



# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share with you the financial position of Annunciation Parish and School. I hope you will find it complete and helpful in understanding how your sacrifices and contributions were applied during the past fiscal year. I begin by first thanking you for your generosity and commitment to the parish. I see the parish as a living vibrant organization committed to fulfilling the two great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Each member of the parish shares in the responsibility of building up the Kingdom of God. So we proceed from household, to parish, to (arch) diocese, to country, to universal church. When one is baptized they become a member not only of a parish but also the family of God.

You will be able to see from this report that our regular Offertory Collection has decreased from Fiscal Year 2017 to 2018. I have come to realize that many parishioners are able to take time away from the parish for personal reasons or vacations. This is a blessing for those who are able to do it. I would hope that you are able to continue to support the parish during these times. One of the easiest ways is to use the Faith Direct process. This allows you to support the parish and its ministries even while you are away by designating a certain amount of money to be drawn from your checking or savings account or making a charge on your credit card to be applied to Annunciation Catholic Church. You may find more information at [Faithdirect.com](http://Faithdirect.com) and our parish code is DC43. Thank you for signing up with Faith Direct.

One of the new features of our financial report is our Capital Campaign. We have completed one year of this three-year program and your generosity has allowed us to raise \$643,579 toward our goal of \$1.5 million dollars. This is 43% of our total goal. I have asked the Parish Council to prioritize the various projects that have been proposed for this campaign. At the next council meeting in October I look forward to receiving their input and advice. We will pursue assessing if we can to stage these campaign projects so that the most needed can be accomplished before all the necessary funds have been collected.

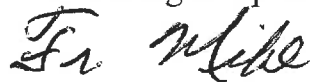
You may also notice that I have included the Roth Memorial Fund. This is a **Restricted Fund** that may be used for those programs that benefit the music ministry program of the parish. This began with a bequest by Mr. George Roth in memory of his two aunts, Catherine and Mary Roth. This money had been used for the Roth Concerts, Choir, Cantors and Music Director and the school music teacher and program.

We also have a School Endowment Fund that has been used to meet the ongoing shortfall of income for the school. This is an area of concern for our parish community. Throughout this school year we will be looking to develop a strategic and marketing plan for the school. I will be looking for your advice and guidance on how to grow our school. Presently we have 119 Students. I would like to see us reach 150 in the next three years or sooner. This will take wise stewardship and a concerted effort from our school and parish community. I have confidence in our School Leadership that we will achieve these goals.

I conclude with a grateful heart for your warm welcome to me as your pastor. Only having been here three months you have shared with me your hearts, welcomed me into your parish family and expressed your concerns. As a church we are weathering a great storm. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus asleep in the boat in the midst of a tremendous storm. The disciples wondered if Jesus was not concerned with the immediacy of the situation and they call out to Him in their fear and need. He responded by quieting the storm and bringing them safely to the shore. As the image of Divine Mercy professes, "**Jesus, I Trust in You.**" I firmly believe that with faith in Jesus Christ and persistent prayers our church will be able to reach out to those who are victims, bring healing, and the wider Church community will proclaim the Good News of Jesus as Lord and Savior.

If you have questions concerning this report please contact me at [mellone@annunciationdc.org](mailto:mellone@annunciationdc.org).

God's blessing and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Mike".

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