



Stewards of the Gospel

BISHOP LARRY SILVA

2020 Annual Stewardship Report: Message to Parishes



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace be with you!

We have always been grateful for the wonderful stewardship that is exercised by so many people in the Diocese of Honolulu. There are countless volunteers in the various parish and diocesan ministries and councils who give so generously of their time and talents. The people of the diocese have been generous in their contributions of treasure as well. Even though the revenues received in 2020 by parishes and the diocese were greatly reduced by the pandemic and the economic fallout it has had on so many people, funds were still coming in to allow us to perform the essential ministries of our Church. We thank you for the special sacrifices you have made during this uncertain time to financially support the works of the Church, on the parish, diocesan and universal levels!

We want to assure you that we who work in the diocesan offices are here to serve the parishes in ways that each individual parish would find impossible to do on its own. You entrust your treasure to us so that we can do the important ministries of liturgy, outreach, education and faith formation among many others. We present to you today a report of our diocesan stewardship as a sign of our great respect for all of you and our gratitude for your faithful support.

May the Lord bless all of you in this new year!

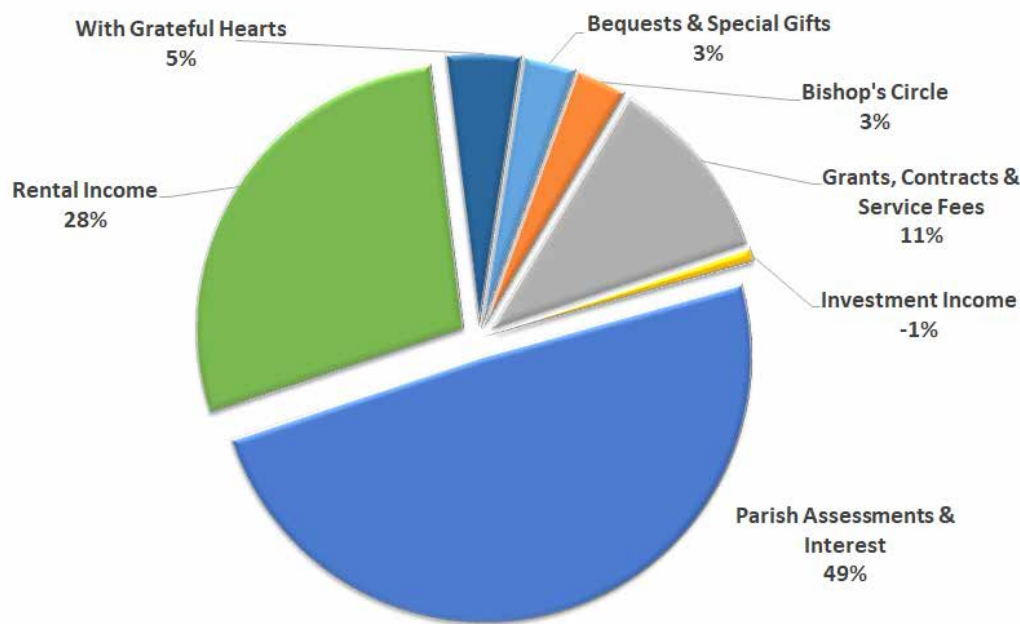
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

Sources of Funds

Where the funds come from to support the pastoral administration of the church
(July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020):



