
June 3, 2012



Annual Report of

*The Thomas Merton Center
of Palo Alto*

Prepared for the membership for the period between May 2011
through May 2012.

Co-presidents' Report

SUMMARY

The Thomas Merton Center (TMC) continued its mission and encouraged its members to become more involved in active committees and events. Throughout the year, TMC sponsored a weekly Sunday Mass, arranged thought-provoking educational forums and speakers, supported St. Elizabeth Seton School in Palo Alto with its regular monthly donation, and facilitated the fundraising efforts of various TMC members, including Marci Ariagno and Margo McAuliffe, on behalf Kenya Help. which assists St. Francis Xavier High School for Girls and the Mji Wa Neema orphanage in Naivasha, Kenya.

TMC continued to rely on the annual year-end appeal, member contributions and donations received at our public events as its primary income.

HIGHLIGHTS

The year's Board and TMC highlights:

- ◆ Thanks to the tireless work of the St. Thomas Aquinas Site Committee, **the Thomas House** was opened this year after renovation. It is now used as a welcoming place for Sunday hospitality, meetings and speaker events.
- ◆ Wrote a letter on behalf of **Father Roy Bourgeois** to the Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers. Received a response letter of appreciation from Fr. Bourgeois.
- ◆ Wrote to **Bishop Patrick McGrath** expressing our concern over the USCCB response regarding the US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) decision on furnishing of contraceptives and other health issues affecting women. Arranged to meet with him Feb. 28.
- ◆ **Five Board members met with Bishop McGrath** to thank him for his support of ending the death penalty, of stewardship of the environment, of supporting immigrants in the diocese, among other things. At our cordial meeting, we also discussed our view of the HHS issue as it affects the rights of many women, regardless of their faith. We concluded by inviting the Bishop to celebrate our 8:45 liturgy on October 14.
- ◆ Board member Bob Foley initiated the **Thomas Merton Book Club**, currently reading *Seven Storey Mountain*.
- ◆ Had a thoughtful **Board Retreat** conducted by Fr. Kevin Ballard, SJ, on
- ◆ February 4, 2012.
- ◆ Conducted **membership drive** on 2 Sundays, Feb. 26 and March 4.
- ◆ **Collected petitions to put the death penalty initiative** on the ballot. Letters regarding the death penalty were written to the *SJ Mercury News* by Henry Organ, Rosana Madrigal de Beattie and Barbara Kent.
- ◆ Are **preparing a new website** to promote TMC and its messages and activities.
- ◆ Continued to **sponsor the 8:45 AM Sunday liturgy** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the spirit of Vatican II, thanks to the amazing efforts of our **Liturgy Committee**.
- ◆ Continued outstanding speaker series through **Spiritual Education**.
- ◆ Continued monthly financial support of **St. Elizabeth Seton School**.
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- ◆ Continued support for special projects of **Kenya Help**, a non-profit organization founded by TMC members, to assist Fr. Daniel Kiriti in his parish in Nativasha, Kenya, to assist St. Francis Xavier High School for Girls, and *Mji Wa Neema* Orphanage.
- ◆ Continued our **“Adopt a Family”** Christmas project by providing gifts for 4 specific families in need from East Palo Alto.

SUMMARY

We remain an all-volunteer organization. Individual members continued to volunteer many hours of their personal time, many performing multiple services. Their wide-ranging talents assure that the good works of the organization were well conceived and effectively executed. Our volunteers are recognized each Pentecost Sunday with a special blessing during Mass in the sanctuary.

BOARD MEMBERS

Current Board members include Barbara Kent and Rosana Madrigal de Beattie (Co-Presidents), Vicki Sullivan (Secretary), Donna Johnston-Blair (Treasurer), Eleanor Kraft, Bob Foley, Ron Ariagno, and Bill Voorhees. Barbara Kent completes her Board term and will be stepping down as Co-President in June.

