

# ANNUAL PASTORAL & FINANCIAL REPORT



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# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



Take a risk, get involved, and be committed – at the opening of the school year 2023–2024, this was the message I have engraved into the young minds of our students at SAS. It is my prayer that somehow it has sipped into their hearts and inspired them not to be afraid, complacent, or indifferent but to be more courageous in developing and sharing their God-given gift of talents.

I wish to say the same to you, dear St. Ann parishioners. God has given us many talents, gifts, and wisdom so that we may be wiser in this world to fulfill the will, intention, and desire of the Father. He even gives us the freedom to use His gifts as we see fit for our own development, for the good of our family, our community, the church, and society. I do pray for the courage to trust ourselves and to take the risk of using everything we have to serve God by serving our sisters and brothers.

While COVID-19 had somehow eased out, our fiscal year 2022-2023 had still experienced many challenges. Sunday church attendance was still wanting in number, ministries were in need of volunteer help especially extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, audio-visual operators, cantors and choirs, ushers, altar servers, catechists, membership in the school board and endowment committee. Though wanting in numbers, a beautiful sign of active revival of our ministries could be seen.

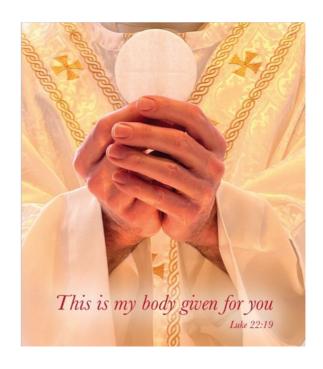
On infrastructure, our big challenge to us was and continues to be, its maintenance. Our buildings are getting older and they definitely need attention. HVAC, air-conditioning, and roofing in the church and in St. Michael's, solar panels, including the school are the main concerns. The administration is trying to be as conservative as it should when it comes to expenses in order to meet its ends. However, the income revenue, relying mostly on weekly collections, is not as big as the unexpected expenses. Please see the report of our Finance Council towards the end

To those who have regularly been giving and generous to our church and supportive of our ministries, you have my sincere and deep gratitude.

We pray today for the courage to trust ourselves and take the risk of using every blessing God has offered us to serve Him and others. May we have the tenacity to use our gifts in getting involved for the common good and be committed to what we believe.

God loves you. Fr. Leandro Dela Cruz

#### EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL UPDATE



The United States Bishops are sponsoring a three-year National Eucharistic Revival from 2022 through 2025. It is meant to bring together all aspects of the church, involving clergy, religious, laity, organizations, ministries, and parish and diocesan leaders to provide Church revival.

The purpose is to "inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

The Time Line for this celebration is as follows:

Year 1: Diocesan Revival (June 2022- June 2023) is focused on diocesan-wide planning.

**Year 2:** Parish Revival (June 2023 - June 2024) will shift the focus to the parish, with formation, prayer, and other activities there.

**Year 3:** Missionary Sending (June 2024 – June 2025) will begin with a pilgrimage to a July 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (Indiana). That year will focus on sending people out to the peripheries of their communities as missionaries to invite people back to the Church.

During the diocesan revival phase, several of our parishioners participated in a diocesan-wide gathering to get familiar with the vision and some of the planned activities that were taking place at the diocesan level.

As we began year 2 (June 2023 – June 2024), under the direction of our parish planning group, we celebrated our kick-off event with a Eucharistic Procession on June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The people of the parish came together in a beautiful display of community, worship, and celebration.





#### OUR PARTNER PARISH: SAN ANDRÉS SAJCABAJA, GUATEMALA

San Andres Church continues to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, although not without some changes. The parish school at San Andres has celebrated its final graduation and the completion of its mission of providing quality education for the Mayan people of San Andres. Twenty five years ago the school was started to teach Spanish as a second language for the Maya people who spoke K'iche' (Kee-chay). After a few years, the parish Pastoral Council decided to establish its own school under the direction of Sister Celeste Derr, MM. The school grew in quality, and quantity and a separate building was erected.

