

Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Financial Report

December 2018



Dear Friends,

Whenever any organization sets out its financial report, it is an accurate picture of the organization's real priorities. Numbers do speak louder than words at times! With this in mind, I am very happy to present to all the faithful priests, deacons and laity of the archdiocese, what I believe is a faithful reflection of what the archdiocese is all about these days. I dare hope and pray that this financial report indicates we have indeed been attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In this vein, I would like to single out four items that stand out strongly in our current efforts as shown by the financial resources allocated to them.

1) Ministry to our First Nations Catholics in Eight Northern Communities and in Winnipeg

In the spirit of reconciliation and healing, but also in the spirit of friendship and mutual enrichment, five priests and two religious sisters are building up lasting relationships as they teach, pray, visit, console and encourage. A hopeful sign, among others, is that at our annual meeting of community representatives in March, the people asked for greater diocesan efforts in adult faith formation and in advocacy for matters so important to their daily lives – housing, education, health, respect for treaty promises, missing and murdered women.

2) Good Shepherd Campaign

The generosity of the people of the archdiocese has been truly astounding in the last two years as shown by this report: \$475,285 in total donations to the campaign! Your support has helped us assure formation for nine seminarians in all, which has led to two ordinations in 2017 and the promise of an ordination or two most years in the foreseeable future. Also, we have increased our efforts to better welcome and integrate priests coming to help us from other countries. Through your generosity, international priests gain cultural awareness of our Canadian pastoral realities and learn to communicate more clearly in "Canadian English." Surely there is more work to be done, but we are moving forward.

3) Lay Formation and Leadership

This past June, two groups (French and English) of the Nathanael program graduated. Having grown in a life of prayer, in knowledge of many areas of the teaching of the Gospel and the Church, in self-knowledge and self-confidence, in desire to serve each according to their gifts, these missionary disciples bring even greater richness to the life of their own parishes in which they are already so involved.

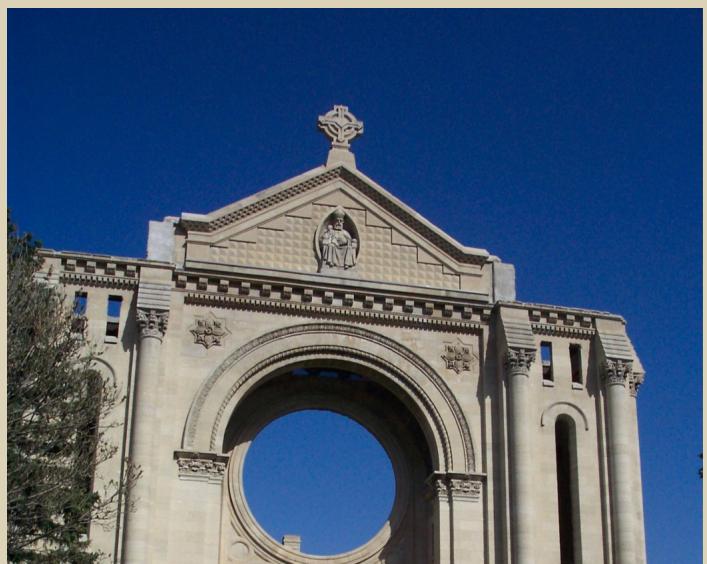
In the same vein of enabling and empowering the lay people, there have been increased efforts of assuring the continuing renewal and growth of Parish Pastoral Councils. As well, we continue to offer sessions and resources helping people to know and be able to share their faith more confidently, strongly and joyfully.

4) Relocation of the Diocesan Pastoral Services Offices

This huge task of planning, renovating and moving, which took the better part of two years has borne such good fruit: a decrease in overall maintenance costs, new revenues through the leasing of the entirety of the former premises at 622 Taché Avenue and especially a strengthened workplace spirit with the "whole family in one house."

