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FY2017 “by the numbers”

required. I don’t know where we would be without her caring and continuous attention to our needs.”
Fr. Paul O’Connell, dean for retired priests

Preventing Homelessness

"Mary came to Catholic Charities looking for help while she still had an apartment and some limited assistance. She was assisted by our food pantry, applied for and received SNAP benefits and was able to get help with utility assistance. She also received backpacks for her children and holiday assistance. Today she is working and moving towards self-sufficiency and wants to give back to Catholic Charities through volunteering.” Maydee Morales, Catholic Charities

Celebrating the Gift of Marriage

Many couples celebrate their significant wedding anniversaries with Bishop McManus each year while others are preparing for the sacrament of marriage. “God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage was an excellent and informative program! The books and resources were not only informative, but actually practical and realistic. It was especially helpful having anecdotes from the instructors who were an excellent model for a joy-filled marriage.” evaluation by a program attendee

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500+ Teens from our Diocese participated in the High School Youth Rally.

1,530 students attended Central Catholic Schools, which is 23% of all students in Catholic schools in our Diocese.

572,046 in tuition assistance was awarded in Parish and Central Catholic schools from Partners in Charity and the Forward in Faith endowment, which met 19% of the identified need. 817 students received financial assistance.

602 catechists availed themselves of 9 different certification courses offered last year and 4 workshops.

19 new catechists received provisional certification, 8 achieved Basic certification and 6 received Master Catechist Certification.
Dear Friends in Christ,

Numbers. They are an important part of the story when looking at a year in review, but they don’t tell the whole story. That’s because our story involves the faces and names of our brothers and sisters whose lives have been changed, whether in big ways or small ways, by making God’s love manifest in the world. I am pleased that we are able to share some “snapshots” of those experiences on the cover of our report.

In my role as Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, I must assure you that we are being good stewards of the resources available to us to carry on our mission. Although overall diocesan operations were challenged and experienced a deficit of $278,802 before unrealized gains on investments, it was a very positive year for investments with unrealized gains of $1,395,687. As in years past, these figures do not include parish, private and parochial schools or non-diocesan Catholic agencies. Our independently audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2017 are available online at worcesterdiocese.org.

Thanks to you, our supporters, Partners in Charity exceeded its $5 million goal for the second year in a row, enabling us to fund agencies and ministries during the current fiscal year. Our “by the numbers” boxes give you a sense of the number of people who are impacted by these agencies and ministries. I am grateful to our pastors, parish leadership and, of course, our donors who make this possible each year.

Other numbers do indicate the challenges we face. Priests’ Retirement Care experienced a larger deficit than the previous year despite another successful Celebrate Priesthood event and significant funding from Partners in Charity. Although it will appear in next year’s annual report, I want to thank donors who recently made legacy gifts for Priests’ Retirement Care, particularly the McNamara Family in memory of their beloved uncle, Father Philip McNamara.

Seminarian education continues to be strong and we were blessed with a priest ordained last June. Catholic Schools are holding steady despite the unmet, demonstrated need for additional financial aid. Our system is under the leadership of a new superintendent who is focused on developing an effective strategic plan to address reduced enrollment across the system.

While we managed to reduce our line of credit due to the DEF by almost $3.9 million, our receivables balance due from parishes was essentially unchanged. This is an indicator of a bigger, more systemic problem. Many parishes are struggling to develop balanced budgets due, in part, to capital needs and increased maintenance costs. We must plan for the future while we address our day-to-day operations. With input from various advisory boards, we have engaged Guidance in Giving, consultants in stewardship and development, to produce a feasibility study regarding a proposed capital campaign to benefit specific diocesan programs such as Priests Retirement Care, Catholic education and the financial needs of our 96 parishes. More information will be announced soon about this critical effort which has only taken place once in our diocesan history.

We do not operate as a diocese without help. Allow me to express my gratitude to God for the many clergy, vowed religious and laypeople who volunteer their expertise on our various advisory boards including the Diocesan Finance Committee, Diocesan Investment Committee, the Diocesan Expansion Fund Board of Governors, Partners in Charity Advisory Board, Diocesan School Board, St. Paul Catholic Schools Consortium, Adopt-a-Student Board and other advisory boards for our various ministries and agencies.