Throughout the years, parishioners of Saint Ann have supported the school in many ways. One parishioner was able to secure a number of Laptop computers, others provided scholarships for students and assistance to teachers. The annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry funds were directed to the parish, and the school.

Over the years, the quality of public education in Guatemala improved dramatically, and several graduates of San Andres have become teachers in the public school which today provides bilingual education (K'iche' and Spanish) along with strong teacher accountability. Taking this into consideration, and the ever-greater financial challenges, the Pastoral Council decided to close the parish school. The Sister Celeste Derr Foundation was established, and today its funds provided high school and college scholarship for promising students, which is the greater need in the parish at this time. Rental of the school building also provides on-going revenue for the parish.

Sister Bernice Kitta, MM continues to serve the needs of the parish, supplying religious education and health education, facilitating bible study groups and providing family assistance with funds provided by the parishioners of Saint Ann. Last year The Church of Saint Ann contributed \$2,871 to help advance these ministries.

It is hoped that our relationship with San Andres will strengthen our global awareness and help us keep focused on the need to continue to reach out to our sisters and brothers throughout the world.







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#### FAITH FORMATION



This past year we joined with the Church throughout the United States through a process of Eucharistic Revival with the hope of reinvigorating our worship, renewing our community identity as the Body of Christ, and our personal responses of faith to the real and loving presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We also continue to pray with the Church throughout the world who, through the Synod, and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, gather to discern what it means to be a Church where all are welcome and where all share in the mission and future direction of the Church.

When we speak of faith formation, we point to those who participate in the life of the parish. We remember those who lead in one or more of the many parish ministries, and those who teach and form faith in others. We also acknowledge the important relationships that enable us to share in the life of Christ, in the Christian community, and the many ways we support and encourage one another in the journey of faith.

We continue to live out our mission and strengthen faith:

- Through our Sunday worship.
- Through baptism preparation for parents and sacramental preparation for our young people. Through preparation for marriage.
- Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which prepares adults for full initiation into the Church Celebration of the Sacraments.
- Through our Religious Education Programs.
- Through our Saint Ann School.
- Through our prayer, prayer groups, and novenas.
- Through the hospitality provided through a warm welcome to all.

We have much to be grateful for. We look forward to the upcoming season and beyond, where we can unite as a parish community to awaken and nourish faith, celebrate our communal life, and collaborate as we look to the future with hope.



## SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Baptism	80
First Eucharist	65
Confirmation	59
Matrimony	8

#### **BEREAVEMENTS/PASTORAL CARE**

Funera	ıls	68
Sick Co	alls	23



#### **BAPTISMS**

Izabella Vita Rivas Leandro Slavatore Padalino Quinn Valerie Huntoon Nolan William Mill Carter Michael Mill Erik Andrej Dubravcak Giovanna Lucille Baldi Emma Sokova Jaxon Tyler Van Lierop Greyson Robert Birchenouglz Alexander Fabian-Lemus Mia Joy Andreas Dominic Joseph Deak Nino Vincent Palumbo June Alexandra Giaquinto James Joseph Giaquinto Derek Jaden Lampley Theodore George Pagano Caroline Eleanor Martens Charlie Jackson Bentz Jack Francis Di Crecchio Elliot Louis Maisonet Aldrich Leo Joseph Yingling Emmett Lapshynou Julia Noelle Holtzclaw Natalya Aileen Cruz Mia Sofia Cruz Nikolas Bielski Emilia Ruby Shannon Matteo Joseph Rossi Stella Marie Rafferty Porter Theodore Small Mary Allison Small Declan Joel Small Miles Patrick Marchetti Cruz Angel McGovern Luca John Schiano Moriello Jaxon Thomas Mazzella Jayden Angelo Avila Ramses Paul Clarke

