardship Households.

Blessed John Paul II is a great example of an interior life. Throughout his Papacy, John Paul demonstrated a strong prayer life. How many times did we see him with eyes closed and an intense look on his face? Where did he go then? He provided many ways for one to increase spiritually: Theology of the Body, Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary, and World Youth Day are a few. John Paul gave particular emphasis on providing more role models for Christians to follow by canonizing 482 saints. He also made St. Therese of the Child Jesus a Doctor of the Church.

Blessed Mother Theresa is a great example of selfless devotion. She gave herself for others in complete service. Mother Teresa was already a nun when she experienced a *"call within a call."* This led her to found the Missionaries of Charity. Members of the order must adhere to the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and the fourth vow, to give *"Wholehearted and Free service to the poorest of the poor."* For over 45 years, she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying throughout the world.

St. Katharine Drexel is a great example of giving. Raised into wealth, Katharine became a nun serving Native Americans and African Americans. Her inheritance trust paid her an estimated \$1000 per day. She lived on \$1 per day and gave the rest away. Using her inheritance, she started many schools across the south and southwest of the United States, including Xavier University of Louisiana.

TIME

Time is a way of expressing our relationship with God.
How do we pray?

TALENT

Talent is a way of expressing our relationship with ourselves. How do we spend our time?

TREASURE

Treasure is a way of expressing our relationship with others. How do we spend our money?

“ He [Jesus] said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate. ”

— Matthew 19:4-6



The best way to have your questions answered concerning Marriage Preparation is to visit the OLMC website www.olmctempe.com and click on “Sacraments” and then “Marriage Preparation” and then “about.” The “about” category and the other categories listed under Marriage Preparation should answer most if not all of your questions concerning the parish and Diocese of Phoenix marriage preparation programs.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Revenue and Expenses by Department

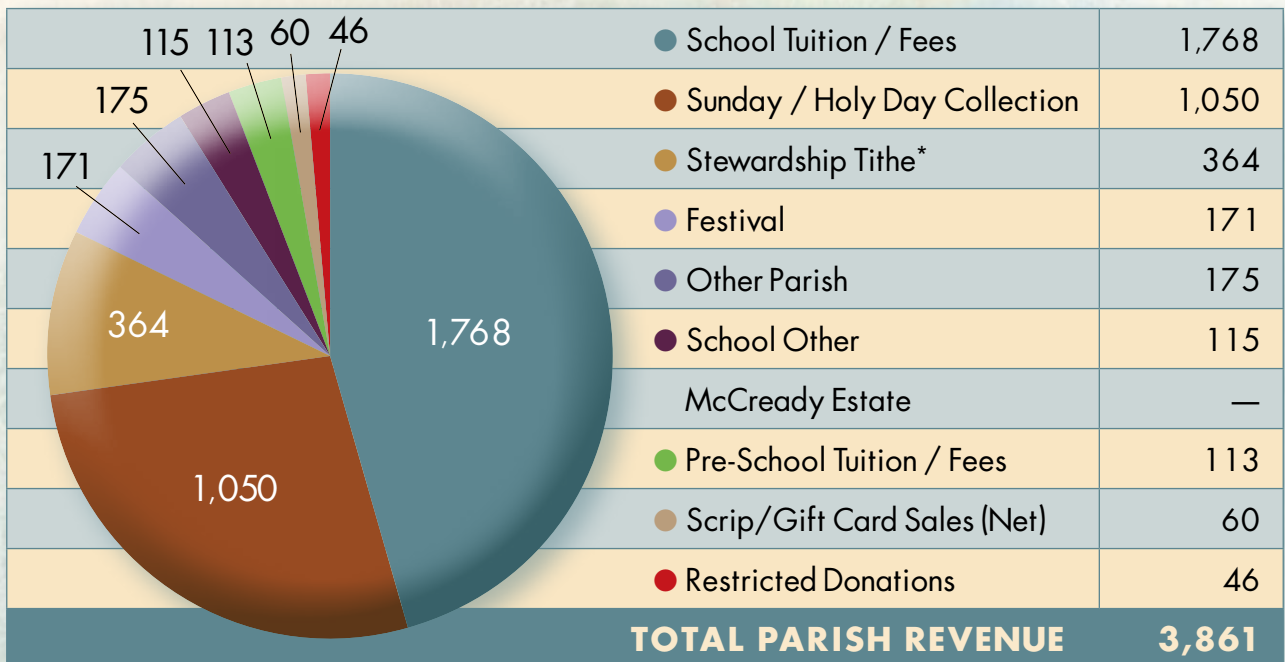
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Department Description	Revenue	Expenses	Profit	Budget
Parish Admin. Support*	1,551	1,241	311	425
School Admin Support*	2,020	2,063	(43)	(90)
Home & School	1,251	1,219	32	3
Little Lambs Preschool	151	129	22	11
Youth and Young Adult	3	73	(70)	(67)
Religious Ed. Elementary	10	57	(47)	(33)
Youth at Risk	21	40	(20)	(42)
Religious Ed. Adult	1	57	(56)	(56)
Parish Music Ministry	10	116	(105)	(106)
Parish Worship	11	23	(12)	(22)
Communication/Web Devel.	0	54	(54)	(50)
TOTALS	5,029	5,072	(43)	(27)

