

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

St. Francis of Assisi Church & Acadia University Chapel, Wolfville, & St. Lawrence Church, Canning
Annual Meeting of the Parish for the Year Ended December 31st 2011
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Wolfville, N.S., January 29th, 2012

ROLL CALL:

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The meeting was preceded by a 12:00 P.M. soup and sandwich lunch in hall followed by the meeting in the room on the upper level of the parish centre which began at 1:00 P.M.. The lunch was organized by the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hospitality Committee

ROLL CALL: There were 25 parishioners in attendance.

Their names follow: Frances Bresnan, Margaret Burton, Vicky Dekker, Judy Forsythe, Nancy Harbers, George Henry, Maggie Kenny, Philip Kenny, Rosaleen McDonald, Herman Mentink, John Murphy, Julia Murphy, Fr. Larry Pitcher, Karen Purves, Randy Purves, Jeanette Regan, Ernie Robinson, Leslie Sequeira, Bernadine teBogt, Peter teBogt, Mary teStroete, Truus Ueffing, Effie VanOostrum, José VanVilsteren, Andy Webster

AGENDA:

WELCOMING (Chairperson - Philip Kenny)

OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION (Pastor - Father Larry Pitcher)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA The agenda circulated electronically as part of the annual reports in the week prior to the meeting was changed by the Chair and replaced by the one distributed at the meeting on January 30, 2011. The meeting adopted this 'new' agenda.

APPROVAL MINUTES FROM PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27th, 2009:

Philip Kenny reviewed highlights from these minutes. John Murphy moved and Margaret Burton seconded the adoption of these minutes. The motion was successful.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Change of Mass Times: The proposed change of mass times at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Wolfville, and St. Anthony of Padua Church, Berwick, has occurred. Until September 2011, Berwick's mass is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. and Wolfville's will take place at 11:00 A.M. These times will reverse at the beginning of October 2011.

Joint Meetings of Pastoral Councils: These have begun. Two such meetings have already occurred and there is a will to go forward with similar meetings in the future. The venues alternate between Wolfville and Berwick. The last meeting was held in Berwick.

Direct Deposit: Direct deposit may be a means of providing more people with the opportunity to donate to the support of their church while providing the parish with a consistent and predictable level of financial support. At present, this method does not appear to have a high level of interest among parishioners. We will continue to review and are open to proceeding with this when the time is more propitious. Fr. Larry Pitcher mentioned that on a diocesan level they are exploring ways of setting up a system to which all participating parishes can belong. This is not likely to happen until after the Diocese of Yarmouth and the Archdiocese of Halifax become one diocese.

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Cemetery: Brochures have been prepared and are available in both churches and on the parish's website.

Wolfville and Area Inter Church Council (WAICC): Maggie Kenny and Margaret Burton attend meetings of this organization and keep the Pastoral Council informed. WAICC would like to have **four (4)** people from each church. WAICC meets once a month. ***Rosaleen McDonald served the parish in this capacity for nineteen (19) years.***

Lay Presiders: Lay presiders have been used during the past year, especially for Good Friday services.

CORRESPONDENCE: A hand-delivered note from Margot L. Bishop addressed jointly to the Pastoral Council and to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis of Assisi Conference, was hand delivered to the secretary prior to the start of the meeting. He was given permission to read the note to those attending. The text of the message follows:

“1. Thank you to the Parish for my job. I could not buy groceries without the church money every week. 2. Thank you to the St. V de Paul for my Christmas ham (I shared it with two (2) others). Also thank you for my gifts at Christmas—the taxi certificate & the gift card for the Bargain Shop. All these gifts, plus the gift of the community, are extremely appreciated. Sincerely, Margot L. Bishop”

"PASTOR" REMARKS (Father Larry Pitcher)

Fr. Pitcher shared his impressions of the Archbishop's letter and of meetings he has attended involving the clergy and Archbishop Mancini, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Yarmouth. He feels that there is a lot of

hope and optimism in what the Archbishop communicates. Fr. Larry spoke very highly of the Archbishop as priest, prelate, and person. The Archbishop is taking a hands-on approach to the on-going negotiations concerning the law suits brought against the Diocese of Yarmouth by alleged victims of sexual abuse who allege abuse at the hands of certain named members of the clergy. Fr. Larry asked that we keep the Archbishop in our prayers as he is providing excellent leadership. The Archbishop is an active participant in the actual negotiations and has resisted efforts by lawyers for the alleged victims of abuse to have a confidentiality clause as part of the settlement. Fr. Larry mentioned the \$1.5 million dollar settlement that was negotiated for six (6) alleged victims of sexual abuse by named members of the clergy. Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) of this will be paid by the Archdiocese of Halifax as because at the time of the alleged abuse, what is now the Diocese of Yarmouth was part of the Archdiocese of Halifax. Fr. Larry acknowledges that some of the alleged victims and abuse are likely false claims by individuals wanting to turn a profit. The cost of defending against the claims far exceeds the cost of settling the claims, many of which are legitimate. At least one claim will likely be settled with the issuance of an apology.

John Murphy raised the issue of the collateral damage being done to families of priests who have been named as alleged abusers and who, because of financial cost, are denied due process.

The Diocese of Yarmouth is trying to arrange a \$3,000,000.00 line of credit with a financial institution. This money will be used to pay out any court-ordered settlements resulting from the alleged sexual abuse of named individuals at the hands of members of the clergy. It is hoped that each parish will be taxed according to their ability to pay to provide the means of paying the interest on this line of credit and that other means will be found (sale of property 2011.01.30 Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting of the Parish 3

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and other assets) to retire the principal. In the case of St. Lawrence Church, Canning, a parcel of land adjacent to the church can be declared surplus to the needs of the church in Canning and sold to raise money to be used in the financial settlement of claims awarded to alleged victims of sexual abuse. The financial settlement will cause hardship for all in the diocese and the

aftermath will likely be fewer parishes operating under a different organizational structure than the present one.

The Archbishop wants to move beyond the present situation to the life after these current circumstances have reached their end. He wants people to begin to focus on the healing and building that must be part of our future. We need to promote and advance who we really are as Christians in the Roman Catholic tradition. We are greater than the sum of our collective failures and we need to be proactive in getting this image before the public. We need to become masters of using social media to bring people into contact with the best that we have which is Jesus by the best means which is Christian friendship with all people.

Fr. Larry indicated that the Pastoral Council has been a positive force in building up the parish and in making a good start in establishing a vision for a parish community that expands well beyond our current geographic boundaries.

