

The Cathedral Star

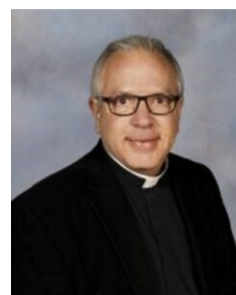
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2020 Annual Report

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope ..." [1 Peter 3:15]

When a particular verse from Sacred Scripture keeps surfacing in my prayer or meditation, I eventually realize it is what the Lord wants to place on my heart. The verse from the 1st Letter of Saint Peter has been on my heart lately. Since my arrival as Rector of the Cathedral and your Pastor on August 5th, I am aware that one of the "reasons for my hope" is the beauty of your generosity in countless ways. No one has to remind us that the past months have presented challenges and tests. The Cathedral Staff, Ministry Committees and lay leadership have faced the challenges and tests with resolve to find new and creative ways to serve you well. I am very grateful to one and all. Please take time to study and review both the spiritual and temporal summary of ministries presented in the following Annual Report. I know you too will find in how we have served the faithful members of the Cathedral Parish and those beyond our walls as a "reason for your hope."



I am indebted to the Finance Council for their intelligent, prudent and careful advice and management of our financial resources. The Council members are always aware that the stewardship you have entrusted to us is a sacred trust. You can be confident in the Council's ministry. I am!

Just a few weeks ago, you received a letter from me and Bob Owings, Capital Campaign Chair updating you on the Capital Campaign - Hail Full of Grace! Legacy and Vision Campaign. The Campaign Committee has been a joy for me to collaborate with as I - sort of - entered the Campaign in the final stretch. Bob Owings provides the latest information for you in this Report. Bob has led the Committee in an excellent, enthusiastic way. To Bob and the other Committee members ~ Thank you and God bless you!

There is a little, punchy phrase that I am fond of using with a bit of frivolity. "Jesus's love is free. Everything else costs." The Annual Report provides a good bit of data regarding the temporal mission of the Church. It is the spiritual mission of the Church that has pride of place in our lives because we would have no need for anything if our life in Christ was not the ultimate reason for our hope. As we near the wonderful blessings and graces of Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord - please accept my choicest blessings extended to you and those you love.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Very Rev. Martin A. Linebach, V.G.

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Climbing out of Covid for our Cathedral's Capital Campaign

- Vision with Conviction, to have a Legacy -



*Bob Owings
Capital Campaign Chair*

As we enter our final year for the Hail! Full of Grace, Capital Campaign, we will look back at 2020 with some bruised feelings, broken hearts, and acute frustration. We began our 3-year campaign with all the appropriate fanfare and enthusiasm fitting of a great Cathedral. However, as I look back, I do not know how we would have managed without the effects of a successful campaign.

This Campaign successfully brought our parishioners closer, we achieved better communications and measured response through parish engagement. Our Vision portion of the campaign, for capital improvements, has approached 75% pending pledges received on schedule for the \$2,815,000.00 pledged. We are depending on the fulfillment of those pledges, for the rest of the needed upgrades and repairs to be completed for the Cathedral campus. Currently, we are merely \$200,000.00 short of our \$3,018,000.00 Vision Campaign Goal.

As Campaign Chair, and on behalf of the entire Campaign Committee, I would like to convey our deepest gratitude for your commitment to the financial health and success of our parish through this Campaign. I am certain, providence guided some of the projects, and gave us the opportunity to reach hundreds of viewers per week through live streaming during this unprecedented pandemic. This Campaign continues to apply these committed funds to improve and allow our beloved Cathedral to evolve and to meet the needs of the parish as well as our community. In this final year, I request that you continue to stretch your heart, your mind, as well as your means, to push this Vision Portion beyond our goal with all the conviction in your heart. May we continue to see our many blessings during the difficult times that 2020 continues to present to our community and our parish.

Beyond the capital Improvements of our Vision Portion, our Legacy Fund of \$3,000,000.00 still hopes to receive \$650,000.00 in pledges to secure the goal for our invested Endowment Fund. It will be this Fund that will serve to provide the financial support for our campus for future generations. We are so close. This will be the required financial support for future generations in difficult times.

