ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

2009

PASTORAL & FINANCIAL REPORT

For We are God’s fellow workers.
1 Corinthians 3:9
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To be Church or To Go to Church

Every year, a Pastoral and Financial Report is provided to each parishioner family of St. Bonaventure Church community. It is prepared because total transparency is important and because Catholics need to have a sophisticated awareness of what it takes to administer a modern, Catholic parish.

A pastoral report each year also encourages all parishioners to consider the purposes of a spiritual community of faith and how they belong or participate in it. In addition to the spiritual and pastoral work of a Catholic parish, there is also the important administrative and financial work of the parish. Each compliment and sustain one or the other.

We are a long way from the small, rural parish beginnings of St. Bonaventure parish 53 years ago! Ministerial and financial professionalism is employed in each Catholic parish which requires personnel and business systems with the specific goal of accountability for all resources that are given. There is also the need for professionalism in the conduct of the pastoral work. That is why the parish employs trained and dedicated pastoral ministers to create, promote and manage the various parts and needs of pastoral life.

The Catholic parish is an institution that offers a broad array of pastoral services, from weekend worship to sacramental celebrations of life’s many passages, to spiritual formation and education, to personal spiritual growth opportunities, social outreach activities and care for the poor, locally and beyond, to all kinds of administrative property and financial services that sustain the work of the church that is the work of God.

The Catholic parish life is a much localized reality. Each parish has its own personality and character. Each parish touches people differently. Catholic parish life depends upon those who are members, actively involved in living their covenantal relationship with God. The quality and spirit of a Catholic parish rises out of how engaged a Catholic is in the progress of spiritual life, in how connected a Catholic is with their fellow Catholics and how engaged a Catholic is in the progress of spiritual life, in how connected a Catholic is with their fellow Catholics and how engaged a Catholic is in ministering to others, either inside or outside a particular parish community of faith.

The particular focus of this year’s annual report tries to convey a flavor of how engaged different parishioners are in various sectors of ministry. The life and work of God in a parish community is never completed or perfect. The life and work of God in an individual Catholic’s life is never completed or perfect. While there is a wide continuum of Catholic Christians who are not actively engaged in the life of the parish to those who are very engaged, it is the special work of the local parish to invite, to encourage, to promote a transparent faith and a living Christian faith among Catholics.

Our real goal is not to get people to come to church, but to inform people in how to be church. How to be church is something altogether different — to be in love with God, to be in love with life, to be happy and to be fulfilled, to know hope in the ups and downs of life, to be content, to be less materialistic and more altruistic. There are very practical and beneficial results in being church.

May this year’s annual report not only give you information and education, but may it also help you to measure your own sense of belonging and engagement. Remember, it is more important “to be church” than “to go to church.” However, there is a good chance that you will discover what it means “to be church,” when you do “go to church.”

As you will see in reading this report, there are many parishioners who are an important part of ministry here at St. Bonaventure’s, all together, witnessing and delivering God’s presence and love. We are a better parish community of faith because of you.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Richard A. Mangini, Pastor
Stewardship: It’s All About Sharing

What does it mean to “be church”? Each week we come together bringing with us our burdens and cares, our hopes and dreams, our strengths and gifts. Together we give thanks for our blessings and offer prayer for our needs. Joined together at the Table of the Lord, we share the one body and one blood. And then we go out as “church” and share what we have received with the world.

As disciples in community… we are committed to sharing the gift of “church”. Working together may we get “to know Christ better and make him better known.” God forms a covenant with us; and we with God. God equips us with gifts and talents, and then invites us to use them for the good of all. Stewardship (being church) is the recognition of these gifts and acknowledges that all that I am and all that I have is from God. It is the conscious decision to make a return in thanks. Together as partners we each contribute.

Our Stewardship Covenant
As the parish community of St. Bonaventure, we are committed to use our gifts and strength in four ways:

**Worship**—to deepen our relationship with Christ and his Church, through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments.

