

# The Cathedral Star

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Six times a year, our weekly bulletin has a "spotlight on stewardship" article, written by or about one parishioner's stewardship journey at the Cathedral. Since this newsletter is our stewardship edition, we have chosen to "steal the spotlight" from the bulletin and let it shine on a very special Cathedral parishioner.

## Spotlight on Stewardship: Evelyn Likens



Evelyn

"A kind and gentle soul" is how Pastoral Associate Molly Chesney describes Evelyn. Kitchen Manager Steve Lee says that among the Lunch Program Volunteer set, Evelyn has the title of "The Green Bean Queen" for her careful and thorough working through bushels of the vegetables.

Two of Evelyn's closest friends admitted feeling privileged to share their insights into Evelyn.

### From Susan Wettle:

Most Cathedral parishioners enter the Cathedral from the front doors. Evelyn Likens first came to the Cathedral through the Sandefur Dining Hall entrance. Because of a series of health issues and other problems Evelyn utilized the services provided there daily. Carolyn Denning, who was the Kitchen Manager at the time, took Evelyn under her wing and assisted her in getting affordable housing and a start on caring for her medical issues. Evelyn's primary health issue is diabetes which affects her sight. She is almost completely blind. She also suffers from congestive heart failure and other significant problems.

When Evelyn joined the Cathedral as a full

member she wanted to be an integral part of the Cathedral family. Her health issues notwithstanding, she started working in the Cathedral kitchen, chopping, making coffee, and fulfilling any other duties she is able to perform. Her joy in doing these tasks has brightened many a day. She is also a valued member of the Compassion Ministry. She participates in the lively discussions that take place in that space. She belongs to Why Catholic and the Prayer Ministry.

Evelyn does not let her issues keep her from being active in Cathedral life. She loves the Cathedral and is committed to doing her part. Her dedication is an inspiration to all.

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## Spotlight on Stewardship: Evelyn Likens

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### From Jeannine Chivatero:

Sometimes the opportunity for stewardship comes to you when you're not even looking. Several years ago I met Evelyn....a lady of little means and little sight. I believe that God put her in my path for a reason.

My husband and I were already working in the Cathedral kitchen for the homeless and less fortunate. Evelyn decided that she would like to work in the kitchen also. She and I found a connection almost immediately .....



Evelyn boarding the Belle of Louisville for 2012 Feastday Fest

her sight issue was what "drew" me to her. I had had sight issues in my recent past that lasted for about 5 years....I knew how difficult and frustrating it could be.

Evelyn has so many needs and medical difficulties but she also has the most spiritual and inspiring attitude I have ever encountered. She has more reasons to whine and complain than any of us can

even imagine----but NEVER does. She always speaks of gratitude for all that she HAS.

I define stewardship as caring for what and who God sets before us each day. I feel blessed that God put her in my path, and I treasure the lessons she has made clear to me about what Jesus wants from me.

Evelyn could have remained one of our dining room guests, but chose instead to work with us to "do for others." Her presence among us brings a spiritual light to any place she is.

As her sight and health continue to diminish she still sets a remarkable example with her smile, her positive attitude, and her spiritual light that inspires everyone who gets to know her.

She has *little* in the world of *things*, but Evelyn is such a wonderful Christian witness of great faith, hope and immense love for others.

When Evelyn was contacted for permission to print this article about her, she was deeply touched by the words of her dear friends. She was speechless, at least at first, but recognized this as a real opportunity for all of us to pause and think how best to give back with the gifts we have. "I feel honored to be able to give to my church. The blessings I receive far outweigh what I give. I think stewardship is important for everyone. All of us can do something, even with our shortcomings, including giving money and time."



Foot washing during Holy Thursday Mass at the Cathedral, 2013



## Take the Time

When was the last *time* you took the *time* to think about what you do with your *time*? If you are like most busy Catholics, it's probably been awhile. Every year the Bureau of Labor Statistics spends a whole lot of time figuring out exactly what we are spending our time on.