In addition to the financial goals of this Campaign, it is our hope, through communications, stewardship, and common goals shared by our whole parish, the community of our parish will grow beyond itself. The new sound system can reach further than the range of the new speakers. The Live Streaming and Virtual Attendance will likely be with us beyond the immediate future. While we have seen the return of some parishioners that have not been with us in some time, there are many that remain cautious to return. We pray for their safety, and their quick return to us. As we continue to improve the rest of the campus, I hope those who have not had an opportunity, may reconsider a way to support our Campaign as best as their situation may allow.

Finally, the growth of our parish is essential for its future. Please consider the coming weeks, as the best opportunity to invite anyone and everyone. Most of us recall the situation that drew us to the Cathedral. These stories are still so vivid. Perhaps some of us know someone who may not have been to Mass recently. Please encourage them to come to our Cathedral. It is the sacred and celebrated ingredient of our Cathedral. We are all welcome and we celebrate Mass together.

Faithfully yours,
Bob Owings

Hail, Full of Grace Vision & Legacy Campaign

Report as we begin Year Three

Legacy Campaign Goal	\$	3,000,000.00
Total Pledged	\$	2,350,000.00
Already Received	\$	1,262,400.00



Vision Campaign Goal	\$	3,018,000.00
Total Pledged	\$	2,815,000.00
Already Received	\$	2,254,000.00



Annual Report: Operating Income Statement

For the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2020 and 2019

FYE June 2020 vs FYE June 2019

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Collections	\$ 802,856	\$ 846,071	\$ (43,215)
Social Concerns	24,041	32,693	(8,652)
Special Collection Remittances	(8,400)	(47,791)	39,391
Gifts & Bequests	8,288	46,525	(38,237)
Diocesan Subsidies	96,612	71,342	25,270
Interest	2,096	2,060	36
Miscellaneous	21,296	47,808	(26,512)
Total Income	<u>\$ 946,789</u>	<u>\$ 998,708</u>	<u>\$ (51,919)</u>

Administration	\$ 372,637	\$ 362,923	\$ (9,714)
Worship/Music	200,293	217,054	16,761
Parish Life	80,624	78,334	(2,290)
Formation	9,411	12,290	2,879
Social Concerns	9,552	8,893	(659)
Plant/Maintenance	446,559	331,878	(114,681)
Archdiocesan Assessments	59,779	64,121	4,342
Miscellaneous	56,111	63,684	7,573
* Transfers from Capital Campaign	(547,214)	(195,832)	351,382
Total Expense	<u>\$ 687,752</u>	<u>\$ 943,345</u>	<u>\$ 255,593</u>

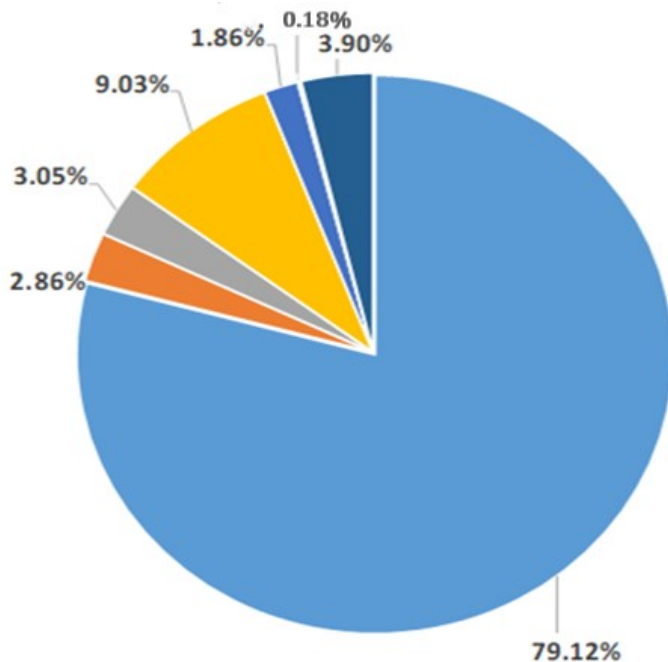
Net Operating Income Before Depreciation	\$ 259,037	\$ 55,363	\$ 203,674
Depreciation Expense (Non-Cash)	273,155	238,383	(34,772)
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (14,118)</u>	<u>\$ (183,020)</u>	<u>\$ 168,902</u>

