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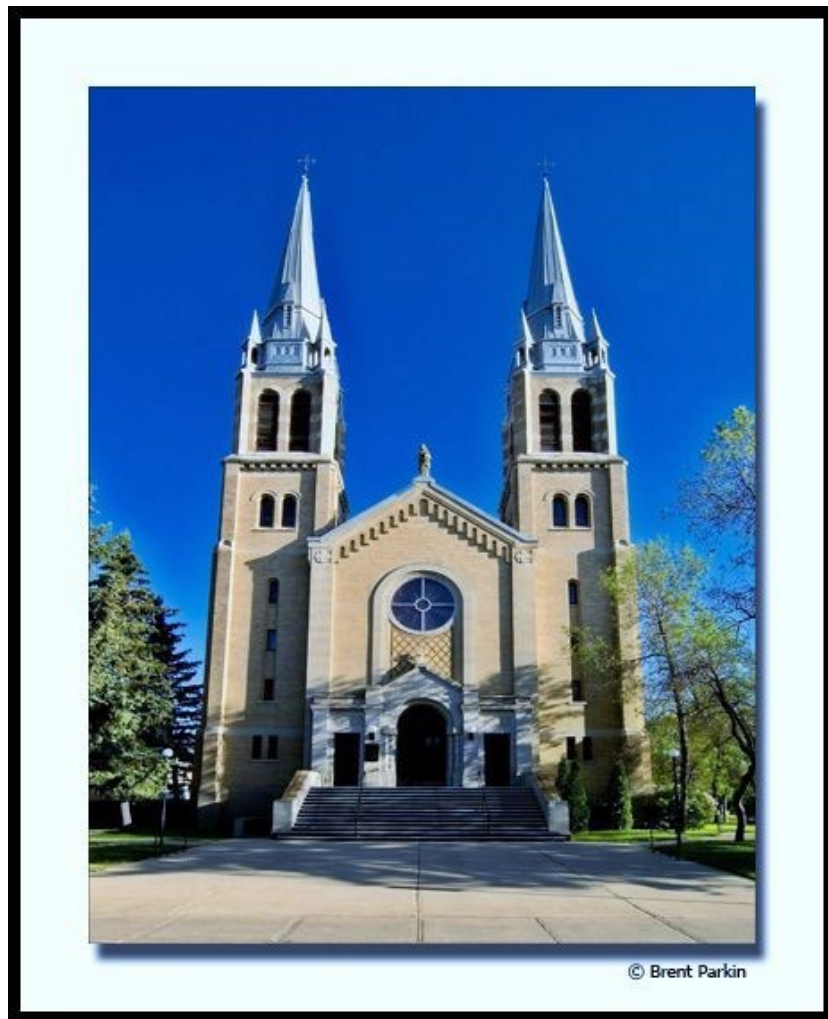
HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 16, 2025

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 are a Roman Catholic community of faith and of service to others,
open to all who wish to worship God, to celebrate together
His blessings, and to find solace and meaning in their lives.
We work to realize Christ's message of love and compassion.

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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	Shannon Hengen
CWL/Liturgy	Shannon Chapple
Finance	Jim Hall
Liturgy/Deanery.....	Brad Hanowski
Social Justice/Dev. & Peace.....	Bernadette Kutarna
Knights of Columbus Rep	G.K. Efren Reyes
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....	Carol Schimnosky
Spiritual Life	Shannon Novak

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rector/Administrator.....	Rev. Danilo Rafael
Co-chairpersons.....	Paul Malone & Jim Hall
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 ChristJo & Joel Ong
- Children’s LiturgyMiri Schiller
- Liturgy.....Joan Skidmore
- Music MinistryJessy Stroeder

A G E N D A

Annual General Meeting Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish March 16, 2025

1. Opening Prayer Rev. Danilo Rafael
Rector/Administrator
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of 2024 AGM
4. Welcome and Comments Samira McCarthy
Pastoral Council Chair
5. Finance Council Report Paul Malone, *Co-chair*
John Dipple, *Finance Member*
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. Knights of Columbus Efren Reyes
 - c. Liturgy/Deanery Brad Hanowski
 - d. Social Justice Bernadette Kutarna
 - e. Society of St. Vincent de Paul Carol Schimnosky
 - f. Music Ministry Jessy Stroeder
 - g. Ecumenical Shannon Hengen
 - h. Couples for Christ Josephine Ong
 - i. Rebuilding Campaign John Dipple
7. Pastor's Comments Rev. Danilo Rafael
8. Closing Prayer Rev. Danilo Rafael

Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Holy Rosary Cathedral
April 7, 2024, 12:45 p.m.