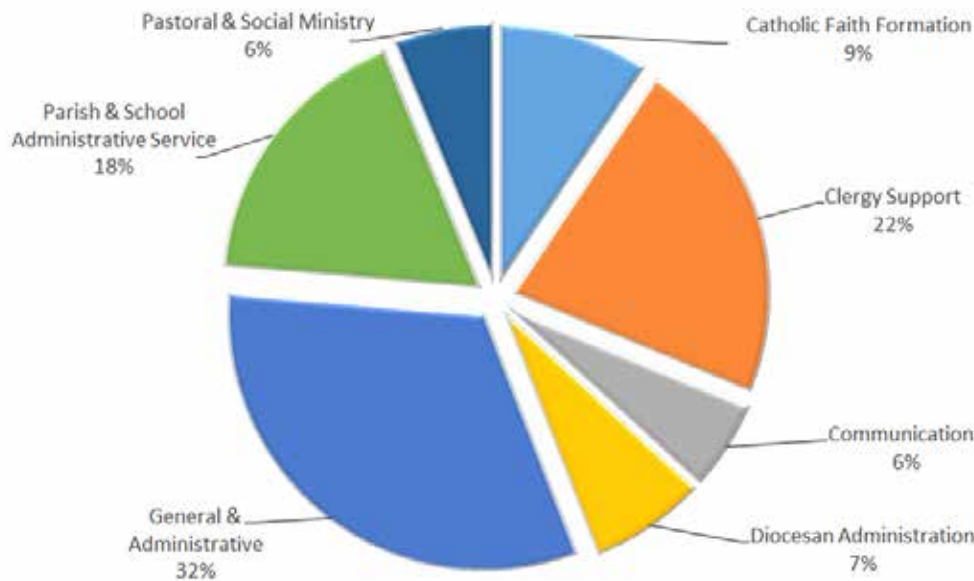
CATEGORY TOTALS

Bequests & Special Gifts.....	\$ 326,965	Rental Income.....	\$ 2,982,401
Bishop's Circle.....	\$ 320,479	With Grateful Hearts.....	\$ 475,287
Grants, Contracts & Service Fees.....	\$ 1,196,385	Total.....	\$ 10,439,307
Investment Income.....	\$ (83,872)		
Parish Assessments & Interest.....	\$ 5,221,662		

**Does not include PPP Loan Impact*

Use of Our Funds

How your support makes a difference in the pastoral administration of the church
(July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020):



CATEGORY TOTALS

Catholic Faith Formation.....	\$ 968,021	Parish & School Administrative Service.....	\$ 1,805,216
Clergy Support.....	\$ 2,251,784	Pastoral & Social Ministry.....	\$ 634,951
Communications.....	\$ 579,861	Total.....	\$ 10,309,394
Diocesan Administration.....	\$ 746,532		
General & Administrative.....	\$ 3,323,029		

**Does not include PPP Loan Impact*

DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL

Diane Murakami.....	chairperson	Mary Pat Waterhouse.....	member
Paul deVille.....	vice chairperson	Michael Yee.....	member
Rick Stack.....	secretary	Most Rev. Larry Silva.....	ex officio
Rev. Francisco de los Reyes.....	member	Very Rev. Gary Secor.....	ex officio
Arnold Martines.....	member	R. Bruce Graham, Jr., Esq.....	of counsel
Ralph Mesick.....	member	Lisa Sakamoto.....	staff
Celeste Oda.....	member	Marlene DeCosta.....	staff

Examples



Faith Formation

DESCRIPTION

Hawaii Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry

TOTAL SPENT

\$968,021

FOCUS

Hawaii Catholic Schools

By Llewellyn Young

Superintendent, Hawaii Catholic Schools

SCRIPTURE

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’” (Matthew 19:14)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“The Church is to be the center of our faith formation, so that it will not be ourselves we preach, but Jesus Christ.”

Approaching the pandemic with flexibility, creativity

By the grace of God and through the hard work of our principals, most of Hawaii Catholic Schools began face-to-face instruction in August. We are blessed to have smaller, close-knit environments to create the “bubbles of safety” required by the State. Parents help make this work. Very few children have been infected with COVID-19 through community transmission, but there have been no outbreaks in the schools.

Flexibility, courage and creativity have been the hallmarks of our school communities through this pandemic. Schools had to adjust to teaching in different ways. Extra-curricular activities have evolved. It is through service, outreach and church celebrations that we see our children actively express their faith.

Here are two examples of how Catholic schools help our children thrive:

To commemorate its 25th anniversary, Holy Family Early Learning Center is organizing monthly service projects. In August, it donated 116 pet towels to the Hawaiian Humane Society. In September, a “Quarter Drive” raised \$1,100 for HUGS Hawaii. In October, the ELC led the entire school in creating handmade thank you cards for Hawaii’s healthcare workers. November’s project was a canned food drive for the Hawaii Food Bank.