On the spiritual side we have two parish missions upcoming. One will take place at St. Anthony's in Berwick from Mar. 22 to 23, with a reconciliation service on the final day. This will have a Lenten theme. The second mission will take place at St. Francis from May 02 to 04 and will have an Easter theme. Both missions will be organized and facilitated by Jesuits from the Society of Jesus operating out of the Archdiocese of Halifax. Prior to each mission, a Jesuit priest will speak during the Sunday liturgies to encourage participation in the up-coming missions. These missions are meant to involve all parishioners in the St. Francis, St. Lawrence, St. Anthony communities. An invitation will also be extended to those in other churches in the area.

Randy and Karen Purves have become volunteers with Open Arms ministries. Fr. Larry presented them with a \$500.00 cheque from the parish to support the work of this Christian outreach. Representatives of Open Arms will be speaking in the coming months in our churches about their work.

Fr. Larry will be on vacation from February 10 to 25 inclusive. During that time Brian Macmillan has arranged for Fr. Gordon McLean, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Halifax, and Fr. Rob Arsenaault from Companions of the Cross, to cover Sunday liturgies.

Fr. Larry asked those present to keep Brian Macmillan in their prayers during this important time of discernment in his life.

Fr. Larry mentioned that we need to identify resources to provide for the education of those in the lay presider ministry to develop and grow in this ministry.

He mentioned that both the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services will be lay led in Berwick and Canning this year. Fr. Larry will be presiding at the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services in Wolfville.

Fr. Larry stated that we are doing well and there is a good deal of support in both churches. We have a good foundation upon which to build. We need to continue to identify talent in the parish community and invite these people to invest their talents and abilities in building up the faith community. We need to look around and study those in our environment, trying to determine the best way to approach them with the Good News and we need to help those in our midst to discern their gifts and move from discernment to action. Vocations will not come simply by private prayer. Creating an environment that is supportive of vocations is the work of the parish community.

"CHAIRPERSON OF PASTORAL COUNCIL" REMARKS (Philip Kenny): See appended reports for the text of this. Phil encouraged all groups and activities operating in the parish to ensure that they are getting their activities and events logged onto the parish calendar so that we avoid conflicts and over scheduling certain time periods.

RECEIVING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1. FINANCIAL (Leslie Sequeira): Leslie moved the adoption of his report which contained the budget for 2011. Maggie Kenny seconded the report. Fr. Larry stated that we need to educate people about stewardship and we need to identify people in the parish to take leadership roles in the area of stewardship which is more than raising money. The motion to approve both the financial report and the budget was successful.

9.2. CPA (Maggie Kenny): See attached report. A motion of thanks to Margaret Kenny for a magnificent job as Coordinator of Pastoral Activities was unanimously adopted and a round of applause was added for good measure. Well done, Maggie! We need to review the position and decide on its future role in the structure of the parish.

John Murphy moved and Rosaleen McDonald seconded a motion to accept all of the reports, except the financial report which was handled separately, that were distributed to the parishioners via parish bulletin prior to the meeting. The motion was successful.

9.3. LITURGY - ST. FRANCIS & ST. LAWRENCE (Father Larry Pitcher): See attached report prepared by Hughie Bagnell and the secretary.

9.4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ST. FRANCIS & ST. LAWRENCE (Andy Webster): See attached report.

9.5. ADULT EDUCATION (Jeanette Regan) : See attached report.

9.6. MAINTENANCE - ST. FRANCIS & ST. LAWRENCE (Wim Peters & Michael Kenny) : See attached reports prepared by the secretary on behalf of the committee heads.

9.7. CEMETERY (Herman Mentink) : See attached report. A letter of thanks will be sent to Johannes Hermanus teBraake for yeoman service to the parish, especially in the maintenance and mowing of the cemetery grounds. Fr. Larry suggested the erection of a permanent covered altar structure that would provide shelter for services held at the cemetery.

9.8. ECUMENISM (I.E. WAICC & CAICC) (Maggie Kenny & Joy Foy) : See attached report.

9.9. YOUTH MINISTRY (Andy Webster) : See attached report.

9.10. SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEES (I.E. ST.V.de PAUL, D & P, FOODBANKS, ETC.) : See attached report.

9.11. CANNING CATHOLIC COUNCIL (Jose VanVilsteren): The report was not included as it was sent in error to the wrong e-mail address. It is included in the appendix along with the financial statement for this group.

9.12. HOSPITALITY - ST. FRANCIS (Nancy Harbers) : See attached report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Committee Chairs: Each committee is expected to have the minimum structure needed to carry out its functions in the parish. The 'head' of the committees and any of the members who wish are always welcome to participate in meetings and in the work of the Pastoral Council. There are no elections or appointments to membership in the Pastoral Council. The Council is

populated with people who wish to provide leadership and direction under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

10.2. Parish Website: We are exploring ways to improve upon this important communication and educational medium, making it an attractive and easy to navigated tool in building a vibrant Christian community. We acknowledge with gratitude the efforts of Hance Boudreau who designed the current website which has served us well.

10.3. Church Renovations: We are always open to suggestions that would improve our worship space. Several ideas are currently under consideration, although no define plan or time table has been set.

10.4. Bowling for Babies: St. Francis and St. Lawrence will carry out this fundraiser on March 27 at the Fairlanes Bowling Alley in New Minas from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M. Bernadine teBogt has agreed to provide leadership for this activity which benefits so many and provides a great opportunity to build our community of faith.

10.5. Joint Catholic-Baptist Potluck and Reflection: Rosaleen McDonald reminded those present of this event which takes place in the autumn. Last year there were 20 from the Baptist church and only 5 from the St. Francis community.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: We closed the meeting at 3:00 P.M. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. George Henry, secretary and long-winded scribe

Annual General Meeting 2011 Agenda

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7. PASTOR'S REMARKS (Father Larry Pitcher)

It is always interesting to look back a year gone by and reflect on the good and the bad in it.

Sadly enough in the past few years we have seen the faithful devastated by the scandals that have rocked the church and shaken it to its very foundations. This year has been no different even if it has lessened a bit. Because of these scandals we have seen people leave the church and others to question its viability. They have also lost trust in the leadership of the church.

We have also had to pass over our investments to be collateral for the line of credit the diocese has had to take out to cover the costs we have incurred by being sued and making sure anyone affected gets the help they need. We have also had to sell a piece of our property in Canning. We also pay, as does every other parish, a certain amount each year to cover the interest on the line of credit. Our cost is taken from the interest earned from our investments; what remains is given back to the parish.

The loss of access to these funds gives us an opportunity to reflect on how we are supporting our parish community; the parish cannot run without the spiritual, emotional, physical and financial support of you the parishioners. What is going out in support of our ability to do ministry far outreaches what is coming in so I invite you to reflect on what you can do to change this situation.

We priests too have felt the pain of what has happened. So many have remained faithful and continue to serve their people with their lives yet we are all tarred and feathered with the same brush. It has been discouraging for us and the temptation is there to leave, to walk away.