Financial Report

FY 2011 GENERAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- ◆ **Overall contributions** to TMC increased for 2011 by 12%, thanks to the generosity of members and friends.
- ◆ **Spiritual Education** expenses decreased from \$4,504 to \$334 because there were fewer events. More events have been scheduled for 2012.
- ◆ **Liturgy Committee** expenses increased by 10% and stipends decreased by 6% from 2011 to 2012.
- ◆ **Hospitality Committee** expenses decreased by about 30% from 2010 to 2011.
- ◆ Expenditures include a **\$1,000 monthly donation to St. Elizabeth Seton School** in Palo Alto, CA.
- ◆ **Printing and postage expenses** increased from 2010 to 2011 by about 50%, but TMC received over \$700 in reimbursement from the parish in January 2012 for printing “Steeple Talk”, the monthly newsletter of the STA Site Committee.
- ◆ **Jane Bahr Fund:** The stock held in the Jane Bahr Fund was sold in early January 2010 with a gain of \$9,153, and the proceeds were put into a money market account. In 2011 a total of \$4,000 was given to St. Vincent de Paul in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto and The Hidden Villa summer camp program per the direction of the Jane Bahr Fund. In the near future, some of this fund will be used for the TMC website and a Spiritual Education speaker.

See Addendum II: Statement of Revenues and Expenses by Year for the Year-Ended December 31, 2011.

FINANCE TEAM MEMBERS

The finance team of Donna Johnston-Blair and Judy Creek continued to serve TMC as treasurer and bookkeeper, respectively.

Hospitality Committee Report

SUMMARY

The Hospitality Committee continues to be active in providing refreshments after Sunday Mass and during most events of the TMC. The committee consists of a number of community members who alternate responsibilities or volunteer for specific duties as needed. Jim Davis coordinates the group.

The good work and success of this group of dedicated individuals is vital to our community's effort to reach out to all who attend and participate in education seminars, retreats and liturgies sponsored by the TMC.

We continue to use Fair Trade Coffee and other Fair Trade products to the maximum extent possible. This commitment helps support small farm cooperatives all over the world in order to foster sustainable agriculture and to build pride, independence and community empowerment in those areas. We also use recyclable and compostable materials to help assure the sustainability of our natural environment.

With the completion of the renovations in the Thomas House in August 2011, hospitality after the 8:45 Mass has been held on the main floor inside the house, utilizing the kitchen, dining room, living room and foyer for food and beverage and socializing.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Much gratitude is extended to the following community members who volunteer their time to perform the various tasks and faithfully organize the hospitality aspects of our events:

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| Rudy Bahr | Dean Judd |
| Jim Davis | Eleanor Kraft |
| Corkie Freeman | Mercedes McCaffrey |
| Dick Freeman | Terry McCaffrey |
| Carmen Gutiérrez | Bill Voorhees |
| Juan Gutiérrez | Sandy Voorhees |
| Nancy Hogan | and others |

Liturgy Committee Report

RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOCUS

The TMC Liturgy Committee (LC) is the liturgy committee for the St. Thomas Aquinas 8:45 Sunday mass. The LC is responsible for all aspects of these liturgies.

The LC interviews, screens and invites all presiders and guest homilists and provides them with stipends for each liturgy. The LC trains, co-ordinates and schedules all the ministers involved in these liturgies. The LC provides the books, linens, vessels and wine used in these liturgies. The communion bread used each Sunday is baked by community members assigned to that ministry. The LC is also responsible for decorating the church and providing and caring for flowers throughout the year.

The 8:45 liturgy is a parish liturgy. The LC is responsible for coordination and communication with parish staff which includes providing the pastor with names and information on all new presiders, providing a monthly schedule of the presiders, scheduling the church for other liturgies and events, and coordinating with the parish liturgical coordinator regarding the church environment (flowers and other seasonal decorations).

The 8:45 liturgy is regularly attended by TMC members, non-TMC members who were regulars at the St. Ann's Sunday liturgies and other members of the parish community who have no association with either TMC or St. Ann's. Average Sunday attendance is 120. Because the church is located downtown we do have some regular attendees from nearby retirement facilities and some regular or occasional visitors from the homeless community. We also have visitors to events at Stanford and families of patients at Stanford hospital.

