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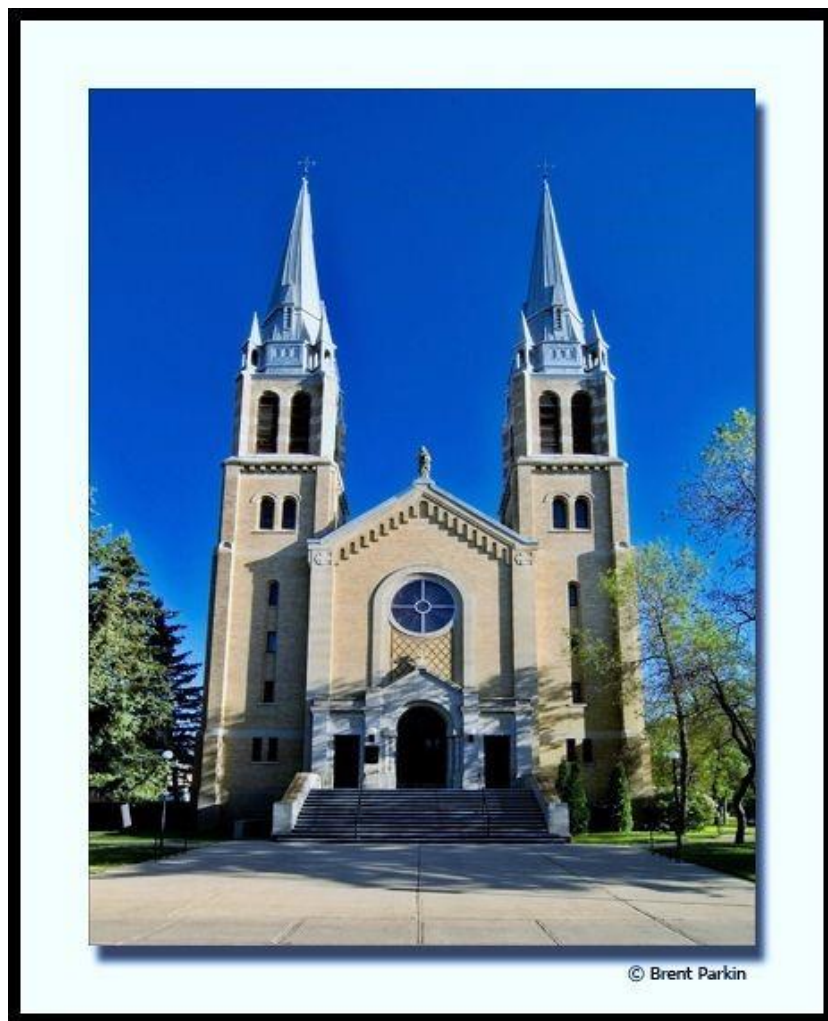
HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 19, 2023

Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina
Rev. Danilo Rafael, Administrator/Rector
Rev. Scott Lewis, S.J., Sunday Ministry
Rev. Mr. Barry Wood, Assisting Deacon



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, under the Patronage of Our Lady, are called to be a caring church, proclaiming and celebrating our faith with all who seek a relationship with Christ.

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**SSVP – Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

***D&P – Development and Peace*

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rector/Administrator.....	Rev. Danilo Rafael
Pastoral Team	Deacon Barry Wood
Chairperson	Samira McCarthy
Robert Chapple	Past Chairperson
Ecumenism	Gillian Brodie
CWL/Liturgy	Shannon Chapple
Finance	Jim Hall
Liturgy/Deanery.....	Brad Hanowski
Social Justice/Dev. & Peace.....	Bernadette Kutarna
Knights of Columbus	G.K. Raul Roduta
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....	Carol Schimnosky
Member-at-Large.....	Shannon Hengen

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rector/Administrator.....	Rev. Danilo Rafael
Co-chairpersons	Paul Malone & Jim Hall
Accountant	John Hoffman
Members	Pat Bohn
.....	Robert Chapple
.....	John Dipple
.....	Ann Gagnon
.....	Tim LaBelle
.....	Samira McCarthy
.....	Terry Novecosky
.....	Ray Plosker

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

ChairpersonRay Plosker
MembersPaul Adekogbe
.....Robert Chapple
.....Greg Loziak
.....Jim Nichols
.....Mark Scott

HOLY ROSARY MINISTRIES

Couples for ChristJosephine Ong
Children's LiturgyMiri Schiller
LiturgyJoanne Skidmore
Music MinistryEvanne Wilhelm

A G E N D A

Annual General Meeting Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish March 19, 2023