Zoe Robin Clarke Juliana Marie Goodman Myles Patrick Lombardy Erik John Walter Penelope Rose Daniel Andre James Jafar Jones, Jr. Penelope Lily Dockins Hailey Anne McQuarrie Alice De Oliveira Barbosa Yelena Marie Davila Francesca Margarita Baldeo Angel Valentin the III Adrian Valentin Auery Valentin Isabella Louise Bove Arthur Elias Martins Skwirut Jaxon David Khinkis Saja Piaseczny Dylan Hale Zainab Durda Harrison Charles Schemmer Mia Rose Ludwig Jaxon Joseph Sikora Giada Marie De Monte Leah Ann Yambao William Joseph Cruzan Rory Andrew Keany Linzy Valeska del Cid Munoz Nora Lynn Perry Madelyn Gelardi Milo Mark Parella Ouinn Delia Parella Sofia Marie Yaros Ada Ray Livingston Maeve Catherine Livingston Logan Nguefo Kitio Abigail Jiokeng Kitio Nolan Patrick O'Donnell Lukas Novak Thomas Cavadini Nguyen



#### FIRST COMMUNION



Grace Alankara Elliot Aldrich Caitlin Almirante Christian Augustyniak James Baldino Samantha Boerum Kyleigh Brennan Julian Cardenas Sandra Cardenas Salvatore Cento Grace Dlabik Kellen Dobkin Joshua Donawa Samuel Fadayomi Adam Gancarz Joshua Garcia Caleb Gladney Jonathan Gonzalez Alessandra Guarraggi **Emory Hajec** Caroline Haney Abriella Harris

Athena Hernandez Bradley Hurley Isabella Jammer Capri Kleespie Matthew Laudanski Alice LeBano Tran Leilyanna LemMon Kristoff Manalang Justin Mykietyn Ryan Nissen Alexander Norton Damian Nowik Anna Ordowich Mia Osorio Angelo Palumbo Samuel Perez Meg'Ahn Petion Derek Potter Stella Prassas Lilyana Ramirez Lilied Rodriguez Kallie Savela

Oliver Schafer Jadrien Shannon Jalisha Shuler Noah Silva Gwen Silverman Charles Sista Mary Small Maeve Smith **Anthony Solares** Rose Speciale **Grant Spencer** Isabelle Tedino Rocco Tedino David Tigre Juliana Topley Ashley Vasquez Alexa Wargo Destine Zawada MacKaylah Yung Evan Zdunek Mia Zhispon

#### CONFIRMATION



Jayden Baldwin Adriel Beza Niall Brogan Quinn Cahill Thomas Carango Alexander Casole Alexandria Cifelli Charlie Cohen Robert Connolly Rashell Davila Gian Michael Diaz Juliana Dore Maximus Edgar Gabriella Egan Jacqueline Fuller Elena Gancarz Ethan Garber Sofia Garmise Paige Gervasoni **Brody Gill** 

Angel Gonzalez Bernardo Gonzalez Brianna Gonzalez Brielle Jimenez Dylan Kawalek Lucas Klama Wesley Klama Anna Kramer Natalie LaMagra Aurora Laubach Cassius Lawson Isabella Maldari James Manangan Alexander Martucci Sabrina Miranda Julia Mrozik Abigail Oravsky Nathaniel Petit-Homme Omar Pineda Caitlin Powers

Joseph Santiago Briana Santos Nicholas Sferra Neve Sirois Alexander Socha Miles Sykes Marcelo Tajiboy Nathan Tepper Sarah Thomas Jacob Vasil Gabriela Velazco Marina Velazco Aidan Verga Jarrison Villadarez Carly Shay Villegas Colton Weber Shannon Zhispon Robert Zimmaro Jahyale Zuniga



#### **WEDDINGS**

George Myers Jr. and Kaitin Doolan
Michael Sabo and Kinga Magdalena Robuta
J. Anthony Herald and Alyssa Menendez
Steven Kudrick and Meredith Crane
Joseph Vinch and Kaitlin McGeown
Christian Cuison and Victoria D'Agostino
Matthew Castiglione and Marissa Walachy
Michele Illiano and Laura Wessels





