

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parísh ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



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FROM THE PASTOR



Over the last few years, there has been no small amount of challenges in our country and in our world. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted nearly every aspect of our lives. National politics are becoming more and more divisive. And yet, through all of this, the Church has remained firm. We must never forget the motto of the Carthusian Order, founded by St. Bruno in 1084: *The Cross is steady while the world is turning.* Our

bishop, Bishop William Callahan, has noted: "The Catholic Church is still important. The Catholic Church is still relevant. Our faith is strong. Our hope endures. Our love for Christ and his love for us has not been compromised."

I am pleased to present to you the 2021-2022 Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. I hope this new format helps you to better understand our parish's spiritual, administrative, and financial positions. Please take time to read and absorb its contents. This report is a snapshot of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, especially in terms of its finances. Behind the scenes, our parish staff and volunteers labor diligently to keep the parish working for all-parishioners, visitors, and the wider community. I am especially grateful to our parish business manager, Janeen Sievers, and the members of the parish Finance Council under the chairmanship of Larry Turba who assist me in exercising vigilance over the temporal goods of the parish. It is no easy task and they all help me so very much. Please let me know if you have any questions about this annual report.

Whenever a pastor speaks about *stewardship*, people sometimes hear only "money." Rather, stewardship is often considered as *time, talent,* and *treasure*. I encourage and humbly beg everyone in the parish to increase their stewardship—especially in terms of time and talent. It would be wonderful problem to have if we had an overabundance of volunteers when the parish seeks people to help. Of course, stewardship does include treasure. I especially thank those who have continued to donate to the parish this year, even when market has been down and inflation has been up. If you are able, please continue to donate monetarily to the parish and especially to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, of which OLQH parish is so wonderful at doing. I am especially grateful to you all for your wonderful response to the *Inspired by the Spirit* capital campaign.

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that "the community of believers was of one heart and mind" (4:32). Even with ongoing challenges and political divisiveness, as Christians we must strive to be of one heart and mind, united with Jesus Christ, our Lord. *The Cross is steady while the world is turning*. Let us together increase our prayer, service, sacrifice, and stewardship to help our brothers and sisters—those in our parish and those throughout the world. May we look back on these challenging years, even amidst their great difficulties, as years where we united ever closer to our Lord and God. May God bless you.

Father Alan M. Guanella, JCL, KCHS Ninth Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish



SACRAMENTAL AND LITURGICAL INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday: 8:00 AM Morning Prayer & Communion Service Tuesday: 9:00 AM (School Year) – 8:00 AM (Summer) Wednesday: 8:00 AM Thursday: 5:00 PM Friday: 8:00 AM Saturday: 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Anticipatory Sunday Mass Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Check the bulletin for Holy Day and holiday Mass times.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Saturday: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM to 3:50 PM First Friday: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM with Eucharistic Exposition Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism meeting and request a date for the celebration of baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

In case of emergency only, when someone is dying, please call the pastor's emergency line at 715-629-9952. This number is for emergencies only. Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.

PUBLIC DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: Public recitation 30 minutes before each Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy: First Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass Stations of the Cross: Before Weekend Masses in Lent Mother of Perpetual Help: After Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass

PARISH INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: 750 10th Ave S., Wisc Rapids, WI 54495 Telephone: 715-723-1251 – Fax: 715-423-9407 Internet: www.our-lady.org – parishoffice@our-lady.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00pm Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours. *The office is closed on certain civic holidays and Holy Days.*

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF:

Pastor	Rev. Alan Guanella
🖅 fr.guanella@our-lady.org	
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Steven Weller
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Permanent Deacon	Dcn. Tom Anderson
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Business Manager	Janeen Sievers
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Director of Religious Education	Rebecca Zalar
fer reoffice@our-lady.org	
Choir Director	Mary Englert
fer menglert@our-lady.org	
Maintenance & Grounds	
Custodian	
Sacristan	Karen Pagel

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The parish pastoral council is a consultative body by which the Christian faithful of a parish, together with those who have pastoral authority in the parish, give their help in fostering pastoral activity. Its work is to be informed and inspired by the vision of the Church.

➤ Chairperson: Karen Abbott

FINANCE COUNCIL:

The parish finance council is a consultative body which helps the pastor to act justly and prudently in the administration of the parish's temporal goods. Its work is to be informed and inspired by the vision of the Church.

➤ Chairperson: Larry Turba

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW):

All women of the parish are automatically members of the CCW which exists to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service.

President: Liz Musch

MEN'S CLUB:

The men's club supports parish men in fraternity and labors in the parish. Using the talents of each person, the men's club supports in the parish with various projects, repairs, and general maintenance. Each member is able to accomplish a project, or help with one, in the spirit of fraternity and leisure, according to their own skill or comfort.

