



PRINCE OF PEACE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

"Offer hospitality to
one another..."

I Peter 4:9



Annual Report 2013





Dear POP Folks,

Each year at this time we issue the Annual Stewardship Report, glancing back at the past year and looking forward to what is to come. Originally, this was simply a financial statement, following the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1. In the past few years it has grown to be a celebration of our parish life and a time to give thanks to God and to you, God's People, for your gifts and stewardship.

There have been some very big changes this past year. As we go to press, the Catholic Church continues to struggle for the religious freedom promised us by the Constitution, even as we are admonished to be content with freedom of worship instead of freedom of religion.

This past year also witnessed the surprising election of Pope Francis as our supreme pastor and teacher. In his daily Masses with the working people and his weekly audiences, he has consistently called us to simply live our Christian faith: in kindness, in mercy, in welcome. It is in keeping with the spirit of his teaching that we have discerned the Scripture, **"Offer hospitality to one another..."** (1 Peter 4:9) as our theme for this annual report and for the year to come.

Offering hospitality by means of our new Fellowship Sundays has been well received by many of our Sunday worshipers (especially the coffee drinkers!). This initiative has been birthed and cared for by the Pastoral Council and the Community Life volunteers. This celebration of welcoming and fellowship goes hand-in-hand with plans to give the Community Center a good cleaning and a new look!

The Archdiocese is moving forward in its Pastoral Plan process. Each parish is identifying two or three objectives under the goal of a Spirituality of Communion. This phrase, described by Blessed John Paul II in his reflection on the Church in the Americas, speaks of a unity among persons (as in the Trinity), family connection, a commitment to faith lived in friendship. We are not a group of individuals who happen to cohabitate the same pews on Sunday, but a Body joined and formed in Christ Jesus. We belong to one another, as well as to God. We create this Communion in the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and our common life together.

One of our areas of focus will be helping our members and visitors to feel more a welcomed part of the parish family. To this end, we plan to implement, in some form, the staff position of a volunteer coordinator to help people find and identify their place in the parish, and thereby connect with others and grow their own faith. This will include a stronger welcoming process and a radical cleansing and updating of our parish census (do we have YOUR e-mail address?). This idea of a "Volunteer Coordinator" is the last of the BHAGs (Big Holy Audacious Goals) from our parish consultations in 2005.

We also have in these past months bid a difficult farewell to our parochial vicar Father Eural Manzano, and offered a warm welcome to Father Sebastine Okoye, who was with us for his seminary Pastoral Year and is busy greeting old friends and making new ones. Deacon Al Prescott, our long-time Pastoral Care director, has turned the reins over to Deacon Ken Stanley,

who is now shepherding our care for the sick and the families of the departed. We've also been blessed with the ordination of two gifted new permanent deacons to serve our parish: Bill Barnes and Tom Lattin.

During this past year, despite the challenges of the economy, Prince of Peace has been blessed with your generous financial and ministerial commitment. The response to the call for liturgical ministers to staff our expanded worship space and schedule has been wonderful! Direct donations to parish Outreach programs, as well as the Golf and Gala income, are now fully supporting that ministry in the new budget, a tremendous movement. A growing number of parishioners now employ direct deposit or credit card giving, which is painless, automatic and a great safeguard against forgetting to give during Sundays away from their parish Mass. Our growing income has enabled us to expand our activities, including the ADORE program of teaching and worship and adult formation opportunities, including The Great Adventure Bible Study series, Vatican II and You, and Catholic Way Bible Study.

We also look forward to meeting the needs for parish gathering space, youth ministry, faith formation, outreach and parking with additional construction on our parish campus. Your generosity has enabled us to pay down our loans in a timely way and to set aside funds for additional programs and construction at the same time.

Your past generosity has enabled us to construct the Mary Chapel, expand the church and add parking. As more people come to worship God, to enter the RCIA process to become Catholics, to celebrate the sacraments or just spend some time in quiet prayer, we become a living testimony to God's power at work in our world and our hearts.