#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

(AND FAMILY)

Jacqueline Pachuta Antonio Gelardi Jillian Griffith Everlyn Jumper Nicholas and Kendall

Pagano

Patrick Lombardi Megan Pardilla Itcia Rodriguez

Malgorzata Lenarczyk

Sukarina Jules

Harriet Thomas

Katherine Fisher

Patricia Walter

Tomasz Godula

Ria John

John Zachariah

Joseph Forte

Louis Forte

Ilse Pacheco

Joseph Monaghan

Anna & Michael Holtzclaw Lorenc Cici

Marcin Janusz

Karolina Zarow

Paola Ramirez

Christopher McGovern Valencia Petion

Andrea Jannetti

Frin Shevlin

Yvette Garabedian

Joseph Romola

Kazimierz Wojtowicz

Chandler Brown

Long Ding

Madeleine Brown

John Clarke

Joia Speciale

Kristina Nakayama

Jacquelyn Venutolo

Maria Rosario

Rosa Davila

Alexander Kocar

Leisy & Zekarias Ezra

Kimberly Arnoux

Andre Jones

Maria & Jakub Juscik

Stewart Way

Lesley Mottley

Michael Lewy

Paula Pontani

Magdalena Malkowska

Mardoqueo Gonzalez

Poliana Dos Santos

Zachary Gall

Peter Alexander

Derock Bernard

Lorraine Fuhrmann

Joseph Schanne

Berenice Thompson

Kamila Gromek

Michael Brogan

Nicholas Parella

Stephen Sikora

Danielle Luongo

Anita Gilanyi

Alan Slaughter

John Michael Gilbert

Clara Aparicio

Michael Nalbone

Jenny A. zea-Acuna

Zachary Calderone

Delfina D'Alesio

Concetta LaPergola

Anna Wojciechowski

Robinson Varahese

Reina Delcid

**Emily Johnson** 

Daniel & Ashley Petaccio

James Nobilio

Alexis Powlish

Casandra Bustamante









Fr. John Hurley, St. Ann Novena Guest Speaker





















#### Stewardship Prayer

I resolve to trust God more, believing that through divine wisdom and abundance, I will be given all that I need. I resolve to spend more time with God, giving a few more minutes of each day to prayer, worship, and spiritual reflection. I resolve to find more ways to share my unique gifts of time, talent, and treasure so that my gifts will make a difference in my family and my community, especially to help our parish to continue to effectively fulfill its mission. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.



# LETTER FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL



Dear Parishioners of The Church of Saint Ann,

Once again It is my privilege to report the Financial Report for the Fiscal year 2022-2023. As we entered the year the COVID-19 guidelines were lifted and the committee took action to deal with our new normalcy. The parish continued to seek progress as changes came forth. We continued in-person masses, along with live streaming for all our masses. Attendance varied week by week, with weekly donations following a similar pattern. Regularly scheduled meetings with the Finance Council and Fr. Dela Cruz took place to fully monitor all finances and ensure your generous gifts were stewarded most appropriately.

The Church and School continued to experience financial and staffing challenges. The Church was impacted, mostly from high inflation as costs just kept going higher. The Church was blessed with a large Bequest from a parishioner. The Parish hired an Accountant and Maintenance leader and we are very pleased to have them on board as they brought stability to our operations. Overall the bottom line had a slight loss and I attributed the results to the tight financial control processes.

We had a positive building and grounds year with very little major capital expenditures with only necessary repairs and upkeep at St. Michael's campus. We will continue to take necessary actions to our campus sites to ensure needs and efficiency. A detailed listing of these projects is provided within the report.

