



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BALTIMORE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013 - 2014

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

In 2014, our Archdiocese celebrated its 225th anniversary. This milestone called to mind the many ways in which the Church has been present to people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, throughout our State. And it prompted us to reflect on the ways in which the Church might better fulfill its mission of evangelization and service in the years ahead.

The Church's presence is felt by others in many ways, including through the ministries and programs that radiate the love of Christ. Such efforts are only possible through the generous support of our parishioners, who entrust the Church with the financial resources that enable us to bring Christ into the lives of those who may not know Him or who may be living on society's margins, as Pope Francis so beautifully reminds us.

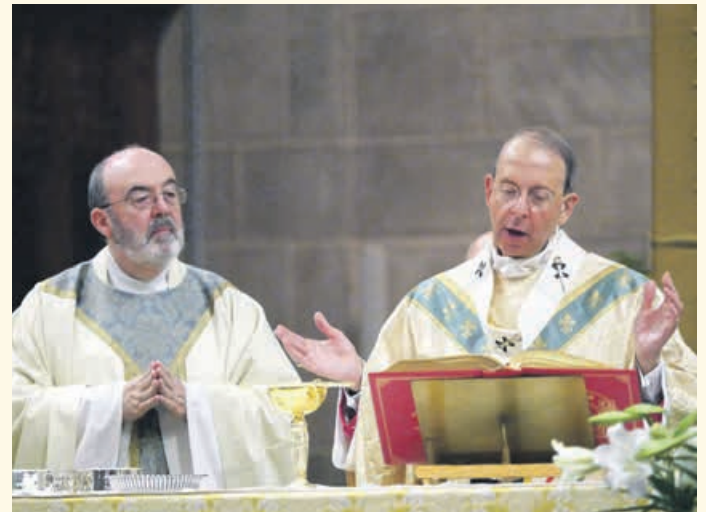
The Archdiocese of Baltimore greatly values that trust, as well as the transparency and accountability that accompany it. Therefore, it is my pleasure to share with you a summary of the accounting of the financial resources entrusted to the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 2014.

Whether through support of a parish offertory program, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, or the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign, the people of the Archdiocese of Baltimore exhibited extraordinary generosity in 2014. And in each case, parishes directly benefitted from the financial gifts raised, as did the many ministries in place that reflect the Church's mission to serve others in the name of the Lord.

A few of the ministries that are made possible through the support of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore are highlighted in the enclosed report. But there are many, many others that are not included which reflect outwardly to others in our community God's abundant love for each of us. These are only possibly because our people make it possible.

On behalf of those who benefit from the work of our parishes, schools, charitable organizations and other ministries of service, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have shared their gifts with the Church this past year and ask God's continued blessings on them in 2015.

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore



Archbishop William E. Lori celebrates the Easter Vigil Mass April 4, 2015, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Homeland. Also pictured is Monsignor Richard Woy, cathedral rector.



Archbishop William E. Lori greets a well-wisher following a special Mass for peace in the city, offered May 3, 2015, at St. Peter Claver in West Baltimore.



Archbishop William E. Lori makes an appearance in the fall of 2014 on local radio to discuss the launch of the new radio program, "Catholic Baltimore."

COMMUNICATIONS

In 2014, the Archdiocese of Baltimore expanded its communications efforts to enhance many existing initiatives aimed at creating awareness of the many ways in which the Catholic Church is present and serving others in the Archdiocese.

Through support for parish offertory, the Department of Communications expanded its responsibilities by assuming oversight of the Catholic Review and by creating new positions in the areas of social media and videography. It also began a prayer ministry to coordinate prayer outreach centrally on behalf of those who are seeking prayer or who wish to pray for others.

As the year concluded, the Department of

Communications was also preparing to launch a new local Catholic radio program, Catholic Baltimore, in conjunction with Radio Mass of Baltimore. The program began airing in January 2015 on WCBM 680 AM and its sister station, WQLL 1370 AM. It features interviews with local Catholic leaders on issues such as the World Meeting of Families and the impact of Pope Francis on evangelization efforts.