On Dec. 11, St. Joseph School, Waipahu, opened its first virtual Christmas program with the words, “This school year has been a journey of uncertainty, discomfort, new challenges and blessings we may not yet acknowledge.” Then the children sang, “Jesus is born, the angels said, don’t be afraid, God gave us Baby Jesus, let’s jump for joy.” And jump and twist and dance they did!

Our schools remind us every day of God’s unconditional love and protection, even in a pandemic.

of how your funds are used



Clergy Support

DESCRIPTION

Clergy retirement fund, seminarian formation, deacon formation, annual priest convocation, continuing education and special medical care for clergy

TOTAL SPENT

\$2,251,784

FOCUS

Office of Clergy

By Father Gregorio Honorio
Director, Office of Vicar for Clergy

SCRIPTURE

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:19-20)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“We need to develop leaders who have the vision of taking the Gospel out to the “highways and byways” of the world in which we live, and not simply of fine-tuning out internal parish and diocesan programs.”

Cherishing, when able, in-person support of clergy

The Office of Clergy assists the bishop by supporting the Diocese of Honolulu’s priests and deacons. The activities of the clergy office are broad in scope. Let me highlight a few.

Priestly wellness (physical, intellectual, pastoral and spiritual) are vital for happiness in clergy vocation and ministry effectiveness. The pandemic has made it challenging to meet in person for priests’ annual convocation, retreats, ongoing education, formation workshops, and social events for both active and retired priests. We have virtual meetings, but it cannot replace the benefits of in-person gatherings essential in cultivating clergy unity and wellness.

I am grateful to Bishop Larry Silva and other diocesan offices, who, in many ways, provided needed support to the clergy during the pandemic. I am confident that the clergy were resilient in adapting to the new “normal,” drawing from their “deposits” of years of formation and prayer life to navigate the unique challenges brought by the pandemic. The wellness of the clergy was part of my daily intentions in my Masses and personal prayers.

While attending to countless computer GoToMeetings are an essential part of my job, I significantly cherished bringing a few of our retired priests to their doctor’s appointments, dialysis, picking up groceries and medications, visiting and anointing them when they are sick.

Let me conclude by paraphrasing St. Teresa of Calcutta: “in this life, and most especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot always do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”



Communications

DESCRIPTION

Diocesan support of the publication and distribution of the Hawaii Catholic Herald

TOTAL SPENT

\$579,861

FOCUS

Hawaii Catholic Herald

By Patrick Downes
Editor, Hawaii Catholic Herald

SCRIPTURE

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“All Catholics are called to shine the light of faith on family life, the economy, business, health care, education and political life.”

Church makes a home visit every two weeks

The coronavirus pandemic has united the world in one vast global story. No one has been left untouched. The Hawaii Catholic Herald, in its limited way, has reported a particular slice of that story.

Much of the news has been unprecedented: the cancelation of Masses including Holy Week liturgies, Catholic school classrooms transformed into sanitized bubbles, the bishop livestreaming Masses on Facebook, the pope offering a moving prayer for victims of the pandemic alone in St. Peter’s Square in the rain, Hawaii parishes turning into food distribution sites, everyone in face masks and six feet apart. The Hawaii Catholic Herald told these stories and more.

Someone once described the Catholic press as a mini-church visiting the home. The visit is all the more important now with Catholics staying home from Mass and staying away from others. With the help of local contributors and the excellent work of Catholic News Service’ worldwide network of writers and photographers, the Herald visits its readers every two weeks, and daily online, with a breadth of Catholic content.

The Herald continues to increase its presence. While its flagship product for the past 80 years has been the newsprint edition, the paper has expanded its reach into the cyber-world with a website, a digital version and social media presence.