* Transfers include Capital Campaign Funds of \$345,797 used for building improvements and equipment/furniture acquisitions, and \$201,417 used for building repairs, maintenance, and other related expenses.

Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget

Income

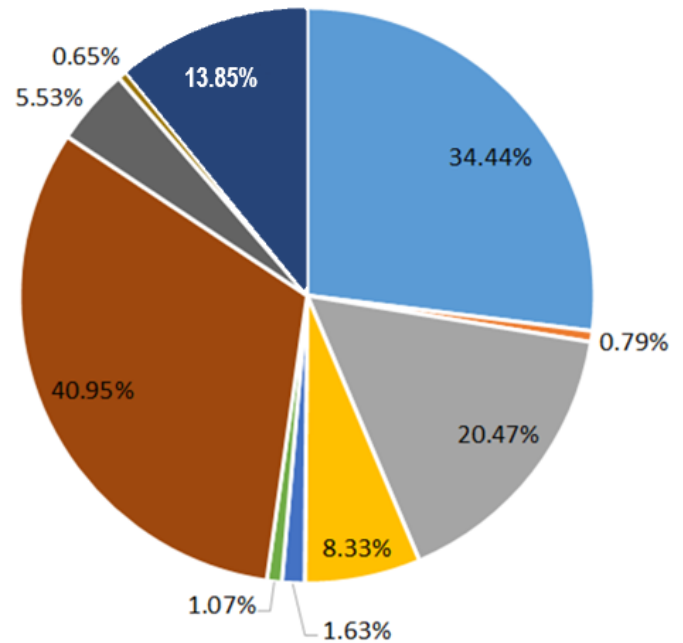
Collections	\$850,900.00
Social Concerns	30,800.00
Gifts	32,850.00
Diocesan Subsidies	97,100.00
Legacy Interest	20,000.00
Other Interest	1,900.00
Miscellaneous	<u>41,900.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,075,450.00



- Collections
- Social Concerns
- Gifts
- Diocesan Subsidies
- Legacy Interest
- Other Interest
- Miscellaneous

Expenses

Administration	\$370,400.00
Non-Parish Collections	8,500.00
Worship/Music	220,100.00
Parish Life	89,550.00
Formation	17,500.00
Social Concerns	11,500.00
Plant/Maintenance	440,400.00
Parish Assessments	59,500.00
Miscellaneous	7,000.00
Transfers from Capital Campaign	<u>(149,000.00)</u>
Total Expense	\$1,075,450.00



- Administration
- Non-Parish Collections
- Worship/Music
- Parish Life
- Formation
- Social Concerns
- Plant/Maintenance
- Parish Assessments
- Assessments-Capital Campaign
- Miscellaneous

The budget for fiscal year 2021 does not include non-cash depreciation expense of approximately \$290,000.



Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

The year 2020 has been compared creatively to many things—some laughable, some that sadden the heart. Perhaps a rose,

beginning as a firm bud of promise opening to full bloom as a fragrant magnificent flower, is a more gentle approach as we review the unfolding of this year.

Roses are often symbolic for love, life, prayers granted, hope. They were the sign given to Juan Diego by Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Rose in this Advent/Christmas hymn is Jesus:

*This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.*

We did not see in January the many changes and challenges we would endure throughout the year. Nor did we know we would be asked to meet those needs without all the usual tools we automatically reach for in our toolbox. We opened up to new ways and learned new skills.

As a worshipping community, there were times that church was closed due to the pandemic. There were times during civil unrest when our campus was inaccessible for many.