The Archdiocese also enhanced its presence on television and in social media through the creation of several videos showing the many ways in which the Church is present in our communities.

These efforts were made possible through the generous contributions of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Thanks to support for the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in northeast Baltimore is hoping to secure its future by gaining acceptance into the prestigious International Baccalaureate program, or IB.

International Baccalaureate, a nonprofit educational foundation, partners with schools to focus on a holistic approach to teaching with a strong emphasis on global awareness and service, while encouraging students to become active, compassionate, lifelong learners. Mary Carol Lidinsky, assistant principal at St. Francis, summed up the approach, "This is more about helping the child look beyond the classroom to what they need to know about life in general ... how to expand their viewpoint to a more global view of the world, not just their small school or neighborhood community."

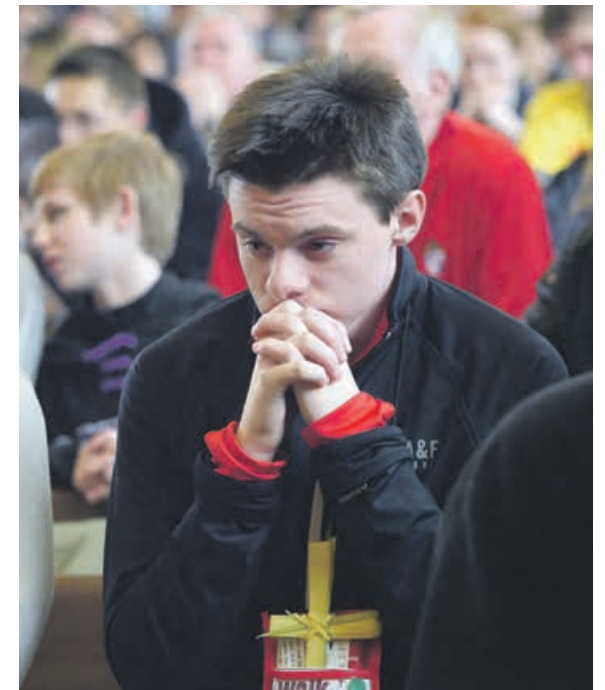
The program also has a strong service component. This year, each eighth-grade student must develop and complete a project that benefits the community. The International Baccalaureate program has had a significant impact on enrollment, which is up schoolwide by 10 percent. Enrollment for the middle school grades is up by 23 percent. Rebecca Malone, St. Francis' principal, said, "I think our school is bringing something new and potentially transformative into the realm of Catholic education."

ENGAGING YOUNG CATHOLICS

Support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and for the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign in 2014 enabled the Archdiocese to continue serving the spiritual needs of young Catholics throughout the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese's Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry hosts a number of events and activities throughout the year which are supported by the contributions of parishioners, including:

- *The Youth Pilgrimage* – Approximately 1,000 youths from throughout the Archdiocese process through the streets of Baltimore carrying a 10-foot wooden cross in a moving sign of solidarity and enthusiasm for the Catholic faith. An annual tradition since the 1990s occurring every Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend, the faith of young Catholics is enlivened and enriched as they encounter Christ in each other and in every stop along the way of this faith-filled journey;
- *The High School Leadership Institute (High LI)* – This annual week-long summer leadership development program is held at the Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks. Catholic youths, entering grades 10 to 12, have the opportunity to live and pray in community while learning how to be more competent and effective leaders in their parishes and schools.



A youth prays inside St. Casimir Church in Canton during the Palm Sunday vigil as part of the 2015 Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage.

The young Catholics of today are the future of our Church. If their enthusiasm and faithful witness are any indication, the future of our Church is bright – in large part thanks to the support of our parishioners!