The Hawaii Catholic Herald cannot accomplish its mission without the support of the bishop, island pastors, clergy and religious, and the Catholic laity. This generous backing makes it possible to produce, print and distribute the newspaper with a small staff of four. The Herald staff is forever grateful for the awesome privilege of being welcomed into the homes of Hawaii’s Catholics, bearing the good news in both good times and in the time of a pandemic.



Diocesan Administration

DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Bishop, the Vicar General, the Chancellor, the Office of Worship and the Tribunal Office, including membership assessment from the Holy See and organizations such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

TOTAL SPENT

\$746,532

FOCUS

Office of Worship

By Deacon Modesto R. Cordero
Director, diocesan Office of Worship

SCRIPTURE

“And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.” (Ephesians 4:11)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“The death and resurrection of Jesus, and his continued presence with us in the Eucharist and the Church, is to be the center of our faith formation, so that it will not be ourselves we preach, but Jesus Christ. The Word of God and the Eucharist must be presented as true encounters with the risen Jesus, encounters that can transform lives and cultures.”

The journey has been challenging but rewarding

One of the most inspiring parts of the job of the director of the Office of Worship is to have the opportunity to work face-to-face with pastors and many liturgical minister volunteers that are sharing their talents and gifts for the purpose of having meaningful and spiritual celebrations at their respective parishes.

This past year has been significantly challenging for our churches due to the many restrictions put in place to be able to celebrate our liturgies safely following the proper protocols from government agencies as well as our own diocese. The need and desire to continue nourishing our spiritual lives through the celebration of the sacraments and the liturgy are essential during these trying times. It doesn’t matter how many years of experience you have, no one was prepared for this pandemic.

So the day-to-day journey has been challenging but at the same time rewarding. Watching the people’s hunger for Christ in their lives and the true desire for experiencing spirit-filled liturgical celebrations, under the most difficult situations, are helping us (the faithful) get a greater understanding and appreciation of our Catholic faith as well as the importance of the celebration of the sacraments. I believe we are now better equipped to minister to our brothers and sisters with greater respect, reverence, faith and joy.



General and Administrative

DESCRIPTION

The office of diocesan services, the cost of operating the chancery and St. Stephen Diocesan Center, the cost of managing the investment portfolio (including real property taxes), insurance, professional fees, and portions of the offices of finance, facilities management and human resources

TOTAL SPENT

\$3,323,029

FOCUS

Diocesan Finance Office

By Lisa Sakamoto
Diocesan Finance Officer

SCRIPTURE

“Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete. ... If God has given you administrative ability and put you in charge of the work of others, take the responsibility seriously.” (Romans 12:4-5, 8)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“Leadership is needed to keep our vision focused not on internal matters of our parish and diocese but on our mission of outreach to those who have not yet heard or committed themselves to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Managing PPP loans and CARES Funding

Can something good come out of this crisis? What I witnessed during these challenging times is the coming together of many gifts to help our faith community. For our office, it meant using our skills to wade through the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) of the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act to find economic relief for our parishes and schools.

Your finance office applied and received approval for 66 PPP loans, ranging from one parish receiving \$1,000 to a school receiving \$2,012,600. Of the 66 loans approved, 16 entities received loans greater than \$150,000. In total, we received approximately \$10 million. The finance office conducted weekly webinars for parish and school administrators to tell them how to qualify for the forgiveness of the PPP loans.

These loans allowed our parishes and schools to keep paying their employees. During the shutdown, pastors were challenged to find meaningful work for their employees. Some parishes focused on helping our kupuna and those in need. Some pastors evangelized through social media. Some phoned parishioners to talk story and update parish records. And when the churches opened on Pentecost Sunday, more work was needed to follow CDC guidelines and keep our faith community safe.

Our parishes and schools stood tall during the pandemic. It was a joy watching the many parts come together to continue our mission of witnessing to Jesus Christ. It is an honor and privilege to serve our faith community!



