

St. Brigid 2010 Annual Financial Report Jane A. Goubeaux, Co-chair, St. Brigid Finance Council

2010 Financial Results

The financial results of St. Brigid's 2010 fiscal year (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) are mixed, with both good news and bad news to report.

Let us start with the bad news. Our 2010 operations yielded a net loss of \$29,100. This net loss was recorded even after taking Grand Annual revenue, which increased by \$47,200 over 2009, into account. Again this year, the Grand Annual had to be used to fund day-to-day operations rather than to be held in reserve, as always intended, for major improvements and unforeseen contingencies.

St Brigid overall operating income increased by only \$15,400 or 1.9% compared with a \$44,600 or 5.6% increase in expenses. Major components of operating expenses continued to be clergy and staff compensation. These accounts, *Compensation, Employee Benefits, and Clergy Stipend & Related*, made up over 59% of total expenses. On a positive note, savings of \$10,900 or 6.6% over 2009 were realized in *Utilities & Maintenance* as building systems were improved and conservation initiatives undertaken.

The parish's cash reserve, sufficient to absorb the 2010 net operating loss, stood at only \$251,900 at the end of the fiscal year. Historically, we have targeted this reserve at approximately half of our projected annual operating expenses. It will be less than 30% going into 2011.

Our 2010 fiscal year good news centers on the \$2,267,700 bequest of Joseph Leary, a lifelong parishioner of St. Brigid. This extraordinary gift seeded a capital reserve and allowed the parish to pursue several major projects during the year. The balance of the bequest, \$2,131,500 at fiscal yearend, will be held in interest-bearing accounts to be used solely for future capital improvements.

Ministries

The income and expenses associated with most of the parish's ministries continued to be shared with Sacred Heart Parish in 2010. Religious Education and Youth, the largest ministries, were shared on a 2:1 ratio, based on the parish affiliation of the students. Registration and activity fees covered only about 40% of the costs of these ministries; the parishes funded the remainder. St. Brigid's share was approximately \$60,000.

The costs of other ministries as well as the cost of clergy and centralized staff were also shared between the two parishes on a 2:1 ratio, but the ratio in these cases was based on the number of registered families/households in each parish.

Both Finance Councils review all sharing ratios at the beginning of each budget season. For 2011 the sharing ratio for the Religious Education and Youth ministries will be changed to 4:1 based on updated student/parish affiliation data. Other ratios will remain at current rates.

The cost of all shared ministries and resources accounted for 65% of the parish's total expenses in 2010. Other expenses came from non-shared ministries such as Liturgy and Music, and other expense categories like utilities, property maintenance, liability insurance and the "school tax."

Outreach

Again in 2010, St. Brigid parishioners' generosity extended beyond the parish's borders. Contributions to the "second envelopes" and the Catholic Appeal topped \$170,000. Of note were: Catholic Appeal, \$98,300; Clergy Benefit Trust, \$48,400; and Women Religious, \$6,400. Also of note were the many donations of food, clothing, and gift cards to those less fortunate in our community and in the greater Boston area

The Year Ahead

St. Brigid's 2011 operating expense budget is a compilation of shared and non-shared ministry budgets, compensation budgets, administrative budgets, and property related budgets. The income side also consists of ministry budgets (registration, activity and membership fees, etc.), but is primarily made up of projections by the Finance Council based upon historical data and trends.

Year Ahead Cont.

The Finance Council's difficulty in arriving at a balanced 2011 budget and the parish's dwindling cash reserve reaffirmed the Council's recommendation last year to undertake a campaign this fall to increase the offertory. The Finance Council does not want our ministries and services to suffer or be cut back because funding is not available, and feels that when parishioners become more aware of the situation, they will step forward. The campaign to encourage increased individual contributions and participation in the weekly offertories will be kicked off this month in both parishes. We trust you will give thoughtful consideration to this program and respond in your usual generous way.

Your Finance Council: Father Colletti, Jane Goubeaux, John Bertucci, Ernie Carabillo, Tony Falzone, Dave MacLellan.

ST. BRIGID PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

	FY 2009 ACTUALS	FY 2010 ACTUALS	FY 2011 BUDGET
PARISH REVENUE			
Offertory	463.4	454.7	493.5
Grand Annual	124.3	171.5	170.0
Religious Education Fees	39.7	42.7	49.0
Gifts, Bequests, Donations	71.2	20.4	20.0
Sacramental Offerings	13.0	13.8	14.0
Rental Income	36.6	39.6	40.0
Interest Income	6.4	37.7	30.0
Other Parish Revenue	38.2	27.8	36.9
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING INCOME	792.8	808.2	853.4
PARISH EXPENSES			
Compensation	279.4	308.5	303.1
Employee Benefits	85.7	105.3	115.2
Clergy Stipend & Related	73.5	80.3	74.1
Professional Services	8.3	6.2	6.5
Office & Related	74.8	78.4	72.1
Household	11.3	15.0	11.5
Utilities & Maintenance	165.3	154.4	174.2
Pastoral/Religious/Liturgical	52.8	44.6	41.3
Professional Development	8.7	6.9	7.6
School Tax	27.6	27.8	27.0
Fundraising	-	1.1	11.2
Other Expenses	5.3	8.8	14.6
TOTAL PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES	792.7	837.3	858.4
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	0.2	(29.1)	(5.0)
Extraordinary Bequest	-	2,267.7	-
Church & Keilty Hall Renovation Project	-	(79.2)	(989.8)
Other Major Projects (detail below)	(121.9)	(57.0)	(30.0)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(121.7)	2,102.4	(1,024.8)
Cash Reserve			
Beginning Balance	402.7	281.0	251.9
Net Operating Income (Loss)	0.2	(29.1)	(5.0)
Major Improvements (prior to FY 2010)	(121.9)		
Ending Balance	281.0	251.9	246.9
Capital Reserve (established FY 2010)			
Extraordinary Bequest		2,267.7	2,131.5
Major Improvements		(136.2)	(1,019.8)
Ending Balance		2,131.5	1,111.7
Other Major Improvement Projects			
Steeple refurbishment	48.9	29.9	
Exterior door replacement/repair	32.0	3.9	
Convent repairs/improvements	30.0		
Lamp/fixture replacement	11.0		
Rectory painting & repairs		13.0	3.5
Parish Center repairs/improvements		2.7	6.5
Signage & parking lot refurbishment		7.5	
Pipe organ refurbishment			20.0
Total	121.9	57.0	30.0