A FLOURISHING PARISH COMPLETES ITS MASTER PLAN

When Monsignor Joseph Luca, pastor of St. Louis Parish in Clarksville, arrived at St. Louis 18 years ago, there were 2,200 families registered in the parish. But as Howard County grew so did St. Louis, which is now the spiritual home of nearly 5,000 families. The ever-growing parish and its more than 65 organizations and committees prompted Monsignor Luca to call for a new master plan for the Clarksville campus. This past September, as a result of funds raised from the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign, the parish has a new Parish Activity Center.

Prior to the Center's completion, things at St. Louis

were a bit cramped. Monsignor Luca said, "The big problem always was trying to find space." Previously, there were seven people in one room: a bookkeeper, development director, an IT staff member, the assistant principal, a receptionist and two others.

With parishes receiving a portion of all funds raised, the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign made the new Center possible. Monsignor Luca recounted, "We raised \$5.8 million in the capital campaign and, of that, the parish received about \$2.2 million toward this new facility." The Parish Activity Center provides a focal point and central entrance to

school buildings at St. Louis with secure monitoring of all visitors, thus ensuring student safety.

Home to all parish administrative offices, the Center also houses a new gymnasium that has already played a key role in strengthening the St. Louis community. The parish initiated Family Friendly Fridays, as once a month St. Louis invites all families, with or without children, young or old, to come and use the facility for exercise.

Thanks to the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign, the new Parish Activity Center creates fresh possibilities for an already-thriving parish.



Maki Salman enjoys playing on the playground at Cardinal Shehan School in Baltimore in the spring of 2015.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is blessed to have a rich and inspiring Black Catholic community. The Office of Black Catholic Ministries, whose work is made possible by the generous support of parish offertory, serves local parishes to enhance evangelization and to recommend strategies to address the evangelization of the African-American community.

The Office utilizes a number of programs and initiatives in service of this key goal, including the Harambee initiative.

Harambee (Ha-rum-bay) is Swahili for “to work together.” The Harambee Organization was established in 1984 as a ministry to, for and with African-American youths and centers on three particular aspects of outreach:

- Spiritual Enrichment
- Cultural Enrichment
- Leadership Development

Through the Harambee program, the Office of Black Catholic Ministries seeks to reach out to African-American youths within the parishes, schools and communities of the Archdiocese by:

- reinforcing the value of our cultural heritage;
- considering ways of developing and integrating that culture within parish youth groups, schools and communities;
- sharing and experiencing ways in which spirituality can become more relevant to today’s African American youth;
- integrating the cultural, educational, social and spiritual dimensions of youth ministry into the lives of African American youth; and
- designing and implementing strategies for leadership development and full participation in parish, school and community activities.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

The Archdiocese’s Office of Marriage and Family Life operates on support of parishioners for parish offertory. The Office’s goal is to support Catholic families and to help them live their faith in a way that enriches their lives, as well as the lives of their families and the Church.

The Office develops resources for individuals and families, as well as for parishes seeking to support married couples and their families, in several areas including:

- Family Spirituality
- Hispanic Family Ministry
- Family Issues – Pastoral Care
- Natural Family Planning
- Advocacy for Life
- Marriage preparation
- Domestic Violence – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Single Again – Divorce, Separated, Widowed Ministry
- Deaf Ministry
- Disabilities Ministry
- Youth and Young Adults

In 2014, the Office was instrumental in assisting parishes and individuals in participating in the preparations for the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to discuss how the Church can better respond to the pastoral needs of families. The Extraordinary Synod occurred in October 2014 and a Vatican survey offered Catholics around the world the opportunity to comment on key issues to be discussed by the bishops. The Office provided guidance and support to ensure that the comments of approximately 4,000 respondents were included in the Archdiocese’s official report.



John-Paul Legare, a parishioner of St. Joseph in Emmitsburg, and Shannon McQuin, a parishioner of St. Peter in Libertytown, participate in the Maryland March for Life March 9, 2015, in Annapolis.