1. Opening Prayer
Rev. Danilo Rafael
Rector/Administrator
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM
4. Welcome and Comments
Samira McCarthy
Pastoral Council Chair
5. Finance Council Report
Paul Malone, Co-chair
John Hoffman, Accountant
6. Representatives from the various committees/groups will be on hand to answer questions on their reports, which are in the AGM booklet.
 - a. Building and Grounds
Ray Plosker
 - b. Rebuilding Campaign
John Dipple
 - c. Liturgy/Deanery
Brad Hanowski
 - d. Music Ministry
Evanne Wilhelm
 - e. Knights of Columbus
Tyler Wolfe
 - f. Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Carol Schimnosky
 - g. Social Justice
Bernadette Kutarna
 - h. Ecumenical
Gillian Brodie
 - i. Couples for Christ
Josephine Ong
7. Pastor's Comments
Rev. Danilo Rafael
8. Closing Prayer
Rev. Danilo Rafael

Minutes

Annual General Meeting Holy Rosary Cathedral March 20, 2022, 12:45 p.m.

Present:

Paul Adekogbe, Pat Bohn, Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Ann Gagnon, Jim Hall, Brian Harris, John Hoffmann, Bernadette Kutarna, Tim LaBelle, Caitrin Malone, Paul Malone, Samira McCarthy, Terry Novecosky, Joel Ong, Jo Ong, Larry Phillips, Carla Plosker, Ray Plosker, Fr. Dan Rafael, Raul Roduta, Carol Schimnosky, Joanne Skidmore, Evanne Wilhelm, Deacon Barry Wood

Chair: Samira McCarthy, Pastoral Council Chair.

1. Opening Prayer. Fr. Dan Rafael.
2. Welcome and Comments. Samira McCarthy.

Samira welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Fr. Dan for his ongoing leadership and all parishioners and volunteers for their support of the parish. In particular, Samy acknowledged the exceptional efforts of the Building and Grounds Committee during the pandemic.
- 2a. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
 - a. Addition of item 2a to agenda: Approval of Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Jim Hall, seconded by Joanne Skidmore, that the agenda be approved as amended.
 - b. Moved by Paul Malone, seconded by Jim Hall, that the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be accepted.
3. Finance Council Report. Paul Malone, Co-chair. John Hoffman, Accountant.

Financial statements were presented by John Hoffman, who indicated that it was a good year considering the pandemic conditions.

Paul Malone thanked John Hoffman for his work. He also expressed appreciation to three Finance Council members whose names were inadvertently omitted from the AGM booklet: Pat Bohn and Tim LaBelle for their ongoing contributions to the Finance Council, and Tava Burton, who worked with the Finance Council during 2021.

Paul noted that Sunday collections peaked in 2018 at \$389,000.00 but dropped to \$325,000.00 during COVID conditions in 2021.

A balanced budget was presented. Paul noted the following:

- i. The parish collected over \$30,000.00 for the Catholic TRC Healing Response Campaign.
- ii. Finance Council attempts to set aside \$75,000.00 annually for Building and Grounds. In 2021, \$49,000.00 was transferred from Finance funds, and the balance of \$27,000.00 was comprised of special donations for organ cleaning.
- iii. A payment of \$5,000.00 was made towards an outstanding obligation to the Archdiocese.
- iv. Insurance expenses will increase in 2022. All parishes in the Archdiocese will have a comparable increase.
- v. Although the Capital Campaign has not reached its full goal, a sufficient amount has been raised to begin renovations of the cathedral. A recommendation has been made to move forward with projects.

Brian Harris asked if deposits to the Interparochial Fund can be withdrawn by the parish when needed. Paul replied that the Interparochial Fund is a flexible fund.

Joanne Skidmore enquired about \$100,000.00 that is a restricted donation rather than being held in trust. The donation was designated for improvements to the pipes in the organ, and it will become income in the year that the work is completed.

Joanne Skidmore asked about vacant positions. One part-time maintenance position is still vacant, but it is included in the budget.

Moved by Paul Malone that the 2021 Financial Statements be adopted as presented in the Annual General Meeting materials. Seconded by Terry Novecosky. Carried.

Moved by Paul Malone the 2022 Budget be adopted as presented in the Annual General Meeting materials. Seconded by Ray Plosker. Carried.

4. Reports of the following committees and groups were presented in the AGM booklet:

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| a. Building and Grounds | Ray Plosker |
| b. Knights of Columbus | Raul Roduta |
| c. Liturgy/Deanery | Bradley Hanowski |
| d. Social Justice | Bernadette Kutarna |
| e. Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Carol Schimnosky |
| f. Music Ministry | Evanne Wilhelm |
| g. Ecumenical | Gillian Brodie |
| h. Couples for Christ | Josephine Ong |

Tim LaBelle asked if Building and Grounds has a standing list of people who would help with maintenance and custodial tasks. Ray Plosker replied that there is not such a list at the present time, but that one would be implemented.

Evanne Wilhelm noted that more singers are needed, particularly tenors and basses.