Yet when we look out we are encouraged because people of faith still come and participate and the community continues to be a faithful and worshipping community of believers. The value and need for the faith has not changed even if its leaders have proven far too often to have feet of clay.

We must always remember that we together are the Church and it is we who create and sustain the life of our community through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

This year on the first Sunday of Advent a New Roman Missal was introduced to Canada. After forty years of the old Sacramentary we were asked to take on a new way of celebrating the Eucharist. This has not been easy for you or for me; we do not like change and when they interfere with our way of worshipping we like them even less. I have been very impressed with our music people and their great efforts in helping us make those changes as painlessly as possible. They have put great time and effort in finding ways to do this. This comes from their faith and their love of the community of St. Francis/St. Lawrence. They often go without thanks; I invite you to give them the thanks they deserve in all their efforts on our behalf.

The words and the actions of our liturgy are slightly different but the Spirit of the Lord that invites us and helps us celebrate is always the same; the Lord is with us. It is always important to keep that in mind. Give us a year and it will seem like we have always celebrated the mass this new way. The Spirit of the Lord comes forth whatever the words or music or structure.

Last year on Pentecost Sunday Archbishop Mancini issue his letter inviting all the church to a renewal; to an experience of allowing the Holy Spirit to be the one who sanctifies us and makes us holy; the one who empowers and graces us with the creative energy that we need to truly build the kingdom of God not only in our parish but in the whole of the church and the world.

Far too often we have depended on our own efforts and not on the grace of God given to us through the great sacrifice, the great act of love of Jesus Christ which was freely given for our salvation. This formation in faith and prayer is what the Archbishop is inviting us to and we need all the faithful to take up this invitation if we are to change and become the church Christ has called us to be.

If we look into our community we see great signs of the Spirit: in our welcoming of others and in our worship; in our ecumenical outreach; in our care and concern for the poor; in our reaching out to support the larger church that calls India its home and also in other parts of our world; in the many dedicated people who offer endless hours to bring about and support the ministry in the community; and in the leadership of people of faith who continually come together to find direction. Our deacon, David Hasler, has also been such a great blessing to our community. He does not get paid for his efforts and gives so much more than is ever expected of him. I am so greatly encouraged by what I see.

Yet there is so much more grace available to us when we center our faith and practice upon the Lord.

Last year we saw the disillusion of the Diocese of Yarmouth and the creation of a new Diocese, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. This is also an opportunity for us to begin anew. The Archbishop has taken a leap of faith, the first to do so, in creating six regional areas overseen by an Episcopal Vicar (EV). This priest, John McPherson in our region, shares in the office of the bishop in a real way, unlike priests who cooperate with the bishop in his ministry.

This EV will draw together a regional council with representatives of all parishes in a region (Windsor to Yarmouth for us) so that they can begin to look at ways and means in bringing about renewal. The representative will regularly report back to the Pastor and the Pastoral Council any initiatives to be undertaken. It is then our call to take it and make it real in our church community.

We will also be looking at his letter closer starting at the end of February where hopefully through sharing and discussion we can begin to see where we are and where we might need to go

It is the community, through the grace of God that will bring about renewal. We are all called to be a part of the solution. The life or death of our community lies with us.

Jesus promised us that he would be with us to the end of time and Jesus never goes back on his promises. He also said at his Ascension that he must leave so that he could send us the Holy Spirit. So this year let our prayer be this:

Come Holy Spirit,
 Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created,
 And you shall renew the face of the earth.
 O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
 Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
 Grant that by the same Holy Spirit
 We may be truly wise and ever enjoy the Spirit's consolations
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ,



8. DEACON 'S REMARKS (David Hasler)

Let me start out by saying what a pleasure it has been to both serve and be served by the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. From the moment I was assigned to the parish the people have welcomed both my wife Paula and me and that we have been made to feel part of this parish which is a testament to the faith journey of this community.

Father Larry continues to allow me the opportunity to preach at the last Sunday of each month and I have also celebrated a number of weddings and baptisms throughout the year.

The course on "The Mass" seemed to be well received and because it was based on scripture I thought it brought, to all who participated, a better understanding of the theology and therefore the why of the ritual of our Mass.

In working with the Catholic Students at Acadia I must admit there could be more done but with my full time career it has been difficult to serve them in a manner that they deserve. That said, we met in September for a weekend at our cottage to acquaint ourselves once more with those who have been part of our group and those who are just joining as new members. From that weekend we managed to set an agenda and as a result have been to the Waterville Youth Center in the fall and plan another visit in February. The feedback I am getting is that both parties are being well served, as the youth at the centre feel like there are people their age that they can relate to and that it is both normal and gratifying to be able to express one's faith while the Catholic Acadia students feel they are answering God's call to reach out to their fellow sisters and brothers.

We have met for supper twice: once at Elsie and Mike Hardman's, followed by a lively discussion on topics such as the Church's stand on same sex marriage, the possibility of priests being allowed to marry and women being ordained (glad when that was over):0. We, also had a dinner at the Hasler's followed a sing-song.

We had a movie night at the Hasler's with a follow up discussion on various religious topics. Our plan is to do follow through on the Share Lent material that was sent to us.

It is heartening to work with these young adults and experience their enthusiasm and the commitment they have to their faith and to know that the message of God's Love for the world will continue in and through them.

May God bless each and every one of you in your faith journey that leads you in your commitment to love and serve His people.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Deacon Dave Hasler

9. CHAIRPERSON OF PASTORAL COUNCIL REMARKS (Philip Kenny)

As your Chair of the Parish's Pastoral Council, I am often brought into awareness of most of the issues that affect your Parish (Pastoral, Financial and Structural). At our bi-monthly meetings we attempt to gather opinions and cover off topics that affect the spirituality of the Parish, but there are still many other gatherings that are deemed necessary, and held throughout the year, to address your Parish's needs. We all have gifts/talents and realize that they should be offered for the benefit of others. It is very apparent that your Council members care enough to seek where they can offer some of their time and talent, with an aim of creating and supporting a Parish environment where their talents/gifts (and those of others) will be nourished and shared.

A few years ago we celebrated our Parish's 100th Anniversary and at that time it became very apparent that the Parish has always had a very vibrant community. As I reflect back on my 50 years+ as a member of St. Francis (many of the earlier years not so easily recalled – I think it was a basketball injury thing) I have seen families come and go, traditions change, and Parish responsibilities handed down to next generations. But, there was always support from those in the pews. Members found a way to contribute to their community, so when others moved on, due to relocation, health issues, new challenges, or whatever, others stepped in to fill the voids. Today, I see many familiar faces handling the same roles and feel that fatigue will ultimately strain their enthusiasm. These individuals have all agreed to make time to support your Parish and we are truly blessed to have their commitment. They need your support. You will find enclosed a number of reports that will attempt to present to you the many activities that are carried on at your Parish. Please take the time to read through ALL of them and be sure to direct any questions you have to your Council members, or Chairs/members.

