Report by the Diocesan Finance Office for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 2009

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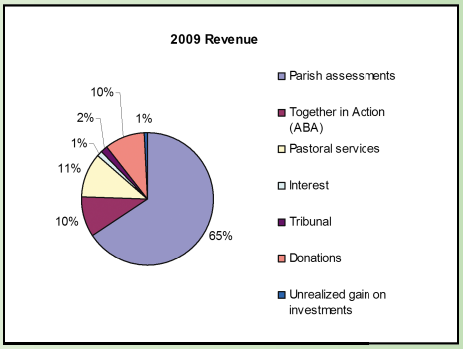
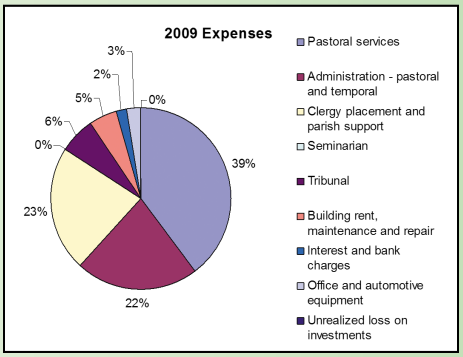
DIOCESAN OPERATIONS

The common mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada is carried out by individual churches under the guidance of the Bishop in each diocese. The following provides an accounting of the funds received to meet the operating requirements of the Calgary Catholic Diocese. ***We thank you for your kind and generous gifts!***

Revenue:	**2009**	**2008**
Parish assessments	$ 2,743,403	$ 2,864,003
Together in Action (formerly ABA)	404,827	408,129
Pastoral services	453,873	391,422
Interest from all sources	49,818	472,685
Tribunal	67,771	56,645
Donations	406,347	254,268
	4,126,039	4,447,152
Expenses:		
Pastoral services	1,726,757	1,597,243
Administration – pastoral and temporal	947,852	943,226
Clergy placement and parish support	979,714	1,046,211
Seminarian Fund	0	150,000
Tribunal	280,748	271,955
Building rent, maintenance and repair	210,121	210,121
Interest and bank charges	86,179	55,448
Office and automotive equipment	109,166	23,215
	4,340,537	4,297,419
Operating surplus (loss) before Other	$ (214,498)	$ 149,733
Other:		
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	37,199	(127,050)
Net Operating Surplus (Loss)	$(177,299)	$ 22,683





For the first time in many years we incurred an operating shortfall. The major contributing factor was the noticeable decrease in interest revenue reflective of the prevailing low interest rate set by the Bank of Canada in response to the economic climate. This shortfall is not a structural deficit.

REVENUE

Parish Assessments, Together in Action (ABA) and Pastoral Services

Most of our funding for operations comes from an assessed levy to the parishes, fees charged for workshops, and the Together in Action campaign. Every effort is made to keep the assessment rate as low as possible, while meeting the increased needs of the Catholic community.

EXPENSES

Pastoral Services • $1,726,757

The Family Life office educates and ministers in the areas of marriage, abortion and other Christian life issues. The offices of Liturgy, Social Justice, Missions, Ecumenism, Resource Library and Youth Ministry serve as resources to our parishes and Catholic Institutions. The Health Care Apostolate provides training and spiritual support services in pastoral, palliative and Alzheimer's care. The Religious Education Secretariat ensures the effective implementation of the Religious Education programs in Catholic schools and parishes.

Administration – Pastoral and Temporal • $947,852

The offices of the Bishop, Curia and Finance provide leadership and service to the parishes of the diocese in the areas of administration, diocesan records, sacramental life, and others. In addition to managing diocesan affairs, the Finance office assists parishes in financial, legal, business, HR, building construction and maintenance, and other property matters.

Clergy Placement and Parish Support • $979,714

These costs include bringing new priests to the diocese, clergy pension contributions and responding to parish and national church needs.

Tribunal: Receipts • $67,771 Disbursements • $280,748

The Tribunal office's staff of specially trained and experienced people offers assistance, at the request of failed marriage individuals, to determine whether there are reasonable grounds in Canon Law for an official declaration of nullity. Approximately 20% of the cost is recovered from those able to make a contribution.

Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments • $37,199

In following the GAAP practice of presenting investments at fair value the Diocese recognizes unrealized gain/losses on investments in its current year's operation.

OTHER PROGRAMS FUNDED BY YOUR DONATIONS

Donations to other registered charities • $919,220

The Canadian Organization for Development and Peace received generous donations of approximately $230,000 to respond to floods, earthquake, and hurricane disasters as well as to help international communities find viable, long-term solutions to ongoing poverty and injustice. Development and Peace is the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, the network of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working in 200 countries and territories.

In addition to the annual contribution to St. Mary's University College, our Catholic Education Sunday collection raised $129,220 to support Catholic education.

Approximately $396,000 were received in collections for Catholic Missions, Holy Childhood, Holy Land and the Pope's Pastoral Works, enabling these organizations to spread the Word of God, help young children in need, support the pastoral works in the Holy Land, and enable the Pope to respond with emergency assistance to those who suffer.

Contributions were also given to other charities who serve the terminally ill, elderly and homebound, the abused, the refugee and the hungry, the discriminated and the exploited, the addicted and the homeless, the unborn and unwanted, and the lonely and bereaved.

Diocesan charitable programs • $935,000

Your donations allowed Catholic Charities to run the following charitable programs: Elizabeth House provides a safe and caring residence for single, pregnant, and parenting teens. Feed the Hungry provides nutritious food to those in need through Sunday dinners, food hampers and Community Kitchens. Our Diocesan Mission Council supports the First Nations and also work with agents in developing countries to help alleviate poverty and address social concerns.

Seminary and education of priests • $332,800

Donations are used to help seminarians with their schooling, to provide continuing education and sabbaticals to our priests, and to operate our Vocations office. We currently have 13 seminarians and there are several others who are discerning whether they will enter the seminary this September. Donations received in 2009 of $165,000 helped to partially offset these costs. A special collection is held the 4th Sunday in Easter so that we can continue to support our seminarians.

Clergy Pension Plan • $221,580

The government requires that pension assets in a Defined Benefit Plan be sufficient to cover future pension liabilities. Each priest and his parish make monthly contributions to the Clergy Pension Plan. In addition, the Diocese makes a yearly supplementary payment of $40,000. In 2009, the Diocese made a further contribution of $221,580 (2008 $285,680) towards the "Solvency Deficiency" of the Plan.

Clergy Retirement Residences • $89,830

The diocese also contributed approximately $89,830 to support retirement residences for the clergy. ❑