ENHANCING THE FAITH FORMATION OF OUR YOUTHS IN MOUNTAIN MARYLAND

The strength of the future of our faith depends a great deal on how we shape and form the next generation of Catholics. Due to funds raised by the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign, efforts undertaken in Western Maryland to share the Good News with others, especially our young people, are thriving. In addition to helping support Bishop Walsh School, the only Catholic school serving Allegany and Garrett Counties, the campaign assists parish-oriented faith formation programs in the entire region.

Father Ed Hendricks, pastor of St. Michael in Frostburg, St. Ann in Grantsville, St. Joseph in Midland and St. Peter in Westernport, spoke of this support for youth religious education. “The campaign is assisting us on multiple levels of Catholic education in its broadest sense, including a new media center. Still in the design phase, this new center will be a big venue with a screen and cameras so we can see and be seen, and microphones and speakers in the ceiling so we can listen as well as be heard. This will allow us to connect to Archdiocesan programs without having to drive to Baltimore. We’ll be able to interact and be there virtually. It really expands our educational opportunities.”

Joseph Keating, director of religious education for Allegany and Northern Garrett Counties, told of four new youth ministry programs that were started this year at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish in Cumberland. He said, “We’ve added a middle school youth group, a high school youth group, music ministry and a youth leadership group. The leadership group collates ideas and then talks them through with some of our adult leaders. Then the other groups, the middle school and the high school groups, grab them and go. For example, we’re doing food collections and having kind of a competition where they’re taking pictures of the amount of food that’s being collected for the food pantry.”

With the support of the Embracing Our Mission ~ Shaping Our Future capital campaign funding evangelization efforts like those in Mountain Maryland, the faith of the next generation of Catholics grows stronger every day.



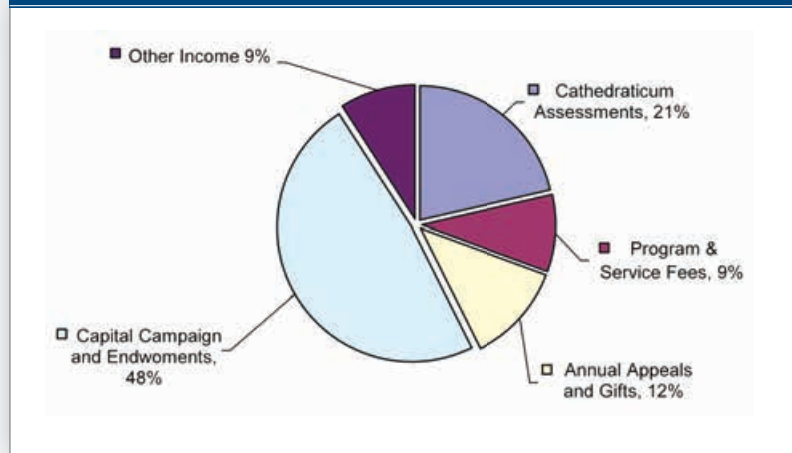
Young people participate in the Catholic Regional Youth Pilgrimage in Cumberland March 28, 2015.

