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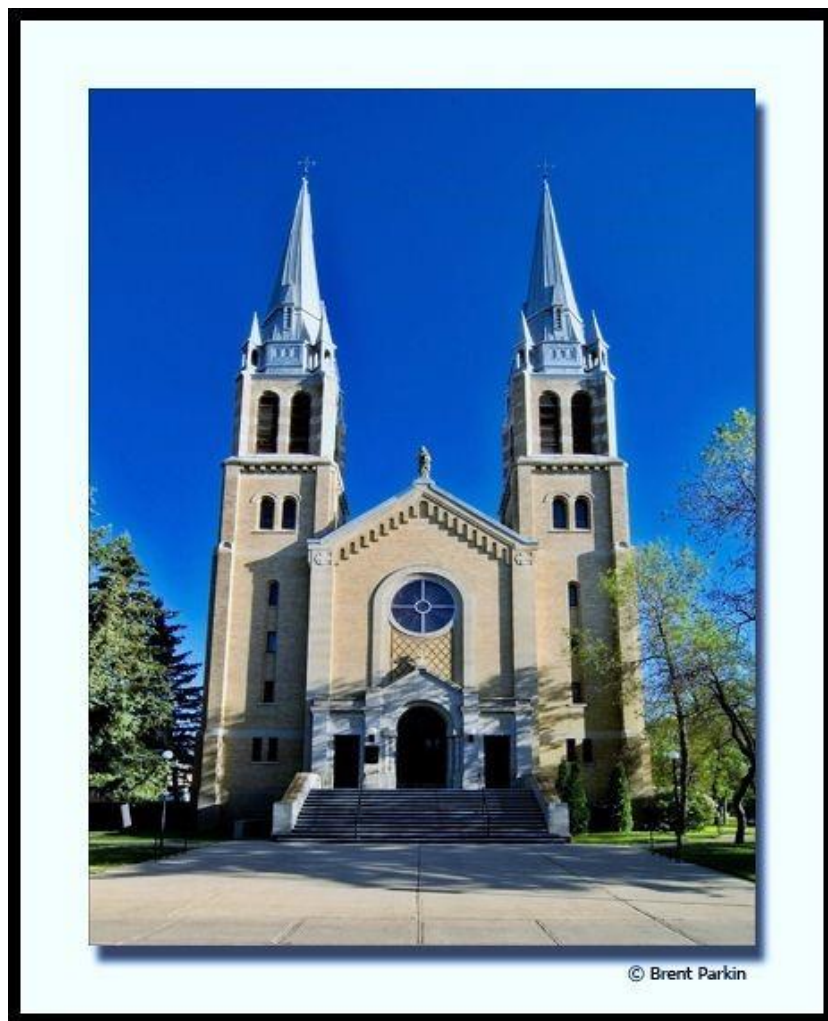
HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 21, 2021

Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina
Rev. Danilo Rafael, Administrator/Rector
Very Rev. Thomas Nguyen, J.V., Assistant Priest
Rev. Mr. Barry Wood, Assisting Deacon



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, under the Patronage of Our Lady, are called to be a caring church, proclaiming and celebrating our faith with all who seek a relationship with Christ.

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**SSVP – Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

A G E N D A

Annual General Meeting
Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish
March 21, 2021

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| 1. Opening Prayer | Fr. Dan Rafael
<i>Rector/Administrator</i> |
| 2. Welcome and Comments | Samira McCarthy
<i>Pastoral Council Chair</i> |
| 3. Finance Council Report | Paul Malone, <i>Co-chair</i>
John Hoffman, <i>Accountant</i> |
| 4. Archdiocesan Building Campaign | John Dipple, <i>Co-chair</i> |
| 5. Representatives from the various committees/groups will be on hand to answer questions on their reports, which are in the AGM booklet. | |
| a. Building and Grounds | Ray Plosker |
| b. Challenge Girls | Cathy Craig |
| c. Knights of Columbus | Tyler Wolfe |
| d. Liturgy/Deanery | Brad Hanowski |
| e. Social Justice | Bernadette Kutarna |
| f. Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Carol Schimnosky |
| g. Music Ministry | Tanya Bergen |
| h. Ecumenical | Gillian Brodie |
| i. Couples for Christ | Jo Ong/Joel Ong |
| 6. Pastor's Comments | Fr. Dan Rafael |
| 7. Closing Prayer | Fr. Dan Rafael |