**Connect**—to deepen our relationship with our parish family by getting to know each other better.

**Spiritual Development**—to deepen our spiritual life, our faith and knowledge of Christ through learning and spiritual growth opportunities.

**Serve**—to deepen the image of Jesus in us by imitating him who came “not to be served but to serve.” To practice “acts of love…”

The Parish Staff’s and Ministry Leaders’ Offering

Worshiping as brothers and sisters we…

- Offer liturgies that invite and speak to a wide audience.
- Provide weekly opportunities for personal reconciliation and two annual communal reconciliation services;
- Celebrate the Sacraments both within and outside of Mass;
- Make Holy Week the center of our whole year;
- Offer a variety of enriching communal prayer opportunities and materials

Seeking Connection we…

- Develop occasions for relationship building within our parish community;
- Continue to communicate parish activities and opportunities;
- Provide opportunities of welcome to those who are new to the parish community.

Growing in Spiritual Development we…

- Create Faith Formation offerings for children, teens and adults using varied styles and mediums.
- Provide sources and materials to aid in spiritual development;
- Offer enriching Lenten retreats;
- Support the development of Small Christian Communities;
- Continue to invite identification, understanding and development of our unique gifts and talents.

Serving Together we…

- Assist in developing a variety of opportunities to serve in the various ministries of St. Bonaventure;
- Promote invitations to volunteer from groups that aid the larger community beyond the parish;
- Identify organizations in need as Parish Sponsored Financial Outreach opportunities.
Disciples in Community’s Offering

Each one of us is incredibly gifted. God equips everyone with gifts and strengths, then invites us to use them for the good of all. As a member of St. Bonaventure your gifts and contributions are invaluable to our full realization of church.

Worshiping as brothers and sisters you are invited to…

- Attend weekly Sunday and Holy Day Mass;
- Go to Reconciliation at least once a year;
- Be a person of prayer by spending at least 10 minutes a day in private prayer and/or reading Scripture;
- Develop an appreciation of Holy Week;
- Contribute your treasure to sustaining our pastoral life;

Seeking Connection you are invited to…

- Participate in events that offer relationship building within our parish;
- Participate in the monthly after Mass Hospitality;
- Attend at least one parish social function this year;
- Annually reflect on and pledging your financial commitment for the works of the parish.

Growing in Spiritual Development you are invited to…

- Enroll your children (or grandchildren/godchildren) in Faith Formation classes and be engaged in the process;
- Seek opportunities for family faith development;
- Spend time reading and reflecting on scripture or other spiritual enrichment books;
- Participate in at least one spiritual development opportunity at the parish;
- Engage in the parish Lenten mission.

Serving Together you are invited to…

- Share your talents through regularly volunteering;
- Join a parish ministry;
- Contribute a portion of your treasure to those in need;
- Identify and respond to opportunities to reach out to the extended community.
Father Richard wrote in his introduction letter that “Each parish has its own personality and character.” A major contribution to this uniqueness is the blend and use of the gifts God has blessed each parishioner with.

Our 2009 Lenten retreat focused on identifying these gifts and looking at where we are called to strengthen them. Over 200 parishioners engaged in this exploration; first by taking the Gallup Strength Finders Assessment and then joining in a series of discussions lead by Fr. Richard. Many parishioners continue to join this exploration starting with the assessment (the books continue to be available at the Parish front office) and meeting with others in small groups or trained Strength Coaches.

We are each gifted with talents. Remember the words of St. Paul: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” The combination of our talents, our own experiences and the varied levels of skill and knowledge make each of us unique. As you will read in the proceeding reflections sharing those gifts with the parish ministries is a priceless gift. We invite you to share your gifts with one of our many ministries. If you are ready to join, contact the Ministry Leader or call the parish office. If you are seeking your path, contact a Parish Coach who can join you in your exploration. They can be reached through the parish office.
New Catholic Adults
by Sister Anne Burgard, SNJM, Adult Initiation Director

Two years ago I first encountered the Gallup Strengthsfinder instrument and began to learn of the positive and joyful possibilities for individuals to grow and to be happy in service and ministry. I also began to see application of this process of realization and lived delight for different aspects of formation in parish, for adults integrating into Church and Christian life, as well as for religious and priestly formation programs.