The Chair thanked the committees and groups for their reports and work during the year.

5. Pastor's Comments. Fr. Dan Rafael.

Fr. Dan noted that 2021 was a challenging year due to COVID and that we, as a parish will continue to be cautious. He expressed thanks to the parishioners, organizations, volunteers, and the engaged and supportive councils of the parish. He also thanked Deacon Barry Wood and Fr. Scott Lewis for their ministry. Couples for Christ has volunteered to assist as ushers at the 7:00 p.m. Masses. Fr. Dan asked that members of the parish forward their suggestions and ideas for the good of the parish to him. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for providing the breakfast that was served before the AGM, and thanked everyone for the gifts received on the anniversary of his ordination.

Samira thanked Fr. Dan for his work at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Joanne Skidmore asked that appreciation be expressed to Ana Harris for her work in the parish office, and Caitrin Malone thanked Fr. Dan for his efforts to keep our parish open during the pandemic.

6. Closing Prayer. Fr. Dan Rafael.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Comments from the Chair of the Pastoral Council

In my 2022 AGM Comments, I spoke of the roller-coaster year we had in 2021 because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. We can safely say that we did finally land in 2022, though hesitatingly and still looking over our shoulders. Some kind of normalcy has indeed returned in our lives and in our parish community.

Attendance at our Sunday Masses has grown, though not at pre-Pandemic levels, peaking to more than 500 present at our Christmas Day 7:00 p.m. Mass! There was a return to live Sacramental preparations for 22 of our youngsters (thanks to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), numerous weddings, and baptisms in our church (thanks to Fr. Dan's *charisma*). A large number gathered at the successful *Oktoberfest* in the Fall, and there was tremendous support for the fund-raising events organized by our Social Justice committee under the inspiring leadership of Bernadette Kutarna. To that effect, Bernadette is happy to announce that her 4-year effort has reached its needed goal of \$30K to allow for a refugee family from Syria to come to Regina. Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who were inspired by Bernadette's passion for her cause and who helped in achieving this goal.

Financially, we managed to stay afloat, with much gratitude for your continuing support and generosity. The financial report sets out the "ins and outs" in 2022, and the proposed budget for 2023. We are able to transfer \$25,500 from our 2022 surplus revenue towards our liability to the Archdiocese, at which we have been chipping away for a good while. And thanks to your donations, our parish raised \$53,837 towards the 2022 Bishop's Appeal, \$3072 over our given target (\$50,765).

We cannot find enough words to acknowledge the attention Archbishop Bolen pays to our concerns and issues, financial and otherwise. In turn, the parish was happy back in July to have responded to his appeal for funds to allow Residential School survivors to travel to Alberta to attend the events of Pope Francis' visit. We are ever grateful to the Archdiocese for its support of our parish, particularly its tremendous effort with the Rebuilding Campaign, which will allow for much-needed work on the cathedral's century-old structure. The repairs will ensure that the cathedral will continue to serve future generations of parishioners. Though the work of the Campaign has been hampered by the pandemic the last two years, its working groups are actively back "at the drawing board." If all goes well, Phase One of the work could start this summer, specifically on the towers, the structural deterioration in the rear of the building, and on accessibility issues.

The Reports from the various groups will fill you in on projects and activities in our parish. Of particular interest should be the accomplishments and on-going projects of our Building and Grounds Committee, notably its current management of the accessibility renovations in the Sacristy. We acknowledge, with much pride, humility, and gratitude, the generosity of time and skills afforded by our numerous volunteers in the parish.

As has been our practice in the past, we are singling out and honouring some of these exemplary and inspiring volunteers for their work these last few years - our Social Justice co-ordinator Bernadette Kutarna, and the members of our Building and Grounds Committee: Ray Plosker (Chairperson), Jim Nichols, Rob Chapple, Greg Loziak, Mark Scott, Paul Adekogbe, and posthumously, Brian Harris.

Through all the projects Bernadette has undertaken, she has made concrete for us the meaning of Social Justice and has inspired many in the parish to work alongside her. The men on the Building and Grounds Committee have also put others before themselves through their voluntary work in the repairs and maintenance of our building, in their efforts to keep us safe and comfortable while in our church.

And we never have enough volunteers! We are pleased to have had Shannon Hengen join our Pastoral Council in 2022, serving as Recorder and member-at-large, as well as being part of the Social Justice committee. The Council is in need of more members, especially some representation from the younger generation of our parishioners. Do not hesitate to come forward to volunteer or to nominate others. The work is not onerous and quite gratifying. We need to hear different voices at Council, to make sure we are serving the larger constituency.