Present: Fr. Danilo Rafael, Samira McCarthy, John Hoffman, James Schiller, Miri Schiller, Greg Loziak, Jessica Hernando, Paul Malone, Caitrin Malone, Jim Hall, Shannon Hengen, Bernadette Kutarna, Alma Juganas, John Juganas, Jim Nichols, Paul Adekogbe, Pat Bohn, Carol Schimnosky, Ann Gagnon, Cassandra Ursu, Rob Chapple, Don Miller, Lorna Riffel, Raul Roduta, Margaret Molloy

Chair: Samira McCarthy, Pastoral Council Chair

1. Opening Prayer: Rev. Danilo Rafael, Rector/Administrator
2. Approval of the Agenda (Jim Hall/Paul Malone)
 - a) Attendees approved Samira's addition of an announcement from Don Miller, representative of the Fr. Burns Knights of Columbus Council, who gave a brief history of that Council, from its founding in 1967 in north Regina to the sale in 1998 of the building that housed their meetings. The Council met in January of 2024 to determine how to allocate the remaining funds from that sale, with the criterion being to remember the early founders. Holy Rosary Cathedral was then presented with a cheque for \$9,000, accepted graciously by Fr. Dan and members of the Finance Council, who noted that the funds would be used to make the Confessional boxes accessible.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM (Jim Hall/Paul Malone)
4. Welcome and Comments: Samira McCarthy. Samira emphasized the valuable contributions of HRC's many volunteers.
5. Acknowledgement of 2024 Volunteer Honorees: Samira cited four women in particular as recipients of the annual exemplary volunteer award for their "quiet, behind-the-scenes" and essential work: Margaret Molloy as administrator of the CWL and catering worker at funerals and special Archdiocesan events; Miri Schiller for handling the ever-growing Children's Liturgy at the 11:00 Mass; Carla Plosker and Jessica Hernando for years of daily help at Fr. Dan's weekday Masses. Fr. Dan thank the ladies for the many things they do.
6. Finance Council Report: Paul Malone, Co-Chair of the Finance Council. While no written report is yet available for 2023, preparation is ongoing and may be tabled at a special meeting later this year. The 2023 Budget projected an amount of \$380,000 from regular

collections plus additional income for a total of \$425, 000; in fact, \$427,000 came in. The part time Caretaker salary has been budgeted for. A shortfall of approximately \$7,000 is expected for 2024. Ongoing major renovations are being supported by the Archdiocese but \$100,000 must still come from the parish for smaller upgrades.

7. Representatives from various committees/groups were on hand to answer questions on their reports as published in the AGM booklet.
 - a) Building and Grounds: Ray Plosker acknowledged and thanked his committee of Fr. Dan, Paul Adekogbe, Rob Chapple, Greg Loziak, Jim Nichols, and Mark Scott. He drew attention to such points in his report as the new high-efficient LED pole lamps on the east side of the building; a backflow valve added to the main water; new metal handrails on the main entrance stair; planning for replacement of malfunctioning emergency light system on the main floor; west Air Handling unit serving the hall repaired and cleaned. Pat McCreight, the new part time Caretaker, is a very welcome addition, showing much initiative in addressing many general maintenance issues including repairs, refurbishes, gardening, snow removing, and acting as liaison with the Phase One construction team. Carla cleans the main level and maintains bathroom supplies. Ray described a sky light that has been installed between the O'Neill Room and the Sacristy. Phase One construction is expected to be completed by the end of June, including clean-up of the construction areas. He drew attention to such Capital Projects planned for 2024 as repair to brick and copper flashing at the high-level roof of the building over the dome at the transept.
 - b) Rebuilding Campaign (John Dipple); see AGM booklet
 - c) Liturgy/Deanery (Brad Hanowski); see AGM booklet
 - d) Music Ministry (Evanne Wilhelm); see AGM booklet. Samira also noted that the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Regina Centre, held the Gordon Wallis Organ Competition in the cathedral on April 6th. The three competitors were our very own organists: Barbara Zerr, Jessy Stroeder, and Andrew Polasek. The Adjudicator (Isabelle Demers from Montreal) had nothing but praise for their playing and had difficulty awarding the prizes. Result: Barb and Jessy, 1st and 2nd. Dr. Demers was to perform at the Regina Musical Club concert in the afternoon at the cathedral.
 - e) Knights of Columbus: Tyler Wolfe reported that the group has a good base of members who meet virtually and continue work beyond serving breakfasts, including support of charities
 - f) Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Carol Schimnosky); Samira thanked Carol as a faithful, "silent worker."
 - g) Social Justice (Bernadette Kutarna); see AGM booklet
 - h) CWL (Margaret Molloy); see AGM booklet. Samira proposed that the wives of Knights of Columbus members be encouraged to join CWL activities in the parish, asking Raul Roduta as Grand Knight to approach his group with the proposal.
 - i) Couples for Christ (Josephine Ong); see AGM booklet

8. Samira invited Cassandra Ursu to report on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program that she and two other catechists provide for children in a room designated and nicely appointed as The Atrium, in the church basement's clubroom. Cassandra and her team use a Montessori approach, creating prayer through art, and teaching the children to listen to God as they ask such questions as Who Am I? and Who Am I in Relation to God? The team is planning a training session for the first week of July, for which they need twelve participants (currently having six). For the session they will need billets and childcare. She asked for any help that might be available, including our prayers.

