



HOLY ROSARY

Church & Dominican Priory

September 6, 2023

Dear Holy Rosary Friends & Family,

Our parish has experienced a time of great transition since I joined Holy Rosary. Many fruitful joys aiding in the salvation of souls have come during this transition including:

- 50 new registered families (bringing us to 598 registered families total)
- 13 First Communions, 14 baptisms, 12 confirmations, 4 weddings
- 13 memorials / funerals and 12 emergency calls
- 6 RCIA participants who received sacraments at Easter
- Renewing the parish pastoral and finance councils and convened a Property Steering Committee.

However, we also know that they are often called “growing pains” and not “growing pleasures” for a reason.

In 2022-23 we saw a tremendous turnover in our lay staff, the clergy, and the parishioners that both visit and call Holy Rosary home. Mindful of how vital our parish life is to you, we have striven through these transitions to continue to offer:

- 14 hours of confessions each week
- 3 daily and 6 weekend masses
- Liturgies in 3 different rites (Dominican, Novus Ordo, Ordinariate)
- Weekly communion visits to local hospitals and the homebound.

Such a dynamic community necessitates active financial participation and responsible stewardship. In recognition of your generosity in 2022-23, we seek now to provide you with transparency on the fiscal realities facing our parish.

Below you will find a summary of income and expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. As you review these figures, I want to particularly highlight some key areas:

Rental Income

We are fortunate at Holy Rosary to receive a portion of the rental income generated from the properties that we currently lease. These properties like Shilo Inn and Starbucks as well as additional vacant properties are now being stewarded by the Property Steering Committee. We will share more about the work of this committee throughout the autumn.

In 2022-2023, we also received a one-time settlement payment from Willamette Dental when they broke their lease earlier than expected. While this created a positive effect in 2022-23, it means a loss of income in future years when we expected their continuing lease payments.

Ministry Expenses

As mentioned above, Holy Rosary is blessed to have a vibrant parish life which is reflected in our Ministry Expenses. This category includes everything from our hosts and communion wine to community events to the catechesis of both adults and children... all those things which make for a rich and fulfilling parish life. In many ways, these are the things that make Holy Rosary, Holy Rosary. We look forward to sharing more about these with you at our Ministry Fair on September 24th.

HVAC

As we continue to experience the ever-increasing summer heatwaves and anticipate the coming winter, we have heard from so many of you what a gift it has been to have a comfortable environment in which to worship.

Our initial goal was for direct contributions to cover 10% of the cost of the new HVAC. Please accept the heartfelt thanks of not just your clergy (who are especially thankful for AC in our vestments this summer) but also the thanks of your fellow parishioners as your enthusiastic generosity allowed us to far exceed that goal, contributing to **25% of the HVAC related expenses**. Through careful stewardship of prior year's rental income, the remaining balance of the HVAC was paid from parish savings. As we've watched interest rates climb and anticipate other economic changes, we felt it was important to finance the HVAC in this way rather than through a dedicated Capital Campaign or debt financing.

Offertory

In sharing the financials this year, we have intentionally separated the HVAC expenses to provide a picture of what a "normal" operating year looks like. As you can see, we operated at a deficit in 2022-2023 and expect similar for the coming year. As we look to the future of our parish, we realize that this must be addressed through a combination of cost savings and increased giving.

As the stewards of your financial gifts to Holy Rosary, the staff and I have put extensive effort into minimizing expenses while still prioritizing the ministries that are the lifeblood of our community's identity. As a small representation of these changes:

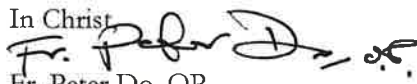
- You will notice lighter fare at events like Drinks with Dominicans.
- Certain community events may no longer be offered gratis.
- Prioritized projects and delaying capital spending when possible.
- We are evaluating all our service providers and actively researching lower cost options that provide greater or comparable value. One noticeable example of this to parishioners will be our switch from Parishsoft to Flocknote for our recordkeeping, communication, and online donation platform.

Speaking of Flocknote, it will be of critical importance that those 35% of parishioners who give to Holy Rosary online will need to sign up for online giving in the new Flocknote platform once it is live. More details will follow this autumn as we move over to Flocknote, but we appreciate your proactive readiness when the time comes to ensure there is no gap or delay of offertory income for our parish community.

Even as we look to these opportunities for cost savings, we see in the 2023-2024 year a budget shortfall of \$112,000. This projected shortfall, combined with the deficit from this past year, results in our savings and assets being stretched in an unsustainable way.

While we have been able to cover some strains so far, we are turning to you for your continued support through the weekly offertory and where possible a consideration of increased giving. For some that may be a one-time gift, for others a weekly or monthly increase, for others it may be offering a donation for your doughnut after Mass on Sunday. We can all find ways to continue to support our parish and make it stronger in the present and for the future.

Thank you again for your generosity and for worshipping with us here at Holy Rosary. May God bless your good works, cheerful giving, and our community.

In Christ

 Fr. Peter Do, OP

Summary of Revenue & Expenses for 2022-2023

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Contributed Rental Income	\$254,904.23	Security	\$13,364.70
Investment Income	\$50,241.78	Administrative & Office	\$87,633.29
Offertory	\$595,580.22	Facilities & Maintenance	\$313,248.38
Other Gifts	\$102,832.55	Ministry Expenses	\$105,425.22
		Office, Grounds, Clergy, and Music Staff (Salary, Tax, & Benefits)	\$726,500.11
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,003,558.78	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,246,171.70
TOTAL INCOME/DEFICIT -\$242,612.92			

HVAC Specific Revenue & Expenses

HVAC Cost	\$444,567.75
HVAC Donations	\$122,208.80
NET HVAC (amount paid from savings)	\$322,358.95