Pastoral Council Members / Committee Representatives

Fr. Dan RafaelRector/Administrator
Samira McCarthyChairperson
EcumenismGillian Brodie
FinanceJim Hall
Liturgy.....Shannon Chapple, Brad Hanowski
.....Joanne Skidmore
Catering/CWL.....Shannon Chapple
Challenge GirlsCathy Craig
Children’s LiturgyMiri Schiller
Social JusticeBernadette Kutarna
Knights of ColumbusG.K. Tyler Wolfe
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....Carol Schimnosky
Spiritual LifeKrista LaBelle

Finance Council Members

Paul Malone & Jim Hall Co-chairs

Pat Bohn	Tava Burton	Rob Chapple
John Dipple	Ann Gagnon	John Hoffman
Samira McCarthy	Terry Novecosky	Ray Plosker
	Fr. Dan Rafael	

Comments from the Chair of the Pastoral Council

The past year has brought our parish both blessings and anxieties.

There is no need to state the obvious about the pandemic turning our world on its head. But with the guidance and leadership of Fr. Dan, we managed to get through the different phases of lockdown and re-opening with some grace and efficiency. During the weeks last Spring when Masses were cancelled, we kept our doors open during what would have been regular Mass hours, so parishioners could enter the cathedral for quiet prayer and meditation, with Fr. Dan keeping an eye on the safety of the attendees. Once Masses were restored, Fr. Dan made sure that the provincial health protocols and restrictions were strictly in place. Any complaints to the contrary are totally unfounded.

The biggest problem was keeping in touch with our parishioners; secondly, there was the loss of revenue, as was expected. The first two months after the lock-down were particularly worrisome. Fr. Dan and I undertook to write a monthly letter to the parishioners (via e-mail and the on-line Bulletin) as a way of keeping contact, to let them know that we are still a vibrant community, that we still have much for which to be thankful. We have been including a financial statement each month, with a reminder that we have staff salaries, utility and maintenance bills to pay, but letting parishioners also understand that we are not putting pressure on those facing financial difficulties at this time. Their generous response has been most gratifying and humbling. Though our revenue is almost \$100K down this year in comparison to last year's, and almost that much short of our 2020 budget, our expenses have been relatively lower this past year as well. As the annual financial report shows, we are closing our books without the deficit we feared.

The government wage subsidy has been of help, as has the rental fees we received from the Regina Symphony Orchestra in the fall. The tenancy of the RSO has been beneficial to us in other ways. It has put the cathedral on the map, so to speak, making it known to many in Regina who had never entered through its doors. It has given us a chance to be an active part of the Regina cultural community, from which much gratitude has been expressed. Our allowing the RSO to perform in our church has kept the musicians playing live, whereas almost all the other orchestras in Canada had to shut down. For a good number of weeks, RSO patrons could listen to music that they have always cherished. It certainly created activity in the church, something for which Fr. Dan has been most supportive.

The curtain came down on the RSO in December, but the partnership continues. Both orchestra and music lovers have been enthralled by the acoustics of the church and find the beautiful building an appropriate setting for concerts. There is hope of re-starting the concert series at

the beginning of April, and a tentative, smaller schedule drawn for the 2021-22 season. Who could tell last March that a blessing could arise from the dreadful pandemic?

We have also been blessed with new members in our Councils. Bernadette Kutarna has taken on the work for Social Justice, and Development and Peace, bringing to her position fresh and practical ideas in that area. As well, we welcome Tava Burton to the Finance Council; to have a young person volunteer for that service gives us much hope for the future. Our thanks to Theresa Hochban and Jennifer dela Pena for their work on the Councils, before they stepped down in 2020.

Since the summer, we have been able to open our doors again for weddings, baptisms, and funerals, continuing to serve our parishioners while respecting government health protocols. Fr. Dan has managed the sacramental preparations for the children, with the help of the Sisters from the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary and, and the RCIA programme has been on-going, thanks to Deacon Eric. More blessings.

The C.W.L. has been quiet, as there have been no calls for their catering activities; the K. of C. has met a few times and did put on the annual parish BBQ in the summer, but we have missed their monthly Sunday breakfasts and the dinner/dances they usually organize. And we greatly missed the Oktoberfest, which was becoming an annual festive event. I am sure we all look forward to a return of the various social gatherings which bring us together as a community.