I have since taken the course to become a Living Your Strengths coach. Most of my RCIA team, as well as sponsors, have taken the instrument and reflected on their use of innate gifts (as well as absent gifts!) both personally and for the sake of others. I have used the Strengthsfinder instrument with the newly initiated adults (neophytes) in the time (Mystagogy) immediately after their sacraments of initiation as a springboard to their discovery of their ministerial future both within and outside our community. What an incredible privilege it is to share in their discovery, validation, and creative exploration of the future development of their Catholic Christian life! What miracles God is accomplishing through people aware of their potential!

Small Church Communities (SCC)
by Becky Doherty Gierak, SCC Coordinator

The year 2009 was a transition year for the Small Church Communities in direction and leadership. For the previous three years, SCCs concentrated some time on the Disciples in Mission program and so we welcomed a new series of thought and tools with the Clifton StrengthFinders “Living Your Strengths”.

Of the existing 20 SCC groups – with 10 members as average number per group – at least 18 groups had some or all of the members participate in the three talks given by Fr. Mangini in the Spring as well as the one meeting held in June, “Ministry Discernment Tools”. One group formed specifically to explore their strengths using the materials developed for a seven-session program. I was uplifted by the responses from those members. In their words, they were enjoying “becoming more familiar with our strengths and clarifying God’s call(s).” They were pleasantly surprised how their gifts could be used to answer God’s calling in various ways. It was a fun journey from late spring through early autumn – one that we hope will continue in the coming months!

Strictly by the Numbers

Students in CYO Basketball: 400
Adults in CYO Basketball: 80
Families served (average) by Food Pantry Program: 50 to 60
Families served in annual Thanksgiving Food Program: 200
Attendees in Women’s Christian Fellowship Retreat: 76
Attendees in Men’s Spiritual Network Retreat: 58
The Work of the People  
_by TreEssa Palmeri, Liturgy Coordinator_

The definition of the word “liturgy” is the work of the people. Here at St. Bonaventure we are blessed with over 425 people who have acknowledged the strengths and talents they have been gifted with by God and are using them to serve the community in our liturgies. Their reasons for joining a particular ministry vary. Maybe they participated in a Living Your Strengths session and discovered that one or more of their talents were a good fit. Or maybe they were just drawn to a ministry. Either way, they have answered the call to be good stewards.

They are Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Funeral Coordinators, Ministers of Hospitality, Sound Ministers and Lay Presiders. There are those who work behind the scenes: the Arts and Environment group and the people who launder the linens. Whether we see them serving at a liturgy, or only benefit from the work they have done that we do not witness, each person’s sharing of time and talent allows us to worship God in a fitting manner.

We are grateful for the countless hours that are given and encourage others to discover their talents and share them with our faith community.

Our Volunteers Bring Christ to our Community  
_by Gladys de Guzman, Administrator_

People have different ways of making a difference in the world. Here at St. Bonaventure, I see it in the works of all our volunteers. Our volunteers have brought so much of Christ to other people’s lives. I have never imagined myself working in an environment where people are so generous with their gifts of time, talent and treasure. I cannot imagine how our parish community could accomplish our mission without the help of our volunteers. Being part of any ministry is a commitment in itself. I have seen many instances when volunteers have gone out of their way just to help those who are in need. Christ has given us many gifts to share with people around us. Everything we have comes from God, Who has been very generous and loving to us.

The tireless efforts of our 13 office volunteers continue to bring life to our community. This makes Christ’s presence ALIVE. They have made me see the beauty of working together for the common good. We always have to remember that whatever gifts we bring to our community is living proof of our love for others. Lastly, let us not forget Jesus’ words “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” — Matthew 25:35-40
Sharing our Faith with our Children
by Rosann Halick, Director of Youth Faith Formation, Coordinator-Infant and Children’s Baptism

We began the faith formation year with the theme “Let your light shine for Jesus”. It is the light of Jesus that lives within us. This light is magnified by our love, our actions and our words.