Parish and School Administrative Service

DESCRIPTION

The Office of Pastoral Planning, the Office of Stewardship and Development, the Office of Safe Environment, and portions of the offices of Facilities Management, Finance and Human Resources

TOTAL SPENT

\$ 1,805,216

FOCUS

Office for Stewardship and Development

By Mark Clark
Director, Diocesan Office for Stewardship and Development

SCRIPTURE

“And whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” (2 Cor 9:6)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“The pastoral plan of the Diocese outlines four strategic priorities ... all are interwoven with the vital threads of Stewardship, Evangelization and Social Ministry.” (“Stewards of the Gospel” preamble)

Working from home, giving from home

Welcome to the New Year 2021! In many ways it will look a lot like 2020. Therefore, we must continue to adapt and use creative ways to practice our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. From the get-go, the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development has promoted the use of electronic tools for parishes to better serve their faith communities. And now, for those watching Mass at home or the faithful who have returned to the pews, your support of your parish is just as important as ever.

Prior to COVID, many parishes did not offer online giving as a way to contribute to the offertory, second collections and special appeals. Now, more than 80% of our parishes provide this option. Yes, there are added costs — and continuous marketing is required. But this is mitigated by more frequent and larger contributions. This streamlined giving also reduces administrative work. Think about it. When you place your gift envelope into a basket, many hands transport, count, deposit and record your donation. Online giving is more seamless.

Earlier this year, the diocesan Finance Office put on the diocesan website a free online giving service for parishes. Over 1,000 gifts were received from across the Islands, raising more than \$75,000 and demonstrating the acceptance, practicality and security of electronic giving.

Please visit your parish website and sign up for online giving today. And mahalo for supporting your parish and the mission of our Catholic Church in Hawaii during these challenging times.

To learn more, please visit catholicahawaii.org/stewardship or email mclark@rchawaii.org.



Pastoral and Social Ministry

DESCRIPTION

Office for Social Ministry, hospital ministry, prison ministry, respect life, and support of Catholic Charities Hawaii, HOPE Services Hawaii, and the Hawaii Catholic Conference

TOTAL SPENT

\$634,951

FOCUS

Hospital ministry

By Father Francisco Sanchez
Director, Hospital Ministry

SCRIPTURE

“Are there people sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick persons and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.” (James 15:14-15)

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

“We must be good stewards toward those families who are suffering from violence, separation, chronic illness or poverty, bring them healing and strength in the name of Jesus.”

COVID-19 limits pastoral care to the sick

During this time of COVID-19 starting in mid-March 2020, the two chaplains, who are priests, could not do the usual rounds of visits to Catholic patients. They could only go to the hospitals if they were called, for anointing, giving Holy Communion and hearing confession for those not infected with COVID-19. They would wear personal protective equipment such as a face shield, mask, gloves and do sanitizing and disinfecting. When responding to a call, the priest must fall in line at the entrance of the hospital, distanced from others, and wait his turn to be cleared by the hospital security and screening committee. Once inside, screening, temperature testing, sanitizing and distancing are strictly observed.

The hospital ministry priests are available 24/7 for Oahu’s four big urban hospitals, Kaiser, Queen’s, Straub and Kapiolani. The visits of lay volunteers have been suspended for their own safety and health. As of now they are encouraged to offer prayers for the sick and their families and for the end of the pandemic. And it is good to note that they are updating and praying for each other. Their annual appreciation luncheon, normally in November, was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Since September, hospital ministry has had only one priest. The ministry is awaiting the assignment of the second one. In all the ministry does, may the Lord Jesus, the divine healer, heal those infected with COVID-19 and give consolation to them and their families.

NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

Year ended June 30, 2020

Black & Indian Missions	\$ 35,673
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 65,116
Catholic Communication	\$ 61,605
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 112,192

Catholic University	\$ 71,832
Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)	\$ 77,326
Holy Land	\$ 22,579
Latin America	\$ 41,276
Eastern Europe	\$ 491

Propagation of the Faith	\$ 67,681
Religious Retirement	\$ 113,172
Archdiocese for the Military Services	\$ 64,494
Rice Bowl	\$ 48,678
Total	\$ 782,115