The Liturgy Committee has remained active, organizing and re-organizing the schedules for Lectors and Bread Ministers as needs changed throughout the year. And what would we have done without our music ministry? We cannot thank enough the diligence of Tanya and the Filipino choir in adapting to the restrictions but continuing to beautifully enhance our liturgies.

As you will see in the excellent report from the Building and Grounds Committee, there has been on-going maintenance and repairs to our church, thanks to our Building Fund and the generosity of volunteers.

Our Pastoral and Finance Councils have continued to meet regularly, to make sure that Fr. Dan has all the support he needs to administer to the needs of the parish. We are grateful for the loyalty of our parishioners and staff, and for the outstanding generosity of our volunteers, without whom our parish would be severely challenged.

Like the rest of the world, we pray for a happier 2021 and a return to some kind of normalcy.

Samy McCarthy

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2020

Statement 1

	2020			2019
	Building Fund	Operating Fund	Combined	Combined
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 101,244	\$ 11,978	\$ 113,222	\$ 125,011
Interparochial Sharing Fund	242,376	-	242,376	294,368
Accounts receivable	-	17,023	17,023	6,856
Prepaid expenses	-	30,561	30,561	23,400
	343,620	59,562	403,182	449,635
CAPITAL - Office		112,285	112,285	112,285
	\$ 343,620	\$ 171,847	\$ 515,467	\$ 561,920
 CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable		\$ 14,269	\$ 14,269	\$ 4,701
Deferred revenue		-	-	-
		14,269	14,269	4,701
 LONG TERM LIABILITY				
Diocesan assessment payable		106,232	106,232	118,723
 IN TRUST				
Organ scholarship fund		8,733	8,733	4,176
Other		4,216	4,216	4,994
		12,949	12,949	9,170
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE	343,620	38,397	382,017	429,326
	\$ 343,620	\$ 171,847	\$ 515,467	\$ 561,920

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Statement 2

			2020					
2021	Budget		Building Fund	Operating Fund	Combined	Budget	2019 Combined	
REVENUE								
\$	352,000	Regular collections	\$ -	\$ 313,481	\$ 313,481	\$ 405,000	\$ 373,234	
	60,000	Building fund	Sched 3	71,811	-	71,811	87,393	
	-	Estate bequest		-	-	\$ -	50,000	
	2,300	Other donations	Sched 1	-	5,895	5,895	20,157	
	-	Archdiocese of Regina - Appeal rebate		-	3,645	\$ 1,000	8,846	
	20,000	Wage Subsidy		-	43,946	-	-	
	30,400	Other - rental. Interest, etc	Sched 2	-	25,665	\$ 42,000	61,615	
\$	464,700			\$ 71,811	\$ 392,632	\$ 464,443	\$ 533,750	\$ 584,190
EXPENSES								
		Committees						
	43,250	Buildings and grounds		-	34,674	34,674	60,100	54,091
	40,400	Liturgy		-	36,339	36,339	45,000	41,926
	1,200	Parish life		-	1,323	1,323	6,500	4,338
	7,025	Spiritual education		-	7,328	7,328	11,000	7,033
	-	Youth		-	-	-	1,000	525
	100	Social Justice		-	7	7	200	70
	-	Administration		-	-	-	-	-
	134,214	Salaries and benefits		-	127,873	127,873	133,000	130,027
	54,000	Diocesan assessments		-	71,252	71,252	67,840	64,560
	22,325	Office supplies and services		-	21,637	21,637	30,300	27,878
	1,500	Other charities & Parish Good Works		-	1,428	1,428	3,000	4,678
	-	Occupancy		-	-	-	-	-
	8,500	Property taxes		-	7,805	7,805	8,000	7,645
	40,000	Insurance		-	33,586	33,586	37,760	37,578
	12,000	Condo fees - office		-	10,977	10,977	12,500	11,098
	40,000	Utilities		-	38,323	38,323	44,300	43,897
	60,000	Transfer to Building Fund Reserve		71,811	-	71,811	83,000	18,878
	464,514			71,811	392,552	464,363	543,500	563,583
	186	Excess Revenue (Expenses)		-	80	80	(9,750)	20,607
		Net assets, beginning of year			38,317	38,317		17,710
		NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR			\$ 38,397	\$ 38,397		\$ 38,317
BUILDING FUND RESERVE								
\$	60,000	Transfer from Operations		\$ 71,811				
	74,850	Less: expenses for year	Sched 4	119,200				
	(14,850)			(47,389)				
	343,620	Reserve, beginning of year		391,009				
\$	328,770	Reserve, end of year		\$ 343,620				