So let's take a few minutes to see if we fit the trend:

8.8 Hours Working

7.6 Hours Sleeping

7.6 Remaining

Of those 7.6 remaining hours, Americans spend:

5.3 Hours on Leisure and Sports (*more than 80% of people spend 2 hours and 50 minutes of that time watching TV, and the majority of folks spend 5 hours a day with electrical devices...TV, Internet, etc.*)

1.2 Hours Caring for Others

1.1 Hours Eating

So, does your day come close?

The big question is how much time are people spending doing God's work?

No worries, the Pew Research Center found out. It discovered that 79% of Americans affiliated themselves with a particular religious group and spent an average of 19.2 minutes a day in some sort of organizational civic or religious activity. But the group is quick to point out that the minority of people are doing the majority of the work. Amazingly, 13.8% of people spend 2 hours and 20 minutes a day serving.

What role are  
**YOU**  
playing?

# Groups & Events the Cathedral Welcomed This Year

## **Archdiocesan**

Ordination of Priests  
Chrism Mass and Reception  
Rite of Election  
Syro-Malabar Masses, twice/month  
Pro-Life Mass, monthly  
ALMI Social Justice Workshop  
Vocations Office – Monthly Discernment  
Vocations Office – Christmas Dinner  
Vocations Office – Dinner on Tuesday of Holy Week  
Annual Martin Luther King Celebration  
Display of Office of Multicultural Ministry Altar of the Dead  
Regional Deacons Meeting  
Youth and Young Adult Respect Life Walk and Gathering  
Catholic Education Foundation Reception  
Priests Jubilee Mass and Reception  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Anniversary Mass and Reception  
Catholic Boys Scouts Award Ceremony  
Catholic Girl Scouts Award Ceremony

## **Confirmations**

St. Agnes, St. Martha, South End Parishes,  
Germantown Area Parishes, St. Bartholomew,  
St. Barnabas, St. Pius X (John Paul II School), St. Rita

## **Educational Program for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classes of the Archdiocese**

St. Albert the Great, Sacred Heart Model School,  
St. Leonard, St. Agnes, St. Aloysius, St. Margaret Mary,  
St. Michael, Our Lady of Lourdes

## **National or Regional Events**

American Guild of Organists Workshop  
Kentucky Music Education Association Conference  
National Association of Hispanic Priests

## **Tours of the Cathedral and/or History Center**

Holy Family School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, New Albany  
St. Agnes Confirmation Class  
St. Martha Confirmation Class  
St. Dominic School  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
St. Patrick Leprechauns (Seniors Group)  
St. Margaret Mary Seniors  
St. Peter the Apostle Confirmation Class and Families  
St. Paul RCIA  
St. Bernadette Seniors  
St. Gabriel Cub Scouts  
Women's Club  
Bellarmine University Veritas Class

## **Other**

Festival of Faiths Service of Thanksgiving  
Standard Gravure Memorial Mass and Reception  
St. Xavier Mothers and Seniors Mass  
Presentation Ring Ceremony  
Presentation Baccalaureate Mass  
DeSales Baccalaureate Mass  
Queen's Daughters Mary's Day Rosary, Mass, Brunch  
St. Francis of Assisi Confirmation Retreat  
Louisville Master Chorale weekly rehearsals  
Louisville Master Chorale Performances  
Louisville Quest Scavenger Hunts throughout the year  
Special Meals prepared for the Homeless: cookouts monthly by St. Albert the Great Groups; annually by Legal Secretaries; periodically by Deacon Pat Wright and Family and Friends; Thanksgiving Feast prepared by Vincenzo's.  
AA, weekly  
Canaan Christian Church Prayer Services, weekly



## *One hour...*

- Attend daily Mass. Monday – Friday at Noon.
- Do you pray daily? Join your prayers with the Cathedral family's prayers as a member of the Prayer Ministry.

Pat Brisson is a member of the Prayer Group and the mother of Cathedral Choir Director Philip Brisson. Pat moved to Louisville in April and immediately joined the Cathedral Parish. She is fitting in nicely; check out the picture of her meeting a true Louisville tradition—her first Hot Brown. Thanks for praying for us!