A Parish requires volunteer support, especially when its financial resources are strained. As previously mentioned, in time, those who presently sit on the Council will grow weary unless others make an effort to participate. I encourage each of you to take time to review your present schedules with the aim of fulfilling our Bishop's desire for a, "New Evangelization". Pray on it. See where/when you can offer time to your Church community. Talk to those who are involved to get a clearer understanding. Perhaps the Pastoral Council is not for you, but as you read through these reports, you will find many areas that are in need of more support. New faces enlighten the spirit and bring new ideas. St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint, encourages us to go out into the world and preach the Gospels, and if necessary, use words. Hopefully, we as a Pastoral Council, with your support and encouragement, will help our Parish "Action our Faith".

We have continued to meet with Pastoral Council members from St. Anthony's (Berwick) to share thoughts, compare schedules and see if we could find/share areas that would be of benefit to both Parishes. At our last meeting (held in mid-January) we agreed that we should continue this process, but less frequently. Our next meeting is planned for mid-September.

In closing, I'd like to extend a special "Thank you", to all those sacrificing their precious time, energy and other desired tasks, so that we may all be more spiritually enriched. Many challenges lie ahead for our Parish, our Diocese and our Church. I pray that you will be open to a call to help, wherever it may be, financially, or in service, so that our Parish will remain strong.

God bless!

Phil Kenny - Pastoral Council Chair, January 26th 2012

10. RECEIVING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1. **Financial:** (Leslie Sequeira) – SEE END OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR REPORT & FINANCIALS

10.2. **Liturgy:** St. Francis and St. Lawrence (Father Larry Pitcher)

Music Ministry Annual Report 2011

The Music Ministry at St. Francis Parish continues to be organized by Margaret Burton, Suzie Blatt, Suzanne Pierce and Susan Ueffing (St. Lawrence). Overall the music ministry is providing uplifting and inspirational songs to accompany and enhance the Liturgy of the Word. New songs have been added throughout the year with varying degrees of appreciation.

The largest change to the Music Ministry has been with the introduction of the GIRM -new Roman Missal and Parts of the Mass. The congregation has responded very well to the change and is well on its way to fully embracing and participating in the new Parts of the Mass A. We will continue with Mass Setting A for the full year and consider switching to another Setting beginning Advent

2012. Many US composers have offered new settings which may be better suited to the varied instruments and the strengths of all musicians as well as the congregation.

A project that has been underway since the introduction of the new Roman Missal and new songs in the *Celebrate in Song* is an upgrade of the current *Songbook* in the pews of SF. There are a few decisions which need to be made surrounding copyright for the new pieces that we would like to add. Once those are complete the songbook will be recreated with a new binding and new covers, and also will be made available to parishioners at St Lawrence. Updated photos will be requested from the Parish as these signify what our community really is. We are hoping to have these done up in time for Lent.

Finding new cantors and maintaining current cantors continues to be a challenge. We welcomed Karen Purves to St. Francis this past year as a cantor and she has been a wonderful addition to the Friends of Music as well. As the music ministry moves forward into 2012 there are opportunities to engage the youth through music led by Andy Webster. As we train up some youth cantors we are confident the parish will be supportive and appreciative of their talents. We welcome all ages to join Friends of Music at practices usually following the 9AM Mass.

Your music leaders draw energy and inspiration, not only from the Holy Spirit as we choose and share the most meaningful hymns and music for each liturgy, but from the greater community of the Faithful we are privileged to lead. We are indeed a singing Church!

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Blatt

January 2012

10.3. **Religious Education:** St. Francis and St. Lawrence (Andrew Webster)

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – St. Francis

This year we have a total of 35 children enrolled in our Youth catechetical programs.

Of these,

- **5** are pre-schoolers or grade 1.
- **20** are grade 2 to 7 and enrolled in regular Sunday School.
- **10** are grade 8 and 9 and are preparing for Confirmation.

There are also another 3 to 5 children not enrolled who attend either “Little Church” or regular Sunday School on an intermittent basis.

Although the numbers are fairly healthy, attendance is very much up-and-down; e.g; some classes in December had almost full attendance, whereas January classes have had attendance as low as 7 for regular Sunday School. This is mainly due to kids being involved in other activities as far as I can see.

Much of the information to come in this report is positive, but I do believe that the fluctuations we have with attendance is going to be a major problem spiritually in future for our parish, the community and especially the children and their families. I would like to work more closely with parents, children and teachers to find ways to make faith formation a first priority in the lives of our children. By doing this I believe we will bestow upon our children the necessary gifts of faith, discernment and wisdom needed to guide them through their entire lives. The first mid-term meeting of teachers and parents is to take place on Tuesday January 24th 2012 and I hope we can begin to work towards this aim.

As promised, more positive news:

The most significant change to our Sunday School program this year has been the introduction of the new catechetical program "Faith First" as recommended by Arch Bishop Mancini as part of the New Evangelisation. We are fortunate enough to have been able to implement the new program fully in November 2011. The cost of the program is quite high, so many other parishes in the diocese have not yet begun using it.

Although there have been some teething problems with the new program as it is quite a different method from what we used before, we *are* finding our feet with it and I think by next term it will be running quite well. More detailed information on the program can be found at the publisher's website: www.rclbenziger.com.

In August/September, an appeal was made for new teachers and assistants. Quite a few volunteers came forward and we now have two new assistants on board, Christina Johnson, who recently moved to the parish with her family from Dartmouth; and one of our own recent graduates of the Sunday School program, Kaitlyn Blatt-Janmaat. Nancy Tregunno and Kim Kerr are teaching the grade 2 and 3 class at present; I personally take the grade 5, 6 and 7 class and Nancy Harbers has been preparing the Confirmandi with assistance from Aine Tan.

Our last Youth Mass in November was an inspiration to many of our young people. When asked, 11 children indicated that they would like to be involved in the Liturgy of the Mass on a regular basis. We now have:

- 1 new altar server
- 4 new readers
- 3 new greeters
- 4 to 6 new collectors
- 2 to 3 new gift bearers

Our next Youth Mass will be on March 4th 2012. We plan to have 2 youth-focused Masses a year from now on.

Confirmation will take place in St. Francis's on April 2nd with Fr. Larry presiding and as mentioned, Nancy Harbers has been co-ordinating the preparation for this.

In addition to regular classes, a number of special activities also took place such as:

- **Thinkfast** – (24 hour fast and sleepover fundraiser \$1056 raised for Development & Peace)
- **Halifax Trip** – Day trip to St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church to study church architecture.
- **St. Francis Day Hike**
- **Open Arms Ministry Dinner** – some older children helped with this in Kentville.