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
Budget		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	Budget
	Other Donations			Schedule 1
\$ -	CWL	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 6,500
-	K of C	-	-	1,000
1,000	Memorial Cross/Donations	1,395	3,000	4,782
600	Initial Offering	760	700	820
200	ANCOP	247	350	415
-	Flowers (In Liturgy - offset purchases)	-	1,200	1,522
500	Other	493	3,000	5,118
<u>\$ 2,300</u>		<u>\$ 5,895</u>	<u>\$ 10,750</u>	<u>\$ 20,157</u>

	Other Income			Schedule 2
\$ 1,000	Bulletin Advertising	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,825
2,000	Vigil Lights	3,416	7,000	6,682
15,000	Church Rental	5,550	7,500	5,650
8,000	Hall Rental	8,925	12,500	14,010
4,000	Parking Lot	3,850	7,000	7,563
200	Fundraising- Oktoberfest	250	4,000	6,738
-	Interparochial Fund Interest - Bldg Fund	-	-	-
-	Cathedral Preservation Grant - Bldg Fund	-	-	-
200	Other	374	500	246
<u>\$ 30,400</u>		<u>\$ 25,665</u>	<u>\$ 42,000</u>	<u>\$ 43,714</u>

	Building Fund			Schedule 3
	Building Fund Donations			
\$ 41,600	Building Fund Envelopes	\$ 37,173	\$ 75,000	\$ 59,774
-	Second Collection	15,950	-	9,718
-	K of C donation	680	500	-
8,400	Interparochial Fund Interest	8,008	8,400	7,901
10,000	Cathedral Preservation Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000
-	Estate Donation	-	-	50,000
<u>\$ 60,000</u>		<u>\$ 71,811</u>	<u>\$ 93,900</u>	<u>\$ 137,393</u>

	Building Fund Expenses			Schedule 4
\$ 13,750	Tower Windows	\$ 120	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,613
-	Platform or Ladders (up to standard)	-	-	-
-	South Wall - Foundation/Masonry	-	20,000	6,265
-	Foundation Cracks	4,755	25,500	-
-	Repair/Replace Flat Roof	111,603	115,000	-
11,100	Paint Galvanized Coping	-	-	-
50,000	Sacristy Stairs	2,722	32,000	-
<u>\$ 74,850</u>		<u>\$ 119,200</u>	<u>\$ 193,500</u>	<u>\$ 18,878</u>

Note: Diocesan Collections

Diocesan collections	\$ 4,294	\$ 9,844
Archbishop's Appeal	49,505	31,205
	<u>\$ 53,799</u>	<u>\$ 41,049</u>

Building & Grounds Committee

Committee Members:

Fr. Dan Rafael	Greg Loziak
Paul Adekogbe	Jim Nichols
Rob Chapple	Ray Plosker (Chair)
Brian Harris	Mark Scott

Along with overseeing the routine snow clearing, lawn cutting, draining of the parking lot after rains, replacing burned out lights, etc. generally done with the ongoing help of Conrado, our maintenance worker, the Building and Grounds Committee was active with the following:

- Paving blocks and seeding were done on the east side of the Cathedral in the early spring. The grade (soil level at the foundation) was lowered and sloped away from the building late in the fall of 2019. This will hopefully allow water to be carried away from the building and help to prevent water from getting into the basement along this side of the building. The same must be done on the west side, where shrubs have grown close to the building and the grade slopes back to the foundation.
- Jim Nichols has completed the installation of the new wood windows at the top of the east bell tower. He is ready to move onto the west bell tower once window order has been placed. Other B and G members will assist by priming and painting the new windows. Spring/summer work.
- Walters Mechanical, under the supervision of Rob Chapple, completed some re-piping and valve replacement of the heating system for the main level. This helped even out the temperature throughout the seating area and altar area of the main floor.
- The flat roof above the O'Neill Room, Sacristy and joining space was replaced by Raven Roofing, overseen by SEPW Architecture. The plan is to have the old metal flashing stripped and repainted so the metal matches.
- Planning went ahead for the exterior stair on the east side of the building. The design is complete, and Dura Construction has been asked to construct the stair. Unfortunately, this did not get underway in time to beat the cold weather last fall and so is planned to proceed as early this year as possible. It will be a bit of an inconvenience, but the stair is falling apart and needs to be replaced.
- A building assessment was done by our insurers to re-assess the value of the building and contents.
- A risk management report with recommendations, was done by Ecclesiastical Insurance. There were some action items arising from that report. Many items have been completed. Some are pending and others on-going.