The Cathedral Choir has grown in numbers, thanks to the efforts and leadership of Evanne, but the door is open to more singers. The invitation to join the choir goes out to everyone; there is no need for musical experience or expertise, just simply a love of singing. Evanne will take care of teaching you how to sing! As a bonus, joining the choir is a chance to meet people and to serve the parish.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our parish, for all that you do to keep us a vibrant community.

Samy McCarthy

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2022

Statement 1

	2022			2021
	Building Fund	Operating Fund	Combined	Combined
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 319,027	\$ 48,164	\$ 367,191	\$ 88,890
Interparochial Sharing Fund	457,123	-	457,123	447,388
Accounts receivable	-	2,984	2,984	6,017
Prepaid expenses	-	56,200	56,200	60,707
	776,150	107,348	883,498	603,002
FIXED ASSETS				
Office		112,285	112,285	112,285
Photocopier (net amortization \$2230.)		5,202	5,202	6,689
		117,487	117,487	118,974
	\$ 776,150	\$ 224,835	\$ 1,000,985	\$ 721,976
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable		\$ 11,532	\$ 11,532	\$ 31,947
Deferred revenue				
Hymnal Donations		1,600	1,600	
Accessibility Grant	\$ 81,374		81,374	81,374
Restricted donation	100,000		100,000	100,000
Msgr K. Miller est.	225,130		225,130	
	406,504	13,132	419,636	213,321
LONG TERM LIABILITY				
Diocesan assessment payable		94,000	94,000	99,000
IN TRUST				
Organ scholarship fund		11,706	11,706	9,689
Other		3,037	3,037	2,704
		14,743	14,743	12,393
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE (Stmnt 2)	369,646	102,960	472,606	397,262
	\$ 776,150	\$ 224,835	\$ 1,000,985	\$ 721,976

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Statement 2

2023 Budget	2022				2021
	Building Fund	Operating Fund	Combined	Operating Budget	Combined
REVENUE					
\$ 385,000	\$ -	\$ 359,639	\$ 359,639	\$ 360,000	\$ 325,133
66,600	65,785	-	65,785	\$ 158,374	84,345
-	-	-	-	\$ -	3,000
7,600	-	7,407	7,407	\$ 8,070	8,515
-	-	-	-	\$ -	-
10,000	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	3,171	3,171	3,000	22,759
27,550	-	42,471	42,471	\$ 39,050	34,203
\$ 496,750	\$ 65,785	\$ 412,688	\$ 478,473	\$ 568,494	\$ 477,955
EXPENSES					
Committees					
31,125	-	28,578	28,578	43,475	31,974
39,950	-	38,842	38,842	37,725	38,268
1,550	-	1,201	1,201	800	377
1,975	-	1,464	1,464	3,025	907
-	-	-	-	200	-
300	-	-	-	200	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
128,165	-	103,635	103,635	123,480	117,806
63,245	-	49,956	49,956	56,300	53,367
25,150	-	23,852	23,852	23,650	22,460
3,200	-	8,803	8,803	2,200	3,819
-	-	-	-	-	-
4,000	-	3,661	3,661	4,000	3,561
75,000	-	67,040	67,040	70,000	40,413
14,200	-	12,229	12,229	13,000	11,380
47,350	-	45,775	45,775	34,100	29,367
66,600	65,785	-	65,785	158,374	87,345
501,810	65,785	385,036	450,821	570,529	441,044
(5,060)	-	27,652	27,652	(2,035)	36,911
Net assets, beginning of year					
		75,308	75,308		38,397
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR					
		\$ 102,960	\$ 102,960	\$	\$ 75,308
BUILDING FUND RESERVE					
\$ 66,600	\$ 65,785			\$ 158,374	
235,000	18,093			129,000	
(168,400)	47,692			29,374	
321,954	321,954			321,954	
\$ 153,554	\$ 369,646			\$ 351,328	