Live-streaming of Mass has become a weekly occurrence on our own Cathedral Youtube Channel. During Holy Week and Easter, WAVE 3 broadcast our liturgies for the whole community on television. Between tv, Youtube and Facebook, tens of thousands of people were able to worship with us virtually.

As a parish known for our hospitality, we were not able to celebrate in all the usual ways Fr. Michael's time with us and give

him a memorable send-off. Nor were we able to offer a special warm welcome to Fr. Linebach. But both those events happened, and we trust both Fr. Michael and Fr. Linebach know of our respect and care for them and our gratitude for their pastoral care of us.

Although we have had several funerals at the Cathedral, we were unable to offer bereavement meals due to social gathering constraints.

An amazing team of volunteers reached out by phone on behalf of Fr. Linebach to talk with as many parishioners as could be reached.

There was no way to have the daily lunch program's annual main fundraising event, Lets Dance Louisville. However, thanks to the committee's creative efforts, the community awareness of the wonderful outreach of the lunch program, and the generosity of individuals and businesses, funds to keep the program afloat were raised.

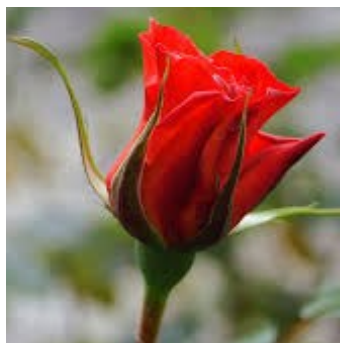
Even though we cannot yet seat our daily lunch guests in Sandefur Dining Hall, nutritious bagged lunches are served daily at the back door of the hall. Vincenzo's Thanksgiving Lunch was served "to-go" as will be the Christmas Eve meal catered by Derby City Gaming.

Our State ID program was on hold for some time while government offices were closed, but has resumed,

Our last gifts from Social Concerns to our refugee family were chromebooks so that the children did not have to share the one computer for their online classes.

Our Sister Parish Committee keeps us updated on how the community of Cathedral St. Louis in Jeremie, Haiti is faring with the pandemic. The clean water projects located at the school sites are crucial at this time.

RCIA is offered online and in person. We have had two adult formation retreats online. Our children's program is also of a hybrid variety.





The year unfolding



Those young people who prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and the adults who prepared to come into the Church at the Easter Vigil had a bit of a wait. Their long awaited celebration took place on Pentecost; First Eucharist for our two little ones happened the following week. Again, these were times for great rejoicing, just not with the usual receptions so all parishioners could join in wishing them the best.

Our Golden Stars, a most vibrant and active parish group before the pandemic, out of care for the safety of its members, has not been meeting in person, but did visit virtually the new Louisville Botanical Gardens.

Compassion is another group that has not been meeting in person, but still sponsors our 5th Sunday Collections for House of Ruth.

Our Prayer Group has been faithfully active throughout the year, and has been praying for each of us as well as for those special intentions handed over to their care.

We have resumed our regular schedule of weekend and weekday Masses.

We remain truly grateful for financial support from those of our community who are still in a position to contribute. We remain in solidarity with those who are struggling financially.

This year has not been a bed of roses. There is not one member of our community who has been untouched by the year's challenges. As with all of life, the burdens and blessings have not equally been distributed. Let us build up one another up and hold each other in prayer. And let us all look with hope to that time when we can again all gather together in worship, fellowship, and celebration.



By the Numbers...

