On behalf of Msgr. Paul Garrity and the Sacred Heart Finance Council, I present the parish’s operating statement for FY 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), and the parish budget for FY 2016.

**FY 2015 INCOME, EXPENSES, AND RESERVES**

The sale of the Sacred Heart Rectory significantly improved the capital reserves of the parish. These funds enabled the parish to address deferred maintenance projects including painting the interior and exterior of the parish center and exterior of the church, purchasing new tables for the parish center, insulating the sacristy roof, and installing wires to prevent ice dams at the rear of the church. Since mid-September, the church has had air conditioning, a major need of the church since the parish was founded.

Although most of the parish accounts finished within budget parameters in FY 2015, *Parish Income* from Offeratory giving declined by $3,900 relative to FY 2014 and the Grand Annual collection was $29,600 less than the FY 2014 figure. These decreases in parish giving were a major factor in the net operating income loss of $20,900. *Parish expenses* for utilities and maintenance increased considerably (+$26,200) due to the exceptionally fierce winter (snow removal, increased fuel and electrical costs) and as expected, the Central Ministry Tithe was an additional $21,800 relative to FY 2014. Despite excellent management by the Pastor and parish staff, the significant reduction in the Offeratory and Grand Annual, $33,500, created a deficit in net operating income in FY 2015.

The core functions of our parish are worship, including liturgies and the sacraments; religious education of our youth, adults, and new members; and the various ministries generously supported by parishioners. Our budgets support these core functions and allow the parish to address important deferred maintenance projects.

In the past year, Sacred Heart parishioners were involved in more than 20 committees and commissions. The Christian Service Committee comprised another 25 ministries. In FY 2015, Sacred Heart parishioners contributed over $98,256 to charities in Massachusetts and throughout the world, including the *Catholic Appeal* ($27,405), *Retired Priests* ($22,789), *Honduras Support* ($6,700), *Haiti Fund* ($6,190), and *Katherine Drexel Parish* ($5,638). Your generous support of the parish operations and outreach to others in need demonstrated your faith in action.

**FY 2016 BUDGET**

The FY 2016 budget continues to build a more solid financial foundation for the parish. We anticipate Offeratory collections of $330,500 and Grand Annual giving of $125,000, modest increases over FY 2015 revenues. The sale of the rectory provides an endowment to be used for future capital improvements and ministry support. The Sacred Heart financial data report now shows both Cash Reserves (net income from operations) and Capital Reserves (endowment funds for capital improvements).


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