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<u>2022</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Operating Budget</u>		<u>Bldg Fund ACTUAL</u>	<u>Operating Budget ACTUAL</u>
			<u>ACTUAL</u>
			Schedule 1
\$ -	CWL	\$ 1,000	\$ -
-	K of C	-	500
6,000	Memorial Cross/Donations	4,625	1,000
700	Initial Offering	718	600
700	ANCOP	620	200
	Indiginous Bussing	5,690	
	Paid to Archdiocese	(5,690)	
	Refugees	3,302	
	Paid to Archdiocese	(3,302)	
<u>200</u>	Other	<u>444</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>\$ 7,600</u>		<u>\$ 7,407</u>	<u>\$ 8,515</u>
			Schedule 2
\$ 3,500	Bulletin Advertising	\$ 3,440	\$ 1,000
4,500	Vigil Lights	4,361	2,000
12,000	Church Rental	22,050	20,000
4,000	Hall Rental	9,075	8,000
3,500	Parking Lot	3,400	4,000
-	Fundraising- Oktoberfest	-	200
<u>50</u>	Other	<u>145</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>\$ 27,550</u>		<u>\$ 42,471</u>	<u>\$ 35,400</u>
			Schedule 3
\$ 33,000	Building Fund Envelopes	\$ 33,757	\$ 44,500
7,500	Second Collection	7,453	15,000
300	K of C donation	350	-
22,000	Interparochial Fund Interest	9,736	7,500
-	Cathedral Preservation Grant	10,000	10,000
-	Gov't of Can - Accessibility Grant	-	81,374
800	Simba Gabi	870	-
	Bequest		3,000
	Organ Repair	-	27,955
<u>3,000</u>	Fundraiser - Oktoberfest	<u>3,619</u>	<u>1,351</u>
<u>\$ 66,600</u>		<u>\$ 65,785</u>	<u>\$ 158,374</u>
			Schedule 3
\$ -	Tower Windows	\$ 1,265	\$ 2,000
-	Outside Lights	-	-
-	Organ Cleaning	-	-
-	Church back roof	-	-
	Security Camera System	-	800
235,000	Work place accessibility	12,651	122,000
-	Relamping.	4,177	5,000
-	Sacristy Stairs	-	-
<u>\$ 235,000</u>		<u>\$ 18,093</u>	<u>\$ 129,000</u>
			<u>\$ 109,011</u>

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Note: Diocesan Collections		Target		Target
Archbishop's Appeal	\$ 53,837	\$ 50,765	\$ 49,520	\$ 55,119
TRC	-		30,725	
TRC - Pew donations & loose	-		1,362	
Development & Peace	2,246		1,621	
Papal Charities	1,135		645	
Need of the Church in the Holy Land	1,854		1,199	
Education of Seminarians	1,048		1,010	
Catholic Missions in Canada	646		465	
Needs of the Church in Canada	650		415	
Propagation of Faith/Mission Sunday	986		935	
	\$ 62,402		\$ 87,897	

Building & Grounds Committee

Committee Members:

Fr. Dan Rafael	Jim Nichols
Paul Adekogbe	Ray Plosker (Chair)
Rob Chapple	Mark Scott
Greg Loziak	

We wish to recognize Brian Harris who passed away in December of 2022. Brian was a dedicated member of this committee who provided sage guidance and sound judgement to our group as well as hands-on help whenever asked.

The Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for the general upkeep of the physical building and grounds. In addition to this routine maintenance, the Building and Grounds Committee was/is active with the following:

- Proceeding with the design work and tendering of the work associated with the Workplace Accessibility Grant from the federal government. This work was started in January of 2023, and we anticipate completion sometime in March. The work includes wheelchair lifts to the lower altar area and to the sacristy level. The work also includes automatic door operators and renovations to the washroom behind the sacristy to make it wheelchair accessible.
- Jim continued with the installation of the 8 new windows into the west tower. The east tower windows were completed in 2021. Jim also installed new hinges on the south stair exit door after it fell off accidentally.
- Re-lamping of the pendant lamps in the nave and transept areas was done. This greatly improved the light output of the pendants. High-efficiency LED lamps were used. There are two lamps in each pendant. This should also help with reducing the need for replacing lamps in the fixtures.
- Rob continues being the liaison with the community fridge folks. Greg installed a meter on the power supply to the fridge so we can recoup electrical costs for the small outbuilding.
- Concrete pavers were installed along the west side of the building, and the ground along it was seeded. The water line was added for watering the grass. We'll see how the grass establishes this spring to determine whether overseeding will be required.

- A backflow valve was added to the boiler water supply along with the replacement of safety valves and routine fall maintenance. Some adjustments to the boiler control setting provided a bit more heat to the supply water, and following that, the inside temperature was more consistent.
- Some minor repairs were done in the Hall kitchen following the health inspector's report.
- Blockages were removed from the sanitary line serving the women's washroom in the Hall, so the sink and toilets should work better.
- The emergency light system on the main floor will get some attention in 2023, spearheaded by Greg.
- A backflow valve will be added to the water service to the building, in follow up to the City Building Inspector's report. We may also need to add one to the dishwasher heater.
- Door closers that don't work will be replaced or repaired on the main lobby doors.
- The west air handling unit serving the Hall will need a major overhaul as filters have been neglected over the past years. (lesson learned)

We have managed through the year without a permanent maintenance person through hourly contract work to have snow cleared from sidewalks and stairs through the winter and lawns cut through the summer. We expect to hire a part-time maintenance person by the spring of 2023.

Thanks to all the time and effort put in by the Building and Grounds committee members over the past year, as always.

Capital Projects Planned for 2023

The implementation of the work for the Workplace Accessibility commenced in January and is anticipated to be complete before the end of March. ICM Construction Management is completing this work. The actual cost of construction for this project was considerably higher than budgeted. The decision was made to proceed with the work using funds from our building capital reserve fund.