The School continued to have in person learning for the whole year and enjoyed an uptick in enrollment. The School had a challenging year related to personnel changes. The external landscape in the public school teacher's arena forced movement in this area; we just could not retain personnel. The School also had a positive building and grounds year with no major capital expenditures. I would like to extend an extra word of appreciation to the school staff and teachers for their extraordinary efforts during another challenging year. I also would like to thank the PTA for their extraordinary support to the school. Overall operational expenses were managed well. The increase in enrollment, personnel vacancies and reduction in variable operating expenses were the key drivers to our positive results.

Over the next several pages we have provided key highlights from our fiscal year, in addition to detailed financial statements for the Church and School. There is commentary to offer a deeper insight into our financial status. The Finance Council believes this additional level of transparency is helpful and welcomes feedback to continue and improve our report.

We look forward to this upcoming fiscal year as we continue to build on our new norm. We are confident that we have the resources and skill sets to tackle the challenges that arise. Our Church and Saint Ann's School are well positioned to drive our transformation for a solid upcoming year. I offer my complete assurance the Finance Council will remain vigilant and attentive to produce the best possible outcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Finance Council for their continuous support throughout the year. Finally, I would like to THANK YOU for all your ongoing support and gifts that truly make our Parish welcoming to our parishioners.

God Bless with Gratitude, Vito A. Pulito Finance Council Chairperson

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### CHURCH OF ST. ANN FINANCIAL REPORT

Churc	h of Sa	int Ann Fina	ncial Repor	t		8/22/2023
\$s in Thousands		cal Year	FY2022	Ĺ	Fiscal Year	FY2023
		2022	% of Total		2023	% of Total
Income	(7/1/2	1-6/30/22)	Income	(7/	1/22-6/30/23)	Income
Weekly Collections	\$	701	55.2%	\$	708	53.1%
Christmas + Easter Collections		83	6.5%		74	5.5%
Special Collections		71	5.6%		54	4.0%
Total Collections 1	\$	855	67.3%	\$	836	62.7%
Other Income						
Bequest 2		361	28.4%		158	11.8%
85th Anniversary 3	\$	-	0.0%	\$	56	4.2%
Investment Income 4		(168)	-13.2%	ľ	20	1.5%
Charitable Donations		93	7.3%		88	6.6%
Rental Income		43	3.4%		44	3.3%
Religious Education		27	26.5%		27	2.0%
Capital Campaign		2	0.2%		1	0.1%
Other		58	4.6%		104	7.8%
Total Other Income	\$	416	32.7%	\$	498	37.3%
Total Income	\$	1,271	100.0%	\$	1,334	100.0%
			% of Total			% of Total
Expense			% of Total Expense			% of Total Expense
Expense Payroll & Benefits 5	<b>\$</b>	527		\$	552	
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#### **FOOTNOTES**

- 1. Weekly collections experienced a positive trend the second half of the year.
- 2. Final distribution of estate bequest.
- 3. 85th Anniversary Parish raffle and reception.
- 4. Current year market conditions impacted overall performance positively.
- 5. Payroll & Benefits include: salaries, benefits, and payroll taxes. Slight annual increases across the team; several staff roles continuing to be part time; hiring of parish accountant & facility leader.
- 6. Cost reductions driven by building repairs and snow removal (no snow).
- 7. Increase in Diocesan Assessment is calculated on a 2 year backlog, 20–21 year collections.
- 8. Telephone, Electricity & Gas had higher rate increases.
- 9. Increase in Liturgical supplies, i.e. candles, religious articles, etc.
- 10. St. Michael had construction of two religious education classrooms, basement remediation and boiler repair.
- 11. No Capital replacement was required this year vs. roof repairs last year.