- Brian Harris and Raymond Plosker led tours of the Cathedral for other parish leaders, donors, and heritage groups to give a “behind the scenes” look at the Cathedral. This was done for the fundraising campaign underway for the Cathedral Renewal and new Pastoral Centre.
- Gabe Dipple volunteered his time and drone camera to do a review of the two bell towers and metal spires. This was documented by a series of high-definition photographs. This helps provide a look at condition of the metal and stonework high up on the building.
- Brian Harris completed an application to the federal Enabling Accessibility Fund for some interior barrier free improvements. Unfortunately, we were not successful in receiving a grant for the work proposed. We will keep an eye on this grant for potential future funding.
- Greg Loziak was active in arranging the repairs of the lightning protection system, that requires new cabling to connect the system with the grounding system below grade. This is scheduled to be completed in early spring 2021.
- The committee has been involved in an ongoing review of facility rental agreements and insurance coverage by groups.
- There is a large wasp nest at the high-level roof that still needs to be dealt with. It can’t be seen but the swarm of wasps seems to grow each year. Access is the biggest hurdle as the nest is 55 feet up from the ground.
- An elevator maintenance agreement was signed with ABCO. They will make the repairs required in the TSASK elevator inspection and do inspections as required on a regular basis.
- There are still some radiator heaters in the basement of the Rectory that don’t heat up. This should be looked at when heating season is finished.

Capital Projects Planned for 2021

Planning for capital project that will proceed in 2021 include:

- Sacristy stairs \$40,000 (carried over from 2020) plus \$10,000 allowance for adjacent surfaces that will be impacted and some soft landscape grading
- New arched wood windows for west bell tower, including misc. materials \$13,750
- Painting of galvanized metal flashing at flat roof area \$11,000

Total estimated for capital projects for 2021 is \$74,850.

Ray Plosker
Chair Building and Grounds

Rebuilding Our Church Capital Campaign

As you know, the archdiocese is in the midst of a capital campaign to restore Holy Rosary Cathedral and to build a permanent pastoral ministry centre on the cathedral grounds.

To refresh your memory, you can watch the introductory video here <https://youtu.be/BSXQBrIRSJ4> (5 minutes). There is also a video behind-the-scenes tour of the cathedral showing the work that needs to be done here: <https://youtu.be/4ig22YH7hf8> (13 minutes).

As two of the three co-chairs of this campaign, we are part of the Campaign Cabinet Committee. This committee began its work by inviting clergy, archdiocesan staff, finance council members, Holy Rosary committee members, and major donors to support the campaign. By February 2020 we had received \$5.4M towards our goal of \$17M, and we were full of optimism.

After the Covid-19 pandemic hit in mid-March, we put all donor meetings on hold, and moved our committee meetings online. It was a time of caution as we waited and tried to discern the best time to restart our conversations with potential donors about the campaign. We also worked on background items such as the Archdiocese of Regina Foundation to receive campaign funds, and project pre-planning with project manager Teresa Drew. We created a website with information, photos, history, donor stories and campaign updates at: rebuildingourchurch.ca.

In early fall, we began our work with potential donors again, with Covid precautions in place. As the temperatures plunged and Covid numbers rose in southern Saskatchewan, we moved to online platforms for all donor meetings.

Has Covid-19 derailed our optimism? Not at all! We are happy to report that our meetings are enjoyable and fruitful, and that those who are able, whether urban or rural, major or mid-level, are willing to share their resources to strengthen our church. We have now received a total of \$6.69M in gifts and pledges and are expecting that number to grow as donors are inspired to support the campaign.

At this time, we are still in the “quiet phase” of the campaign in which we are having conversations with potential donors who are able and inspired to pledge \$10,000- \$100,000 over five years. While these numbers may seem large, spread over 5 years and with tax deductions for charitable donations, the actual donor costs are much lower. For example, \$10,000 pledged over 5 years would mean \$2,000 a year, and with tax reductions the actual donor cost would be less than \$1,200 a year.

We ask for your prayers for the success of this project and for engagement and generosity in our parish and all through our archdiocese. This shared effort has the potential to strengthen our faith community in a new way. Together we can make it happen!