9. Pastor's Comments (Rev. Danilo Rafael): Fr. Dan thanked parishioners for attending, noting that the end of this July will mark his seventh year at HRC—a time of “greatest joy” for him. He then invited Greg Loziak to make his proposal for a twenty-four-hour Silent Adoration Centre at HRC, the city of Regina having none. Possibly the old K of C Room could be converted to resemble the centre Greg visits in St. Boniface, MB, to which access could be gained by a card reader, using the east door at the new stairwell. A question about whether access to the upstairs church could be gained by those visiting the Centre was answered in the negative. Fr. Dan then continued by thanking for their “harmonious collaboration” Deacon Barry, the CWL and K of C, Couples for Christ (collections and ushering at Masses and Christian Life program, for example), Liturgy for such “meaningful and lively” Masses, Building and Grounds for all they do. He acknowledged all volunteers and expressed thanks as well to the Archdiocese and Archbishop Don, and to the Capital Campaign committee. Fr. Dan noted the special event that took place recently at HRC: ordination to the diaconate of Daniel Malone. He added that we look forward to Daniel's ordination to the priesthood on June 7th which is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Also, the ordination of two men to the permanent diaconate will take place on June 14th. Fr. Dan concluded his remarks with an expression of gratitude to Our Lady of the Rosary who inspires us to work towards the well-being of the parish and the greater glory of God. He thanked Samira for all she does, and she in turn commented that we wouldn't have volunteers if it weren't for Fr. Dan.

10. Closing Prayer: Fr. Dan

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Comments from the Chair of the Pastoral Council

The year 2024 was quite a significant one for our parish, in a number of ways. Foremost was that the Rebuilding Campaign saw the completion of the first phase of the project. Thanks to the generosity of so many from within and outside the parish, accessibility for all, into and in the cathedral, is no longer a problem with a new elevator and two new washrooms. As well, the rear section of the church, which was in terrible disrepair and starting to break away from the main body of the building, has been renewed and is now functional again.

That completion was celebrated on January 19, with a special Mass and blessing officiated by Archbishop Bolen. A "Wall of Gratitude" is in place in the vestibule of the church, with a commemorative Book listing the names of donors, and including various aspects of the history of Holy Rosary Cathedral. It is a "living" text, as it will continue to list the names of new donors as the Campaign progresses.

To that effect, plans for Phases 2 and 3 will commence this spring; the former will focus on rebuilding the deteriorating Steeples, the latter the Hall and the infrastructure in the basement of the church. The aim is to make sure that our beautiful century-old church will continue to serve the parish, the neighbourhood, and the city of Regina for another century. Our responsibility is to preserve Holy Rosary Cathedral not just as a "Heritage" building, but more importantly as a place of worship, the Mother-Church of this archdiocese, the spiritual home for a community bound by faith and an openness to the service of others.

We will be keeping you informed of the steps in the Campaign, as it is to you, our loyal and generous parishioners, to whom we will be turning for help.

The year was significant as well in the Ordination into the Priesthood last June of Fr. Daniel Malone, a parishioner at HRC since his infancy! It was indeed a joyous celebration, prompting us in our determination to make sure our parish remains standing and solvent for his generation and of those to follow!

In Fr. Dan's insistence that our doors are open to the community at large, the Cathedral has been host to a number of concerts this past year, both choral and orchestral. Our magnificent pipe organ has been featured in concerts, as well.

It was with regret that we had to accept the retirement of John Hoffman after decades working as our bookkeeper. We are grateful for the generosity he showed in his service to the parish. It took a while for Ana, our Office Manager, to organize our financial statements, with the help of a temporary accountant. We want to acknowledge her loyalty to the parish, her MANY hours of work to sort out the statements. And because of her diligence, our Finance Council is pleased and able to present to you our 2023 and 2024 statements, as well as our 2025 Budget. Our thanks, as well, to John Dipple, under whose leadership this situation was resolved.

AND we have hired a new Bookkeeper to fill in the big shoes that John left behind. A big welcome to Sister Amelia!

The bottom line of these financial statements, as you will see, is that we can keep our doors open despite the economic turbulence we have faced and continue to face today. And it needs repeating: that blessing is thanks to YOUR continuing generosity.