✤ Contact: Deacon Tom Anderson

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN SCHOOL

Our Lady Queen of Heaven School is a 5K through second grade elementary operated Assumption school by Catholic Schools (ACS) for the parishes of the Wisconsin Rapids Deanery. As of ASSUMPTION July 1. 2022. Assumption Catholic CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Schools and Our Lady Queen of



Heaven Parish have entered into a Building Usage Agreement for the equitable usage and remuneration of the parish's building and infrastructure for ACS' educational needs. The parish makes its parish building available to ACS as well as provides significant financial subsidy to ACS as part of the parish's Catholic school ministry.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mailing Address: 750 10th Ave S., Wisc Rapids, WI 54495 Telephone: 715-422-0980 Internet: www.assumptioncatholicschools.org School Hours: 8:35 AM - 3:35 PM

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF:

President	Daniel Minter
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Principal	
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Administrative Assistant	
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OLQH FIVE YEAR ENROLLMENT:

PARISH STATISTICS

REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS:

As of June 30, 2022	
As of June 30, 2021	
As of June 30, 2020	
As of June 30, 2019	
As of June 30, 2018	

HOUSEHOLDS DONATING \$100 OR MORE PER YEAR:

As of June 30, 2022	
As of June 30, 2021	
As of June 30, 2020	
As of June 30, 2019	
As of June 30, 2018	522 households

MASS COUNTS:

All parishes in the Diocese of La Crosse undertake an averaged Sunday Mass attendance count each October.

2021 > 4:30 PM: 205 - 7:30 AM: 144 - 10: 00 AM: 188 20201 + 4:30 PM: 109 - 7:30 AM: 96 - 10: 00 AM: 108 2019 > 4:30 PM: 288 - 7:30 AM: 175 - 10: 00 AM: 264 2018 > 4:30 PM: 263 - 7:30 AM: 190 - 10: 00 AM: 275 2017 > 4:30 PM: 286 - 7:30 AM: 194 - 10: 00 AM: 295

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

All sacramental statistics are for the year July 1 through June 30.

BAPTISMS:

2022 >> Adults: 4 - Infants: 11 - Total: 15 2021 >> Adults: 0 - Infants: 7 - Total: 7 2020 > Adults: 4 - Infants: 17 - Total: 21 2019 Adults: 0 – Infants: 15 – Total: 15 2018 > Adults: 0 - Infants: 19 - Total: 19

FIRST COMMUNIONS:

2022 M Adults: 5 - Children: 10 - Total: 15 2021 >> Adults: 0 - Children: 14 - Total: 14 2020 M Adults: 6 - Children: 25 - Total: 31 2019 >> Adults: 1 - Children: 27 - Total: 28 2018 > Adults: 2 - Children: 23 - Total: 25

CONFIRMATIONS:

2022 🕨 24	2020 🏓 0	2018 🕨 22
2021 🕨 14	2019 🕨 16	

RECEPTIONS INTO FULL COMMUNION:

2022 🕨 1	2020 Þ 2	2018 🕨 1
2021 🕨 0	2019 🕨 1	

MARRIAGES:

2022 🕨 5	2020 🎔 2	2018 🕨 3
2021 🕨 4	2019 🕨 5	

DEATHS:

2022 > 58	2020 🕨 36	2018 🕨 35
2021 🕨 33	2019 🕨 32	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ATTENDANCE:

2021-2022 >> K-8: 53 - 9-12: 18 - Total: 71 2020-2021 » K-8: 86 - 9-12: 23 - Total: 109 2019–2020 » K-8: 86 – 9-12: 23 – Total: 109 2018–2019 » K-8: 95 – 9-12: 18 – Total: 113 2017–2018 » K-8: 90 – 9-12: 25 – Total: 115