And through all these and many other ongoing efforts, our number one priority of evangelization grows and reaches out ever more throughout the fabric of our archdiocese. As Catholica 200, the anniversary of 200 years of the spread of the Gospel and the building up of the Church, draws to a close, I am confident the Holy Spirit is powerful among us. And I believe the financial figures of this report bear this out.

God's blessings upon all of you,
+Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of St. Boniface



NOTES

ON THE 2016-17 AND 2017-18 FINANCIAL REPORT

We are pleased to present the Financial Report of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface; it is also available on our Website: www.archsaintboniface.ca. Please note that parishes, missions and parochial schools each produce their own separate Annual Financial Report.

A financial report such as this can usually be better understood with a few explanatory notes. The Diocesan Centre offers several services to parishes, and maintains the buildings at 622 Taché Avenue, the Archbishop's Residence and the retirement home for priests. The Financial Report includes two columns of numbers: the one on the left refers to the year 2017-18, which ended on January 31, 2018, and the one on the right to the preceding fiscal year.

Regarding the Revenues Section:

1. About 55% of operating revenues are generated by parish contributions coming from the Diocesan Tax (20%), recoveries for insurance programs and contributions to the priest's pension fund. The Diocesan Tax of 20% applies to all Sunday Collections and individual donations made to parishes.
2. In 2017, after a major renovation to the 3rd floor of the Archbishop's Residence and to offices at 151 de la Cathédrale Avenue, the Archdiocese moved the Pastoral Centre staff from 622 Taché Avenue to the Archbishop's Residence, now called the Diocesan Centre. Thanks to these initiatives, all diocesan services are now grouped under one roof and rent for the building at 622 Taché Avenue provides a new source of revenue. Currently, our tenants are l'Accueil Francophone (for temporary refugee housing), and the Oblate Fathers.
3. We are very grateful towards the people of our Archdiocese for gifts of \$319,316 in 2017-18, falling under Donations and Bequests. This includes a donation of \$150,000 to help cover the costs of the above-mentioned renovations. Donations vary from year to year and are used to fund new or ongoing initiatives, such as regional youth ministry, increased missionary presence on First Nations reserves, evangelization, adult faith formation, and other priorities as set out in the 5-year Diocesan Pastoral Plan.
4. Over the past two years, the Good Shepherd Campaign has provided instrumental support to the formation of seminarians and priests, raising more than \$475,000. The average annual cost per seminarian is \$25,000.
5. Every year, the national organization called "Catholic Missions in Canada" offers grants to the Archdiocese in support of First Nations Missions (\$88,944) and for the seminarians' studies (\$60,000).
6. The Archdiocese's low-risk investments are professionally administered with great prudence. In comparison to the previous year, investment income has increased significantly in 2017 for a total return of more than \$795,000 or of approximately 8.6% on investments. A portion of the resulting income serves to finance the pastoral and administrative services offered to parishes.

In the Expenses Section, six important aspects are to be noted:

1. Looking at the overall picture, almost \$1.8M was used in 2017-18 to cover the many pastoral services of the Archdiocese, a decrease of approximately \$89,000 from the previous year. Of the total amount, more than \$600,000 was invested in the formation of priests, seminarians and lay people to meet the needs of parishes, now and in the future.
 - a. Eight First Nations Missions are served by several individuals.
 - b. The item Formation for Seminarians, for Deacons and for Priests covers the initial or ongoing formation of our seminarians, deacons and active priests.
 - c. Lay Formation costs of \$156,520 would include the Nathanael Formation Program and other diocesan lay formation programs. There is a corresponding revenue item in Recoveries for the fees charged to candidates for their share of the cost of the Nathanael program.
 - d. The item Cultural Integration and Formation of Foreign Priests refers to the training provided to international priests to help them adapt to their new environment (cultural awareness, speech and language training, and internship programs).
 - e. The sharp decrease in Youth Ministry expenses over the two-year period is attributed to the 2016 World Youth Day, for which corresponding revenue offset the one-time costs.
 - f. The departure of the Director of Pastoral Services and the move of the Pastoral Centre staff to the Diocesan Centre explain the significant decrease in expenses attributed to the Pastoral Services Office.
2. Administered by the Archdiocese, Parish Property and Group Insurance (employee benefits program) records the cost of the premiums paid. There is a corresponding revenue in Recoveries.
3. The expenses under Archbishop's Office and Diocesan Administration cover the administrative costs of various services (Human Resources, Accounting, Legal, Insurance, Property Management, Employee Benefits Programs, Investments, etc.) offered to parishes and schools.
4. Maintenance, Major Repairs and Utilities has seen a sharp increase of \$117,560 due to a renovation project on the 3rd Floor of the Archbishop's Residence, built in 1864. Guest bedrooms were converted to office space.
5. In 2017-18, \$293,766 was collected by parishes for special national collections, including: Development and Peace, the Good Friday Collection, the Pope's Pastoral Works, Canadian Catholic Bishops, and Catholic Missions in Canada.
6. A surplus of \$156,433 is posted for Externally Restricted Funds. This line represents the revenues less the expenses for those funds which the Archdiocese keeps in trust and must spend according to the different funds' purposes. We are very thankful for bequests and donations received.

Finally, the generous donations and bequests to the Archdiocese, totalling about \$500,000 in 2017-2018, and the strong performance of our investments have contributed in large part to the overall surplus of \$87,642, allowing us to fund our various pastoral initiatives. The Archdiocese is very grateful to its donors and ensures that these donations are used in such a way as to achieve its pastoral plans.

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Statement of Operations
 For the Period from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2018

Revenues	2018	2017
Diocesan Tax (20%)	1,483,927	1,504,187
Recoveries - Property and Group Insurance, and others	1,185,683	1,455,608
Priests' Pension Plan	512,855	525,385
Apartment and office rentals for 622 Taché and other buildings	319,788	99,913
Donations and Bequests	319,316	291,375
National Collections	262,543	271,677
Good Shepherd Campaign	178,864	296,421
Revenues from Investments	170,188	259,234
Grants from Catholic Missions in Canada	148,944	143,962
Unrealized gain on Investments	646,395	288,708

Total Revenue **5,228,503** **5,136,471**

Operating Expenses

Pastoral Services Expenses:

First Nations Missions	368,688	339,357
Formation for Seminarians, for Deacons and for Priests	302,832	300,232
Lay Formation	156,521	153,383
Cultural Integration and Formation of Foreign Priests	153,602	74,616
Diocesan Gala and Donation to the St. Boniface Cathedral for the Renovation Project	142,330	138,548
Catechetics	89,104	88,884
Chancery Office	76,542	97,261
Marriage Tribunal	74,933	72,068
St. Boniface Hospital Ministry	62,821	61,551
Financial Aid to Parishes in Need	61,661	26,958
Youth Ministry	57,561	150,219
Marriage, Family and Respect for Life	53,631	38,992
Communications	53,225	56,655
Pastoral Services Office	38,879	143,813
Catholic Schools Services	22,040	25,825
Diocesan Charities	17,755	15,000
Other Pastoral Services	50,443	89,063

Sub-Total of Expenses: Pastoral Services **1,782,567** **1,872,426**

Other Expenses

Parish Property and Group Insurance Premiums	955,556	879,637
Archbishop's Office and Diocesan Administration	734,497	739,250
Maintenance, Major Repairs and Utilities	545,457	427,897
Priests Pensions and Rent Paid to Villa Aulneau for Priest's Residences	681,940	712,188
Remittance of National Collections	293,766	288,158
Food Services	171,352	179,465
Investment Management Fee, Audits, and Legal Fees	94,712	94,936
Depreciation	37,449	28,761

Total Expenditures **5,297,294** **5,222,717**

Surplus or Shortfall in Revenues over Expenditures	(68,791)	(86,246)
Net Surplus or Disbursements on Funds with External Restrictions	156,433	185,981
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	87,642	99,736