The reports from our various ministries will inform you of our other activities as a parish. And once again we are in awe of the extent of what we owe our volunteers for the smooth running of our parish. And as always, we must point out that so much of the volunteer work is done quietly and unobtrusively. This year we have chosen to acknowledge most especially the Ushers and who serve at our Sunday Masses, and our offertory counters, singling out for the moment those who have been serving in that capacity for many, many years. The ushers help our Pastor by making sure there are no glitches at our Eucharistic Services. And making sure everyone is seated safely and comfortably takes only part of their attention. Over the years, they have had to deal with all kinds of emergencies and disturbances, most of which we are not aware. Our counters work week after week at their task, assuring us that our donations are in trustworthy, capable hands. To all of them, our silent long-serving volunteers, we owe much gratitude: Alex Sitter (now retired), Dwayne Flaman, Bill Barwell, Slaw Sowiak, Rob Chapple, Jim Nichols, Raul and Virginia Roduta, Alma Juganas, Tyler Wolfe, Minerva Ugaban, Louise Horack, Andre Gagnon, Mike McAvoy.

And last but not least, we acknowledge the choicest blessing we have in this parish: having Fr. Dan as our Pastor. He leads us, he guides us, he works with us, he cares for us --- with much warmth and kindness, with a hand both gentle and strong.

Samy McCarthy
Chair, Pastoral Council

Holy Rosary Cathedral
Comparative Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2024

ACCOUNTS	OPERATING	BUILDING	COMBINED	
ASSETS	2024		2024	2023
Current Assets				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	72,865.04	26,348.48	99,213.52	75,232.23
Interparochial Sharing Fund	58,341.56	599,400.73	657,742.29	632,444.51
GST Receivable	13,424.62		13,424.62	7,608.37
Prepaid expenses			0.00	62,279.91
Total Current Assets	144,631.22	625,749.21	770,380.43	777,565.02
FIXED ASSETS				
Cathedral Courts Condo - Office	112,285.00		112,285.00	112,285.00
Office Copier			0.00	3,716.15
Computers	3,182.40		3,182.40	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	115,467.40	0.00	115,467.40	116,001.15
TOTAL ASSETS	260,098.62	625,749.21	885,847.83	893,566.17
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	10,839.77		10,839.77	91,092.59
Mass Stipends Payable	460.00		460.00	0.00
Payroll Liabilities			0.00	7,217.24
Regina Deaneries/DPC			0.00	123.14
Treasure Trove	832.55		832.55	
Downtown Lunch	1,465.54		1,465.54	1,462.88
Deferred - Hymnal Donations	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00
Insurance Payable	57,374.66		57,374.66	0.00
Trust Collectibles				29,753.64
GST payable				-275.85
Total Current Liabilities	74,572.52	0.00	74,572.52	132,973.64
Long-Term Liabilities				
Archdiocese Prior Years payable	67,774.89	0.00	67,774.89	68,520.44
Non-Current Liabilites				
Father Miller's Estate		96,210.32	96,210.32	96,210.32
Deferred Revenue		107,315.00	107,315.00	107,315.00
Donation Box for the Poor	1,960.22		1,960.22	783.20
Organ Scholarship Fund	15,097.00		15,097.00	12,605.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities	17,057.22	203,525.32	220,582.54	216,913.52
Total Liabilities	159,404.63	203,525.32	362,929.95	418,407.60
Net Asset Available (Equity)	99,524.36	423,393.52	522,917.88	475,158.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	258,928.99	626,918.84	885,847.83	893,566.17

Holy Rosary Cathedral
Comparative Profit and Loss
January - December 2024

	2024		Combined	
	Building Fund	Operating	2024	2023
INCOME				
Regular Collections		425,118.66	425,118.66	382,074.03
Other Donations		11,948.30	11,948.30	11,283.80
Misc Revenue		33,992.06	33,992.06	49,112.35
Building Fund Revenue	174,337.95		174,337.95	284,728.18
Total Income	\$ 174,337.95	\$ 471,059.02	\$ 645,396.97	\$ 727,198.36
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 174,337.95	\$ 471,059.02	\$ 645,396.97	\$ 727,198.36
EXPENSES				
Operating				
Salaries		99,214.43	99,214.43	79,349.13
Benefits		9,840.06	9,840.06	6,109.27
Priest Ministry Fees		45,749.63	45,749.63	43,740.12
Priests' Pension Plan		20,267.96	20,267.96	24,474.10
Administration		47,811.82	47,811.82	47,898.36
Liturgy		44,041.01	44,041.01	39,251.05
RCIC & RCIA		1,059.00	1,059.00	-266.32
Spiritual Life		1,094.55	1,094.55	367.91
Parish Life		5,917.29	5,917.29	5,755.32
Diocesan Assessment		44,589.48	44,589.48	44,467.92
Building & Grounds-Operating		27,277.56	27,277.56	49,874.07
Insurance		73,754.85	73,754.85	65,800.34
Occupancy Expenses		50,217.93	50,217.93	39,183.63
Building Fund				
Building Fund Expense	95,324.53		95,324.53	239,749.19
Total Expenses	\$ 95,324.53	\$ 470,835.57	\$ 566,160.10	\$ 685,754.09
PROFIT	\$ 79,013.42	\$ 223.45	\$ 79,236.87	\$ 41,444.27