It is one of the goals of this committee to make all feel welcome and included. The members of our ministries include both TMC and non-TMC members. All attendees are welcomed and greeted as they enter and are invited to make and to wear name tags. The LC requests all presiders to welcome newcomers at the beginning of each liturgy and to ask for any special events to be celebrated and shared. Hospitality, which includes coffee, juice and donuts, is provided after each Sunday liturgy and all who are attending the liturgy are invited. A special invitation is extended to visitors and newcomers attending that morning.

MINISTRIES

Another goal of the LC is to include as many individuals as possible in each liturgy. Our ministry groups are purposely large. Liturgy should be seen as a participatory experience. The Eucharist is sacramental: experiencing God in our lives as Church, as community. The community attending each liturgy can see that all who serve, whether as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians,

sacristans, collection takers, etc., come from the pews, from the assembled community.

During the last year the liturgical ministries included the following: Liturgy Committee, 7 members; lectors, 20; Eucharistic ministers, 25; musicians, 18; sacristans, 7; bread bakers, 5; collection takers, 6; greeters, 9; bulletin editors, 2; and hospitality, 11. The LC provides a recommitment evening once a year for both the Lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

COMMUNICATIONS

The TMC Sunday bulletin is edited by Michelle Hogan and Kay Williams. It is a ministry of the TMC Board and not specifically the LC but the articles are closely coordinated with the liturgical events. In addition, the LC provides spiritual inserts in the bulletin during Advent and Lent.

PRESIDERS

During the past year, we have used a rotation of priests. They are: Fr. Randy Valenton, Pastoral associate; Fr. Michael Marini; Fr. Jerry Brown, S.S.; Msgr. John Sandersfeld; Fr. José Antonio Rubio; and Fr. Mike Miller.

The LC has chosen the number and range of presidors in order to provide the community with different spiritual, theological and liturgical views. It would be difficult to find one priest who pleases all the people all the time. We encourage the community to be open to all who preside so that they may experience the blessings of this spiritual richness.

MUSICIANS

During the past year, our liturgical music has been led by two different groups. There are 9, occasionally expanding to 11, (regular) members of the TMC Community Singers led by Larry Schemel. The Eke-Sete Family Choir is led by guitarist and cantor John Eke and includes Lani Eke on the piano, other adults, and always children. The number of the choir members varies, but it is never less than six. The Eke-Sete Family Choir, rotating with Larry Schemel, will be leading the music in the coming year.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Each leader/group brings its own style and repertoire of sacred songs and encourages the 8:45 community to join in the singing. The community seems to enjoy the variety of music and the spiritual lift they provide for our Sunday celebrations. Our liturgies are enriched and our spirits renewed by the musical talents and spiritual gifts of these talented musicians.

SPECIAL LITURGIES

The LC planned one special liturgy at St. Thomas Aquinas church. This was an evening liturgy for Ash Wednesday, which was attended by many members of the parish community as well as by the TMC community.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

On a monthly basis during the announcements at the end of mass, TMC's sponsorship of the Sunday liturgy and the educational programs has been announced and all have been invited to donate to support these efforts and TMC.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Our team consists of two co-chairs and six other members, each of whom is responsible for coordinating some aspect of the liturgy. Our goal always is to seek ways to make our liturgies reverent, spiritually enlivening, nourishing, inclusive and meaningful to all who attend them. We welcome the comments and suggestions of the community to help us achieve that goal. Committee members are: John Arnold (co-chair), Sally Benson (co-chair), Barbara Narewski, Michelle Hogan, Maureen Locke, Larry Schemel, Judy Washburn, and Kay Williams.

SUMMARY

The LC meets the second Monday of every month to plan and to coordinate these liturgies and related activities. All decisions are made during these meetings. We do not vote; we talk things through and reach agreement. Therefore, we ask that you bring your ideas and requests to us early so that we can discuss and accommodate them. We invite and welcome input from the community. We want to know what we do well as well as suggestions for improvements. We also invite and welcome all community members to participate in liturgy in whatever way you feel comfortable. We believe that the participant has a different and deeper spiritual experience than the observer.