#### Annual Catholic Appeal

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2023** 

GOAL: \$90,000

PLEDGED: 55% OF GOAL \$49,611

PAID: \$44,217 GIFTS: 244

#### 2023 Parish Finance Council

FR. LEANDRO DELA CRUZ, PASTOR

VITO A. PULITO, CHAIR

**ROSE RYAN** 

JOHN A. HEFFERN

HAROLD LAUDIEN

DAN HAGGERTY

THOMAS P. FINN

**DUKE DEL PRADO** 

**NICOLE POWERS** 

KATHLEEN GOLAZESKI

**VALERIE SEUTIN** 

#### Faith to Move Mountains

**AS OF JUNE 30, 2023** 

GOAL: \$1,510,000

PLEDGED: 58% OF GOAL \$876,111

PAID: \$744,000 GIFTS: 395

#### 2023 Parish Board of Trustees

ROSE RYAN
DAN HAGGERTY

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

by Dan Haggerty

This is to provide a brief summary of our facilities related activities for the past year.

- \* A five year capital plan for the Church/FDC building and associated grounds, was approved and is posted on our parish website.
- \* An extensive and multi-phased roofing project (entailing both exterior and interior repairs) was completed at the FDC.
- \* The masonry wall by the exterior entrance to the Cloister Garden was repaired.
- \* A concrete sidewalk was installed at the exterior entrance to the Cloister Garden.
- \* Tree pruning, tree removal and associated landscaping maintenance projects were completed.
- \* Several handicap parking signs were replaced and repaired in the Church parking lot.
- \* Exterior repairs were made at the Rectory (50 Eldridge Avenue), including the installation of a new Bilco door and the repair of a roof area.
- \* Several repairs were made at the School, including to the boiler, to an interior water pipe, to a circulator pump and to doors.
- \* In order to address a new annual certification process for health and safety facilities requirements at non-public schools, a number of inspections were completed, and any necessary repairs were completed.

- \* A renovation project was completed in the basement at Saint Michael's Church.
- \* A new air conditioning system (two units) was installed in the first-floor worship area at Saint Michael's Church, and boiler repairs were completed at the Saint Michael's Rectory.
- \* The house owned by the Parish at 16 Eldridge Avenue is going to be sold after the property has been subdivided. The work on this project is ongoing.
- \* Regular and ongoing maintenance and upkeep activities were performed by our maintenance staff in order to keep our facilities safe and well functioning.

We are grateful to the members of our Buildings and Grounds Committee for their time and talent in serving our Parish. The members of the Committee are:

- Michael Reger, PE,
- John Maiorana, Esq.,
- Dan Haggerty, Esq.,
- Benjamin Grace, AIA,
- Brian Barry, PE,
- Sean Sheehy, PE
- Joe Chiarello.

Our Church and School maintenance staff, Larry Boyle (Church and FDC facilities) and Dave Young (School facilities) are ex officio members of the Committee.









# LETTER FROM THE ENDOWMENT FUND



Dear Parishioners of the Church of Saint Ann,

It has been a pleasure to serve this last year alongside my fellow committee members as a financial steward for the Church of Saint Ann's Education Endowment Fund. As part of the Education Endowment Fund Committee's unceasing commitment to advancing Catholic education, we wish to share details with the parish at large concerning the Education Endowment Fund. We kindly ask that you review the following information and reflect on the considerable good the Church of Saint Ann has done in the service of Christ and His Church.

#### Purpose of the Education Endowment Fund

The Education Endowment Fund was established for the exclusive benefit and support of the advancement of Catholic education. The irrevocable goal and objective of the Education Endowment Fund is to defray the costs associated with obtaining quality Catholic education at any level. This includes, but is not limited to, prekindergarten through eighth grade, high school, higher education, continuing education, and educational programs hosted through the parish. The Education Endowment Fund is held and administered as a permanent Catholic endowment fund, separate and distinct from other funds of the parish.

#### **Building the Education Endowment Fund**

Long-time pastor of the Church of Saint Ann, Msgr. Vincent Gartland, first conceived of the Education Endowment Fund in response to the challenges posed by the 2008 Recession. Seeing an immediate need to support parish families during that challenging time, Msgr. Gartland envisioned developing a resource that would allow for continued religious education at Saint Ann School regardless of economic barriers, catastrophic events, and difficult life circumstances. Msgr. Gartland believed that such a fund could serve to sustain and enrich the parish in perpetuity, particularly in its mission to "educate across the life span."