In 2012, we hope to repeat some of these activities, or similar, and introduce new ones such as:

- **Youth Way of the Cross**
- **Burning palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday**
- **Development & Peace's "Share Lent" Campaign**
- **Lenten Art Competition** – with a public showing and prizes.
- **Introduction to Taize or Charismatic prayer**
- **Vacation Bible School** (with St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville)

I am also going to see how much interest there is in introducing an Tuesday or Friday evening group to work on musical and artistic projects such as a choir, music group, and murals that should add to the vibrance of our parish

And finally, although my time is spent working mainly with children up to grade 9, I have been putting some thought into the needs of our parish's teenagers. It is my hope that we can start up a Christian music radio show at Acadia's Axe Radio station on Sunday afternoons and that the show will also deal with apologetics - an area that frequently interests this age group.

I pray that God will continue to guide the hearts and minds of our children and their families and that they may bring forth much fruit in the days to come!

Submitted respectfully,
Andy Webster 582.178 andy@hawp.ca

10.4. **Adult Education:** (Jeanette Regan)

10.5. **Maintenance:**

St. Lawrence: Maintenance of the church and grounds are being conducted on a regular basis. The furnace was recently cleaned and discussions took place with the technician in an effort to find ways to reduce our increasing heating costs. Several ideas were put forward and will be discussed with finance committee. As well the technician will return to examine duct system to ensure it is working properly. It should also be noted that the exterior of the church is in need of painting and should be looked at in the spring.

Special thanks to Greg Foley, Chris Arsenault and Joe Lombard for their continued help with mowing and snow removal throughout the year. Respectfully submitted: Michael Kenny

St. Francis: As a result of an inspection carried out by our insurance carrier, several repairs/improvements were carried out: repair of the cracked concrete slab at the entrance to the church, electrical inspection and installation of monitoring devices as well as lighted exit signs in both the church and parish centre. Heating system maintenance was carried out by Orin Levy Fuels and snow removal was contracted to Cavanagh Enterprises. Wim Peters outsourced the mowing of the church grounds and this was augmented by mowing by Phil Kenny. Submitted on behalf of Wim Peters by G. Henry

Maintenance: St. Francis (Wim Peters) and St. Lawrence (Michael Kenny)

10.6. **Cemetery:** (Herman Mentink)

There were no volunteers this year to mow the grass at the cemetery. Mark Wagner of Wagner's Cemetery Services was hired to do the job.. He also repaired sunken graves and straightened head stones. Please contact Herman Mentink at 542-7366 to reserve a plot or if you have any other cemetery concerns. Respectfully submitted by Herman Mentink

10.7. **Ecumenism:** (i.e. WAICC and CAICC) (Maggie Kenny & Margaret Burton)

ECUMENISM: WAICC 2011 Report for the SF AGM January 24, 2012

What is WAICC: The Wolfville Area InterChurch Council (W.A.I.C.C.) is comprised of local Christian churches of Wolfville and the surrounding areas of Port Williams, Greenwich, Gaspereau, White Rock, Wolfville Ridge and Melanson along with the L'Arche Community. It is a volunteer organization, funded through donations from churches and individual community members, local businesses and service clubs. The Council meets monthly, except in the summer. Meetings are held at the Acadia Chapel at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month and at the end of every meeting there is opportunity to share news from each of the churches present. This is invaluable, as many of the activities do not make it to the various church bulletins. Youth can be part of the Council although none are currently involved. The associated clergy to the churches meet on the

second Thursday of the month, except during the summer months. Both groups overlap and dialogue.

Each church is encouraged to have as many as four representatives on the Council, although at the present, St. Francis only has two - Margaret Burton and Maggie Kenny. Currently the other churches also do not have full representation on Council, and those involved, have been, for a long time.

Ecumenism: WAICC continues to promote Ecumenism and Social Justice in our area, and hold regular events organized among the churches, including:

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan)
- Walk with the Cross (Good Friday)
- Ecumenical Good Friday Service
- Advent Service (First Sunday in Advent)

During the 2011 year, other main events included a Lenten Retreat and Friends of Jane. As well, there is a Spring and a Fall program specific to topics and needs highlighted by WAICC's executive committees.

Special 2011 40th Anniversary Celebration: WAICC celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2011 with a well-attended dinner in May. Entertainment was provided by the many churches and Fr. Pat O'Meara was a special guest of honor, as WAICC looked back at the path it has travelled over the years. Originally the emphasis for having an InterChurch Society was on subsidized housing, whereas today its' main project is the Wolfville Area Foodbank, supporting over 100 families monthly. The success of the Food Bank and the spinoff of various helping committees testify in a bittersweet way to the need for social reform in our province and in our country and to the efforts of citizens to alleviate the suffering of our neighbours and friends around us.

Social Justice Work: For the past four years WAICC has sponsored the Christmas Hamper Program, providing the trimmings for Christmas Dinner and many extras to approximately 150 families. And WAICC has been an excellent partner with the Society of St Vincent de Paul (St. Francis Conference). For the past three years they have contributed financially up to 75% of the total cost of the expenses associated with the School Supply Campaign for students in their catchment area. These two groups work closely together with emergency relief, and WAICC serves as our "go to" for oil requests. We often partner together in emergency relief requests pertaining to rent and utility bills.

Looking ahead to WAICC's future: The question arose this past year, "Is there still a need for WAICC?" It was recognized we all need the networking, especially with social and justice issues, but it was also recognized that some programs and events are planned in an ecumenical fashion, but outside the meeting group of the Council.

Looking ahead to the future of all our Christian communities in this area: In 2009-2010, members from the different churches and the Town met to discuss the sharing of facilities. At both the 2010 Annual Meeting and the 2011 40th Anniversary Dinner Night, a letter was read, written by Joe Foy with a vision of a "community church". As local churches we are at a critical time of evaluating our aging structures and population, as well as our declining membership numbers and financial contributions.

Recommendations: Some of our sister churches are moving forward on this type of discussion. At St. Francis, we should be taking a serious look at this possibility in assessing our needs and our vision going forward. This window of possibility will not pass our way again, in our lifetime. Submitted by Maggie Kenny and Margaret Burton

World Day or Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who welcome all people to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March. It is an ecumenical movement.

On March 2nd, 2011, St. Francis of Assisi parish conducted the service, written by the women of Chile, with the participation of members of each of the 3 other churches in Wolfville. The service this year will be held on March 2nd at St. John's Anglican Church. Submitted by Rosaline McDonald.

CANNING INTER CHURCH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Council has helped 209 families at a cost of \$ 34,589.84 from 2000 to 2010. Averaging out to \$165.51 per family per year.

The Council has helped 24 families at a cost of \$6,435.96 for 2011. Averaging out to \$268.17 per family for 2011.