The Light of Jesus lives within the many volunteers who dedicate their time each week to share their faith with the children in our faith formation program. We are so blessed to have nearly 400 children, ranging from age 4 through the 5th grade, coming to religious education classes each week. They come to hear stories of Jesus’ life, to prepare for Sacraments and to carry the joy of Jesus to others.

It is the 80 wonderful adult volunteers and 20 student volunteers who come to their classes prepared to share God’s Holy Word in many ways: through Scripture readings, class discussions, role playing, games to reinforce what is learned, movies, and crafts. These volunteers are multi-talented, but the greatest gift is that they share the love of Jesus that is in their hearts.

Bible Camp
SonRock Bible Camp 2009 was the highlight of our summer. There were 73 adult volunteers who served in every aspect of camp — utilizing their creativity, organization and deep love of God. A fun week was had by all as we shared stories of Jesus’ life and carried His message to others. In addition, there were over 200 teen volunteers who blessed us with their energy, their outreach and their ability to be a great buddy to the children campers.

Baptism
The Sacrament of Baptism is the first sacrament of our faith lives. We are so blessed to have a group of dedicated volunteers who use their creative talents of sewing to create Baptismal scapulars for the children who are baptized in our parish. These scapulars are given to the newly baptized to reflect the cloak of Christ that we now wear through the blessing of Baptism. Our blessings are many and we are most thankful to the volunteers who support the religious education and sacramental preparation of the children of our parish.

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Music Ministry of St. Bonaventure
by Jenny Matteucci and Daniel Lockert

The Music Ministry of St. Bonaventure is made up of about 130 talented musicians and volunteers. These dedicated souls, young and old, help create the beautiful liturgies of our church. From singer, to clarinetist, music librarian or sound minister, each person plays an important part in helping the St. Bonaventure family worship. As Directors of Music for our parish, we get to see how the efforts of these people help deepen our faith through their gifts. It is exciting to see the talents of so many used in a way that praises God and directly impacts so many. These many people that make up our ministry are among some of our hardest working volunteers. The ministers dedicate themselves to weekly rehearsals as well as being at the liturgies every weekend where their talents are needed. The many different flavors of our liturgies are made up of these devoted musicians. The diverse musicians that make up the liturgies of St. Bonaventure include: Traditional, Contemporary, Teen, Hispanic or Children's choirs, or sometimes just a few people to enhance our liturgies. The Music Ministry is always open to those with the desire to help our parish family pray.

Gifts Ministering Together for the Life of the Church!
by Sister Anne Burgard, SNJM, Adult Initiation Director

One of the invaluable consequences of my coordination of Adult Initiation processes (RCIA) is the continual revelation of the giftedness and strengths of the team members as well as the inquirers, catechumens and candidates. Throughout the continual faith journey, through words and actions, God's gifts of innate strengths rise to the surface for each individual's growth and for the building up of community within and outside parish boundaries.

The RCIA team members have spent much time over a series of years absorbing and living the dynamic of the initiation process, and through their facilitation of sessions and their obvious living of the Catholic Christian life and faith, those becoming Catholic are gifted with formation grounded in the lived Catholic reality of their catechists. The strengths and gifts of the catechists encounter the developing strengths of those whom they serve, and God is glorified and delighted by the strengthening of all for the sake of God's kingdom.

Another set of volunteers is the pool of sponsors who each individually accompany a catechumen/candidate in a year of apprenticeship – their free sharing of their life, experience and strengths are valuable beyond measure. We currently have 8 catechists, 14 sponsors ministering with 13 catechumens/candidates and 5 inquirers. We Are so blessed!