Holy Rosary Cathedral
2025 BUDGET
January - December 2024

BUDGET OPERATING FUND	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
INCOME		
Regular Collections	425,118.66	433,500.00
Other Donations	11,948.30	13,700.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	33,992.06	27,040.00
Total Operating Income	471,059.02	474,240.00
LESS:		
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries	99,214.43	92,925.00
Benefits	9,840.06	10,400.00
Priest Ministry Fees	45,749.63	46,500.00
Priests' Pension Plan	20,267.96	23,500.00
Administration	47,811.82	45,895.00
Liturgy	44,041.01	44,660.00
RCIC & RCIA	1,059.00	1,100.00
Spiritual Life	1,094.55	1,080.00
Parish Life	5,917.29	3,850.00
Diocesan Assessment	44,589.48	51,500.00
Building & Grounds-Operating	27,277.56	33,130.00
Insurance	73,754.85	69,000.00
Occupancy Expenses	50,217.93	50,700.00
Total Operating Expenses	470,835.57	474,240.00
TOTAL NET OPERATING INCOME	223.45	0.00

Holy Rosary Cathedral
2025 BUDGET
January - December 2024

BUDGET BUILDING FUND RESERVE	Total	
	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
BUILDING FUND REVENUE		
Building Fund Donations	62,428.25	60,750.00
Other Building Fund Donations	34,190.00	6,000.00
Oktoberfest	5,084.10	5,000.00
Interest on Archiepiscopal Fund	23,053.87	23,000.00
Cathedral Preservation Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00
Other Revenues	39,581.73	
Total Building Fund Revenue	174,337.95	104,750.00
LESS:		
BUILDING FUND EXPENSES		
PLANNED PROJECTS		
Security Alarm/LS Security	10,716.60	
Landscaping & Yard Maintenance	23,244.21	
Remove Trees	1,094.95	
Exterior Lamps	16,678.28	
Emergency Lights - Main Floor	4,615.42	
Cameras & Recorder	430.58	
Downspout Modifications	9,748.82	
2025 Planned Projects		44,500.00
Total Planned Projects	66,528.86	44,500.00
UNPLANNED PROJECTS/REPAIRS		
Organ & Piano Repairs & Maintenance	1,948.34	
Basement Heating Problems	5,942.34	
Church Repairs & Maintenance	3,235.37	
Rectory Repairs	1,907.68	
Cathedral Repairs	9,052.26	
Garage/Office Repairs	35.49	
Hall Repairs	4,880.29	
Grounds Repairs	1,793.90	
2025 Unplanned repairs		25,000.00
Total Unplanned Projects/Repairs	28,795.67	25,000.00
Total Building Fund Expenses	95,324.53	69,500.00
TOTAL NET BUILDING INCOME	79,013.42	35,250.00

2024 DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Bishop's Appeal Target \$55,879

Parish Collection	\$28,985.00
Donations direct to Archdiocese	\$41,047.17
HRC Appeal TOTAL Collection	\$70,032.17

Special Collections 2024

Dev & Peace/Share Lent	\$2,088.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land	\$1,795.70
Education of Seminarians	\$837.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$520.00
Needs of the Church in Canada	\$405.00
World Mission Sunday	\$748.15
Papal Charities	\$1,426.45
	\$7,820.30

Archdiocese Capital Campaign **\$2,000.00**

Total Diocesan Collections Remittance **\$38,805.30**

Holy Rosary Cathedral Building and Grounds Committee

Committee Members:

Fr. Dan

Paul Adekogbe

Rob Chapple

Greg Loziak

Jim Nichols

Mark Scott

Raymond Plosker (Chair)

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:

- Emergency lights were replaced throughout the main level
- The building security system was replaced with new upgraded system
- A backflow valve was installed on the main water line feeding the fire hose cabinets
- Pat, Jim and many volunteers completed the landscaping work on the west and south sides of the building following the Phase One renovation work
- All the downspouts (one remaining) were turned away from the building (previously run into the building) due to failing storm water drain piping within the building
- Maintenance was done to the large organ fan blower located at the basement level
- Secure doors were installed between the Lower-Level elevator lobby and the hall, light fixtures replaced in that lobby switched on by motion sensors
- A major clean up of storage areas was completed
- Some major boiler repair work was completed to replace the boiler controls and rebuild one of the four boiler modules that developed a cracked heat exchanger
- The Fire Alarm panel was replaced along with the old-style horns, so all are new within the building
- The camera that feeds the TV monitor in the Sacristy was replaced
- Plans for renovation of one set of confessionals was developed for future consideration to make a reconciliation room accessible on the main level for those who have difficulty with stairs or are in a wheelchair
- Pat has been busy with routine snow clearing, cutting and watering lawns, and general maintenance and repairs. He was also our liaison with the construction team for the Phase One construction work, which is now complete.
- Carla kept up with the additional cleaning from the renovation work, cleaning the main level throughout the year and maintaining supplies in all the bathrooms.