* See pie charts for details.

Parish Revenue

\$ x 1000

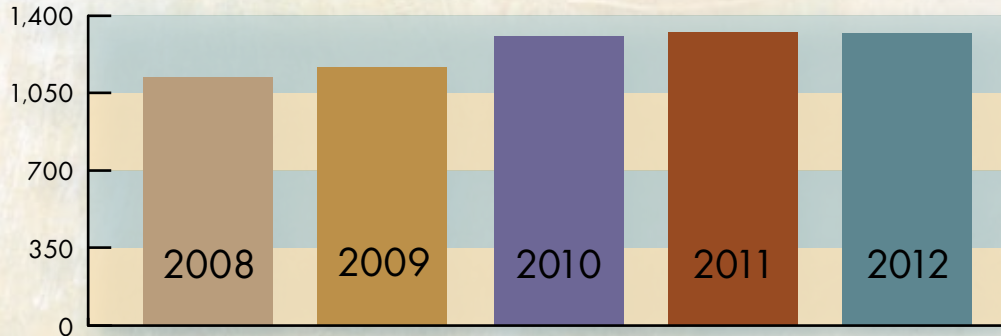


** Titling from Stewardship Households. These households tithe a minimum of 7% of their treasure to OLMC. Those living within the Covenant Agreement have access to all parish services at no cost.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Ordinary Sunday Collections for Fiscal Year Ending June*

\$ x 1000



* 2008-2009 reflect regular Sunday Plate only. 2010-2012 reflect regular Sunday Plate and Stewardship Tithes.

Parish Gifts from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Outreach and Special Collections