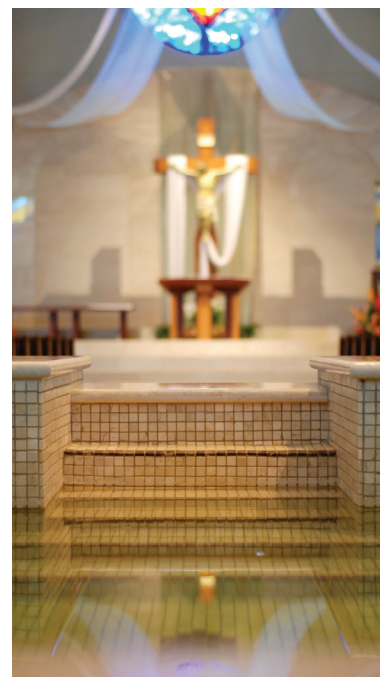
Reflecting on our theme, **"Offer hospitality to one another..."**, let's be attentive to the words of Pope Francis:

I would like to say to those who feel far from God and the Church, to those who are fearful or indifferent, to those who think they can no longer change: the Lord is calling you, too, to be part of his people and he does it with great respect and love!

May the Church be a place of mercy and of hope in God, where all are welcomed, forgiven, and empowered to live the good life of the Gospel. Like Jesus as He moved among the peoples of Galilee and Judea, we do not dilute our faith or sidestep our moral beliefs. We strive to offer a message of welcome and healing to all who come...



Father John



"May the Church be a place of mercy and of hope in God, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. And to feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, encouraged, the Church's doors must be open, so that all may come and that we can go out of those doors and proclaim the Gospel." - Pope Francis

We built it. They came. In 2011, Prince of Peace opened the doors of our newly renovated Main Church and with joy, we have welcomed all who came here to worship and seek Christ.

Jesus, who frequently taught at a table over a meal, sometimes near home or while traveling, relied on the hospitality of others. Like his disciples, we all are called to speak the language of hospitality and offer our homes to others—inside our church walls, and beyond.

At Prince of Peace, the pages of the 2013 Annual Report demonstrate how we acted on the language of Christ's hospitality this past year and what we will continue to offer now and into the future as our parish grows in size and love for sharing Christ with others.



POP Vision

Full, conscious and active participation in the life of the Catholic Church.

POP Mission

We, as a Catholic faith community, answer God's call to live out the Gospel through Sacramental worship, formation, evangelization, and serving those in need.





Worship & Sacramental Preparation

Through the sharing of God's Word and sitting at the Eucharistic table at Mass, Christ becomes the center of our being. We become deeply connected to Him and those in our faith community.



Election of Pope Francis:

In March, POP's Art & Environment Ministry hung gold and white bunting above the doors of the Main Church to honor Pope Francis.



Covenant Mass:

Bishop George Sheltz, Fr. John Keller, and Fr. Christopher Plant, Pastor of Sister Parish Resurrection Catholic Community, celebrate the annual renewal of the covenant between the churches at a beautiful Covenant Mass. Also shown are Fr. Alfonso Delgado, Dcn. Al Prescott, and Archdiocesan MC, Dcn. Ed Stoessel. 2013 marks the 25th anniversary of the relationship and covenant between our Sister Parishes, the most successful "twinning" of two parishes in the entire Archdiocese.



Blessing of the Animals:

In October, a procession of animals were led to the plaza for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This tradition is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Connecting with Christ

From July 2012 – June 2013, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed 541 people into the Catholic Church, including 491 infants, 38 children, and 12 adults.

We also welcomed 24 adults and 19 children through the Profession of Faith, which means they were baptized in another Christian tradition and now have been received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church.

Close to 560 people received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, including 528 children and 36 adults.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo in April were 154 teens, and at the Easter Vigil or adult confirmation celebrations, 54 children and 72 adults.

Additional sacramental celebrations included 77 marriages and three Communal reconciliation services with 23 priests present as confessors at one of the services. We also celebrated the lives of approximately 80 individuals who left our community through death and rebirth in heaven.





Outreach, Pastoral Care

We care for others and provide the comfort, love and support they need during a crisis, sickness or death. We care for the whole person, spiritually, emotionally, and physically.