Membership Committee Report

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

The number of members registered with TMC as of June 3, 2012, is 147, representing 100 families. Membership renewals and the corresponding participation in TMC committees and projects among members show support of TMC programs.

Memberships are accepted throughout the year. Visit the TMC website for information and forms, <http://thomasmerton.org> .

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mary Washburn (Chair), Barbara Kent (outreach), and Kay Williams (database and lists) organized the membership renewal campaign in February and March 2012.

TMC Needs Net Report

SUMMARY

Roberta Kehret coordinates a network to link those members who must deal with a difficult or stressful situation in their lives with others who can help in some way to alleviate the immediate stress or difficulty. Currently Needs Nets has five core-members : Nancy Hogan, Fran McVittie, Bonnie Shirley, Helen Short and Roberta. This committee welcomes additional participants for this ministry. Contact information for Needs Net is listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Spiritual Adult Education Committee Report

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

The goal of the Adult Education Committee is to present quality programs that are informative, spiritual, lively, timely, and broadening. Our programs are open to all, and we hope to attract individuals regardless of religious affiliation.

In 2011 and early 2012, the Committee sponsored a variety of programs. The team met approximately once per month and more frequently during the later planning stages of major events.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Major events since the last full Adult Education report published in mid 2011:

- ◆ **Megan McKenna**, an internationally known author, theologian, storyteller and lecturer, presented a workshop on September 11: “Wisdom from the Community of the Beloved Disciples—The Great Catch, Breakfast on the Beach and a Walk with Jesus.”—an in-depth look at the last chapter of John's Gospel and its issues of power, authority and how to cope with the failure of disciples/leaders to respond to terror, torture, death and suffering.
- ◆ **Clare Ronzani**, Director of Spiritual Formation at the Franciscan School of Theology and teacher at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, presented a Lenten morning retreat on March 24, 2012: *Meditations with Thomas Merton: A Time of Lenten Renewal*, held at the Thomas House in the basement hall.
- ◆ **Peter C. Reynolds, Ph.D.**, anthropologist, presented a talk: **Genealogy and Seasonal Time: An Anthropologist Looks at the Creation Stories of Genesis**, on April 15, in the Thomas House living room. Peter provoked his listeners with the proposition that the creationist view of the book of Genesis is not just bad science but bad religion.
- ◆ **Joyce Randolph**, noted local jazz vocalist, presented a concert of all spiritual music—hymns and spirituals, *Then Sings My Soul*, with Professor Bill Bell on piano, on April 29 in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. This concert was

a benefit for St. Elizabeth Seton School and was recorded; CDs will be available eventually.

- ◆ **Chade-Meng Tan**, Google engineer and teacher at Google of mindfulness-based emotional intelligence, presented a talk: **“Buddhists Just Want to Have Fun: Joy, Compassion, and World Peace”**, on May 20 at Spangenberg Auditorium at Gunn High School in Palo Alto.

EVENT VENUES

The Thomas House has been a convenient and appropriate setting for some types of education events this past year. The concert in St. Thomas Aquinas Church was a perfect venue for the Randolph concert. And Spangenberg Auditorium for the Chade-Meng Tan talk was so large that there was no concern about selling out for the Meng talk.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

TMC programs are promoted through our web site (www.thomasmerton.org), through cross promotion with other groups, through the TMC bulletin and through flyers and emails sent to interested individuals and organizations. Over the past few years we have developed an extensive mailing list of those who have attended our programs and wish to be kept informed of others. This year, we contracted with www.brownpapertickets.com to sell tickets to the Randolph concert and Meng talk.

HOSPITALITY

The hospitality team and other members of TMC have generously offered their time and effort to help host our programs, providing refreshments and greeting program attendees.

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Adult Education team are Mary Coady (Co Chair), Judy Creek (ex officio, i.e., supports but does not attend regular meetings), Jim Davis (Co-Chair), Anna Jaklitsch, Barbara Kent, Pat McCarthy, and Kay Williams.