Beginning in 2023, the Education Endowment Fund opened scholarship opportunities to students enrolled in the Saint Ann's Religious Education Program. In the spring of 2023, the Education Endowment Fund Committee awarded two, eighth grade, Religious Education students scholarships totaling \$1,250 to defray the cost of their first year at Catholic high schools. The Committee intends to expand this program over time to assist more students enrolled in the Religious Education Program.

Additionally, the Education Endowment Fund has advanced Catholic education opportunities through programs beyond Saint Ann School. For instance, the Education Endowment Fund has distributed funds, as necessary, to support a fellowship program through the Center for Faith Justice (CFJ). The CFJ Fellow works with our parish by:

- 1. Developing Catholic Campus Ministry at Rider University. The Church of Saint Ann was assigned responsibility for this in 2019 and sees value in partnering with the CFJ, which is located on our parish campus, to accomplish this; and
- 2. Building a nascent youth ministry program, that has not existed at the parish for many years.

Moreover, the Education Endowment Fund previously provided one-time assistance in the amount of \$1,000 to two young parishioners who traveled abroad as part of the Operation Smile mission.

Ultimately, by supporting these programs and opportunities, the Education Endowment Fund has expanded its outreach, advanced the cause of Catholic education, and enriched the spiritual growth of our faith community and beyond.

#### The Future of the Education Endowment Fund

The Education Endowment Fund represents a unique opportunity for the Church of Saint Ann to think creatively and invest strategically in the long-term educational needs of Catholics. Most parishes do not have such a fund to draw upon to support Catholic education and the needs of their communities. In the wake of the 2020 Pandemic, current inflationary pressures, and recent economic uncertainty, parishes across the country have struggled financially. Nevertheless, we are called to embrace our mission ever more fervently and ensure our faith traditions are passed down to the next generation.

In keeping with that spirit, the Education Endowment Fund Committee is actively exploring new opportunities to advance Catholic education. This includes modifying and expanding our current Education Endowment Fund scholarship program to place additional emphasis on service projects and volunteer activities. The committee also plans to expand programs supporting students enrolled in our Parish's Religious Education Program.

Ultimately, stewardship of the Education Endowment Fund is a sacred responsibility that we take with the utmost sincerity. As I approach my third year as the Chairman of the Education Endowment Fund Committee, I am filled with hope for the future of our parish. Together, we can leave behind a legacy that will be cherished by countless generations hence.

#### A Thanks to Two of the Committee's Long-Term Members

The Education Endowment Fund is blessed to count parishioners among its stewards, sharing their unique perspectives and experiences to advance the cause of Catholic education. Two of those stewards, Ellen Bernabe and Daisy Ponting, have reached the end of their three-year commitment to the committee. Despite the end of their terms on the committee, their contributions to our Parish will be felt for years to come.

Whether it was helping review scholarship applications, organizing events for our wonderful Saint Ann students, or spearheading new programs to advance the cause of Catholic education, Ellen and Daisy have set a wonderful example of servant leadership. On behalf of the Parish and the Education Endowment Fund Committee, I extend to Ellen and Daisy my deepest thanks. Know this—the good you do in this life will never be forgotten.

In the Peace of Christ,

Alex R. Daniel, Esq.

Chairman of the Church of Saint Ann Education Endowment Fund Committee



#### SAINT ANN SCHOOL

#### Letter from the Head of School



Dear Parishioners of The Church of Saint Ann,

It is a pleasure for me to share the accomplishments at Saint Ann School during the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022 summer months brought a myriad of school projects to fruition. In preparation for the school year and the welcoming of our students, we were able to continue to update our building facilities by installing a secure vestibule in our main entrance and updating our inside lock system, an unfortunate necessity in our current reality. Through the efforts of our PTA fundraising, we were able to obtain new water fountains and additional lockers for our students.