Parish Nurse Ministry:

In addition to blood drives, blood pressure screenings, and heart care programs, POP's Parish Nurse Ministry offers an annual health fair with nurses and professionals on hand to help with dental checks, skin checks, minor lab checks, nutrition, vision screenings, wellness assessments, information on hospice care, to name a few.



Care Box Project:

Ministry for Military Families Care Box Project for deployed military service members overseas in March was a success, with over 400 boxes packed and shipped containing wonderful letters, notes, pictures, new or gently-used rosaries and bibles, and food and other supplies donated by parishioners and friends.



Patriotic Rosary:

POP's Ministry for Military Families held a Patriotic Rosary the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. This special rosary includes prayers from former presidents, patriotic songs and intentions to pray for all religious leaders and government leaders and each state in our country. Many Catholic churches in the Houston area that heard about this rosary at POP are using this event as a model for rosaries in their own parishes.



Gabriel Project:

Gabriel Angels, Cathy Steele, Diana Garcia and Lily Villareal, are shown in the storage shed sorting donations and assembling baby start-up boxes for mothers-to-be, as Director of Outreach, Susan Gallagher offers encouragement. The Gabriel Project provides emotional, spiritual and practical support to pregnant women in crisis. Our newest Gabriel Project baby is shown here (with her angel, Lily Villareal). She is healthy and her mom, Cinthia, has everything she needs to take care of her newborn baby.



Mission to Guatemala:

Missionaries are shown in apostolic action, sharing the Catholic faith with indigenous Mayan people of all ages. Our brothers and sisters to the south of us pray for POP and each year wait for our return to their country – our mission trips. By week's end, the missionaries visit and serve approximately 1,500 people at seven different locations!



Monthly Food Distribution:

POP parishioner, Sister Mary Rose helps a customer selecting food for her family during a Monthly Food Distribution in the Outreach Ministry Food Pantry.



Food Pantry:

POP Food Pantry volunteers are shown happily preparing for customers about to come through the POP Food Pantry on Monthly Food Distribution Day.



Preparing to Serve:

Prayer always helps POP volunteers, Greg & Annette Hebert, Natalie Duhon, and Jeanette Gaspard prepare to serve God's people before Monthly Food Distribution.



Faith Formation, Youth, Blessed Beginnings

We immerse the young and adults alike in scripture through Bible studies, retreats, and formation programs.



High School Retreats:

The Covecrest Summer Camp group of high school students just happened to catch the same flight to Atlanta, GA, as Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, who gave them a great send-off blessing.



Junior High Retreats:

Junior high students took the opportunity to overcome their fears on the Junior High Retreat.



Frost Fest:

High school students enjoyed the festivities of Frost Fest...even if it was 80 degrees outside.



Jumping for Joy:

Retreat conversion has made these teenagers jump with the joy of Christ.



God's Gift of the Earth:

Kyle Regitz is embracing God's gift of the earth...all over his face.



Adult Formation Opportunities:

The Coffee and the Word bible study is for adults who want to break open the Word to prepare for the celebration of the upcoming Sunday Eucharist. Adults are offered additional various bible studies during the weekdays and evenings, including The Great Adventure Bible Study series, Vatican II and You, Catholic Way Bible Study, Walking with St. Paul, and MOMS Bible Study.



Special Days of Summer:

Sonshine Days, held for two weeks in the summer, is for children who are unable to attend the weekly year-long faith formation programs held September – May. Faith Formation also offers a week of fun and faith through our Vacation Bible School in July.





Let's pretend:

Make believe with preschoolers, Donovan Carrillo and Pablo Diaz.



Sand art:

Hands in sand with preschoolers, Theresa Cordova and Clare Tavares.



Creative minds:

Future artists, preschoolers, Emmanuel Cortez and Julian Pereira.

Community Life, Spanish Language

We strive to create a growing sense of belonging through fellowship opportunities at parish-wide events and small group formation. We also offer liturgical and sacramental celebrations in the various native languages of our diverse parishioner base. This includes Hispanic Masses, traditions and events, and formation of parish and ecclesial small groups.