The Spiritual Education committee’s work has been supplemented with creative suggestions by other members of TMC.

Web Master’s Report

SUMMARY

The TMC website, www.thomasmerton.org, holds the space for the online presence of TMC, but the site has continued to suffer some irregularities due to the age of the authoring software (it is not being supported by the provider). Board member Bob Foley is working on a redesign and updating of the site itself. Any suggestions or offers of help would be gratefully appreciated.

WEB CONTENT MANAGER

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Addendum I: TMC Vision and Mission Statement

VISION

Members of The Thomas Merton Center (TMC) strive to develop a spirituality based on Jesus Christ's message of love, compassion and forgiveness, and to live His message in today's world. The TMC community seeks to attract those who are on a quest for a deeper spiritual life and invite them to share in this vision.

MISSION

The purpose of The Thomas Merton Center is to provide means by which interested persons can enhance their spiritual development through education, spiritual practice and social outreach. From its Catholic roots, TMC seeks to join with members of other faiths, Christian and non-Christian, to support religious education and spiritual development.

The principal spiritual development pathways provided by The Thomas Merton Center are:

- ◆ Adult Spiritual Education programs, retreats and days of recollection
- ◆ Sunday liturgies and other Catholic liturgical programs
- ◆ Support for organized religious education schools and programs
- ◆ Social outreach programs
- ◆ Community development activities

BACKGROUND

The Thomas Merton Center for Catholic Spiritual Development was founded by a group of Roman Catholic lay persons committed to the future of the Catholic Church. It is through the Merton Center that the founders and current leaders develop and present programs which foster a renewed spirituality for those who seek it. Reflecting the themes of the Second Vatican Council, the Merton Center offers "a new way to be Catholic."

The Thomas Merton Center offers its programs without restriction to all who are interested.

PRINCIPLES

The Thomas Merton Center is:

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| ◆ Independent | ◆ Self-ministering |
| ◆ Ecumenical | ◆ Self-propagating |
| ◆ Collegial | ◆ Self-supporting |
| ◆ Inclusive | ◆ Non-profit |

The Thomas Merton Center will explore new and varied ways for persons to discover, develop and foster a renewed spirituality through a continued examination of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. The TMC will promote renewed dedication to this basic message and under it encourage reunification among active and non-practicing Catholics. Lay leaders will work with members of the clergy in a manner that establishes the layperson as a partner in all matters pertaining to spiritual growth, education and development.

GOALS

The basic goals are:

- ◆ To provide a variety of ways by which Catholics and other Christians may develop a deeper spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ and, through Him, with God and each other.
- ◆ To plan and offer religious education and spiritual development programs to all who are interested.
- ◆ To augment, support and lead the development of ecumenical spirituality, bringing together Christians and non-Christians in areas of common interest and values.
- ◆ To create and sponsor Catholic liturgy, inviting as presiders ordained priests in good standing who share our belief in the principles of spiritual and liturgical renewal espoused by the Second Vatican Council.

THE MODEL OF THOMAS MERTON

Thomas Merton (1915-1968), a deeply spiritual priest and monk of the Trappist Order, demonstrated throughout his life and in his many published works a desire to explore the complex relationship between God and all of God's creation. Internationally known for his religious profundity, insightful reflection, and his great interest in inter-faith and social action work on the problems and possibilities of the world, Merton's courageous spirituality was chosen as a model for what we intend to do and be at The Thomas Merton Center.

LEGAL ORGANIZATION

The Thomas Merton Center is organized as a private, tax-exempt, non-profit religious education organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of California on February 23, 1996. A board of directors has legal and fiduciary responsibility for The Thomas Merton Center, accountable to the applicable state and federal laws, to its bylaws, to its mission statement, and to its registered members. Though Catholic in its origins, intent, and liturgies, The Thomas Merton Center is an independent religious education organization not legally affiliated with any church.

Subject to general requirements as specified in the bylaws, membership in the Merton Center is open to all persons without regard to gender, race, religious creed, national origin or sexual orientation. Nominal membership dues are paid annually.

