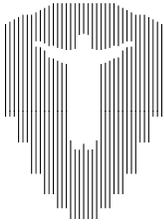




SACRED HEART CHURCH

PASTOR'S REPORT

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is our "Pastor's Report" for the calendar year 2017. Our Parish—like all parishes in our Diocese—runs on a fiscal year from July to June; however, I think that we can extrapolate figures into cohesive report which is simple, clear and transparent. You support us with your money, your talent and your time, and you have every right to know how your gifts are used. It is paramount at Sacred Heart that we have and maintain your trust.

The following are a lot of numbers but, underneath all of them and giving them meaning, is Christ.

BASIC FACTS ABOUT SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOL

In the Catholic Church the Pastor is responsible for both the parish and any school which may be attached to it. This year's parish budget is \$4,002,000. The school budget is \$5,757,000. The parish has 43 paid employees (including maintenance staff and our music ministry). The school employs 75 and provides for the scholastic and spiritual education of 651 kids including the pre-school. The number of children has increased from 303 in 2001. After depreciation the school budget for the fiscal year 2017 - 2018 projects \$17,000 in the black while the parish projects a deficit of \$211,000—after depreciation. Last year the parish finished \$355,000 in the red after depreciation.

My gross monthly salary is \$2,250. PLUS, I receive all health insurance, car insurance, housing, all repairs, house cleaning, food allowance, mileage allowance and a host of other benefits. Pastors receive \$50.00 more than associates and \$50.00 less than a bishop. We are very well taken care of! I sit on the boards of Xavier College Preparatory High School, the Read with Me Program, Martha's Village and Kitchen, Desert Scholarship Foundation, and The Board of Governors for Eisenhower Hospital.

It costs \$26,737 per day to run the parish and school. The total budgeted for the church and school during the fiscal year 2017 - 2018 is \$9,759,000.

It is very important to note that both the parish and school budgets factor in historically consistent funds from special donations and fundraisers. Without these funds, the parish would run at an approximate deficit of \$400,000 and our school's budget includes \$850,000 in anticipated "fund raising income". Both budgets can only be justified based on special donations and contributions that we have received with consistency throughout the past 17 years. To maintain responsible management, the parish and the school have savings accounts of approximately \$5,900,000 and

\$2,200,000 respectively which will provide and maintain the quality of the church and school operations in the future.

After my last Pastor's Report, many of you enrolled in Sacred Heart's online giving program, WE SHARE. I would like to extend my deep gratitude for your generous response to my plea. The option to enroll is still available. To do this please go to www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com. Click on the 'Donation' tab to access the enrollment program. Our bookkeeper can assist you if you have any problems. I also understand that many of you prefer alternate methods of donating. Another option would be to enroll in your bank's 'on-line' banking service, commonly referred to as "Bill Pay". You can set it up independently online or go to your local bank branch and they can facilitate the process. As always, if you would like any assistance from us, please feel free to call our bookkeeper and she would be happy to provide any guidance for you. We have found Bill Pay to be an excellent option as it eliminates fees otherwise associated with online giving. Whichever way you choose to support the parish, whether financially, prayerfully or both, your contributions are deeply appreciated.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Because of the many special donations, bequests, and fundraising endeavors Sacred Heart is able to make many donations outside of the Church. Here are the 2017 donation lists:

DONATIONS TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS -- \$182,159

Barbara Sinatra Children's Center
Baseball Buddies
Bighorn Behind a Miracle
Birthchoice of the Desert
CCHS Choir
Coachella Valley rescue Mission
Dress a Girl Around the World
Eisenhower School
FIND Food Bank
Galilee Center
Get On The Bus
International Medical Alliance
Maratha's Village
Palm Desert Rotary Club
R C Bishop of San Bernardino
Read With Me Volunteers
Riverside Police Officers Association
The Living Desert
Toy Drive

DONATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS -- \$18,126

DONATIONS TO SACRED HEART SCHOOL --\$454,908 included:

Tuition Assistance
Gala Subsidies
Sunday Collections

The school also received a special donation of \$1,800,000 for the construction of a STEM Lab (Science, Technology, Electronics and Math) which is completed and paid for, together with a special donation of \$1,330,000 towards the construction of five new classrooms to significantly reduce classroom size of grades 1 - 5. The construction of the new classrooms nears completion and we are approximately \$900,000 short in funding for the project.