St. Joseph Altar:

A beautiful tradition, St. Joseph Altar was held in March, which included a rosary and Mass honoring St. Joseph. It was followed by "Feeding of the Saints" and a meal for the general public. St. Joseph Altar involves many hands, skills, time, and love for the faith community, the Church, each other and, of course, St. Joseph.



Sharing Our Cultures:

POP's annual International Festival was held in April, offering to all parishioners, friends, and surrounding community a splendor of cultures, food, and dance. Various small groups attended and presented special traditions and customs from 23 different countries around the world.



Scouting at POP:

POP hosts Scouting opportunities for all of our young men and women from elementary school up through high school. All programming includes age appropriate activities, an outdoor component, and is an extension of our parish's Youth Ministry. This includes American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts.



Called to Serve & Grow:

Groups from various POP ministries gave parishioners an opportunity to learn more about what they had to offer during the year and how parishioners can get involved, either through service or personal/spiritual growth opportunities. Ministries, such as the Spanish Language Ministry's Translation Team, International Festival Committee, and Quinceañeras, set up display tables and had representatives available after all Masses to answer questions.





Fellowship & Fun on a Whole New Level:

An ongoing goal at POP is creating community or fellowship in our large and diverse congregation. Some members of our Pastoral Council, together with our Community Life Ministry, enthusiastically created a new Sunday daytime welcoming ministry called Fellowship Sunday. This includes delicious gourmet coffee, doughnuts and other treats, a consistent presence of our priests and deacons, informational displays or items available for purchase from our wonderful POP ministries and outside vendors, and at times, blood pressure screenings and other health checks and information provided by the Parish Nurse Ministry. Fellowship Sunday provides the opportunity for our faith community to congregate after Mass to see old friends, meet new ones, and get to know our clergy better. We warmly welcome you to join us next time it's offered after Mass!



Cursillo in Christianity:

A special Mass was held to celebrate 50 years of Cursillo at POP. A reception followed in the Community Center. Dcn. Jerry Bazan has been leading our Cursillo for over 15 years.

Immigration and Citizenship Conference:

A speech was given by lawyer, Ignacio Pinto León, to Spanish-speaking parishioners about immigration and citizenship. More than 150 people attended and many benefited from his expertise in this law.

Convalidation Group:

In December, 13 couples received the Sacrament of Matrimony during a Mass. Fr. Alfonso Delgado Vargas and Dcn. Tim Hartnett were present in the celebration.



Day of the Dead:

One rich Hispanic tradition, which comes in the form of festivals, parades, and group celebrations, is held on Nov. 1 – 2, to coincide with All Souls Day. During these celebrations, people wear masks, carry signs or put up elaborate decorations to honor the deceased.



The Manger:

The crib in the nativity scene is the focal point for the celebration of the Novenas and the Posadas that are traditions in the Hispanic culture. Novenas and Posadas are prayed December 16 – 24, each year.



Mission to Guatemala:

Several members of small groups in the Spanish Language Ministry actively participate in the Outreach Ministry's Mission to Guatemala. In action, we see a group of Servorum Dei missionaries interacting with the Mayan children. During the mission, Fr. Alfonso celebrated Mass.



Grupo de Madres:

This group of women meet once a week for spiritual growth, fellowship, art sessions and fun, and more, etc. This group, which celebrated its 20th anniversary at POP this year, is known for its great commitment in helping the community. Congrats, Grupo de Madres!



"We become a living testimony to God's power at work in our world and our hearts." – Fr. John

Pastoral Council

The POP parish Pastoral Council is a group of 12 discerned men and women who gather to advise the pastor on the spiritual and community issues affecting our faith family. The Church's universal Code of Canon Law provides for such a group to be formed in each parish of the world; the mandate of our own bishop requires such an advisory Council. In the four decades of our parish's existence, we have been blessed with the wisdom, honesty and counsel of Parish Councils and Pastoral Councils. The members of the Council are entrusted with the task of listening: to God and to you, the People of God. In turn, they help the pastor to listen more effectively and attentively to God and to his flock. We thank those who are faithfully serving today, and those who have been an important part of this council in past years.