# Annual Report: Operating Income Statement

| INCOME                          | Fiscal Year Ending 06-30-2013 |                  |                   | Year-vs-Year     |                  |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                 | Actual                        | Budget           | Better<br>(Worse) | 2012-13          | 2011-12          | Better<br>(Worse) |
| Collections                     | 999,822                       | 960,000          | 39,822            | 999,822          | 958,557          | 41,265            |
| Social Concerns                 | 94,529                        | 48,160           | 46,369            | 94,529           | 81,342           | 13,187            |
| Feed My Neighbor                | 62,032                        | 0                | 62,032            | 62,032           | 0                | 62,032            |
| Gifts & Bequests                | 14,150                        | 20,000           | (5,850)           | 14,150           | 27,827           | (13,677)          |
| Fundraising                     | 1,396                         | 18,200           | (16,804)          | 1,396            | 938              | 458               |
| Diocesan Subsidies              | 38,250                        | 38,250           | 0                 | 38,250           | 38,250           | 0                 |
| Interest                        | 144                           | 175              | (31)              | 144              | 178              | (34)              |
| Miscellaneous (A)               | 51,441                        | 45,667           | 5,774             | 51,441           | 51,646           | (205)             |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>1,261,764</b>              | <b>1,130,452</b> | <b>131,312</b>    | <b>1,261,764</b> | <b>1,158,738</b> | <b>103,026</b>    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                 |                               |                  |                   |                  |                  |                   |
| Administration (B)              | 322,224                       | 348,639          | 26,415            | 322,224          | 312,263          | (9,961)           |
| Worship/Music                   | 194,295                       | 194,896          | 601               | 194,295          | 215,694          | 21,399            |
| Parish Life                     | 64,748                        | 87,098           | 22,350            | 64,748           | 77,753           | 13,005            |
| Formation                       | 17,302                        | 22,647           | 5,345             | 17,302           | 53,377           | 36,075            |
| Social Concerns                 | 67,928                        | 79,364           | 11,436            | 67,928           | 71,045           | 3,117             |
| Charitable Donations            | 14,109                        | 22,400           | 8,291             | 14,109           | 20,244           | 6,135             |
| Feed My Neighbor                | 43,533                        | 35,600           | (7,933)           | 43,533           | 29,975           | (13,558)          |
| Plant/Maintenance               | 263,016                       | 258,306          | (4,710)           | 263,016          | 250,988          | (12,028)          |
| Assessments                     | 77,682                        | 80,930           | 3,248             | 77,682           | 83,025           | 5,343             |
| Non-Parish Collections (C)      | 24,765                        | 25,050           | 285               | 24,765           | 24,940           | 175               |
| Miscellaneous (D)               | 13,263                        | 8,800            | (4,463)           | 13,263           | 32,973           | 19,710            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>1,102,865</b>              | <b>1,163,730</b> | <b>60,865</b>     | <b>1,102,865</b> | <b>1,172,277</b> | <b>69,412</b>     |
| <b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b> | <b>158,899</b>                | <b>(33,278)</b>  | <b>192,177</b>    | <b>158,899</b>   | <b>(13,539)</b>  | <b>172,438</b>    |

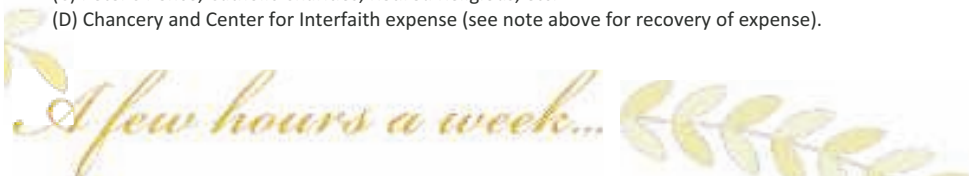
## Explanations

(A) Rental income, mass income, religious education fees, Chancery and Center for Interfaith expense recoveries, etc.

(B) Includes staff salary and benefits.

(C) Peter's Pence, Catholic Charities, Retired Religious, etc.

(D) Chancery and Center for Interfaith expense (see note above for recovery of expense).