¹ Lower attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	7/01/21 - 6/30/22	% Total	7/01/20 - 6/30/21	% Total	Difference	% Change
Operating Income						
Weekly Adult Envelopes	\$ 641,759.75	76.7%		74.6%	\$ 12,477.98	1.9%
Miscellaneous Income	50,756.58	6.1%	38,112.42	4.5%	12,644.16	24.9%
Weekly Plate Contributions	46,489.77	5.6%	32,483.91	3.9%	14,005.86	30.1%
Picnic/Fundraisers	30,887.61	3.7%	18,021.11	2.1%	12,866.50	41.7%
Building Maintenance	12,589.00	1.5%	17,294.00	2.1%	(4,705.00)	-37.4%
Interest from Savings Account	11,461.67	1.4%	9,979.26	1.2%	1,482.41	12.9%
Annual Appeal Rebates	7,877.24	0.9%	10,325.52	1.2%	(2,448.28)	-31.1%
Outflows from Endowment Fund	7,566.01	0.9%	7,244.65	0.9%	321.36	4.2%
Religious Education Program	7,436.22	0.9%	6,561.00	0.8%	875.22	11.8%
Annual Appeal Grants	7,020.00	0.8%	7,020.00	0.8%	0.00	0.0%
Bequests and Memorials	6,620.00	0.8%	4,255.00	0.5%	2,365.00	35.7%
Scrip Program Profit	5,862.72	0.7%	4,906.58	0.6%	956.14	16.3%
Payroll Protection Program* *Available in 2020–2021 only	0.00	0.0%	57,800.00	6.9%		
Total Operating Income	\$ 836,326.57	100.0%	\$ 843,285.22	100.0%	(\$ 6,958.65)	-0.8%
Operating Expenses						
ACS Investment (Subsidy)	\$ 304,650.00	42.0%	\$ 294,130.87	40.4%	\$ 10,519.13	3.5%
Employee Salaries	164,802.50	22.7%		40.4 <i>%</i> 25.2%	(18,339.52)	-11.1%
Building Repairs/Maintenance	77,080.93	10.6%		11.5%	(6,457.09)	-8.4%
Utilities	58,980.13	8.1%		6.9%	8,707.34	14.8%
Employee Benefits	44,658.38	6.2%	,	6.5%	(2,360.25)	-5.3%
Religious Education Program	15,183.29	2.1%	,	0.3%	12,677.82	83.5%
Property & Casualty Insurance	12,801.00	1.8%		2.0%	(1,583.00)	-12.4%
Liturgical/Church Goods	10,381.12	1.4%		1.8%	(2,579.10)	-24.8%
Payroll Taxes	7,178.68	1.0%		1.1%	(1,014.12)	-14.1%
Miscellaneous Expense	5,230.44	0.7%	2,961.48	0.4%	2,268.96	43.4%
Office Supplies	3,013.34	0.4%	6,839.54	0.9%	(3,826.20)	-127.0%
Catholic Life Magazine	1,857.00	0.3%	2,358.00	0.3%	(501.00)	-27.0%
Total Operating Expense	\$ 725,116.56	100.0%	\$ 728,100.79	100.0%	(\$ 2,984.23)	-0.4%
Net Excess / (Deficit)	\$ 111,210.01		\$ 115,184.43		(\$ 3,974.42)	-3.6%
Account Balances	6/30/22		6/30/21		Difference	
Savings Account at St. Ambrose	\$ 437,170.27		\$ 425,737.81		\$ 11,432.46	
Parish Checking Accounts	152,727.27		57,480.25		95,247.02	
Works of Charity Account* *Not considered operational use	1,802.36		1,802.36		0.00	
Total Savings and Checking	\$ 591,699.90		\$ 485,020.42	-	\$ 106,679.48	

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

YEAR	INCOME	EXPENSES	PROFIT
2021	\$ 33,783.69	\$ 5,240.10	\$ 28,543.59
2020	No regular picni	c due to COVID-19	\$ 10,249.56
2019	\$ 32,952.73	\$ 11,711.99	\$ 21,240.74
2018	\$ 31,222.58	\$ 12,924.29	\$ 18,298.29
2017	\$ 34,040.96	\$ 13,984.58	\$ 20,056.38

SUBSIDY TO ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

OLQH provides significant financial subsidy to ACS as part of the parish's Catholic school ministry. As of July 1, 2022, ACS and OLQH Parish have entered into a Building Usage Agreement which changes the future subsidy amount.

2021 **▶** \$ 304,650 2019 **▶** \$ 263,184 2017 **▶** \$ 319,033 2020 **▶** \$ 294,131 2018 **▶** \$ 315,260

PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

The parish endowment fund supports and assists the parish in providing supplemental funding for the apostolate of education, pastoral care, liturgy, social justice, and maintenance of the physical assets of the parish and, in general, to carry out charitable, religious, and educational purposes. The parish never touches the principal but receives annual distributions (outflows) from investment earnings, year after year, while not spending the original gifts (the principal).

YEAR	OUTFLOWS	GAIN (LOSS)	VALUE
2022	\$ 7,566	(\$ 33,992)	\$ 184,715
2021	\$ 7,245	\$ 29,557	\$ 218,707
2020	\$ 6,837	\$ 8,034	\$ 189,150
2019	\$ 6,486	\$ 10,179	\$ 181,116
2018	\$ 6,266	\$ 8,800	\$ 170,937

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is the annual effort of the Catholic community of the Diocese of La Crosse to respond to the Gospel challenge of Jesus Christ to love one another by contemplating God's blessings in our lives and sharing our gifts to ensure that the vital ministries of the Church receive the financial support necessary. Your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal is the lifeblood of the 38 ministries of charitable and good works our diocesan community so gallantly provides.