Finally, I thank God for you, our supporters, who exercise your role as stewards of the faith with which we have been endowed. May God bless you and your family in the year ahead.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester


There were 56,836 online views of Daily and Sunday Masses on the internet last year, as well as many diocesan produced programs. TV Ministry produced more than 350 programs including live events, devotional and informational specials.

12 men are preparing to be ordained permanent deacons; 94 deacons serve in our parishes and agencies and are supported by the Office of the Diaconate.

There were 32,600 opportunities to assist people in need with Emergency Services at Catholic Charities area offices: Leominster: 8,200; Worcester: 15,500; Southbridge: 4,400 and Milford/Whitinsville: 4,500

335 people received Immigration Assistance and 56 Refugees were resettled in the area with Catholic Charities.
**FY2017 ANNUAL REPORT ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILS** — prepared by the Office of Fiscal Affairs

### Partners in Charity:

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<th>Revenue Sources:</th>
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<td>Donations (from 2016 Appeal) $5,044,850</td>
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<td>Available Funds for Use $4,870,191</td>
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**Use of Funds:**
- Catholic Charities 350,000
- Stewardship & Development Office 373,808
- McAuley Nazareth Home 30,000
- Pernet Family Health 30,000
- Priests’ Retirement Care 550,000
- Retired Priests Ministry 70,073
- St. John Cemetery System 195,671

**Charity Total 1,599,552**

**Advance Studies for Clergy & Laity** $113,040

**Central Catholic Schools Address**

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<td>Rental Income 173,815</td>
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**Expenses:**
- Educational Expenses $12,035,154
- Fundraising & Non-Educational 452,839
- Depreciation 306,319
- **Total Expenses 12,794,312**

**Support from Restricted Funds 138,000**

**Ctrl. Catholic Schools Deficit ($120,119)**

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**Partners in Charity Funding* Amount included in Partners In Charity Use of Funds**

**Central Administration Surplus $312,574**

**Diocesan Expansion Fund (DEF):**

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<td>Interest on Loans $1,685,100</td>
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**Diocesan Expansion Fund Surplus $205,508**

**Diocesan Operating Deficit before Unrealized Investment Gains ($278,802)**

**Unrealized Investment Gains:**
- From Operating Investments $887,195
- From DEF Investments 508,492
- **Total $1,395,687**

**Diocesan Operating Surplus $1,116,885**

**Uncollected receivables due to Diocese from Parishes as of August 31, 2017: $5,996,950**

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* Amount included in Partners In Charity Use of Funds
The 2017 annual Partners in Charity Appeal ended on August 31, 2017 with a total of $5,125,527 from 17,248 donor households to support our 29 agencies and ministries in the Fiscal Year beginning on September 1, 2017. The charts at the left demonstrate how your donations are being allocated.

The Circle of Giving Benefactors is a group of individuals who accept a leadership role in the work of the local Church through their support of the Partners in Charity Appeal. As Circle members, they pledge to become partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Worcester by setting an example of good stewardship and by reaching out with charity to many thousands of people in need who are served by the ministries and programs of the Diocese.

Our leadership circles are helping us fulfill our mission!

In the 2017 campaign, 4,309 donor households made commitments as members of the following societies:

- **49**—Holy Family Society ($7,500 or more)
- **60**—St. Paul Society ($5,000 - $7,499)
- **135**—St. John Paul II Society ($2,500 - $4,999)
- **300**—St. John XXIII Society ($1,500 - $2,499)
- **92**—St. John Vianney Society ($1,000+ gifts made by priests)
- **559**—St. Francis of Assisi Society ($1,000 - $1,499)
- **1,462**—St. Teresa of Kolkata Society ($500 - $999)
- **1,744**—Dorothy Day, Servant of God Society ($300 - $499)

“Giving Joyfully in Gratitude

I am 90 years old and I have been donating since it was called the Bishop’s Fund. My finances have changed over the years and I can give only so much to Partners in Charity, but I feel good knowing that part of my gift each year is helping a priest in retirement. God Bless You!” Norman C.