LOCATION OF SERVICES

The Thomas Merton Center community sponsors and celebrates a Eucharistic liturgy each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, corner of Waverley and Homer Streets in Palo Alto.

Members of the TMC Liturgy committee participate in planning these liturgies in the spirit of Vatican II and its call to "full, conscious and active participation" in Catholic liturgical life. Our liturgies are inclusive and open to all.

[Vision and Mission Statement last Revised in February 2002.]

*Addendum II:
Statement of Revenues and Expenses by Year for the
Year Ended December 31, 2011*

[Attached.]

THOMAS MERTON CENTER																as of 5-26-2012	
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY MONTH																	
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011																12-31-11	12-31-10
			JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	TOTAL	
REVENUE																	
	CONTRIBUTIONS		1,510.00	3,345.30	3,385.00	2,800.00	3,131.00	2,280.00	2,080.00	2,140.00	2,780.00	2,595.00	1,291.00	10,136.00	37,473	33,605	
	CASH CONTRIBUTIONS		45.00	160.00	55.00	55.00	10.00	40.00	0.00	35.00	40.00	15.00	25.00	57.00	537	279	
	GAIN ON SALE OF DONATED STOCK		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								0	9,153	
	MEMBERSHIP FEES		0.00	730.00	460.00	370.00	35.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	1,635	1,801	
	ELIZABETH SETON CONTRIBUTIONS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	-	
	SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334	3,399	
	SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS-C		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,105	
	GRANTS PROGRAM: FR DANIEL KIRITI		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	-	
	INTEREST INCOME		0.29	104.44	0.56	0.50	0.49	0.57	0.49	0.56	0.48	0.46	0.51	0.00	109	29	
	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	298	
	PROPERTY CONTRIBUTION														0	-	
	TOTAL REVENUE		1,555.29	4,339.74	3,900.56	3,225.50	3,176.49	2,350.57	2,080.49	2,175.56	3,158.65	2,610.46	1,316.51	10,203.00	40,093	49,668	
EXPENSES																	
	SPIRITUAL EDUCATION		499.50	109.23	250.00	(300.00)	0.00	0.00	250.00	199.69	541.49	(250.00)	392.78	0.00	1,693	6,819	
	BANK FEES, OFFICE SUPPLIES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	185	
	BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSES		212.39	442.05	44.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	730.07	152.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.66	1,927	1,963	
	DONATIONS-VARIOUS		0.00	0.00	200.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,200	7,000	
	HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL		0.00	0.00	458.25	0.00	59.11	440.99	0.00	123.19	0.00	613.17	0.00	225.96	1,921	2,738	
	INSURANCE		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	531.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	531	531	
	LITURGICAL EXPENSES		755.45	455.30	335.00	403.38	535.15	371.80	519.95	515.89	464.40	300.00	481.20	426.63	5,564	5,056	
	MISCELLANEOUS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	212	105	
	OUTREACH-ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	12,000	12,000	
	PRINTING, BULLETIN,COPYING & POSTAGE		334.96	163.67	298.51	321.49	605.32	262.49	284.82	294.93	209.82	228.57	209.39	272.35	3,486	2,315	
	GRANTS PROGRAM-FR D KIRITI		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	-	
	STIPENDS		650.00	650.00	525.00	650.00	500.00	525.00	675.00	500.00	500.00	650.00	525.00	825.00	7,175	7,626	
	INVESTMENT EXPENSES														0	-	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		3,452.30	2,820.25	3,110.82	6,074.87	3,230.58	2,600.28	3,459.84	2,848.64	2,715.71	2,541.74	2,758.37	3,095.60	38,709	46,336	
	NET INCOME		(1,897.01)	1,519.49	789.74	(2,849.37)	(54.09)	(249.71)	(1,379.35)	(673.08)	442.94	68.72	(1,441.86)	7,107.40	1,384	3,332	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS																	
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011																	
ASSETS																	2011