- Help prepare and serve food at the soup kitchen.
- Serve your fellow Louisvillians and help them stay off the streets by volunteering at Help Ministries of Central Louisville, a homeless prevention ministry.
- Looking to spread the faith to the next generation? Consider becoming a religious education instructor.
- Help kids with their homework at the Nativity Academy at St. Boniface, a private middle school with a Catholic tradition that serves students in financial need.
- Join the choir.

Mary Jane Choi teaches the second grade religious education class. Despite her initial fear of tackling two very important sacraments, Mary Jane loves being a part of the formation period of our young Parish family members. She describes her service as an amazing opportunity to teach the very important lessons of love and forgiveness.

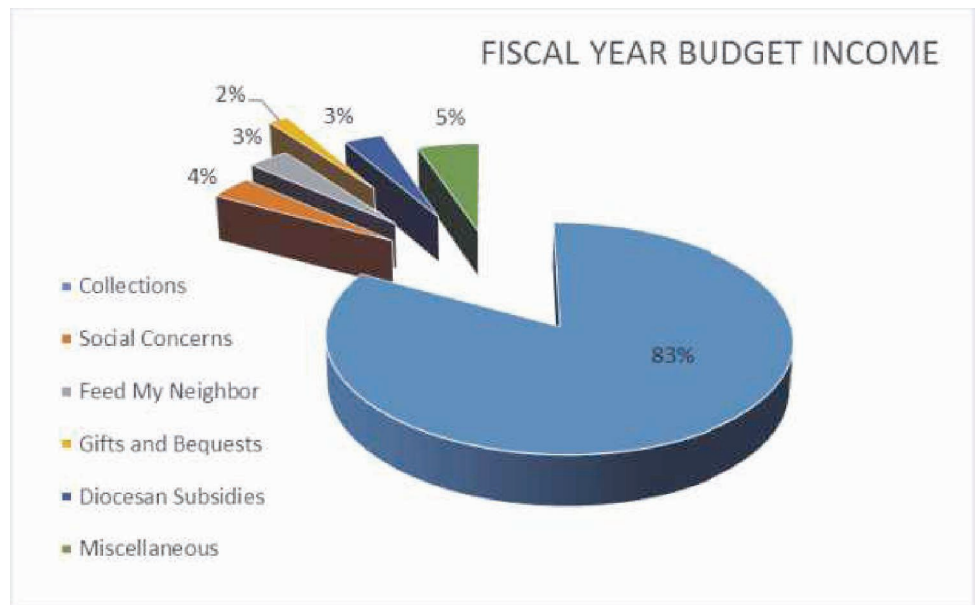


# Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 Budget

(July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014)

