

# Annual Report FY2017

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER



## AFRICAN CATHOLIC OUTREACH

"We are helping African Catholics in our communities to not only get resources but also help empower them to strengthen their faith. With this focus, and practicing acts of mercy such as sponsoring the free medical program at St. Anne, Shrewsbury and visiting, helping and praying with people in need, we are living last year's motto that faith in action is love."  
*Fr. Enoch Kyeremateng, African Ministry director*



## EDUCATING CHILDREN IN THE FAITH

"Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training for me as a first-time catechist has been a humbling experience. I am not a childhood educator but this new community was so welcoming and I believed in the program so much, that I just kept putting one foot in front of the other. It's been a real joy to be creative and work with the children to learn about their faith."  
*Michelle M., catechist*



## CARING FOR RETIRED PRIESTS WITH DIGNITY

"Sister Mary Ann Bartell, CSE, a vowed religious and a nurse, monitors the health and wellbeing of 53 retired diocesan priests and advocates for their needs with medical providers as



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*



## FY2017 "by the numbers"

**215** candidates completed full initiation into the Catholic Church through RCIA.

**10,524** people were served by Pernet Family Health Service Emergency Assistance.

**24** seminarians are preparing for the priesthood.

The Office of Religious Education supported **2,114** catechists and catechetical leaders who, in turn catechized **16,604**

children and teens in our parishes.

**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.

**\$772,046** 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 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](http://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



**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.

**276** teens participated in the Basketball League. **232** teens played in the Volleyball League.

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.

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:

Revenue Sources:	
Donations (from 2016 Appeal)	\$5,044,850
Less Uncollected Pledges	<u>174,659</u>
Available Funds for Use	\$4,870,191

#### 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	\$113,404
Ctrl Catholic Schools Assessment Sdy	5,600
Central Catholic Schools Subsidy	425,000
Communications & TV Ministry	241,686
Grant-In-Aid for Schools	350,000
NEW for Youth & Young Adults	54,574
Office of Ongoing Priestly Formation	59,440
Religious Education	300,588
Seminarian Education	489,255
Catholic Schools Office	244,935

*Education Total* 2,284,482

African Ministry	\$4,385
Campus Ministry	42,404
Haitian Apostolate	78,586
Hispanic Ministry	61,937
Minister to Priests	63,370
Office for Divine Worship	67,283
Office of Marriage & Family	50,086
Pastoral Planning	20,917
Permanent Diaconate Program	43,020
Respect Life Office	58,641
Cathedral of St. Paul	157,773
Vocations & House of Studies	306,364

*Ministry Total* 954,766

Administration	<u>119,277</u>
Total Use of Funds:	4,958,077

**Partners in Charity Net** **(\$87,886)**

### CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Revenue Sources:	
Tuition	\$10,740,091
Fund Raising & Non-Educational	956,130
<b>Partners in Charity Funding*</b>	<b>425,000</b>
Rental Income	173,815
Other Income	<u>241,157</u>
Total Revenue	12,536,193

#### Expenses:

Educational Expenses	\$12,035,154
Fundraising & Non-Educational	452,839
Depreciation	<u>306,319</u>
Total Expenses	12,794,312

Support from Restricted Funds	138,000
<b>Ctrl. Catholic Schools Deficit</b>	<b><u>(\$120,119)</u></b>

### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION:

Revenue Sources:	
Cathedraticum	\$2,204,080
Insurance Program	1,079,215
Realized Investment Gain	108,916
Other Income	<u>143,278</u>
Total Revenue	3,535,489

#### Expenses:

Bishop's Office	\$211,490
Bishop's Residence	89,378
Building Commission	103,556
Computer Services	22,702
Donations and Memberships	161,067
Episcopal Liaison to Religious	108
Fiscal Affairs Office	357,833
Interest on DEF Line of Credit	913,134
Legal Services	13,286
Miscellaneous Expenses	68,050
Office of Healing and Prevention	148,464
Priests' Financial Assistance	301,700
Reserve for Bad Debt	100,000
Shared Secretaries	51,939
Therapeutic Assistance	43,111
Tribunal	133,943
Unfunded Annuity Payments	497,921
Vicar General Office	129,983
Women's Commission	2,750
Depreciation	<u>122,435</u>
Total Expenses	3,472,850

Support from Restricted Funds	249,934
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**Central Administration Surplus** **\$312,574**

### PRIESTS' RETIREMENT CARE:

Revenue Sources:	
Parish Assessments	\$755,359
<b>Partners in Charity Funding*</b>	<b>550,000</b>
Bequests/Donations	287,778
Celebrate the Priesthood Donations	191,520
Investment Income	101,619
Other Income	<u>9,267</u>
Total Revenue	1,895,543