Total estimated carryover for the Workplace Accessibility project for 2023 is \$235,000. A grant of \$81,374 was received from a federal government grant.

Ray Plosker
Chair Building and Grounds

Rebuilding Our Church Capital Campaign

When this campaign began in 2019, our plan was to begin renewal work on Holy Rosary Cathedral once the fundraising portion of the work was complete. This renewal plan evolved in 2022: the cathedral's share of the campaign funds received so far (approximately \$3.7M) will be used for the planning, design, and construction of phased work packages, beginning with those of the highest priority.

The Project Steering Committee established by Archbishop Don is working with Teresa Drew Project Management, SEPW Design Consultants, and a working group of technical volunteers to plan the required work.

The highest-priority packages identified were:

- 1) Barrier-free access;
- 2) South Stair Replacement; and
- 3) Towers and North Façade.

Detailed design and budgeting work for the first two of these packages neared completion in 2022, and research is still being done into how to effectively repair and renew the towers and north façade. The plan is for construction contracts for the first two packages to be awarded in time for the 2023 construction season.

There will also be a second phase of repair and renewal following the highest-priority work. For more details, see this update:

<https://rebuildingourchurch.ca/campaign-friends-and-supporters-update-10/>

Despite the many challenges this campaign has faced, we are full of gratitude for the gifts already shared and for those that will come in the future. Our beloved cathedral is so much closer to receiving the significant renewal it needs in order to serve for the next 100 years.

Michelle Sanche and John Dipple
Rebuilding Our Church Campaign Co-chairs

The Liturgy Committee

Good afternoon, Everyone!

The Liturgy Committee at Holy Rosary Cathedral includes:

- Joanne Skidmore
- Shannon Chapple
- Bradley Hanowski

Music is also an important part of the liturgy as directed by Evanne Wilhelm.

In many ways, 2022 was a typical liturgical year at Holy Rosary Cathedral:

- New Year's Day Mass and the Archbishop's Levee with Archbishop Donald Bolen
- Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2022
- Advent and Christmas 2022

As Saskatchewan returned to pre-pandemic conditions, we resumed having two lectors at every Mass. However, we are considering when both the bread and the cup will be distributed.

Thank-you to everyone involved in liturgies at Holy Rosary Cathedral including:

- Priests
- Deacons
- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Sacristans
- Music Ministers
- Hospitality (Décor, Collections, Greeters and Ushers)

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Hanowski

Report from the Director of Music

2022 wrapped up another successful year for music at Holy Rosary.

The beating heart of our music is our volunteer base. The generous commitment and willingness of our volunteer singers, musicians and cantors is a gift for which I am grateful. The skills they bring and time they spend rehearsing is truly remarkable; I want to thank each and every one of them personally, and encourage our parish family to do the same. My favourite part of serving as Director of Music at Holy Rosary is working with our volunteers, whether it be helping out a contemporary group for a 7PM mass, coaching a cantor, or conducting an eager choir.

A particular highlight has been our joint choirs effort. At both Easter Vigil and Christmas Eve, I have had the pleasure of conducting volunteer singers from across all three mass times, a venture that has been both fun and fulfilling for me and for all who have come out for the rehearsals and masses.

Recruitment has been a priority for me since coming on board as Director of Music in 2021. Our choir has grown to a steady membership of 22 voices strong. I want to thank our veteran singers for supporting this goal, and for their encouragement and often mentoring potential new voices. Special thanks go to Chelo Ravasco, Marie Sanchez, and Father Dan for bringing children's groups to sing at our 7:00 p.m. Masses. This is an area that we would like to continue to encourage in 2023.

The organists' rota worked well in 2022. We have enjoyed the dedicated playing of Andrew Polasek, Bernadette Kutarna, Barbara Zerr, and Jessica Stroeder (our Organ Scholar). The rotation schedule has provided a flexibility for organists, allowing them a welcome work-life balance. They are to be commended for their tremendous efforts in organization, and their hours spent honing their technical mastery of our grand McGuigan pipe organ.

The organ was lovingly played and cared for over the year, receiving its two annual major service tunings, as well tuning "touch ups" for particularly grand postludes, Feast Days, university jury performances, and Holy Week, to name a few special events. Two additional full-service tunings were done for guest musicians. As a host venue for the Regina Musical Club, we welcomed Jean-Willy Kunz (current Organist in Residence of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and Artistic Director of the Canadian International Organ Competition) for a recital where our magnificent Casavant organ delighted audiences along with a multimedia art display and poetry spoken by our own Samira McCarthy in a performance of "Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saëns, transcribed by Kunz himself for the organ. In the Spring of 2022, the organ was again featured in a national recording project organized by the Canadian International Organ Competition group, a project set out to feature the finest pipe organs and organists across Canada (Valerie Hall featuring on ours).