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Strictly by the Numbers
Marriages: 33
Funerals: 84
Elementary students enrolled in Religious Education Program: 385
Enrolled in Youth Ministry Programs: 110
Summer Bible Camp Registrants: 335
Summer Bible Camp Counselors: 192
Building a Faith Community of Teens

By Doug Talmadge, Confirmation, Youth and Middle School Ministry Coordinator

“I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, He can work through anyone” — St. Francis of Assisi

I arrived in September with an open heart, open mind and a desire to serve our Lord. What I received has been beyond my expectations, but that’s why God is God. I continue to be humbled by God’s grace through His people here at St. Bonaventure. His generosity, love, support and faith are truly in abundance here in this place. We have well over 100 teens in our High School programs and over 80 in our Middle school program. I know first hand that I could not and would not even consider ministering to these youth on my own and without the input and support of the parents, volunteers and staff who truly make this program a living work of our Lord.

Our ministry is comprised of parent and adult volunteers, supported by our awesome staff, who serve our ministry in a variety of ways, from providing meals for our youth, organizing service projects, and fundraising, administrative support, and their time facilitating small groups and retreats. These examples are just some of the things we see. Week after week, many of our volunteers are meeting after work to plan and organize these sessions and events that our youth get to experience.

Our ministry is one of relationships. Through relational ministry we provide an opportunity for learning our faith that is tangible to today’s youth. As we commune with each other week after week, retreat after retreat, service project after service project, we begin to realize that we as a community have an obligation to get to know each other so we may one day come to understand each other and serve each other or alongside each other. It is by “doing” together that we can truly know the gifts and talents each one of us have and using that knowledge to help support our common goal, leading teens closer to Christ while building the Kingdom of God, here and now.

It is clear that God can build something from nothing; all He needs is for us to say “YES”. I continue to feel blessed as I watch God use willing participants. They include more than 20 adults who make up our Core and 15 young people who comprise our Jr. Core Team, parent volunteers and staff, all saying “YES” to His call. Faith in youth ministry a lot of times is just saying “Yes”, and then showing up. We may not always know what we are saying yes to, but we trust “who” we are saying it to.

Please pray for our ministry to continue to build disciples for Christ and may God bless all of you abundantly, your families, friends and our whole community, with His everlasting grace, joy, peace and most of all His love.
The economy continues to challenge many. We as a faith family are not untouched. Fellow parishioners and family members are losing jobs, facing salary reductions, and experiencing home foreclosures. In the face of these challenges, we continue to express our gratitude for what God has given us. One way that this is being reflected is through continued financial donations, investments in our parish facilities and ministries.

Yes, giving has declined but we remain blessed with generosity and commitment to our faith family. This was recently evident in the response to Fr. Richard’s plea on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Facing a substantial deficit, he asked for additional giving from those who could help. The response was overwhelming. Over $13,000 was given specifically designated toward the deficit. And, we received $25,000 over the amount of last year’s Christmas donations. We cannot miss the love and commitment to each other as parish that is reflected in our experience of such responses.

Thanks to the regular and continued financial giving throughout the year combined with the generosity at the end of the year and staff expense reductions, we end the year with a deficit of $24,850. To put this in some perspective, we ended 2008 with a deficit of $77,000 and we had budgeted for an expected 2009 deficit of $45,000. Considering these realities, we can praise and give thanksgiving for all of our efforts and sharing.
To understand the components of 2009’s deficit, we will start with a review of the year’s income. Our weekly budget for Sunday gifts was reduced in 2009 to $22,607. One of our challenges has been that the average weekly collection has been under budget, running a weekly average of $21,418.

We also saw diminished giving towards specific needs. This includes: our parish contribution to the cover the cost of the Catholic Voice, our Facilities General Maintenance, and our Children and Youth Ministries.

Expecting the reduction in Sunday gifts in 2009, we had budgeted for a reduction in expenses that exceed $70,000 compared to the previous year. However, a continued decline in giving prompted the staff and ministries to identify additional cuts. Some of these include using the internet and phone calling for communication. This specific example reduced our expenses an estimated $7,000. Combining these types of cuts with reductions in insurance, utilities and water costs, our expenses totaled 5% less than we initially budgeted—an important contribution to our reduced deficit.