	CASH-CHECKING		16,326.54	17,741.59	18,530.77	15,680.90	15,626.32	15,376.04	13,996.20	17,322.56	17,765.02	17,833.28	16,540.91	23,648.31	23,648.31		
	INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		62,256.63	62,361.07	62,361.63	62,362.13	62,362.62	62,363.19	62,363.68	58,364.24	58,364.72	58,365.18	58,215.69	58,215.69	58,215.69		
	TOTAL ASSETS		78,583.17	80,102.66	80,892.40	78,043.03	77,988.94	77,739.23	76,359.88	75,686.80	76,129.74	76,198.46	74,756.60	81,864.00	81,864.00		
LIABILITIES																	
RETAINED EARNINGS																	
	BEGINNING RETAINED EARNINGS		80,480.18	78,583.17	80,102.66	80,892.40	78,043.03	77,988.94	77,739.23	76,359.88	75,686.80	76,129.74	76,198.46	74,756.60	80,480.18		
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			JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	TOTAL	
REVENUE																	
	CONTRIBUTIONS		1,510.00	3,345.30	3,385.00	2,800.00	3,131.00	2,280.00	2,080.00	2,140.00	2,780.00	2,595.00	1,291.00	10,136.00	37,473	33,605	
	CASH CONTRIBUTIONS		45.00	160.00	55.00	55.00	10.00	40.00	0.00	35.00	40.00	15.00	25.00	57.00	537	279	
	GAIN ON SALE OF DONATED STOCK		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								0	9,153	
	MEMBERSHIP FEES		0.00	730.00	460.00	370.00	35.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	1,635	1,801	
	ELIZABETH SETON CONTRIBUTIONS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	-	
	SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334	3,399	
	SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS-C		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,105	
	GRANTS PROGRAM: FR DANIEL KIRITI		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	-	
	INTEREST INCOME		0.29	104.44	0.56	0.50	0.49	0.57	0.49	0.56	0.48	0.46	0.51	0.00	109	29	
	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	4	298	
	PROPERTY CONTRIBUTION														0	-	
	TOTAL REVENUE		1,555.29	4,339.74	3,900.56	3,225.50	3,176.49	2,350.57	2,080.49	2,175.56	3,158.65	2,610.46	1,316.51	10,203.00	40,093	49,668	
EXPENSES																	
	SPIRITUAL EDUCATION		499.50	109.23	250.00	(300.00)	0.00	0.00	250.00	199.69	541.49	(250.00)	392.78	0.00	1,693	6,819	
	BANK FEES, OFFICE SUPPLIES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	185	
	BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPENSES		212.39	442.05	44.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	730.07	152.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.66	1,927	1,963	
	DONATIONS-VARIOUS		0.00	0.00	200.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,200	7,000	
	HOSPITALITY AND SOCIAL		0.00	0.00	458.25	0.00	59.11	440.99	0.00	123.19	0.00	613.17	0.00	225.96	1,921	2,738	
	INSURANCE		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	531.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	531	531	
	LITURGICAL EXPENSES		755.45	455.30	335.00	403.38	535.15	371.80	519.95	515.89	464.40	300.00	481.20	426.63	5,564	5,056	
	MISCELLANEOUS		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	212	105	
	OUTREACH-ELIZABETH SETON SCHOOL		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	12,000	12,000	
	PRINTING, BULLETIN,COPYING & POSTAGE		334.96	163.67	298.51	321.49	605.32	262.49	284.82	294.93	209.82	228.57	209.39	272.35	3,486	2,315	
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	STIPENDS		650.00	650.00	525.00	650.00	500.00	525.00	675.00	500.00	500.00	650.00	525.00	825.00	7,175	7,626	
	INVESTMENT EXPENSES														0	-	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		3,452.30	2,820.25	3,110.82	6,074.87	3,230.58	2,600.28	3,459.84	2,848.64	2,715.71	2,541.74	2,758.37	3,095.60	38,709	46,336	
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	INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		62,256.63	62,361.07	62,361.63	62,362.13	62,362.62	62,363.19	62,363.68	58,364.24	58,364.72	58,365.18	58,215.69	58,215.69	58,215.69		
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Agenda (tentative):

- Library organization
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Summer events at STA:

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