YEAR	TARGET	ACTUAL	OVER	# GIFTS
2021	\$ 86,155	\$ 95,330	\$ 9,175	365
2020	\$ 85,050	\$ 91,724	\$ 6,674	397
2019	\$ 81,480	\$ 92,209	\$ 10,729	404
2018	\$ 79,270	\$ 95,931	\$ 16,661	426
2017	\$ 81,571	\$ 89,631	\$ 8,060	431

SCRIP PROGRAM PROFIT

The scrip program profit percentage varies by the retailer: between 1.25% and 20%. All parishioners are encouraged to regularly use scrip to purchase their fuel and groceries.

YEAR	SALES	PROFIT
2021–2022	\$ 265,254	\$ 5,862.72
2020–2021	Unavailable	\$ 4,906.58
2019–2020	Unavailable	\$ 4,599.01
2018–2019	Unavailable	\$ 3,883.34
2017–2018	Unavailable	\$ 3,706.87

DIRECT DONATION

OLQH Parish offers all parishioners the opportunity to set up automatic deposits of your monthly church contributions (known as ACH Direct Debit). You select your monthly contribution dollar amount and which day of the month you want your contribution to be debited from your account, either the 10th or 20th day of the month. Your contribution will be automatically transferred from your checking or savings account and electronically deposited into the parish's checking account via an automated clearing house (ACH). There is no cost to you or to the parish for this service. Complete an authorization form (available at the parish office or online at www.our-lady.org/contact). Once the parish office receives the completed form (along with a voided check or deposit slip), the process will begin for the automatic transfer of your offering from your designated account to the parish account. It does not matter where you bank: the automatic deposit of your offering can be set up with any financial institution located in the United States. Please prayerfully consider this convenient offering option.

DIOCESAN STATISTICS

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DIOCESAN POPULATION:

2021 → Total: 917,654 – Catholics: 146,067 (15.9%) 2020 → Total: 916,522 – Catholics: 149,025 (16.3%) 2019 → Total: 913,448 – Catholics: 149,025 (16.3%) 2018 → Total: 941,571 – Catholics: 161,748 (17.2%) 2017 → Total: 901,157 – Catholics: 161,147 (17.9%)

PRIESTS:

2021 → Incardinated Priests: 131 – Other Priests: 37 2020 → Incardinated Priests: 133 – Other Priests: 34 2019 → Incardinated Priests: 135 – Other Priests: 37 2018 → Diocesan Priests: 178 – Other Priests: 30 2017 → Diocesan Priests: 146 – Other Priests: 22

DEACONS (Incardinated and Other):

2021 → Active Deacons: 54 – Senior Deacons: 6
2020 → Total Deacons: 59
2019 → Total Deacons: 59
2018 → Total Deacons: 59
2017 → Total Deacons: 57

RELIGIOUS & CONSECRATED:1

2021 Sisters: 190 – Brothers: 2 – Consecrated: 6
2020 Sisters: 244 – Brothers: 2 – Consecrated: 6
2019 Sisters: 244 – Brothers: 2 – Consecrated: 6
2018 Sisters: 337 – Brothers: 1 – Consecrated: 6
2017

SEMINARIANS:	PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS:
2021 🕨 16	2021 🕨 3
2020 🕨 23	2020 🕨 4
2019 🕨 28	2019 🕨 2
2018 🕨 32	2018 🕨 2
2017 🕨 31	2017 🕨 3

SACRAMENTS & CATHOLIC DEATHS:

2021 → Baptisms: 1,065 – Marriages: 334 – Deaths: 1,664 2020 → Baptisms: 1,578 – Marriages: 499 – Deaths: 1,928 2019 → Baptisms: 1,498²– Marriages: 499 – Deaths: 1,928 2018 → Baptisms: 1,347²– Marriages: 497 – Deaths: 1,877 2017 → Baptisms: 1,620²– Marriages: 518 – Deaths: 2,092

¹ 'Consecrated' includes diocesan hermits and consecrated virgins.

² Figure is for infant baptisms only; does not include minors or adults.

PARISH HISTORY



Under the direction of Bishop John P. Treacy, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish was established on Wisconsin Rapids' west side in the summer of 1947 with Father Joseph B. Tetzlaff as the first pastor of the new parish.