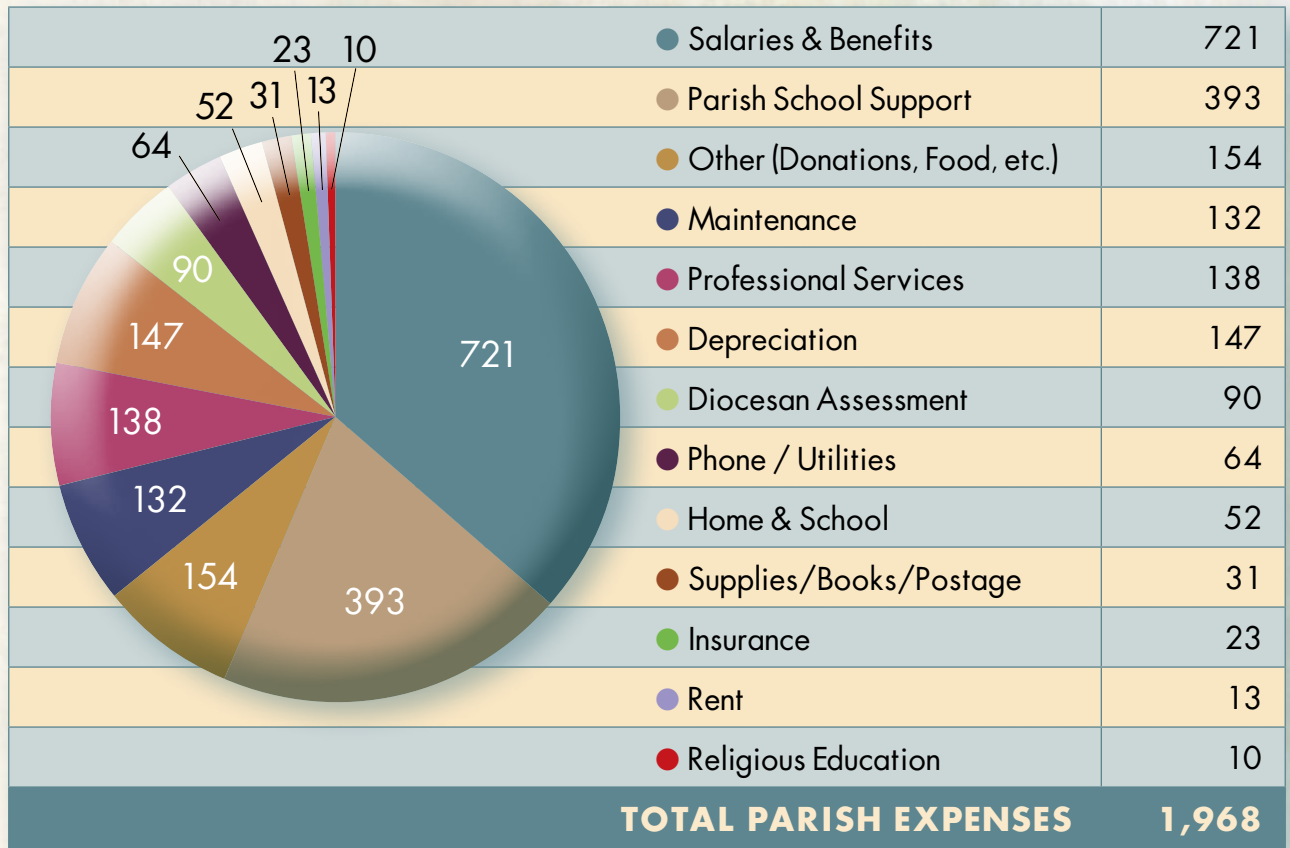
Bishop's Annual Charity & Development Appeal	\$ 124,491
Parish Families in Need	14,687
Religious Retirement	7,000
St. Vincent de Paul	6,807
Respect Life Sunday	5,814
Mission Sunday Collection	3,884
Elizabeth House	2,455
The Phoenix Institute	2,000
Holy Land	1,695
James Gang in Spain	1,671
Aid to Women Center	1,087
Meet the Father Ministry	982
Donations to the Homeless	800
Friends of the Orphans	788
Caritas in Veritate International	765
Peter's Pence	423
UMOM Mission	200
Communication Collection	147
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ 175,696

Stewardship efforts through our Parish School, Preschool, Teen Program, and Young Adults have also supported: St. Peter's Mission School, Catholic Charities, Friends of the Orphans, St. Vincent de Paul, Aid to Women Center, Charity and Development Appeal and The Department of Veterans Affairs.