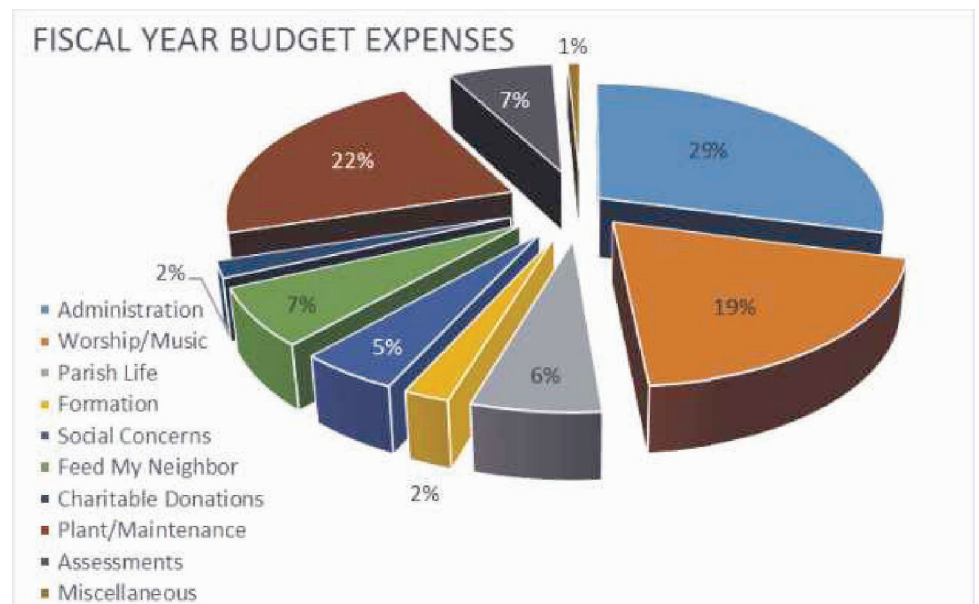
## Income

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Collections - 83%       | \$970,000          |
| Social Concerns - 4%    | \$41,500           |
| Feed My Neighbor - 3%   | \$40,000           |
| Gifts and Bequests - 2% | \$20,000           |
| Diocesan Subsidies - 3% | \$38,250           |
| Miscellaneous - 5%      | \$59,430           |
| <b>Total Income</b>     | <b>\$1,169,180</b> |



## Expenses

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Administration - 29%      | \$337,829          |
| Worship/Music - 19%       | \$226,926          |
| Parish Life - 6%          | \$77,390           |
| Formation - 2%            | \$24,935           |
| Social Concerns - 5%      | \$54,404           |
| Feed My Neighbor - 7%     | \$77,677           |
| Charitable Donations - 2% | \$22,400           |
| Plant/Maintenance - 22%   | \$257,609          |
| Assessments - 7%          | \$80,910           |
| Miscellaneous - 1%        | \$9,100            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>     | <b>\$1,169,180</b> |



## A few hours a month...

- Proclaim the Scripture at a weekend or weekday Mass.
- Volunteer at St. John's Center a day shelter for homeless men.
- Become an Altar Server.
- Receive training and serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Most friendly in your class? Consider joining our Hospitality Team.
- Have something to say? Be a creative writer for the Parish newsletter.
- Consider joining one of the Cathedral's many committees: everything from finance to social concerns to stewardship.
- Help the Parish office staff with bulk mailings and other large projects.

Mary Forsee is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She is also one of the coordinators, serving on the Worship Committee. Mary is extremely organized and a great communicator which fosters a smooth and graceful experience. She sums it up perfectly by explaining, "It's not about us after all, it's about something so much bigger!"



# *A Year in Review*

## **Fall 2012 to Summer 2013**

### **Capital Campaign**

Tuck pointing of Parish Office Building  
Dedication of Archbishop Thomas Cajetan Kelly O.P. Rehearsal Suite

### **Kudos to the Cathedral Daily Lunch Program**

Dare to Care named the Cathedral's lunch program the Emergency Kitchen of the Year!  
Humana awarded the lunch program a \$25,000 gift!

### **Collections**

Cathedral parishioners and visitors gave generously to: our annual collection of hats and gloves on Thanksgiving, distributed to homeless in December; school supplies for Nativity Academy; Christmas Gifts for Nativity Academy Students and Family Members; toys for St. Vincent DePaul Christmas toy drive; Blanket Louisville; Baby Shower for the Mother-Infant Care Program for Catholic Charities.

### **Strategic Planning**

Four "critical success factors" resulted from the Parish Council's strategic planning process. They are in the areas of Spirituality and Formation, Worship and Music, Communications, and Parishioner Involvement. Many activities, programs, and projects have come about and more are in process as a result of the planning.

### **Archdiocese of Louisville History Center**

In 2012, 600 people toured the center; 2400 people were in the center for other activities and meetings.

### **Sister Parish and Other Haiti Projects**

This past year, parishioners Gary and Cathy Boice, Dave and Mary Ann Puckett, Jack Lydon, Toni Mudd, and Don Kavanaugh were in Jeremie (some with multiple visits) working on clean water projects, technology projects, as well as maintaining the ties with the people of St. Louis parish and St. Therese Montessori. Activity was chronicled in blogs on our web site.

### **Formation**

*Go Deep* was the title of a 10-event offering this summer in the Catholic Contemplative Prayer Tradition. Over 180 people participated in at least one of the events. In last August, there was a special "Soul Searching" evening of music

and musings on Thomas Merton, featuring Dick Sisto and parishioner Chuck Marohnic, followed by a wine and cheese reception. We have just begun a 10 week in-depth scripture study of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

### **What was new this past year?**

Parishioner **Steve Henriksen** was ordained to the priesthood. Father Steve serves at Holy Trinity Parish.