Michelle Sanche and John Dipple

Ecumenical Committee Report

2020 began with the usual annual ecumenical activities for Regina. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and the World Day of Prayer at the beginning of March, took place uneventfully. I covered these details in my AGM report in March 2020.

From March 15 onward, because of the pandemic, we faced unprecedented times. Church closure meant that online or TV Masses were our only option for Sunday masses until June 2020. Certainly, there were none of the regular meetings of the Ecumenical Commission throughout this time. However, thanks to the tireless work of Nicholas Jesson, we were kept in touch with other churches, and the online Zoom meetings, previously not used by most of us, became the norm for keeping in touch with other denominations.

During the Week for Christian Unity, January 18 -25, 2021, there were several events in Saskatchewan organized by the Regina Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Commission in Saskatoon. They were all live-streamed or presented via Zoom and are still available on YouTube. The series I viewed was a Bible Study, with different speakers, priests and ministers from Saskatchewan. The theme was "Abide in My Love", the words of Jesus from the Gospel of John, Chapter 15. The lectures, which were worthwhile, took place Monday - Friday, with 40-50 people in (virtual) attendance.

Now that the pandemic has been with us for a year, we are in constant need of hope, and reassurance that "all will be well – eventually". I was happy to accept an invitation to attend a virtual Vigil - on Zoom of course! - on March 11, 2021 entitled Together in Remembrance, Together in Hope – a Virtual Vigil marking one year of Covid in Saskatchewan. This will be available on You Tube after the event.

The symbolic candle for the Vigil is a positive step towards our hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Gillian Brodie

Challenge Girls Annual Report March 2020-2021

Thank you to Father Raphael, Ana Harris and John Hoffman in our parish office, as well as support of the Pastoral Council for providing the space (early 2020) plus administrative assistance to carry out our club activities.

Until March 2020 we were operating each Friday evening in the Cathedral auditorium for two groups of girls (Juniors, ages 5- grade 4 and Challenge, grades 5 and up).

Challenge mom-leaders Shannon Skolney and Kirsten Joubert quickly adapted our Challenge materials for teen leaders to present content online to finish up the year in June 2020. Our Junior group simply closed in March 2020.

After a long summer break, we adapted Junior Challenge into a twice a month mail-out which included craft supplies, stories of the Saints and simple at-home programming for this age group. The mail-out portion of the year was September to December 2020. Miri Schiller has been emailing relevant materials to the Juniors (approximately 10 families) from January 2021-present.

Our Challenge moms, Shannon and Kirsten, continue to mentor teen leaders who persevere with meeting online weekly. Programming for this age and stage (Grade 5 and up) is adapted from www.challengeclubs.com. Approximately 8-10 girls meet Friday evenings online.

Special thanks to our mom-volunteers who have been creative and flexible to allow for some faith-based activities for our young girls. Special thanks also to Anya Schiller and Shauntell Craig Penner who have made extra efforts to continue to lead their Challenge team.

Submitted by Cathy Craig for Holy Rosary Challenge Girls Club

Holy Rosary Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council #4704

I am very pleased to present a report on the men in our Parish Community who belong to the Knights of Columbus. This past year has been a different year for all of us and we have been able to help out to the best of our abilities. We are fortunate for the great support we get from all of our parishioners here at Holy Rosary. We also are well aware that they cannot wait for our breakfasts to return so we all can enjoy those amazing sausages.

We were able to donate “Coats for Kids” to Holy Rosary School in the fall to help some boys and girls stay warm in the much colder weather. We also put up our annual display to “Keep Christ in Christmas” and also provide more strings of lights for our wonderful Cathedral.

In closing, I would like to thank Father Danilo Rafael for all of his support and guidance to our Council. A welcome to any of our new members who have recently joined our Order. I personally extend an invitation to the men of our parish to take an active role in our community and join us in our “journey of faith”. Through my years of involvement with the Knights of Columbus I can proudly speak of the rewards both personally and spiritually that the organization has provided me. Thank you to the members of our Council that continue to serve with dedication and passion in our Parish Community and our city.

Stay safe, stay well, stay calm, stay informed.

Thank You.

Tyler Wolfe
Grand Knight

The Liturgy Committee

Good afternoon, Everyone!

The Liturgy Committee at Holy Rosary Cathedral includes:

- Joanne Skidmore
- Shannon Chapple
- Bradley Hanowski.

Music is also an important part of the liturgy, under the direction of Tanya Bergen.