Starting on the first Sunday of September 1947, Masses for the new parish were held at the Palace Theatre and later at the Wisconsin Theatre, both in downtown Wisconsin Rapids. In December 1947, property was

purchased on the west side of 10th Avenue, along with the historic Nels Johnson home at 850 1st Avenue South to be used as the rectory and a chapel for daily Masses.

In October 1948, Bishop Treacy approved plans for the construction of a two-story school. The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi from Milwaukee came to teach in August 1949 and the Nels Johnson home became their convent. The pastor moved into temporary quarters in the new school building. These quarters are now the school and principal's offices.

In April 1950, Bishop Treacy approved plans to build an attached auditorium to the school building. Construction was completed in May 1951. It had been anticipated that the auditorium would one day become a gymnasium and that a church building would be constructed at the south end of the school. Those dreams never materialized and the auditorium was converted to a 500-person capacity church. The attached rectory was constructed in 1953.

In June 1958, Father Tetzlaff was appointed pastor in Mosinee and Father Stanley Andrzejewski was appointed the second pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. In July 1967, Father Andrzejewski was appointed pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Stevens Point. Having been transferred from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Arcadia, Father Jerome Kamla became the third pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

In October 1977, Father Kamla left Our Lady Queen of Heaven to become the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Galloway. After serving as a chaplain in the US Navy, Father Mark Doyle came to Our Lady Queen of Heaven as the fourth pastor and would serve the parish for over 20 years. Under Father Doyle's leadership, the church was extensively remodeled in the early 1980s. During one year of Father Doyle's tenure, he baptized nearly 105 infants!

Father Doyle retired as pastor in November 1998. Father Dennis Lynch was named the parish's fifth pastor. In June 2004 Father Lynch was assigned to pastoral ministry at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. Father Alan 'Al' Wierzba became the sixth pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. During Father Wierzba's tenure church upgrades and renovations were completed: the rectory interior, the church interior, and the expansion/addition project.

In May 2011, Father Al Wierzba was named full-time Vocations Director for the Diocese of La Crosse and Father Sahayanathan Nathan of the Diocese of Vellore in India was named the seventh pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Father Nathan served as pastor until 2015 when Father G. Valentine Joseph from the Archdiocese of Madurai in India was named the eighth pastor. Father Valentine was recalled to India in 2021 and Father Alan Guanella was named the ninth pastor.

For more information, visit www.our-lady.org/parish-history

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION



The Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin ensures Catholics a way to leave their legacy uniquely aligned with their Catholic values and beliefs. The

Foundation assists donors throughout 19 counties of West Central Wisconsin in creating a meaningful impact through planned giving and charitable fund management. Donors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gift directly supports the Catholic organizations that they choose. The Foundation's grants support the needs of the Diocese of La Crosse in four pillars of interest: Parish Life, Vocations, Catholic Education, and Social Services. Additionally, the Foundation works closely with the charitable entities that the donors designate as beneficiaries, as well as with Catholic organizations who apply for grants. The Foundation offers many ways to support the Catholic causes you care most about. No matter the amount of gift you make, the Foundation has a giving option available to best support your passion within the Catholic Faith. Their knowledge and experience allow them to work with you to construct a planned gift that best meets your needs now and in the future. Learn more at www.cfwcw.org or by calling 608-519-9892.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIEST FUND, INC.



The St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation that gives a monthly benefit to eligible priests incardinated in the Diocese of La Crosse who are granted the status of senior priest (at retirement) or who are disabled. The fund receives monies through investment earnings, parish and

institutional assessments, excess funds from parishes' Works of Charity accounts, Mass stipends from when a priest says two or three Masses on a day, and from generous bequests and donations from the laity and clergy. You can help the St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. to take care of our retired and disabled diocesan priests by sending your contribution to the St. Joseph's Priest Fund, Inc. at PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Thank you!

HOLY CROSS SEMINARIAN ENDOWMENT TRUST

The Holy Cross Seminarian Endowment Trust, formed in 1995, is a permanent fund of the Diocese of La Crosse established for the purpose of providing financial resources for the education of diocesan seminarians, which averages over \$40,000 per seminarian per year. The Diocesan Annual Appeal currently funds 75% of the cost of educating seminarians. The investment earnings of the trust are used to help make up the remaining costs. The trust is an important means of carrying out our common responsibility to promote vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of La Crosse. You may send your contribution to the Holy Cross Seminarian Endowment Trust at PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. For more information, or for details about remembering the trust in your estate planning, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 608-791-2653 or by post at the address above. Thank you!

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data of this annual report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and component units of the parish. Do not hesitate to contact the parish for clarification or if you have questions about this report's contents.