Also, new picnic and cafeteria tables were purchased in the Spring which will be enjoyed by all who utilize our grounds and building this coming school year.

The school obtained two new smartboards in a continued effort to upgrade and maintain our student technology access.

Saint Ann continued its focus on guiding our students to live out their Catholic faith. This year, in addition to the usual Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter drives, our students partnered with Saint James School in Red Bank to contribute to Project "Share Uganda", an initiative to find solutions for young women in that country to be able to receive an education.

I am grateful for the efforts of many of our school parent volunteers who, along with parishioners were able to bring back CYO sports for our students and the parish youth. Our after-school clubs also benefited from the generosity of our parents and staff, as we were able to offer Drama club this year. Our wonderful and talented children performed an unforgettable "Mary Poppins Jr" this past March to the delight of a sold-out audience.

Although Saint Ann School suffered from the challenges of a statewide teacher shortage this year, we continued to produce an academically robust 8th-grade graduating class that received acceptance letters and scholarships from high school institutions such as Villa Victoria, The Pennington School, The Lewis School, Lawrenceville Prep, Notre Dame High School as well as Lawrence and Ewing High among others. Our students continue to excel in and out of the classroom and they are living proof of the Saint Ann School's commitment to catholic education.

Thank you for your continued support and please reach out to me if you are interested to know more about Saint Ann School.

God Bless,

Ameriquin Dalmasy-Laccetti Head of School

## SAINT ANN SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

\$s in Thousands Income	cal Year 2022 1-6/30/22)	FY22 % of Total Income	Fiscal Year 2023 (7/1/21-6/30/22)	FY2023 % of Total Income
Tuition & Fees 1	\$ 1,255	72.1%	\$ 1,294	72.0%
Other Income				
Diocesan Assistance 2	33	1.9%	60	3.3%
PTA Support	131	7.5%	79	4.4%
State Funds	54	3.1%	67	3.7%
Endowment Fund	43	2.5%	39	2.2%
After School Program 3	59	3.4%	79	4.4%
Charitable Donations	23	1.3%	4	0.2%
Investments 4	(14)	-0.8%	6	0.3%
Parish Subsidy 5	150	8.6%	150	8.3%
Other	7	0.4%	19	1.19
Total Other Income	486	27.9%	503	28.0%
Total Income	\$ 1,741	100.0%	\$ 1,797	100.0%
		% of Total		% of Total
Expense		Expense		Expense
Payroll & Benefits 6	\$ 1,270	69.1%	\$ 1,104	70.3%
PTA Support	131	7.1%	79	5.0%
Property & Liability Insurance	82	4.5%	97	6.2%
Government Grants	54	2.9%	67	4.3%
Building Maintenance	97	5.3%	110	7.0%
Materials & Supplies 7	66	3.6%	53	3.4%
Utilities	43	2.3%	33	2.1%
Capital Replacement 8	65	3.5%	-	0.0%
Student Body Activities	2	0.1%	3	0.2%
	19	1.0%	16	1.0%
Professional Fees	4	0.2%	3	0.2%
Professional Fees Leased Expenditures			_	0.0%
Leased Expenditures	-	0.0%		
	- 6	0.0% 0.3%	6	0.4%

## SAINT ANN SCHOOL: FOOTNOTES

- 1. Tuition collection increased because of higher enrollment.
- 2. Increase in Diocese of Trenton support based on new enrollment.
- 3. Higher enrollment & full day PreK increased After School Program revenue.
- 4. Current year market conditions impacted overall performance positively.
- 5. Annual Parish subsidy provided to Saint Ann School.
- 6. Reduction in costs was the result of several vacant positions.
- 7. Materials & Supplies had a benefit from a 3 year contract on textbook purchases.
- 8. No capital projects this year vs. last year's projects of a new playground, classroom air conditioners and a repaved parking lot.







# PARISH CHART 2023