In many ways, 2020 was a typical liturgical year at Holy Rosary Cathedral:

- New Year's Day Mass with Archbishop Donald Bolen
- Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2020
- Advent and Christmas 2020.

However, COVID-19 made it quite atypical:

- Attendance being restricted to 10 then up to 150 and back down to 30.
- Physical distancing, recording of attendees and extra sanitation procedures.
- Limitations to the number of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, musicians and choir members.

Despite COVID-19, Holy Rosary hosted some special events:

- March The Chrism Mass (The Blessing of the Holy Oils).
- August The Ordination to the Priesthood of
 - Deacon Christopher Juchacz
 - Deacon Andrew Lindenbach
- November The Funeral of Monsignor Ken Miller.

On Friday, March 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Holy Rosary presented the stations of the cross using the theme "The Way of the Cross Through the Voice of Victims – Supporting Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse".

For Christian believers, the stations of the cross are a traditional way of praying which draws us into the pain and suffering of Jesus, precisely in order to reveal the depth of God's love. But for victims of clergy sexual abuse, a church can be a very painful place. Where love was to be spoken and hope proclaimed, power was misused, wounds were inflicted, and God's love was not revealed but hidden.

People were invited to enter into this service, finding the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded where they should have found love, and to look for the presence of the wounded Jesus, walking in solidarity with the victims, and calling us all to conversion and compassion.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Hanowski

Social Justice Committee

Bernadette E. Kutarna, D&P Volunteer

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (D&P) had a shock in the 2020 Share Lent/Solidarity Sunday event, when all churches were closed just before Solidarity Sunday. Our Diocese had an alternative collection in August. Since then, D&P has focused on making sure our partners in the Global South continue to receive funding for their work. A reminder – D&P does not send 'missionaries'. D&P keeps in close touch with their partners but focuses funds to the communities themselves. Communities know what is needed to feed, clothe, shelter their members.

Unfortunately, the second focus of D&P as mandated by CCCB, that of education here in Canada, is seriously affected by reductions in staff. There is an increase in reliance on volunteers in every aspect of D&P.

This year the Share Lent campaign is being done online. That is a huge learning curve for me, as I am not a computer expert. Thankfully, our animator, Priva, and D&P staff have been helping. Thank you to Ana and to the other two parish contacts we are working with, for their patience!

I have advertised and attended a number of online D&P events, including connections with our partners in the Global South.

Do check our online bulletin for continuing information. Donations for Share Lent 2021 can be made with information there. Specific information will be made available online in our bulletin for Solidarity Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Thank you for your continued support of D&P!

In other news.....

Our parish is not able to take the lead in refugee sponsorship because of our major fundraising event, and lack of funds. So, I am heading up a 'group of 10', going to other parishes, individuals in our own parish, and interdenominational and interfaith communities to find 10 individual households to sponsor a family now refugeeed in Lebanon, from Syria. We will be doing major fundraisers over the next number of months, and humbly request your interest and support. The archdiocese requires funds to be in place before the application goes in, so within our group of 10, we will set up an account. At this moment, I am not sure whether charitable receipts will be available through our parish, or through another church or faith community. That will be clarified as soon as possible. We must follow the guidelines of the archdiocese, who follow the directives of the federal government. So far, I have attended two workshops given by the archdiocese.

Deliveries are regularly made from the blue barrel at the back of the church to where help is needed. Thank you to our donors!

Bernadette E. Kutarna

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint Josephine Bakhita Conference

As redundant as it is, the never-ending pandemic of 2020 had an impact on the activities of SSVP. Just as normal life had been changed, so did our procedures in that we no longer did home visits except in unique circumstances. Rather, visits were done via phone conversations, for the most part, or, in the odd instance, a very rare home visit. Assistance was given in a safe socially distanced manner.

Support given included: grocery cards; utility bill assistance; payment of an ambulance charge; household items needed to set up a new apartment; partial payment of a required damage deposit; the cost of a motel room in an emergency circumstance, and a baby stroller for a parish family. In 2020, Christmas hamper donations were at an all-time low; however, due to the ongoing support of the parish, we were able to top up the amount given per person. Individuals, couples, and entire families were benefitted with Wal*Mart gift cards in order to do their own Christmas shopping.