Furnace oil supplied to 64 families at a cost of \$ 13,326.97 from 2000 to 2010. Averaging out to \$208.23 per family per year.

The Council supplied oil to 7 families at a cost of \$ 2,249.62 for 2011. Averaging out to \$321.38 per family for 2011.

The Council has helped 8 families at a cost of \$ 2,217.34 for 2011. Averaging out to \$277.17 per family for 2011.

The Council has delivered 692 Christmas hampers from 2000 to 2010. Averaging out to 63 hampers per year.

The Council has delivered 64 Christmas hampers in 2011.

The Council took in \$24,404.60 from the Lenten Lunches from 2000 to 2010. Averaging out to \$2,218.57 per year.

The Council took in \$ 2555.01 from the Lenten Lunches in 2011.

Respectfully submitted via Canning Catholic Council by Wayne Dykens

CANNING INTER CHURCH COUNCIL CANNING FOOD BANK INFORMATION

The Canning Food Bank has had another busy year. The total number of families served was 780 up by 64 families. The total number of people served was 1,988 up by 239 people. There was 69 new families that came to the food bank in 2011.. We kept growing as sad as it is but thanks to God and the generosity of the people we were able to help. The Canning Fire Dept. had another fund raiser in Dec. We took in \$ 8,487.08 cash and the food was valued at about \$5,000.00 for a total of \$ 13,487.08 from the Fire Dept food drive. On behalf of the Canning Food Bank I would like to thank Terry Porter and the Canning Fire Dept for all their support in the food drive. The Churches have support us this year for a total of \$ 962.42 in cash plus a lot in food.

Farm Credit Canada did a food drive for the food bank in Oct . We took in a lot of food plus \$ 823.84. The Nova Scotia Chicken Farmers from this area gave \$1065.00. We certainly appreciate their support.

We received a grant from Eastern Kings Memorial Health Foundation for \$ 8,800 to replace the fridges ,freezers and walk in cooler unit that are 15 to 20 years old. We are very thankful to get the grant . We hope it will help to lower the light bill . The new units should be in early in the new year..

It takes about \$25,000.00 or more a year to run the food bank. The Food Bank has helped 8,102 families and 22,212 people since it has opened in 1995. It cost about \$13.25 to feed a person and about \$33.77 to feed a family in 2011. We feed 1988 people and 780 families in 2011. We started out this year with \$4,198.99 more than last year. Our income is up \$ 11,977.36 from last year. Our expenses are up \$1,094.38 from last year. The community at large has been very supportive. We would like to thank every one for their support in 2011.

Respectfully Submitted via the Canning Catholic Council by Wayne Dykens

10.8. **Youth Ministry:** (Andrew Webster):

See Religious Education Report

10.9. **Social Outreach & Pastoral Care Committees:** (i.e. Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Development & Peace, Food banks, Communion to the sick and shut ins, bereavement, Etc.)

Pastoral Care at St. Francis 2011 : We currently have four parishioners taking communion to our sick and shut ins, all of which do not feel they can take on additional visits at this time. We do not have any communion coverage at the Wolfville Nursing Home, the Elms or Shannex in Greenwich. Although I am not aware of any new requests from individuals in their own homes, we do have a growing number of parishioners that are not well enough to attend church on a regular basis. New Eucharistic Ministers are needed in this area of outreach ministry. I encourage fellow parishioners to take this ministry to pray, to see if this is a ministry you may feel called to be involved in.

We had three funerals at St. Francis this year.

I have been invited by family members, local funeral homes and/or Fr. Larry to assist families in funeral preparation. This vital ministry should be expanded to include follow up, as well as connecting with families during the dying process if at all possible. In the ensuing months I would encourage our parish to review this outreach ministry to our parishioners, (both active and inactive members), and make any changes necessary to be "the church community" to one another, we are called to be.

Development and Peace Annual Report: The committee continues its work within the Parish. There are 2 campaigns one in the fall and the other during Lent. There are appeals that are sent out during the year, especially if a catastrophic event has occurred somewhere in the world. We try to make people aware of the situations in the Global South and how best to support our brothers and sisters. We wish to thank the peoples of St. Francis and St. Lawrence for their continued interest and support. Respectfully submitted by Nancy Henry

Nursing Home Services: Members of the parish, conduct a service of prayer and hymns, at both of the Nursing Homes in Wolfville on the second Wednesday of each month. We are part of the ecumenical community, that provides this service, once a week. St. Francis of Assisi, has a small dedicated core of parishioners assisting in this ministry and we are always looking for others to join us. Respectfully submitted by Rosaleen McDonald

2011 Annual Report of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Francis of Assisi Conference, Wolfville
(submitted by Margaret Burton, Jan 23, 2011)

Mission: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy."

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) has had a conference in the parish of St Francis of Assisi since the mid 1990's. Each year, families in the area who are in need of assistance are helped

through the food and financial donations received, and in countless and invaluable ways through personal home visitations.

This past year was again a busy one for the Conference. There are 10 active Vincentians, comprising 4 pairs (teams) who share a weekly roster for being on call to check phone messages and respond to the requests for help, and several members who maintain the grocery shelves, shop for bargains throughout the year, or act as ‘floaters’ to go out on home visitations if needed. We work in concert with other relief agencies in the area, such as the Wolfville, Canning, Hantsport and New Minas food banks, the Wolfville/ Canning Area InterChurch Councils, and various area churches, ensuring that all who ask are responded to and duplication is kept to a minimum. Further to donations, we raise money through fund raising activities such as “Shrove Tuesday” pancake supper at St Francis and tending the Front Street parking lot gardens at Pharmasave in Wolfville.

There were 179 calls over the year, in which 149 necessitated action of some kind. This is very similar to 2010. Along with the weekly parish food collection and food drives, approximately \$20,000 worth of help was disbursed to the 79 family units (115 adults and 110 children) who requested assistance. In 2011, WAICC was able to cover any requests that came through the line for oil fill-ups. We received close to \$20,000 in donations and through fundraising. A *rough* breakdown of the uses of these funds are as follows:

Food relief (fresh food and household items for clients, or supplies purchased on sale to keep basic foods on hand at the best price)	33%
Drugs/Medical/Dental	1%
Power bills (often shared with WAICC or CAICC)	8%
Fuel and Utilities (covered in 2011 by WAICC or CAICC)	0%
Other Aid (*Winter wear/school supplies and fees / client rent help etc)	45%
Donations (CAICC/Open Arms/Valley Care Pregnancy Centre)	10%
Misc (Phone line/ Bank charges/public relations)	3%
(NOTE: A more comprehensive breakdown of the financials are available on request) * We continue to oversee a Winter wear fund given by Kinesiology at Acadia in 2010 and donations earmarked for this specifically.	100%

The St Francis Conference of the Society welcomes anyone who might be interested in joining. Please contact the rectory or talk to any of us when you see us. As a group, we meet on a monthly basis to review, renew and revisit our Mission, and if we are able to, to join a team to be on call for a week of each month to check for phone messages on our phone line and respond to them. But there are many other ways within this organization for someone to share their talents, so come and see!