One of the important benefits of the generosity expressed at the end of the year is the increased end of year cash balance. It is not expected that the economy will make a rapid recovery in 2010. We anticipate our 2010 budget’s expenses will exceed income. Starting the year with a healthy bank balance reduces our need to tap our savings account. This provides increased reserves for future use and the benefit of the interest income that we earn on our savings. We end 2009 with a slightly higher cash balance than in 2008.

Operating Cash Account Balance
December 31, 2009 $ 99,244
December 31, 2008 91,041

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| **OPERATING EXPENSE**     |
| Administration            | 445,475    | 460,795    |
| Maintenance               | 209,139    | 214,216    |
| Property Insurance & Taxes| 39,545     | 46,961     |
| Rectory & Priests          | 119,158    | 130,096    |
| Liturgy & Music            | 173,982    | 184,855    |
| Children’s Faith Formation | 141,161    | 148,115    |
| Youth Faith Formation      | 57,077     | 60,871     |
| Adult Faith & Family Life  | 80,166     | 94,554     |
| Other Ministries           | 11,284     | 18,357     |
| Sacraments                 | 15,289     | 19,497     |
| Social Outreach Ministry   | 30,911     | 27,500     |
| Diocesan Assessment        | 178,513    | 178,895    |
| **TOTAL OP. EXPENSES**     | $1,501,700 | $1,584,712 |

| **DEFICIT**                |
|                          | -$24,850   | -$45,662   |
Our Generosity to Others: $199,729

We continue to share our treasure with others. Occasionally parishioners do comment on the number of Second Collections. Our Second Collections primarily come from three sources. The first group totals fifteen of our second collections. These are directed and scheduled by either the Oakland Diocese or the U.S. Catholic Bishops. They are not optional. The second and third groups are special or second collections that are requested by ministries and are approved by our pastoral leadership.

DIOCESAN DIRECTED COLLECTIONS

These collections are directed and scheduled by the Diocese or the U.S. Catholic Bishops

- Seminary .......................................................... $3,769
- Cathedral of Light Collection ................................ 1,830
- Catholic Relief Services: Bishop’s Overseas Appeal .... 4,127
- Eastern Europe .................................................. 2,989
- Holy Land .......................................................... 3,411
- Catholic Home Mission Appeal .............................. 2,086
- Catholic Charities (includes pledges) ...................... 6,264
- Catholic Communications and Social Concerns .......... 1,960
- Catholic University/Latin America ......................... 611
- Little Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus(Mission-Co-Op) ........................................ 9,557
- Holy Father – Peter’s Pence ................................... 964
- World Mission ..................................................... 2,844
- Campaign for Human Development ........................ 3,499
- Religious Retirement .......................................... 5,011
- Bishop’s Appeal .................................................. 43,583*

TOTAL DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS $92,505

SPECIAL GIVING

These funds are collections or fundraisers prompted by our parish ministries

- Bay Area Crisis Nursery (Sacramental Prep) ............ 918
- Diablo Valley Literacy Council ................................ 583
- Birthright ........................................................... 81
- Catholic Relief Services: Disaster Emergencies ........ 5,442
- Gabriel Project ..................................................... 75
- Souper Bowl Sunday (Parish Food Pantry) .............. 1,912
- St. Agnes Youth: Mexico Work Camp .................... 2,102
- St. Vincent De Paul ............................................ 18,979
- Winter Nights Shelter ......................................... 2,251

TOTAL SPECIAL GIVING $32,343

ST. BONAVENTURE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

With the input of our Pastor, our Parish Council recommends four to five specific projects as our approved Outreach Focuses each year. These are the gifts shared with those groups.

- BOSCO: Bangalore, India’s Street Children ................ $62,018
- Garden Park Housing Project, Pleasant Hill ............ 1,340
- El Salvador: Soyapango ....................................... 6,316
- El Salvador: Soyapango School Tuition ................... 867
- St. Cornelius School ........................................... 1,340

TOTAL OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES $74,881

* Bishop’s Appeal Goal: 61,087.
FORWARD IN FAITH: COMPLETING OUR JOURNEY

PLEDGES AND GIFTS
We have successfully raised $2.9 million in pledges from over 520 parish families. This year we have received over one-million dollars in pledge payments and memorial gifts. We end the year with a bank balance of $1,010,000.