Our small group is again thankful and humbled by the continued support of the parish. A very heartfelt thank you to Jim Nichols who has been of notable help, while quietly remaining in the background. Thank you, as well, to Father Danilo for his continued support and hands-on help. Our unfailing members include Pat Bohn, Bernadette Kutarna, Marion Young and Adele Kramer.

Submitted by:
Carol Schimnosky
Recording Secretary/Treasurer

Couples For Christ (CFC)

CFC is a charismatic Catholic life, marriage and family ministry recognized by the Vatican as a private international association of the faithful. Rooted in the Sacraments, we strive to build a church of the home and of the poor through our family ministries, advocacies, and programs.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic we faced in 2020, CFC stayed positive and continued its prayer assemblies and teaching programs. CFC and SFC (Singles for Christ) volunteer work continued at Holy Rosary Cathedral 7:00 p.m. Masses in a number of ways: as greeters and ushers, as Extra Eucharistic Ministers, and as Lectors. As well, the CFC choir provided the music every second and fourth Sunday.

We are pleased to be of continuing service to the parish.

In Christ,
Jo and Joel Ong

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Report from the Director of Music

The following volunteers contributed to the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Music Ministries at Holy Rosary Cathedral during the past year:

9 a.m. Cantors: Tim Labelle, Angela Montano, Emily Craig Penner, Joan Pratchler, April Polasek, Tava Burton, Serena La Posta.

11 a.m. Choir Members and Cantors: Gina Quon, Emily Malone, Shirley Newhouse, Ruth Velazquez-Bleau, Gillian Brodie, Karen Frandsen, Patrice Krueger, Pat & Ken MacKay, Marguerite Canales, Paul Adekogbe, Brad Hanowski, Brenda Hackl, Joe & Annette Marche, Sister Germaine Zentner.

2020 was a tumultuous year for everyone, and churches and musicians navigated their own unique set of challenges. Very early in the pandemic, stories arose of mass outbreaks starting from choir rehearsals, and very quickly choral singing was deemed a high-risk activity. This put an early end to our choir season, and also affected singing by the assembly, putting extra pressure on our cantors to lead the music for mass. Our beautiful services during Holy Week felt very different with only a skeleton crew working to livestream to an assembly that tuned in through their computer screens, but we were all uplifted by the number of people logging in to worship (far more than would normally attend our Triduum physically) and the encouraging comments they left. We are grateful for the talents of Gabe Dipple and Braden Kuntz, who handled all the technical aspects of the livestreams.

We found different ways to worship through music in 2020. Where we normally had a choir, we used small ensembles of 2 or 3 singers, all masked. Also, the emphasis on video and live-streaming opened up new opportunities – with the help of sound engineer, Braden Kuntz, we recorded music for different archdiocesan initiatives, including the ten-part Ignation Prayer Adventure with Fr Larry Gillick. In summer, we were able to celebrate the ordinations of Christian Lindenbach to the Diaconate as well as Chris Juchacz and Andrew Lindenbach to the Priesthood and provided music with a quartet of April and Andrew Polasek, Matthew Dipple and Serena La Posta.

Our Organ Scholar Program continued with its usual success, though with much more handwashing and keyboard wiping (I can honestly say this is the cleanest our cathedral instruments have ever been). Our two Organ Scholars, Jarrod Daunheimer and Andrew Polasek, play parts of the mass nearly every Sunday and are currently working toward Service Playing Certificates with the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

In fall, we welcomed the Regina Symphony Orchestra (RSO) into our cathedral, and through them, many new people were given the opportunity to experience our beautiful space. The RSO has also allowed us the use of their beautiful piano, which has been a wonderful addition to our worship. The RSO's full schedule did present some challenges in sharing the church, and we offer thanks to Knox-Metropolitan United Church, who generously offered their rehearsal space to our musicians when we were not able to use our own space.

This was a year where we often saw great division happening in the world, but it is better to focus on how people came together to help each other through challenging situations. Keeping the cathedral running safely during a pandemic required the help of many volunteers, and also put extra pressure on our clergy and staff. Thank you to all who have helped out and gone far beyond expectations to allow us to continue celebrating the mass. As a cathedral, we have been so blessed to have the gentle leadership of Fr Danilo. We also want to thank the parishioners who took the time to share a note of appreciation to our musicians – this means so much to us as we endeavour to create meaningful worship with so many limitations and restrictions.

Thank you to all of the parishioners, priests, musicians, and administrative staff for their continued support of Cathedral music.

Submitted by: Tanya Bergen, Director of Music and Organist