DONATIONS TO XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL -- \$116,050

The total represents tuition assistance. Students are "graduated" into tuition assistance, i.e. tuition is generally pledged for the full term of the student's time at Xavier. Tuition assistance for 2018-2019 budget has been prepaid.

DONATIONS TO OTHER CHURCHES -- \$1,290,500

This total includes \$1,250,500 given to Our Lady of Soledad in Coachella for the construction of their new church which has begun. The churches receiving our assistance also included:

Coachella Church
Our Lady of Hope
Our Lady of Solitude, Palm Springs
Our Lady of Soledad, Coachella
Christ the Good Shephard
St. Bernadine's
Dominican Sisters Family
St. Anthony's Church

DONATIONS BY MEN'S CLUB AND ALTAR GUILD -- \$16,100

These are the charities receiving donations:

Birth Choice of the Desert
Galilee Center
Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.
Sister Maria Eva Moreno
Read With Me Volunteer Program

DONATIONS FROM DIRECTLY SOLICITED FUNDS and CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS -- \$25,000

Barbara Sinatra Center	\$ 5,000
Eisenhower Hospital	\$ 5,000
Gayle Nosal Foundation	\$10,000
Living Desert	\$ 5,000

HOW A PARISH AND DIOCESE WORK

In very simple terms, all funds needed to run the universal Catholic Church come, at least initially, from parishioners. Parishes receive collections and give a percentage to their Diocese which in turn gives a percentage to Rome. This is way over simplified but you get the idea. Our Diocese (and many others) receives its funding by assessing a percentage of a parish's income. This percentage is graduated based on collections.

In the case of Sacred Heart, we are assessed 18% of our income. If you give a ten dollar bill to the parish, we send \$1.80 to the Bishop, One hundred dollars and we would send \$18, and so on. We have the highest assessment of the 95 parishes in the Diocese.

Any donations over \$5,000 are taxed at 5%. There is an exception are for particularly designated projects. For example, if you write a check and designate the gift to pay the debt, or to help the school, or to assist Mecca, or other charities that our parish helps, then there is no assessment. We do not pay the 18% on those donations and we need all of these designated gifts. However, please don't make all checks payable to an exempt project in order to make the donation exempt from the 18% tax. The Bishop needs funds to run the Diocese and Sacred Heart needs the Diocese for a host of administrative and ministerial assistance that we need to run the parish. Sacred Heart pays \$42,350 per month to the Diocese for this assessment.

The second source of funding for the Diocese is called the DDF (Diocesan Development Fund). Based on parish income, each parish is assigned a DDF "goal." Actually, the term "goal" is a euphemism as a parish is expected to raise the money. If we come up short, the goal becomes a debt/liability to the Diocese. In other words, we have to raise the money. It is not an option. This year, our DDF goal is \$258,300. We have the highest assigned goal among the 95 parishes in the Diocese. This year we will give the Diocese, apart from any other gifts, \$846,500.

We no longer have to subsidize the school thanks to Gala events of the past seven years which have featured George W. Bush, Vin Scully, 60 Minutes Correspondents and Bill O'Reilly and Dennis Miller, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Rudy Giuliani and Robert Gates, Eli and Peyton Manning, and this year, Condoleezza Rice. If collections and donations go down, it will dramatically impact what we can do for others. "Counterfeiting" frequently is envisioned as a viable option!!

We are so grateful to the hundreds of volunteers and committed priests without whom Sacred Heart simply could not run.

I hope that all of the above helps to give, at least numerically, a better idea of Sacred Heart Church and where we are, and hope to be, in the near future. Please remember, it is all about Christ, and our Catholic Faith and what we can do to promote the Kingdom during the time we are allotted here on this earth.