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 2025 – Estimated \$48,500

- Exterior CCTV camera system
- Remaining downspout revisions
- East entrance door operator and exit device replacement
- Choir loft heater in office area
- Clean fins on heating convectors on main level
- Strip and wax floors on main level
- Design for brick repointing and associated metal flashing work at high roof area above transept
- Renovation of one set of confessionals – pending approval by Archdiocese
- Trial repair at foundation window cracks

Ray Plosker
Chair Building and Grounds

Rebuilding Our Church Campaign Holy Rosary Cathedral Renewal

After much hard work by our contractors and consultants, and careful oversight by the Project Steering Committee and Working Group, Phase 1 work came in on budget at \$2.6M.

The new elevator, accessible washrooms on each of the main floor and lower level of the foyer, and the improved elevator entrance area, now welcome those with mobility issues to Masses, liturgies, celebrations and activities at the cathedral. At the same time, the rebuilt south stair no longer threatens the integrity and foundation of the church.

We are immensely grateful to the early donors to this project: Holy Rosary parishioners, archdiocesan staff and clergy, and supporters from across the archdiocese whose generous gifts and pledges allowed us to reach this important milestone.

We now turn our attention to Phase 2 (Towers and North Façade) and Phase 3 (Infrastructure and Lower-Level Renewal). Phase 4 (Building Envelope) will become the focus when those are complete.

As always, we trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this important effort.

John Dipple
Michelle Sanche
Campaign Co-chairs

Holy Rosary Cathedral Liturgy Committee

Good afternoon, everyone!

The Liturgy Committee at Holy Rosary Cathedral includes:

- Joanne Skidmore
- Shannon Chapple
- Bradley Hanowski.

Music is an important part of the liturgy and this year has been led by Acting Director of Music Jessy Stroeder while Evanne Wilhelm completes a Master's Degree in Conducting through the University of Saskatchewan.

2024 was another 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 2024
- Chrism Mass 2024
- Advent, Simbang Gabi and Christmas 2024

We continue our tradition of inviting parishioners of Holy Rosary Cathedral to offer the Prayers of the Faithful in their native languages at Easter Vigil and Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. These languages have included Chinese, Cree, French, Hindi, Igbo-Niger-Congo, Italian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Holy Rosary Cathedral had some special 11:00 AM Masses, including:

- Members of the Knights of Columbus as Lectors, EMHC and Hospitality.

We would like to give particular thanks to the new volunteers who have joined the team of Lectors and Bread Ministers. With the additional participants, we resumed having two Lectors at each Mass.

Thanks very much 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 & Ushers).

We also deeply appreciate the support of Ana Harris and Doreen Wagner in the parish office.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Skidmore and Bradley Hanowski

2024 Report from the Director of Music

2024 wrapped up as another successful year for music at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Evanne Wilhelm worked in her role as Director of Music until the end of July 2024, when she began her sabbatical leave. Since the beginning of August, I have had the privilege of acting as Director of Music in her absence. In June, I completed my last term as Organ Scholar. I am grateful and honoured to have been given the opportunity to learn from Evanne Wilhelm, Tanya Bergen, and Father Dan, and I am eternally grateful for the support of everyone at Holy Rosary during my study and during my transition to Acting Director of Music.

Recruitment continues to be a priority, and our efforts were greatly rewarded this year. Our choir has grown to a steady membership of 30 voices strong, with other guests joining us at celebrations such as Christmas and Easter. We now average between 15 and 20 singers present for each mass, and we have added two cantors to our 9 AM list: Kevin Danful and Chelsey Kress, who also sang in the choir on Christmas Eve.

Our key celebrations this year, as every year, were the Easter Triduum and Christmas Eve Mass. Both were successful, and the choir enjoyed the music selections.

In September, we upgraded our grand piano thanks to a generous donation by an anonymous donor. Our old piano was sold to a young family from Moose Jaw – the family was very excited to welcome the instrument into their home. The new piano works well acoustically, and the choral groups performing in concerts at the cathedral have expressed their appreciation for the new instrument.

At the end of November, Holy Rosary Choir sang in the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival with the Sask Power Singers, a group led by one of our organists, Andrew Polasek. The singers did a fantastic job, and they all expressed their enjoyment of the experience. We are excited at the chance to collaborate again next year.

December 29th marked the beginning of the Jubilee Year, and a special hymn has been composed for the celebration. We introduced into our repertoire the commemorative hymn, *Pilgrims of Hope*, which we will be singing throughout 2025 as part of our celebration with Catholics around the world.

Our organists' rota worked smoothly in 2024, thanks to the dedication and collegiality of the team. The rotation has continued to provide a much-appreciated flexibility for the organists, allowing for time off when needed. They are to be commended for their diligent practising and appreciation of our magnificent McGuigan Organ.