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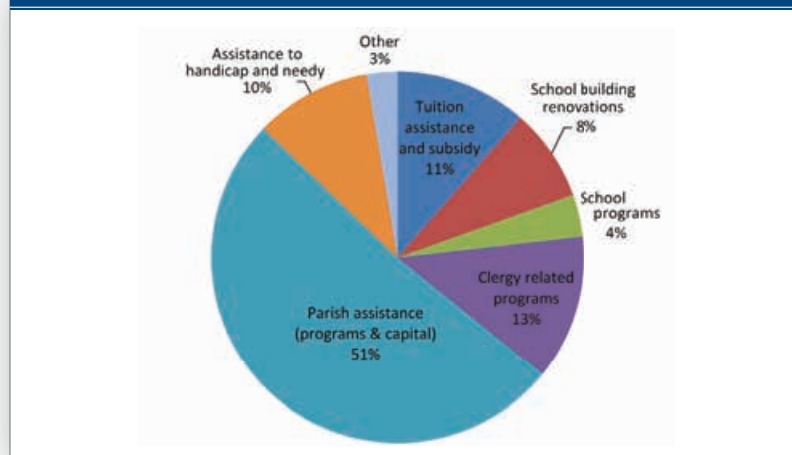
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| | Year Ended June 30 | |
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| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Catholic Center Operating Income | | |
| Cathedraticum Assessments | \$ 14,040,000 | \$ 14,037,000 |
| Program and Service Fees | 6,043,000 | 5,944,000 |
| Capital Campaign and Endowments | 31,679,000 | 25,450,000 |
| Archdiocesan Annual Campaigns | 7,907,000 | 9,564,000 |
| Other Income | 5,955,000 | 5,039,000 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 65,624,000 | \$ 60,034,000 |
| Catholic Center Operating Expenses | | |
| Evangelization and Pastoral Services | \$ 5,751,000 | \$ 5,436,000 |
| Department of Catholic Schools | 1,332,000 | 1,146,000 |
| Clergy Services and Programs | 1,722,000 | 1,959,000 |
| Priest Care and Retired Clergy | 3,247,000 | 2,134,000 |
| Fundraising and Development | 6,628,000 | 6,471,000 |
| Central Management and Administration | 11,955,000 | 11,781,000 |
| Grants | 26,424,000 | 21,226,000 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 57,059,000 | 50,153,000 |
| Catholic Center Operating Surplus Prior to Investment Income and Other Activities | \$ 8,565,000 | \$ 9,881,000 |
| Investment Income – Central Services | | |
| Investment Income – Central Services | \$ 325,000 | \$ 122,000 |
| Change in Market Value of Investments | 3,407,000 | 6,668,000 |
| Total Investment Income | 3,732,000 | 6,790,000 |
| Catholic Center Operating Surplus After Investment Income | \$ 12,297,000 | \$ 16,671,000 |
| Other Central Service Activities, Net | | |
| Insurance Operations | \$ 4,753,000 | \$ 4,847,000 |
| Child Nutrition Lunch Program | (33,000) | (132,000) |
| Gain on Sale of Property | 981,000 | 5,229,000 |
| Retirement Programs | 2,128,000 | 11,521,000 |
| Other Activities, Net | 7,829,000 | 21,465,000 |
| Consolidated Catholic Center Operating and Other Activities Surplus | \$ 20,126,000 | \$ 38,136,000 |

FY 2014 REVENUE SOURCES — \$65.6 M



FY 2014 ARCHDIOCESAN GRANT AREAS — \$26.4 M



PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

The Church continually encourages its people to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. But it does more than encourage prayer, as it has a dedicated office working every day to promote vocations to the priesthood and to life as a consecrated religious.

Through the Embracing our Mission ~ Shaping our Future capital campaign, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore provided much-needed financial resources to assist with efforts to attract and prepare individuals who have chosen to give their lives in service to God and His Church.

The Office of Vocations sponsors a number

of events each year, including discernment days for high school and college students, fellowship opportunities and speaking events.

The campaign also raised money to assist with the cost of preparing men for priesthood by creating an endowment to enhance and support the Archdiocese's seminary program in our two seminaries. After graduating from college, a candidate for priesthood must go to seminary for another four years to earn a master's degree in divinity. Most candidates go to school eight to 10 years after high school before they can be ordained as priests. The



Father James Boric distributes Communion following his ordination to the priesthood July 21, 2014, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Homeland.

Archdiocese believes it is important for a priest to have a well-balanced liberal arts education as well as a firm grasp of theology and the spiritual life.

Strong formation through seminary education of future priests represents a critical need in the effort to secure the mission and viability of the Catholic Church in our Archdiocese for future generations.