PARISH & SCHOOL EXPENSES

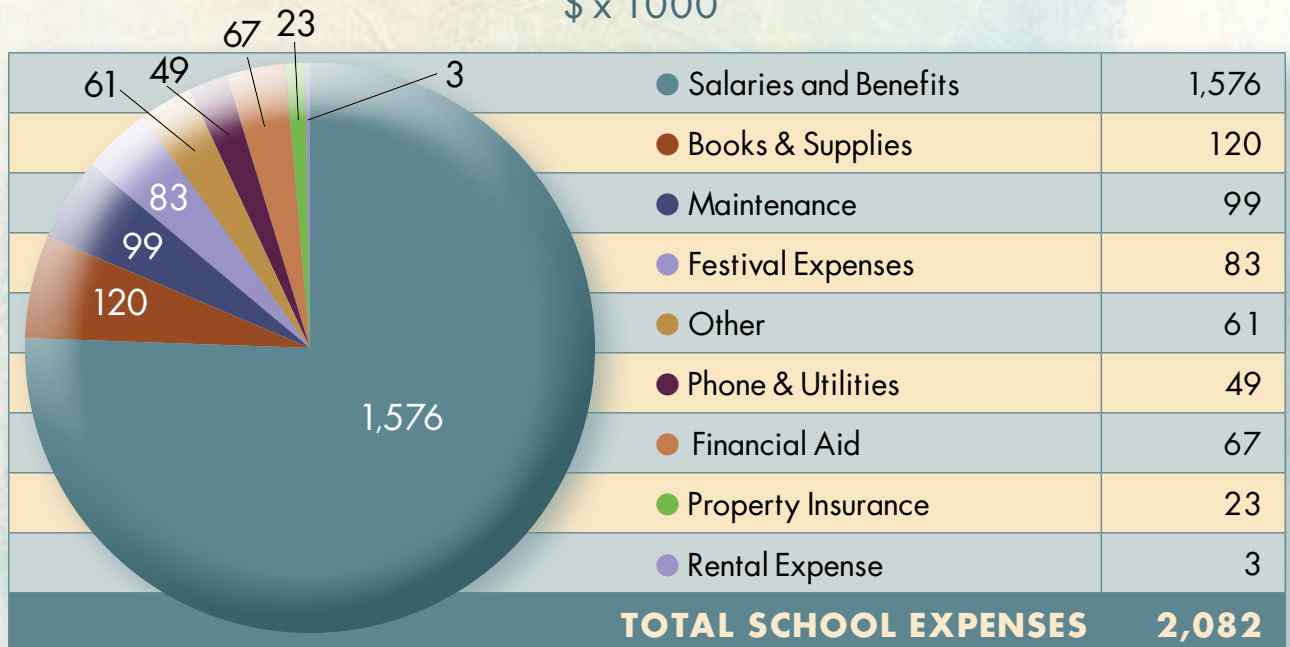
Parish Expenses

\$ x 1000



School Expenses

\$ x 1000



BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	
Business Checking Account	\$170
School – Hot Lunch/ Milk Accounts	\$10
Home & School Account	\$51
Chancery Deposits	\$3
Catholic Community Foundation	\$48
Accounts Receivable Tuition	\$40
McCready Estate Savings	\$51
Other Accounts Receivable	\$49
Inventory	\$125
Prepaid Expenses and Receivable Deposits	\$8
Notes Receivable	\$10
Furniture And Fixtures (greater than \$2500 each)	\$230
Equipment – Office & Other Valued More Than \$2500	\$130
Construction In Progress	\$13
Accum. Deprec. Land Improvements	(\$384)
Accum. Deprec. Buildings	(\$1,394)
Accum. Deprec. Building Improvements	(\$177)
Accum. Deprec. Furniture & Fixtures	(\$220)
Accum. Deprec. Equipment	(\$26)
Land	\$35
Land Improvements	\$547
Buildings	\$2,059
Building Improvements	\$299
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,675

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$50
School Memorial Fund	\$11
Exchange Funds (\$ Received & Paid Out Again To 3rd Party)	\$2
McCready Vocation/ School Funds	\$6
FFT Sales For H & S	\$0
Mass Book Donations	\$2
Pre-paid Tuition	\$82
Pre-paid Registration	\$29
Prepaid Little Lambs Reg/ Tuition/Unapplied Cash	\$6
Deferred Revenue – SOAR/Library Donations	\$1
7th Grade Recycle Clearing Account	\$7
Other	\$13
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$208

FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	\$1,509
Fund Balance – Current Year	(\$43)
Fund Balance – Current Year	\$1,467

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUNDS	\$1,675
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VOCATIONS



Each pastor is encouraged by his bishop to promote vocations. As a result each parish should see it and include this as part of their stewardship plan. All pastors would love for the parishioners to nominate a young man or woman that they have identified as someone who could start studying for the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. Then I am sure the pastor would be happy to contact them to let them know of the nomination and supply them with brochures on vocations. Some may get nominated 3 or 4 times before they realize *"God is calling me again."* It is our job to cultivate vocations. So invite someone to listen, accept, and respond.



“ It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal. ”

— John Paul II