**Father Jeff Nicolas** celebrated his 20 Anniversary as a priest this August.

### **FeedMyNeighbor**

FMN, the Cathedral's community-wide fund-raising project to support our daily lunch program, was inaugurated, with over \$60,000 raised this first year. Wait until you hear what next year's event will be!

### **Concierge Team**

There's a new process for joining the Cathedral parish. Twelve knowledgeable Cathedral parishioners make up six teams who welcome and guide prospective parishioners through the process of parish membership and participation.

### **E-Letters**

For parishioners whose correct e-mail addresses we have on file, Constant Contact e-letters will be sent. We have already used it for Fr. Jeff's CSA letter and for the September 28 Organ Recital. You always have the option to "unsubscribe." If you don't want to miss out on news, please make sure the parish office has your correct e-mail address.

### **Fifth Sunday Collections for House of Ruth**

After twenty-five delicious years of fundraising for House of Ruth via our Desserts! Desserts! Festival, it's time to be of service in a different way. The Cathedral's Compassion Group is heading up collection of personal care items for the AIDS/HIV patients and their families that House of Ruth serves. The first fifth Sunday of the month resulted in donated items with a value over \$2000!



## A few hours a year...

- Consider serving as a Liturgical Minister for funerals.
- Do you have that special touch? Arrange flowers for the Easter season.
- Cleaning clears the mind and the cobwebs. The Cathedral is a big place with lots of opportunities to “shine.”
- Interested in history? Be a tour guide at the Archdiocesan History Center and/or the Cathedral.
- Help serve food following funeral Masses.
- Are you that person who can snap the perfect photo or capture the moment on video? Join the photography/video team.
- Married for over 5 years? Help younger couples by becoming a sponsor for marriage preparation.
- Let your creative juices fly by joining the Art and Soul group.

Jack Grimm is a Hospitality Minister for funeral services and finds helping people in their time of need very rewarding. He joined the Catholic Church in 2000. The former Protestant says the Catholic Church was committed to social services before it was cool! He is certainly a part of all the good work.



Cassandra Huber serves on the Archdiocese Youth Advisory Board. Her major project was helping to plan Quest, a retreat for a



few hundred Catholic teenagers. Cassandra set up break-out sessions that were geared to building a community that shares the same values and morals. Her message to all Catholics, young and old: to get involved you have to dive in head first!

## A project a year...

- Knit a blanket or shawl to present to the homebound or hospitalized.
- Join fellow Parishioners in Haiti helping our sister Parish.
- Are you a skilled craftsman or just a bit handy? If so, there are always plumbing, carpentry, electrical, painting or technical needs waiting for you.
- Bake a cake for the Parish potluck dinner.

So many opportunities requiring just a little bit of your time but offering great rewards! How will you spend your time serving God and your community?

Let us know what sparks your interest. Or let us know how much time you are willing to commit and we will inform you of opportunities to serve.

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By: Margaret Brosko



## Annual Parish Statistical Information

By: Angela Wiggins



|                             |   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Parish Population</b>    | Households                                | 1,275   |
|                             | Individual Members                        | 2,668   |
| <b>Formation</b>            | Children and Youth in Religious Education | 54  |
|                             | Volunteer Catechisms                      | 11  |
|                             | RCIA Candidates and Catechumens           | 11  |
|                             | Why Catholic, Spring and Fall 2013        | 7 groups in Spring; 5 groups in Fall  |
|                             | Adult Formation Offerings                 | 2 Retreats, 2 Days of Reflection, Presentations by Fr. Don Springman, Deacon Lucio Caruso, and Deacon Stephan Phelps; |
| <b>Sacraments and Rites</b> | Baptisms                                  | 20  |
|                             | First Eucharist                           | 13  |
|                             | Confirmations                             | 14  |
|                             | Marriages                                 | 38  |
|                             | Funerals                                  | 11  |

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Dedication of the Archbishop Thomas Cajetan Kelly, O.P.  
Rehearsal Suite, October 1, 2013



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