Father Dan has encouraged our music and liturgy teams to foster greater participation from children. As a result, two children's groups have started leading music ministry at our 7:00 Mass on certain Sundays. Marie Sanchez leads rehearsals at Little Flower for a group called "Little Voices"; Chelo Ravasco and I are working together with a children's group from Holy Rosary, which sings at the 7:00 p.m. Mass whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Rehearsals happen at the church on the Thursdays before those Sundays at 6:30, where we work on the hymns and on vocal technique, and have a good time (which sometimes includes pizza!). All children between the ages of 4 and 12 are welcome to attend!

A special thank you to the parishioners who volunteered for Music Ministry throughout 2022:

7PM Sunday Mass Groups

The Voice Choir

Leader: Junamar Mislant

Melodies to the Lord

Leaders: Nova Bautista-Hunter, Chelo Ravasco

Strings & Voices

Leaders: Ning David & Nebo Traces

Children's Music Groups

Leaders: Marie Sanchez & Chelo Ravasco

9AM & 11AM Mass Cantors

Joan Pratchler, Emily Malone, Angela Montano, Tim LaBelle, Gina Quon, Patrice Krueger, Serena LaPosta, April Polasek, Marguerite Canales, Karen Frandsen, Jessy Stroeder

11AM Mass Choir

Brad Hanowski, Pat MacKay, Gillian Brodie, Shauntell Craig-Penner, Anya Schiller, Carolyn McKinnon, Ruth Velasquez, Monika Vuga, Keith Fortowsky, Mary Ann McGrath, John Fortowsky, Lester Victor, Thomas Wright, Samira McCarthy, Karen Frandsen, Paul Adekogbe, Colin Wrubleski, Gina Quon, Marguerite Canales, Patrice Kruger, Ashley Miquiabas, Bernadette Kutarna

Evanne Wilhelm, Director of Music

HRC Knights of Columbus Council #4704

I am very pleased to present a report on the men in our Parish community who belong to the Knights of Columbus Council. This past year has been a transitional year for all of us, because of the pandemic, but we have been able to help out to the best of our abilities. We are fortunate for the great support we get from all of our parishioners here at Holy Rosary. We are also well aware that they cannot wait for the return of our breakfasts, so we can all enjoy those amazing sausages!

We currently have 76 members in our Council. We have helped with the Knights of Columbus fundraising for Vocations, and helped out during the Oktoberfest fundraiser as well. We had one new member transfer from Christ the King Council into ours in the latter part of 2022. We also put up our annual display to "Keep Christ in Christmas", and provided more strings of outdoor lights for our wonderful cathedral during the season.

I would like to thank Fr. Dan for all of his guidance and his support of our Council. I extend a welcome to our new members who recently joined our Order. I personally extend an invitation to the men of our parish to take an active role in our community and join us in our "journey of faith". At the moment I am partaking in a rather tedious but gratifying task of archiving the history of our Council. We were the second Council to be formed in Regina, in 1958. Thank you to the members of our Council who continue to serve with dedication and passion in our Parish community and in the wider city.

Stay safe, and stay well.

Tyler Wolfe
Worthy Financial Secretary

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint Josephine Bakhita Conference

We slowly started taking steps to return to pre-pandemic methods, including home visits. As with the rest of society, we needed to adapt to a very altered world. Following, in point form, were our endeavours in 2022:

- We hosted a speaker from the Circle Project which we found to be extremely interesting.
- We continued to support the Community Fridge project in our church parking lot.
- Food grocery cards continued to be offered to those visited if needed.
- Assistance was given re medications required.
- Accommodations were secured for a couple living in vehicle during a very bitter cold spell.
- Secured a bus ticket to Edmonton from Regina for a fellow at the request of Western Region Present, Tony Barry.
- Rent subsidies paid.
- Help with appliance purchase as requested by Father Danilo.
- We again facilitated the Christmas Hamper campaign for Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Our Conference continues to be a very small group of dedicated people. Our funding is from the parishioners of Holy Rosary with the odd other donations. Without the support of the parish, we would not be in a position to help those seeking aid.

Our heartfelt thank you to Father Danilo for his continued encouragement and support.

Submitted by Carol Schimnosky
Secretary/Treasurer

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace/Caritas Canada and Social Justice

This annual report will be done in four sections, all pertaining to Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospels: Dignity of the Human Person, Dignity of Work, Common Destination of the World's Resources and The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace/Caritas Canada (D&P).

- 1. The Dignity of the Human Person:** Pope Francis wrote extensively about forced migration, human trafficking, abuse of children, women and men. We just completed the fundraising goal for our refugee sponsorship with the roast beef supper. Many many thanks to all who purchased tickets, volunteered and supported with purchases and donations!! A number of people who could not come donated money or donated their tickets for others to use. Wow!

