



Saint Emery Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut

September 4, 2018

Subject: Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018
Financial Statement of Activities and Position, Fiscal Year 2017 (6/30/2017 to 7/1/2018)

Dear Parishioners of St. Emery's Church:

The parish net income remained positive in fiscal year 2018 despite a near expense calamity due to extensive water damage to the church hall in January, where the cost of the damage was fortunately covered by Catholic Mutual insurance. The core expenses therefore only increased a modest 5.5%, which totaled \$283,877 last year. This increase was offset by a similar 5.5% increase in total revenues, which totaled \$305,718. The net income gain for fiscal year 2018 was therefore 7.2% or \$21,841.

Regarding total revenues, there was a concerning decrease in weekly/monthly offertory income. Our offertory collections and the annual drive produces 53% of parish income. Fortunately, successful fundraisers and a gain in rental income offset the downturn in offertory income. The parish fundraisers did well last year totaling \$16,170 (gross) including income from the newly introduced raffle fundraiser.

The balance of the parish's two outstanding loans that were needed to finance church heating and electrical system repairs and necessary repairs to the parish school roof totaled \$39,500 at the end of the year. Payments reduced these loans from last year's balance of \$59,650 thanks to St. Emery's Annual fundraiser, which grossed \$25,790. Although the loan balances are decreasing, they still represent a substantial debt.

The parish ended the year with an overall cash reserve of \$126,849, which was comparable to last year's reserves. The net cash reserve, after subtracting the loan balances, was \$87,061. These reserves guard against unexpected finance emergencies as well as maintain the financial solvency in terms of cash assets.

As pointed out, the church hall had a major flooding event in January, which caused extensive damage. The cost of the damage was covered by Catholic Mutual Insurance, which totaled \$51,816. Repairing and restoring the hall was a major undertaking.

Looking ahead in Fiscal-year 2019, the main financial challenge is the Parish School Fairfield Board of Education (BOE) rental lease, which currently represents 31% of our total annual income. The current 5-year lease ends June 30, 2019. We expect to hear from the BOE later this calendar year as to whether they plan to renew the lease.

We thank everyone who contributes and volunteers so generously through the year.

God bless you, your families and God bless St. Emery's Parish.

Parish Finance Committee

Attachments: St. Emery Parish, Statement of Activities and Financial Position (7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017)

Note: The Property and Equipment line item of \$5,793,805 includes the property and equipment market value for the church, rectory, school and convent buildings