EXPENDITURES
The majority of the engineering and design work was completed and paid; and the outlay to date for those expenses and City and County fees is just over $500,000.

PROGRESS
The Children’s Faith Formation classes continue to operate in every available nook and cranny of the parish. Most often the acoustics and set-up are not effective learning environments. The prevailing use of our facilities for children’s faith formation continues to enable many of our other ministries use of the parish facilities. Several of our ministries are meeting off-site at other churches and homes.

Wanting to begin construction before all the pledges are realized, which will be in approximately three years, we submitted a request to the Dioceses for a building loan equal to the amount of anticipated open pledges at the start time of construction. This amount is estimated to be $1,600,000.

The Diocesan Board of Consultors considered our request at their December meeting. On Christmas week, we received Diocesan approval for our loan request.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
The approval of the Diocesan loan in combination with continued receipt of pledged gifts allows us to begin construction. Though we continue to have a couple of bureaucratic hoops to maneuver through, we are scheduled to begin in March 2010. The parish Building Committee solicited and reviewed proposals from three Building Manufacturers and four General Contractors. The Parish Building Planning Committee has selected the General Contractor and Modular Building Manufacturer.

THE PLAN
Initial work will begin with the two new parking sites: a full lot north of the Parish Large Hall and a small expansion that will extend slightly into the field south of the Church. Construction will proceed to the underground work which includes an eight-inch water line that will run through our property (as mandated by the Contra Costa Water District). This work will include the installation of the storm, sewer and electrical lines as well as the new parking lot lighting.

We will then proceed to the grading, paving and foundations and installation of the two classroom buildings and restroom structure. Work completion is anticipated to be in the Fall of 2010.

THE PROJECT
The planned expansion will be south of the parish hall where our previous classrooms had been located. The project includes construction of two classroom buildings (totaling 11,828 sf) and one separate restroom structure (474 sf).

Each single-story classroom building is approximately 5,914 sf and placed across from each other on a new rectangular courtyard. The proposed restroom structure is to be built on the west side of the courtyard. The buildings and bathroom structure is pre-fabricated off-site, assembled, placed on foundations and connected to utilities on site. The new buildings are fully ADA-compliant.

Other project features required by the City of Concord are: new landscaping, additional parking, and new parking islands with a bioswale system, new lighting and landscaping.
Unfortunately, our current situation does not provide any allocation for Capital Expenditures. This will be a challenge as our Capital Expenses continue to be defrayed each year. We have scheduled and earmarked savings to cover the replacement of office computers this year. They are over ten-years old which is impacting the effectiveness of the staff.

We continue to need to replace the roof on the Administration Building. Last year, we did have some major leakage. However, our priority is the construction of classrooms. We pray that the roof lasts us one or two more winters.

### 2010 BUDGET

#### REVENUE

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**DEFICIT** $-35,616
LOOKING TOWARD 2010

The economic indicators for 2010 continue to signal a slow recovery. This informs our assumption that Sunday giving is not expected to rise in a measurable amount this year. Thus our budgeted income cannot realistically increase over the actual 2009 totals. Realizing that in 2009 we made substantial cuts, we were sensitive about cuts in 2010. The primary concern while addressing the expense budget of 2010 was impact on our ministry work and service to the parish. However, cuts were required to keep the budget within a reasonable deficit level; “reasonable” meaning that we could cover it with savings if needed.

After the adjustments that are detailed in the following sections, the 2010 budget reflects a $35,000 deficit.

DONATIONS
We have not increased the budget for weekly Sunday Donation Giving in 2010. It is budgeted to remain at the actual 2008 budget amount of $22,607.

Reductions in income are projected for Interest Income, as we will be withdrawing our Building Project Savings to pay for the classroom construction. Decreased donations are also anticipated for facilities use during the construction phase as access to some of the facilities will be limited during the peak of construction.