POP staff visits churches designated as pilgrimage locations for the Year of Faith:

In October 2012, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo promulgated pilgrimage locations for the Year of Faith, which continues until Nov. 24, 2013. During the Year of Faith, POP staff are visiting the various sites. This photo was taken at the Guardian Angels Catholic Community in Wallis, TX, during their visit in April.

The Business of the Church

The annual report certainly describes the obvious buzz of activity that occurs here at Prince of Peace, one of the largest and most diverse parishes in the Houston area, each and every day. What may not come to mind are all the behind-the-scenes efforts that help keep our doors open to offer our wonderful programs, processes, and services—and, importantly, to ensure we are fiscally responsible on all levels. This article is an attempt to better educate parishioners about the business side of the church, specifically volunteers that are part of a pastor-appointed team, known as the POP Finance Council, made up of 10 professionals in our faith community that meet monthly with the pastor and business manager with this goal in mind. We hope you enjoy learning more about this important council and the individual team members who are committed to our parish. They also welcome all parishioner feedback and questions, so to reach them, just send an e-mail to financecouncil@pophouston.org or call the front office, (281) 469-2686.



Photographed, left to right:

(Top) Thanh Dinh, Armando Chincarini, Jim Schulist, Paul McGuire, Chester Nowak; (bottom) Erin White, Ralph Ellis, Jr., Mary Schulist, Justin Hebert (not pictured: Olga Villaseñor)

Finance Council

When asked about the main goal of POP's Finance Council, Council Chairperson, Erin White, said the most important function is to ensure fiscal responsibility of our parish.

"We help guide Fr. John in making sound fiscal decisions that are both advantageous for the church and responsible to parishioners," Erin said. "Our goal is to ensure parishioners that the money they are giving to our church is spent to grow and further expand our parish on many levels."

The council is made of 10 volunteers from diverse professional and demographic backgrounds. They represent many specialties to help ensure the fiscal responsibility of the parish.

When asked to reflect on the council's main concerns or opportunities over the past year, Erin responded: "Being an election year, there were many uncertainties. Paired with the final stages of construction and moving into our newly expanded main church, the finance council was always focused on balancing our spending."

Erin said POP received a very positive response to our offertory appeal last fall. This appeal asked parishioners to reflect upon their giving and consider increasing their weekly or monthly offering to help us meet ever-increasing costs of operating our parish and to better support the many programs we offer.

In a nutshell, the Finance Council sends a big thank you to all the parishioners that continuously support POP through their giving to both the offertory and capital campaign. This parish wouldn't exist without you!



Getting to Know POP's Finance Council

Armando Chincarini

Armando and his family moved to Houston in 2001 and joined POP. He has been involved in many ministries since joining, including Eucharistic Adoration, EHMC's, Financial Peace Instructor, and Youth Education instructor. Before joining the POP Finance Council, Armando was on the Finance Council at St. Paul Catholic Church in Dallas, TX. Over his career, he has held various positions in accounting, auditing, planning, and internal control. Armando has always been active in his community as Chairman of Oryx Credit Union, Boy Scout leader, and board member of his homeowners association. He has a BBA and an MBA from the University of Texas. Armando and his wife, Jean, have two daughters and a son, and are now grandparents.

Erin White

Erin moved to Houston at the age of two years old. She has always known POP as home. She received First Communion and Confirmation at POP. She attended Truman State University in Northeast Missouri on a golf scholarship and graduated with a BBA in finance and BBS in accounting. After working in public accounting for six-and-a-half years as a tax advisor to corporate and individual clients, Erin joined Core Laboratories as a Tax Manager, providing domestic and international tax to the company. Erin met her husband, David, as a freshman in college. They married in 2004 a week after graduation and started their life in Houston as members of POP. Erin is active in the Outreach Ministry and still an avid golfer. You can sometimes find Erin and David at 7:30 a.m. Mass before heading out for their tee time—with their twins!

Ralph Ellis, Jr.