SSVP Executive: Margaret Burton (pres), Mike Kenny (past pres), Joel Culina (vice pres), Phil Kenny (treas), Mark Race (sec). Other Vincentians: Colleen Joice, Maggie Kenny, Rosaleen McDonald, Mary Godon, Bev Brown.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a volunteer organization in the Wolfville –Canning area that has been helping those in need of emergency food relief (we take groceries directly to the home when someone calls our answering machine with a need for help), and with other emergency financial help in paying power, oil, rent bills etc for many years. We are funded year

round through financial donations from our parish and the greater community, and we work closely with the Wolfville Area InterChurch Council (WAICC) and the Food Bank in order to make sure no one falls through the cracks. Our geographical area ranges from Deep Hollow Rd, Bay of Fundy, Hants Border and includes the South Mountain- Gaspereau, Melanson, and West Brooklyn. Donations of food or money are gratefully received at Society of St Vincent de Paul, c/o St Francis Church, 118 Main St, Wolfville, B4P 1B7.

- 10.10. **Canning Catholic Council:** (Elaine Murray) The CCC continues to be active with an average of 12 ladies attending and meeting 8 times a year. We assisted with the breakfast program at Glooscap School 3-4 times during the school year, supplying 2 workers per day for each week. We participated in the Lenten lunch along with Pereau Baptist church and provided soup and rolls on March 18. This is an ongoing program that is sponsored by the Canning Area Interchurch Council and is held every Friday during Lent. The money raised goes towards assisting the less fortunate. We also participated in the World Day of Prayer in March. CCC held an auction at St. Lawrence in June that was very successful. Our annual Christmas Bazaar was very successful as usual. Our list of donations to local charities is listed in the financial report. We also gave Brian MacMillan \$250 as he began his studies for the priesthood and assisted a young man in Africa with \$315 to help pay his university tuition. Respectfully submitted by Elaine Murray

- 10.11. **Wolfville Hospitality Committee:** (St. Francis' Nancy Harbers) HOSPITALITY REPORT FOR 2011: The regular Friendship Sundays were held on the first Sunday of each month except for the months of July and August. Starting in September we had coffee and tea available for those parents and any others staying during the Sunday Schools' Praise and Worship time being held in the hall just prior to classes. This got off to a slow start and now has shown some promise again. In October, coffee and tea was available for the folks staying to participate in the Study of the Mass. The Hospitality was available for many receptions during the year including;

1. World Day of Prayer
2. Lenten Mission
3. Easter Mission
4. First Reconciliation and First Communion
5. Parish Barbecue
6. Baptism
7. Funeral Masses in January, November and December.

On the whole everything runs pretty smoothly with the exception of our facility being a challenge to those with less mobility or disabilities.

The Hospitality Committee is down by one member at the present time and so I again extend an invitation to anyone who may have an interest in joining us at this time. Respectively submitted, Nancy Harbers 542-2894

**ST FRANCIS AND ST. LAWRENCE CHURCHES FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 ST 2011**

SUMMARIZED BELOW ARE THE CONDENSED FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31ST 2011
AND COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR LAST FIVE YEARS

DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERTAINING TO ANY OF THE NUMBERS PRESENTED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WISHING
TO SEE A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN; CONTACT THE RECTORY IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A COPY. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WOULD
BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE FINANCIAL ISSUES.

LIMITED COPIES OF THE DETAILED FINANCIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

	BUDGET		DIFFERENCE		2010	2009	2008	2007
	2011	2011	2011	2011				
RECEIPTS (GENERAL & OTHER)	95,113.82	111,030.00	-\$	15,916.18	\$ 100,244.58	\$ 111,996.10	\$ 110,581.89	\$ 108,517.75
DRAW FROM INVESTMENTS	-				\$ 42,660.63	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 1,638.22
SPECIAL DONATION FOR CROSS	5,000.00	-	\$	5,000.00	\$ 142,905.21	\$ 121,996.10	\$ 110,581.89	\$ 110,155.97
	<u>100,113.82</u>	<u>111,030.00</u>	-	<u>10,916.18</u>				

USES OF FUNDS

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	52,133.41	53,800.00	-\$	1,666.59	\$ 53,221.20	\$ 50,891.78	\$ 55,021.08	\$ 52,642.99
CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES	43,083.00	42,750.00	\$	333.00	\$ 48,110.27	\$ 46,169.43	\$ 45,314.40	\$ 38,112.92
PARISH CENTRE EXPENSES	7,422.68	5,400.00	\$	2,022.68	\$ 6,861.75	\$ 6,235.85	\$ 8,956.58	\$ 6,699.83
CAPITAL EXPENSES	1,825.53	7,500.00	-\$	5,674.47	\$ 599.81	\$ 7,153.25	\$ 2,341.41	-\$ 434.00
	<u>\$ 104,464.62</u>	<u>\$ 109,450.00</u>	<u>-\$</u>	<u>4,985.38</u>	<u>\$ 108,793.03</u>	<u>\$ 110,450.31</u>	<u>\$ 111,633.47</u>	<u>\$ 97,021.74</u>

DEFICIT WAS COVERED BY
SURPLUS MONEY IN THE BANK
INVESTMENTS

**MARKET VALUE
DECEMBER 31ST 2011**

PARISH INVESTMENTS	\$ 237,841.01	THESE INVESTMENTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE DIOCESE ON APRIL 14TH THE INVESTMENTS ARE HELD WITH BMO NESBIT BURNS. INTEREST OF 3.10% IS PAID ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE. THE PRESENT RATE OF INTEREST IS THAT OF A 5 YEAR ANNUAL GIC AS POSTED ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE PLUS 1%
CEMETERY INVESTMENTS	\$ 58,423.76	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 43,450.31	
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	<u>\$ 339,715.08</u>	

NOTES TO FINANCIALS

1. REVENUE WAS \$15,916.18 BELOW BUDGET AND ALMOST 10% LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS. THE AMOUNT COLLECTED OF \$95,113.82 IS THE LOWEST IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
EXPENSES WERE \$104,464.62 THUS SHOWING A DEFICIT OF \$9,350.80 THIS DEFICIT WAS COVERED BY EXTRA CASH IN THE CURRENT ACCOUNT
2. CAPITAL EXPENSES WERE WELL BELOW BUDGET DUE TO UNCOMPLETED PROJECTS
3. EXPENSES WERE \$4,985.38 BELOW BUDGET OTHERWISE OUR DEFICIT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI & ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