A special thank you to all the participants in our Music Ministry throughout 2024:

Our team of Organists

Barbara Zerr, Andrew Polasek, Bernadette Kutarna

9AM & 11AM Mass Cantors

Joan Pratchler, Angela Montano, Tim LaBelle, Gina Quon, Patrice Krueger, Serena LaPosta, April Polasek, Marguerite Canales, Karen Frandsen, Lester Victor, John Fortowsky, Mary Ann McGrath, Kevin Danful, Chelsey Kress

11AM Mass Choir

Brad Hanowski, Shauntell Craig-Penner, Carolyn McKinnon, Ruth Velasquez, Monika Vuga, Keith Fortowsky, John Fortowsky, Mary Ann McGrath, Lester Victor, Thomas Wright, Bronwyn Angley, Karen Frandsen, Paul Adekogbe, Colin Wrubleski, Gina Quon, Marguerite Canales, Patrice Krueger, Bernadette Kutarna, Harvey Friess, Bronwyn Angley, Alexandra Sutter, Joe Stroeder, Liz Stroeder, Victoria Stroeder, Kate Johnson, Heather Faris, Diana Zhang, Jules Epalley, Lorraine Epalley, Michelle Krueger, Allan East

7PM Mass Groups

Melodies to the Lord
Strings and Voices
The Voice Choir

Please join me in thanking our dedicated musicians, a tremendous blessing in our parish.

Blessings and warm regards,

Jessy Stroeder
Acting Director of Music
HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

HRC Knights of Columbus Council #4704

We have a good base of members in our Council here at Holy Rosary. We do our best to support our parish and our wider community throughout the year. Here are a few activities in which we are involved:

- A. Portering patients at Wascana Rehab Center to the Sunday morning Masses.
- B. Preparing our Pancake Breakfasts.
- C. Manning the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle at the Northgate Mall.
- D. A number of our members are involved with Couples For Christ and the Made for Greatness programs.
- E. Assisting at Masses at our Cathedral.
- F. Fundraising by selling Charity Appeal Tickets, Sask Roughrider Football Pool tickets...With monies being donated back to local charities from the sales of these tickets.
- G. Keeping Christ in Christmas with our display during the season of Advent.

These are just a few of our activities. I would like to thank our parishioners for their support over the past year, and as always, we encourage any gentlemen over the age of 18 to seriously consider joining our Order. Our Council that celebrated its 65-year anniversary in 2024, and we have a very proud history here at Holy Rosary. A very special thank you to Brother Rob Chapple and his family for all their help, especially with our breakfasts. Thank you to our shepherd Father Dan for his guidance, prayers and undying support for all of our activities.

Thank you and God Bless.

Tyler Wolfe
Worthy Financial Secretary
Holy Rosary Council 4704

HRC Catholic Women's League

HRC Catholic Women's League had 15 members in 2024, with only 4-5 active ladies involved with funeral receptions and other church activities. Five volunteers responded to our appeal to the parish at large to assist us at larger church events.

The assistance of volunteers from the Couples for Christ group at the reception following the Ordination of Deacons was greatly appreciated. We prepared the receptions after the funeral Masses for Fr. Gary Lindenbach, Bernice Bast, Jack Stoeber, Anne Schonhoffer, and Robert Faris.

Other receptions for which we catered were those following the Chrism Mass, and Fr. Daniel Malone's Ordination into the priesthood.

We renewed our supply of Christian-themed Christmas cards, for sale during Advent. We also sold Christmas flowers and a Nativity Set.

Our donations to the parish went towards the shortfall of weekly offerings during the summer, as well as towards the annual parish BBQ, the *Octoberfest* event, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and Christmas gifts for Fr. Dan, Fr. Scott Lewis, Deacon Barry Wood, and the parish staff.

Margaret Molloy
CWL

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint Josephine Bakhita Conference

Our small conference continues to offer assistance when requested. As we are such a small group, we have been working closely with the Social Justice Committee whenever we can.

There are few variances in the requests we field. Help offered included:

- Rent assistance
- Registration cost of a first aid course
- Grocery cards
- Accommodation costs re stranded lady plus a Tim's card
- Damage deposit help
- Power bill assistance
- Christmas hamper cards (24 individuals in family units or individuals helped).

As stated numerous times, none of what we do would be possible without the continued monetary kindness of the parishioners of Holy Rosary. Father Danilo remains our steadfast supporter and advisor. Thank you always seems so small when acknowledging the parish's backing. Our thank you is most sincerely offered.