Registered households 1104

Adult Baptisms 2

Infant Baptisms 10

First Communions 6

Received into Full Communion 4

Marriages 12

Funerals 12

Children's Formation and Youth Group 21

Confirmations 8

Daily Lunch Program Meals Served 26,777

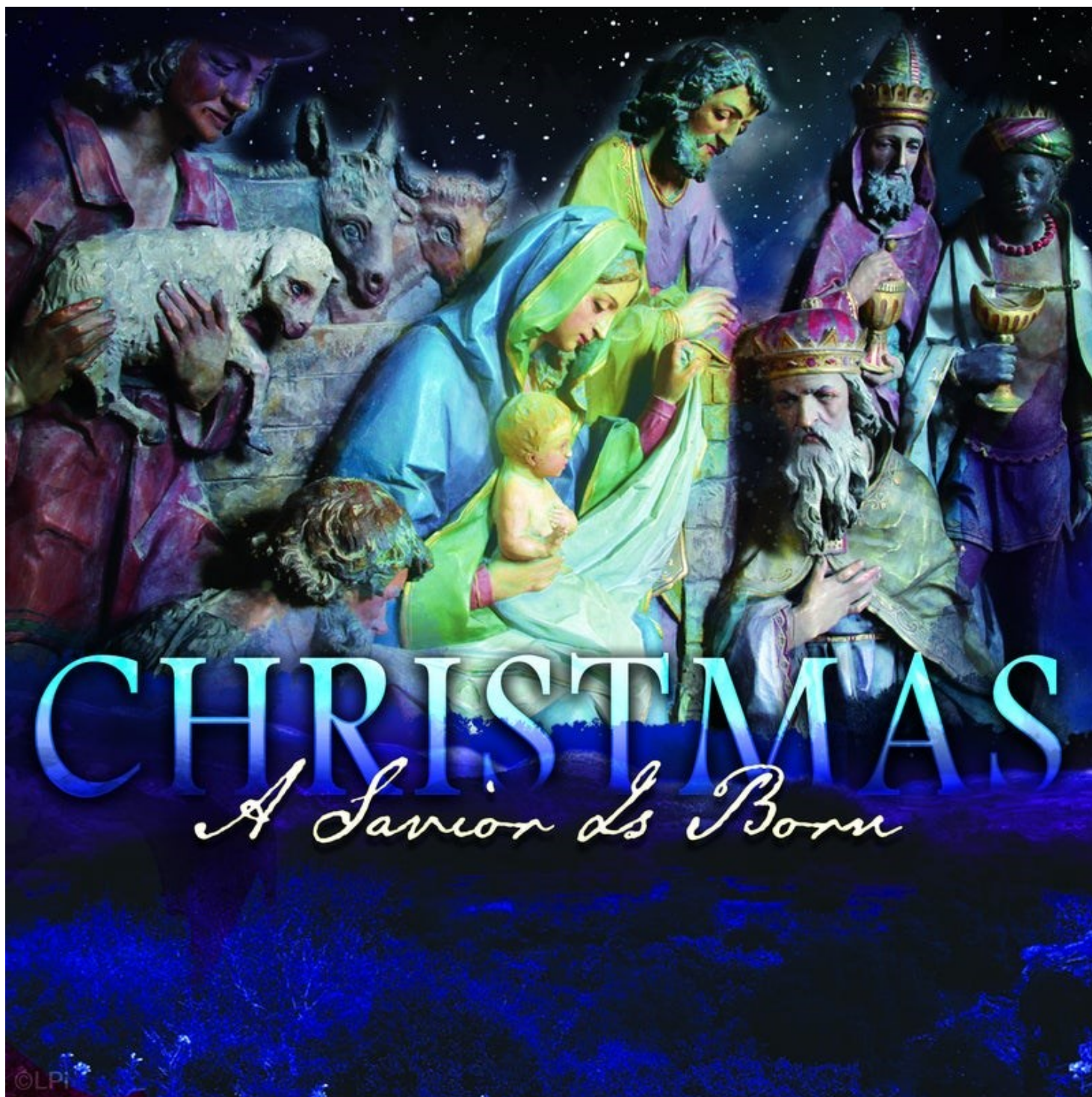
Daily Lunch Program Volunteer Hours 10,328

Vouchers Issued for State IDs 186

Number of Visitors to the
Archdiocese of Louisville History Center 442
(closed to the public in March)

*When the night has been too lonely
and the road has been too long
And you think that love is only
for the lucky and the strong
Just remember in the winter,
far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed, that with the sun's love
in the spring becomes the rose.*

Last verse of popular song,
The Rose,
sung by Bette Midler, 1979



CHRISTMAS

A Savior Is Born



HAPPY

New Year