"INCOME & EXPENSES" AND "BUDGET" COMPARISONS

31-Dec-11

12 MONTHS

EXPENSES:

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	ACTUAL TO DATE 2011	BUDGET TO DATE 2011	" + OR - " TO DATE 2011	ACTUAL TO DATE 2010	2010 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET	2012 BUDGET
SALARIES & CAR ALLOWANCE	\$ 19,968.03	\$ 21,500.00	\$ (1,531.97)	\$ 20,896.80	\$ 20,896.80	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00
CPP, EI, WCB & BLUE CROSS	\$ 2,758.48	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 758.48	\$ 2,035.80	\$ 2,035.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
CAR EXPENSES	\$ 4,140.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,485.00	\$ 4,485.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
TAXES, INSURANCE & WATER	\$ 3,600.54	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 100.54	\$ 3,625.13	\$ 3,625.13	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
OFFICE EXPENSES (INCLUDING PHONE)	\$ 5,056.23	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 556.23	\$ 4,700.23	\$ 4,700.23	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
PRIESTS TRAVEL	\$ 177.62	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (822.38)	\$ 1,150.67	\$ 1,150.67	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
PRO-RATA	\$ 13,807.51	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (1,192.49)	\$ 14,327.57	\$ 14,327.57	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
PARISH / MISSION SUPPORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PENSION	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
SALARIES SUBSTITUTE PRIESTS	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Administration Expenses	\$ 52,133.41	\$ 53,800.00	\$ (1,666.59)	\$ 53,221.20	\$ 53,221.20	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 53,800.00

CHURCH EXPENSES

HEAT & LIGHTS	\$ 5,304.65	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 304.65	\$ 4,893.15	\$ 4,893.15	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
WORSHIP NEEDS (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 12,356.93	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 1,106.93	\$ 15,118.76	\$ 15,118.76	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00
ACADIA RELIGIOUS EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UPKEEP & MINOR REPAIRS (SEE ATTACHED)	\$ 25,424.42	\$ 26,500.00	\$ (1,075.58)	\$ 28,098.36	\$ 28,098.36	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 773.76	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (4,226.24)	\$ (185.00)	\$ (185.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Church Expenses	\$ 43,859.76	\$ 47,750.00	\$ (3,890.24)	\$ 47,925.27	\$ 47,925.27	\$ 47,750.00	\$ 47,750.00

PARISH CENTRE

HEAT & LIGHTS	\$ 4,762.17	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 762.17	\$ 4,114.51	\$ 4,114.51	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
FOOD	\$ 287.16	\$ -	\$ 287.16	\$ 1,213.30	\$ 1,213.30	\$ -	\$ -
BOARD & LODGING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HOUSEKEEPING	\$ 592.92	\$ 600.00	\$ (7.08)	\$ 756.00	\$ 756.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
UPKEEP & MINOR REPAIRS	\$ 1,780.43	\$ 800.00	\$ 980.43	\$ 777.94	\$ 777.94	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,048.77	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (1,451.23)	\$ 784.81	\$ 784.81	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total Parish Centre Expenses	\$ 8,471.45	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 571.45	\$ 7,646.56	\$ 7,646.56	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 7,900.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 104,464.62	\$ 109,450.00	\$ (4,985.38)	\$ 108,793.03	\$ 108,793.03	\$ 109,450.00	\$ 109,450.00
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SOURCES OF FUNDS:

GENERAL RECEIPTS	\$ 98,402.13	\$ 109,000.00	\$ (10,597.87)	\$ 98,209.74	\$ 98,209.74	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
OTHER RECEIPTS (EXCLUDING IN/OUT ITEMS)	\$ 1,711.59	\$ 2,030.00	\$ (318.41)	\$ 2,034.84	\$ 2,034.84	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 1,950.00
FROM INVESTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	\$ 100,113.72	\$ 111,030.00	\$ (10,916.28)	\$ 100,244.58	\$ 100,244.58	\$ 111,030.00	\$ 101,950.00

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

\$ (4,350.90)	\$ 1,580.00	\$ (5,930.90)	\$ (8,548.45)	\$ (8,548.45)	\$ 1,580.00	\$ (7,500.00)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,660.63	\$ 42,660.63	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
\$ (4,350.90)	\$ 1,580.00	\$ (5,930.90)	\$ 34,112.18	\$ 34,112.18	\$ 1,580.00	\$ -

***** INCOME EARNED ON PARISH INVESTMENTS**

		\$ -	\$ 7,657.03	7,657.03	\$ 6,345.99	\$ -
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*** SEE SEPARATE WORKSHEET FOR DETAILED BREAKDOWN ON INVESTMENTS

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI & ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

BREAKDOWN OF "WORSHIP NEEDS" AND "UPKEEP & MINOR REPAIRS"

31-Dec-11

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MONTHS

WORSHIP NEEDS

	ACTUAL FOR MONTH	ACTUAL TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	" + OR - " TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	2009 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET	2012 BUDGET
	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010		
CHURCH SUPPLIES	\$ 627.92	\$ 5,171.11	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,571.11	\$ 7,706.21	\$ 7,706.21	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$ 179.64	\$ 3,931.51	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (568.49)	\$ 4,321.38	\$ 4,321.38	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
PAPERS & PAMPHLETS		\$ 942.24	\$ 500.00	\$ 442.24	\$ 1,054.97	\$ 1,054.97	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 653.88	\$ 653.88	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
RETREAT & MISSION EXPENSES		\$ 2,062.07	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,062.07	\$ 1,080.27	\$ 1,080.27	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
WAICC & CAICC	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 450.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
YOUTH GROUP & OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 168.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 52.05	\$ 52.05	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTALS	\$ 975.56	\$ 12,356.93	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 1,106.93	\$ 15,118.76	\$ 15,118.76	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00

UPKEEP & MINOR REPAIRS

	ACTUAL FOR MONTH	ACTUAL TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	" + OR - " TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	2009 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET	2012 BUDGET
	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009			
ACCOUNTANT	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 7,152.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ (1,348.00)	\$ 8,424.00	\$ 8,424.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
CHURCH CLEANING	\$ 42.00	\$ 2,163.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (337.00)	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS & MINOR REPAIRS		\$ 2,382.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,382.45	\$ 2,500.03	\$ 2,500.03	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
ORGANIST	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,187.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ (113.00)	\$ 2,297.00	\$ 2,297.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	\$ 400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 287.02	\$ 4,639.97	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (360.03)	\$ 3,757.33	\$ 3,757.33	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PASTORAL CARE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 2,834.02	\$ 25,424.42	\$ 26,500.00	\$ (1,075.58)	\$ 28,098.36	\$ 28,098.36	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00

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