Submitted by:

Carol Schimnosky
Secretary/Treasurer

Holy Rosary Cathedral Social Justice and Development and Peace/Caritas Canada

1. The family Holy Rosary Cathedral is sponsoring is beginning their 6th month of Canadian residence. The boy is in school, the girl is going to appointments for her condition and the parents are doing English classes.
2. The November 2024 tabletop sale to raise funds to purchase food for the Carmichael Outreach Warming Shelter went well. We wished there were more customers for the vendors. However, the weather is not easily predictable. We will do another sale on May 31. We need to find someone with time and social media savvy to help us with online advertising.
3. I request that parish council obtain a sign for advertising special events at our parish. The Sign Guys signs are great, but waaayyyy too expensive for a small fundraiser. A sign similar to what the Knights of Columbus have, but that folds away, would be ideal.
4. Our parish committed to 6 first Mondays of the month to provide lunch for the Warming Shelter. Five of those commitments are now completed, with 1 more in April. New volunteers have been involved.
5. The flash fundraiser for Fr. Dan's home community in the Philippines was successful. A report was included in the January 12 bulletin. Fr. Dan is back now, and we will meet to get updates to report to the parish.
6. There were 4 reflections on social justice included in the bulletins for Advent 2024, written by 3 people. For Lent, reflections on the gospel will be based on the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace/Caritas Canada, leading up to Solidarity Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent.

...In this year of the Jubilee 2025, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, the bishops of Canada... join the global Catholic campaign, "Turn Debt into Hope"...In the name of all the bishops of Canada, I invite you to act alongside Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada."(excerpt from William T. McGrattan, President, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops). More will be coming as we SHARE LENT, leading to

*SOLIDARITY SUNDAY. One important fact about Development and Peace (D&P): D&P works with communities in impoverished countries such as Tunisia, Sudan, Ethiopia, the Philippines, Peru, etc., **rather** than with individuals and does not send missionaries. Communities know what they need. Communities need the resources - financial and otherwise - to do what they need to do to support their entire community. Development and Peace-Caritas Canada provides resources – that are used for the entire community.*

7. Three people involved in social justice attended the 'Global Citizen's Award' night for the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation on Friday February 7. The Share Lent workshop for Development and Peace also had attendance from our parish, as did the Kairos workshop.
8. During the past year over 25 people, mostly parishioners, have been involved in the initiatives mentioned above. We owe much gratitude to them. Catholic Social Justice teachings are challenging. To follow Jesus Christ, the challenge must be accepted.

Thank you to all!

Ecumenism Report

I was welcomed to Council as Ecumenism Representative in October of 2024. Nicholas Jesson, Ecumenism coordinator for the archdiocese, then added me to the archdiocesan ecumenical newsletter mailing list from which announcements of events might be included in the parish bulletin to encourage parishioners to attend.

During Advent 2024, I attended three Zoom interfaith prayer sessions on Tuesday evenings led by a Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran, each session drawing approximately thirty people from Saskatchewan and beyond. Two notices appeared in our Bulletin. No other Holy Rosary parishioners attended.

Jan. 18-25, 2025--the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity--our parish and St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral revived the tradition of attending and doing readings at two (in this case) weekday services, Jan. 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's and Jan. 23rd at 9:00 at Holy Rosary. Notices appeared in our Bulletin for two preceding Sundays inviting all to attend. Our parishioner Carla Plosker read at St. Paul's; Janet Craig and Margaret Nicholls read at Holy Rosary. Several of our parishioners attended the St. Paul's service. Lively coffee sessions followed both services.

I joined a National Zoom service on March 15, 2025, marking the annual World Day of Prayer, a project that brings more than a million Christians speaking ninety languages in 150 countries together to pray, with a different country writing the service each year. An invitation to parishioners to join the service appeared in our Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Hengen

Couples For Christ (CFC)

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

Couples in this ministry continue their journey of faith with prayer assemblies, retreats, teaching, and the Christian Life Program.

CFC and Family Ministry Activities and Events in 2024-2025:

- Once a month Prayer Assembly – this Prayer Assembly is open to all parishioners of Holy Rosary Cathedral, Christ the King and Our Lady of Peace, invited through the announcements before or after the Masses.
- Conducted two sessions of the Christian Life Program (CLP) for the Couples and Handmaids of the Lord; and 1 session for Singles for Christ, held in Holy Rosary Cathedral. All these sessions were open to HRC parishioners.
- Regular CFC Youth Ministry Assemblies were also conducted at Holy Rosary.

CFC members volunteer at Holy Rosary Cathedral in several ways:

- Serving at the 7pm Masses, as greeters, ushers, collectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and as lectors.
- Our CFC children's choir sings at Mass every 5th Sunday.
- Some CFC members served as lectors and bread minister at 11:00 Masses
- CFC ANCOP – "Lent Give IT UP" Fundraising with proceeds shared equally between ANCOP and Holy Rosary Cathedral.
- CFC helped Fr. Dan to complete the landscaping in the south side of the HRC, set up tables and chairs for events in the basement hall.
- Helped Bernadette with her fundraising event in October 2024

Lastly, we thank the HRC Council for generously supporting CFC youth who raised funds through collecting parking fees on HRC lots during Roughrider games.

God Bless and May God be praise!

In Christ,
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Couples For Christ

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