#### Expenses:

Support for Retired Priests	\$2,403,874
Bad Debt Expense	40,000
Nursing Home/Assisted Living	<u>505,534</u>
Total Expenses	2,949,408

Support from Restricted Funds	600,000
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**Priests' Retirement Deficit** **(\$453,865)**

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

### THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS:

Revenue Sources:	
Parish Quota Subscriptions, Net	\$252,920
Advertising	199,316
Direct Subscriptions	17,820
Print Shop	14,052
Miscellaneous Sales	<u>872</u>
Total Revenue	484,980

#### Expenses:

Newspaper	\$613,613
Print Shop	<u>6,380</u>
Total Expenses	619,993

**Catholic Free Press Deficit** **(\$135,013)**

### ST. JOHN CEMETERY SYSTEM:

Revenue Sources:	
Rev. from Cemetery Operations	\$1,236,033
<b>Partners in Charity Funding*</b>	<b><u>195,671</u></b>
Total Revenue	1,431,704

Expenses: \$1,516,208

Support from Restricted Funds	84,504
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**St. John Cemetery System Net** **\$ 0**

### DIOCESAN EXPANSION FUND (DEF):

Revenue Sources:	
Interest on Loans	\$1,685,100
Investment Income	<u>534,741</u>
Total Revenue	2,219,841

#### Expenses:

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$1,505,560
Bad Debt Expense	240,000
Administration	182,386
Interest Waived on Loans	<u>86,387</u>
Total Expenses	2,014,333

**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	<u>508,492</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,395,687</u></b>

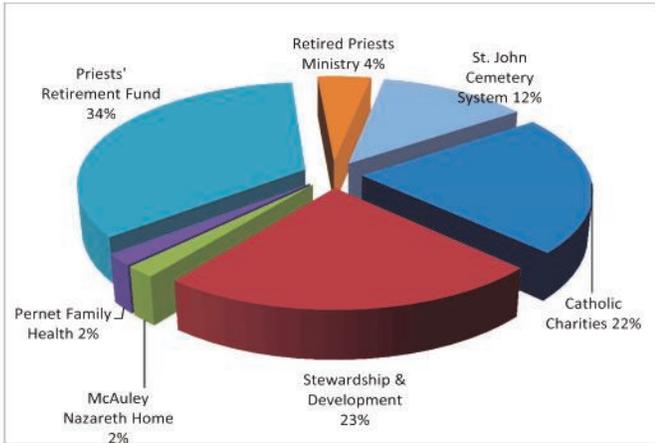
**Diocesan Operating Surplus** **\$1,116,885**

*Line of credit balance due from Diocese to DEF as of August 31, 2017: \$15,372,043*

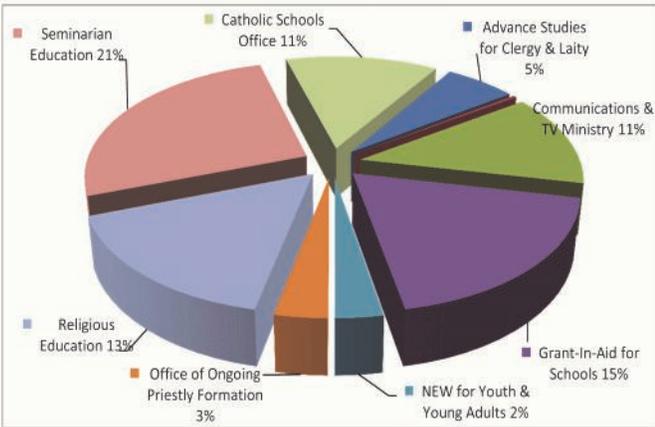
\* Amount included in Partners In Charity Use of Funds

*“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.*

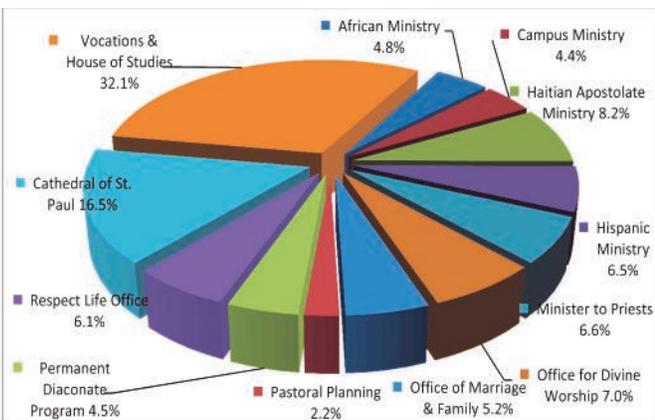
**Charity \$1.6m**



**Education \$2.4m**



**Ministry \$1.0m**



## Giving Joyfully in Gratitude

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)

*Christmas Brunch for Societies*