The most important part of the evening, reported many many times to our volunteers, is that people really enjoyed themselves. On Thursday night a grand crew of people set up enough tables to make sure everyone could stay as long as they wanted in order to have a really good visit. One person who took food home in order to get to her class, told me the next day that she wished she had stayed with us because she saw 30 people she knew and wanted to visit with. Wow!

Social Justice is supporting community building. When people visit with and support others outside of their personal circles, they talk about needs and then how to respond. First responses are charitable, followed by asking why is this happening? Who is making the decisions causing the problem?

- 2. The Dignity of Work:** To recognize that each person is honouring the dignity of work no matter their income or lack of, is key. The people who volunteered at the Saturday lunch in November by making muffins, sandwiches, by packing lunch bags, by visiting with the poor in downtown Regina honour the dignity of work. The people who volunteered to do Rider parking fundraisers, to donate recyclables, to volunteer at our rummage sales, to sell and support the supper fundraiser honour the dignity of human work. People who were vendors and shoppers at our very first Small Business Fair honour the dignity of work. Thank you!!!! The call of the Gospel is to respect everyone in their work, whether for excellent pay, for no pay as volunteers or for our parishioners who have no income at all and still fully participate. A special gratitude to a number of people who have *very very* little income and yet gave so generously of their money and their time. Wow!

3. **The Common Destination of the World's Goods:** Each time we skip the paper plates and cups, each time we share our food with the community fridge, each time we think of planting a garden rather than buying prepackaged food, each time we support our local businesses, each time we take time to reflect on what D&P is doing to educate us here in Canada and how D&P is supporting our sisters and brothers in the Global South, we are learning how God created the earth for all of us equally. Thank you to each parishioner who in his/her own way, practises sharing. In the Gospels, we regularly hear variations of the sharing of loaves and fishes.

4. **The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace/Caritas Canada (D&P)** Every year in the Fall and for Share Lent D&P tells us about our partners in the Global South. D&P does not send missionaries. D&P does not support individual children or individual families (some time ask why) D&P develops **partnerships with entire communities to provide resources to support what that community identifies as their needs (not what we think they need)**. Twice a year there is a talk about the Global South. Please listen and read and ask all the questions you want. Support our Share Lent Solidarity Sunday by generously giving. I am the Deanery West liaison for D&P as well as the parish liaison. You will find me passionate about D&P because I have had the chance to visit one of our partners. Speak with me at any time.

Thank you to all parishioners, to the leadership of the parish, and to all who pray and act for God's goodness and peace to be in our community.

Bernadette Kutarna

Ecumenical Report

2022 began with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, where there were some activities. But in spite of the lifting of most restrictions on gatherings in Saskatchewan, activities were still generally limited to Zoom meetings. The upside of this is that we have the ability to attend far more of these events without having to travel. Especially in winter this is an encouragement for more people to attend. Also, since the centre of ecumenical activity seems to be in Saskatoon at present, we have the ability to connect with as many meetings as we wish, thanks to the dedication of Nicholas Jesson, Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese of Regina.

Everyone was shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Anglican Deacon Michael Jackson in November 2022. Deacon Michael had worked tirelessly in the past several years for the cause of Ecumenism. He was instrumental in drafting the Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant, which exists today between the Anglicans and Roman Catholics in Saskatchewan. He was an energetic organizer of the Week of Prayer events each year in Regina. Apart from the “Covid years”, of course, a pulpit exchange in January took place – one Sunday some members of our parish attended the 10.30 Eucharist at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, and the next Sunday, several members of the Anglican Cathedral parish attended our 11 AM Mass. Alas, not this year, 2023, although Deacon Michael had already contacted me in mid-October 2022, to inform me that plans were already underway. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

The war rages on in Ukraine. It is hard to believe that it has continued for over a year now. We continue to pray for our families and friends whose lives have been permanently changed by the devastation of their country. We hope to reconnect with the churches there in happier times.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Brodie

Couples For Christ (CFC)

CFC is a charismatic Catholic life, marriage, and family ministry recognized by the Vatican as a private international association of the faithful. Rooted in the Sacraments, we strive to build a church of the home and of the poor through our family ministries, advocacies, and programs.

CFC and its Family Ministries [Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD), Singles For Christ (SFC), Youth For Christ (YFC), and Kids For Christ (KFC)] gather for teaching and formation programs. They also provide a variety of services to various parishes.

At Holy Rosary Cathedral, they serve as greeters and offertory collectors, as lectors and eucharistic ministers at the 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The CFC and KFC choirs sing at the 7:00 p.m. Mass and, on special occasions, join the Cathedral Choir. The ministries also participate in fundraising efforts at HRC and help the Pastor when needed for various events.

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