

2018 Annual Stewardship Report

As Pastor, and on behalf of Father Larry and our colleagues on the Parish Staff, I would like to begin this annual stewardship letter by thanking you for your faith and generosity this past Fiscal Year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). It was a year marked by joy-filled beginnings and unprecedented loss and tragedy. Working together as a parish and guided by the Holy Spirit, we embraced all of it with courage and love.

With those same virtues, I invite you to examine the emerging profile of our parish community and consider how you might strengthen your commitment to our parish's financial stability. Our renewal as the vibrant Gospel heartbeat of Santa Barbara depends on your time, your prayer, and your financial support.

Three points seem most significant as I look back at the year. First, our potential as a center of Franciscan evangelization was on full display in the aftermath of the Thomas Fire and Montecito debris flow. We reached out to offer special liturgical healing services and welcomed our brothers and sisters from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We opened our homes to neighbors in need and gathered community leaders for a seminar focused on "How We Heal."

Secondly, starting in January, the Pastoral Council dedicated nine months to crafting a full-scale Pastoral Plan drawn from a series of pastoral conversations, surveys, and communal discernment. The plan is now in place as a catalyst for us to become more and more who we say we are and who we've shown ourselves to be: *a faith community responding to God's call to love by striving to live the Gospel in prayer, formation, evangelization, outreach, and stewardship in the Franciscan tradition.*

Thirdly, and most difficultly, we accomplished all this in the face of serious financial obstacles. Nearly \$40,000 of anticipated collections did not materialize last year, due in part to the events of December and January when the church was periodically closed. By year's end our expenses exceeded our income by \$120,000, forcing us to draw down heavily from our reserves. On the plus side, investment income exceeded expectations, as did other special donations.

Here's what gives me hope: initiatives sparked by the Pastoral Plan are already beginning to reverse the negative cycle. Over 100 parishioners participated in our four-week series on the Franciscan spiritual tradition. Many more took part in liturgies, presentations, and of course, the Parish Picnic, as part of our "Franciscan Fiesta." We have reinstated an early morning Sunday liturgy and are reshaping the 9:00am Sunday liturgy to better engage families and children, all the while sustaining our commitment to the liturgical excellence for which the Mission is well known.

As we implement our plan to revitalize the parish and enjoy its benefits, I ask you to revitalize your giving. By increasing your envelope donation or your contribution to the basket, you are extending the power and reach of Franciscan love and compassion as it moves through a renewed parish community bringing healing, peace, and joy beyond church walls to a wide circle of brothers and sisters at this important moment in our history as a Church and as a nation.

Again, on behalf of Father Larry and all my brother friars and colleagues, thank you for your continued and renewed generosity!


Fr. Dan Lackie, O.F.M., Pastor

Administration: Administration salaries/benefits/taxes, priest stipends/pension, professional services

Fixed Cost: Facilities, liability and auto insurance, workers comp, phone

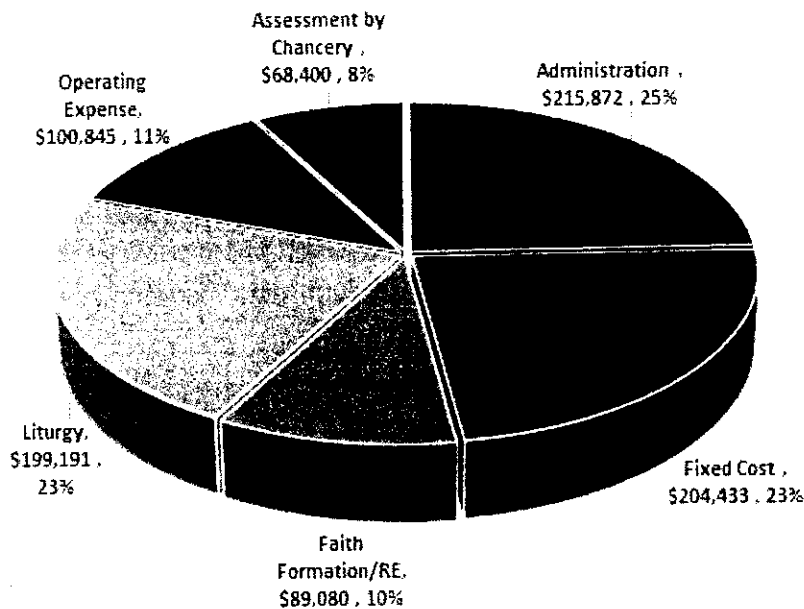
Faith Formation/RE: Director salary/benefits/taxes, all program related expenses

Liturgy: Director salary/benefits/taxes, all program related expenses

Operating Expense: Office, travel, equipment expenses

Assessment by Chancery

FY 18-19 Budget
\$877,821.00



Shown below is a recap of the past five years of our reports to parishioners. As you may remember, 2013-14 was the first year the parish ran a surplus since 2008. For two years, we operated in the black.

	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>Budget 2018-19</u>
Income	\$885,552	\$866,251	\$844,356	\$817,890	\$762,267	\$799,226
Expenses	<u>760,841</u>	<u>839,819</u>	<u>864,085</u>	<u>854,824</u>	<u>882,181</u>	<u>872,321</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$124,710	\$26,432	(\$19,729)	(\$36,934)	(\$119,914)	(\$73,095)