We have added a donation budget for $5,500 in fundraising income to assist in the subsidies requested by parents for Faith Formation. The Special Collections on the Holy Days of Obligation will be earmarked for this ministry.

EXPENSES
The primary source of this year’s deficit is the interest expense related to the Building Project. The Diocesan Financial Procedures require we account for the building projects interest expense through our Operating Statement. To begin construction before 2013, we need to borrow money from the Diocese. This is standard practice for parishes undertaking building projects. The anticipated interest rate is 3.5 to 4%. We will borrow the money as we need it and pay it back as pledge payments are received. This underscores the importance of continued pledge payments and accelerated payments when possible.

Though changes to staff medical benefits, effective January 1, 2010, assigned 5% of medical costs to staff, the medical costs rose at levels that exceeded that five-percent amount. That increase is included in the operating budget. Worker’s Compensation costs also increased this year as did Property and Liability Insurance.

The major reduction affects the staff wages through reduced hours. This will result in the parish office being closed two Friday’s a month.

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<td>Volunteer Catechists: 148</td>
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STEWARDS IN ACTION
Offering Our Greatest Gifts

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. —Ephesians 1:3

OUR WONDERFUL MINISTRIES AT ST. BONAVENTURE
Call the Parish Office, 925-672-5800 or visit www.stbonaventure.net for contact information.

Choirs
Acólitos
Adults Becoming Catholics (RCIA)
Adult Confirmation for Catholics
Aegis Senior Living
Altar Servers
Art & Environment
Baptism (Infant to age 7 yrs. old)
Baptism & Eucharist (Christian Initiation) for Children and Teens
   (Grade 2 – HS)
Bautizos (Niños Pequeños)
Birthright
BonFire
Boy Scout Troop 444
Bridge Group
Cancer Support Group
Caring Hands
Catechism in Spanish/English
   (Bi-Lingual)
Catholicism & Coffee
Communion to Sick & homebound
Condolence Ministry
Couples for Christ
Cub Scout 444
Cursillo
CYO Basketball
CYO Track
Dad’s Ministry
Diamond Terrace Senior Living
Early Childhood Faith Formation Program
EDGE (Jr. High Youth Group)
Engaged Couples Weekend
Environment Care & Maintenance
Eucharistic Ministers
Facilities Maintenance Ministry
Family to Family
Filipino-American Leadership Team
Finance Council Ministry
Flores de Mayo Committee
Food Pantry
Funeral Coordinators and Funeral Ministers
Gabriel Project
Girl Scout Troop #1374
Giving Tree Ministry
Healing of the Heart
   (Formerly Grief Ministry)
Habitat for Humanity
High School Youth Ministry
Hospitality Ministers
Information Systems
JustFaith
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Lectors
Life Teen (High School Youth Group)
Liturgia para los Niños
Liturgical Ministry Committee
Loaves & Fishes Ministry
Marriage Builders
Marriage Encounter
Meals for Parishioners
Meals on Wheels
Meditation Garden
Men’s Spiritual Network
Ministros en Español
Ministros de Eucaristía
Ministros de Hospitalidad
Mother of Perpetual Help
MOM’s Group
Natural Family Planning
Nursing Ministry
Parents Chat Room
Parents’ Hour of Power
Parish Social Activities Committee
Prayer & Praise
Prayer Vine
Preparacion para Bautizar
Quarterly Book Study
Respect Life
Retrouvaille (Troubled Marriages)
Rosary Ministry
Sanctuary Guild
San Miguel Nursing Home
Scripture Study
Senior Group Ministry
Single Parenting Ministry
Small Church Communities (SCC)
Social Justice Ministry
Soyapango Hope School Project
Spanish-speaking Liturgical Ministries
St. Mary’s Senior Dinner
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Summer Bible Camp
Technical/Sound Ministers
Thereseans of Contra Costa
Venture Crew 444
Welcoming Committee
Widow’s Connections
Women’s Christian Fellowship
Young Men’s Institute (YMI)
Youth Faith Formation Program
Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common…
There was not a needy person among them. —Acts 4:32, 34