Ralph and his family moved to Houston in 2001, and joined POP in 2002. Before moving to Houston, Ralph was the Assistant City Manager for the City of Irving. He served in municipal government for over 35 years. Ralph joined the POP Finance Council in May 2005 after serving as the Chairman of the Finance Committee for Holy Family Catholic Church. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Finance Officer. Ralph has served many leadership positions, including president of the Texas Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, board member of the Texas Municipal League, and board member of the City of Irving Tax Increment Financing District. He attended Southern Methodist University and has a Master's degree. Ralph has a daughter in Houston and is the proud grandpa to triplets!

Justin Hebert

Justin is our newest member to finance council. He began his three-year term July 2013. Justin and his wife, Leah, have been members of POP since 2008. Justin grew up in Houston, graduated from Klein High School, and attended Auburn University, where graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He met Leah at Auburn, married in 2006, and they now are proud parents of four young children. Justin is a registered Professional Engineer, and for the past 10 years, has worked in Houston at HP and Stress Engineering Services (current employer) as a Design Engineer and Project Manager. Prior to POP, Justin served as a catechist at St. Ignatius for five years and for four years, organized charity alumni football tournaments to raise money for families in difficult times.

Paul McGuire

Paul moved to Houston in 2005 from Tulsa, OK, and joined POP with his wife, Kerry, son, Andrew, and daughter, Olivia. In 1992, Paul graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in history from Oklahoma State University, and worked in the restaurant management industry for 10 years. In 2003, he returned to OSU and earned an MBA in Finance. His former work with Bank of America and currently, Green Bank, has helped him acquire over 20 years financial management experience. Paul has been very involved in youth athletics with his son's various teams, as well as assisting with Boy Scouts. In addition to POP's Finance Council, Paul can be seen ushering at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Mary & Jim Schulist

Mary & Jim Schulist, the husband and wife team on the Finance Council since 2007, have been married 48 years and members of POP since 1982. Mary's professional career includes a 40-year entrepreneurial business career in both the profit and not-for-profit areas. In 1986, Mary founded M. Schulist Interests, Inc., a Houston-based merger and acquisition advisory company, focusing on M&A, private placements and later privatization opportunities in Eastern Europe. Since 1993, her husband, Jim, joined the company to offer professional business management and human resource services. Mary's other involvements include serving on boards of directors and advisory. She is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Houston for 25 years. At POP, she is an EMHC and has served on the WITS retreat teams. Before joining Schulist Interests, Inc., Jim attend the University of Wisconsin and served three years in the U.S. Army in Heidelberg Germany as a member of the 529th Military Police Honor Guard Company. Jim began his human resource career with Allstate Insurance in Milwaukee. He was hired by McDonald's Corporation in 1982 to develop the Human Resource department for the southern half of Texas. Jim currently, has over 45 years of extensive management and human resources experience with both private and public companies. Together Mary and Jim lecture on HR/business topics on national basis. Jim also is involved as an EMHC and ACTS, and with Mary, serves as Ambassadors to John Michael Talbot's Brothers and Sisters of Charity. They enjoy traveling to visit their two adult children and two grandchildren.



Thanh Dinh

Thanh immigrated to the United States in 1975 from Vietnam and has made Houston his home since 1978. He graduated from Spring High School and earned his BBA from Southern Methodist University and Master's from University of Houston. Thanh started his career as a securities analyst with Fidelity Investments and thereafter spent many years in the airline industry before settling in his current role as Finance Director for NetIQ, a global, enterprise software company. In 1999, Thanh married his wife, Isabelle, a week after he was baptized and became a Catholic. Thanh and Isabelle have three children, and have been members at POP since 2002. Together they started Tidal Foundation, a non-profit organization directly engaged with assisting the homeless and needy. Both are heavily involved in the Scouting organization and are involved in several activities and events at POP.

Chester Nowak

Chester and his family returned to Houston in 1980 and joined POP that same year. Before returning to Houston, he lived and worked in Pittsburgh for Gulf Oil. While at Gulf Oil, he worked in all areas of accounting, from field clerk to management overseeing accounting for over 100 ocean-going tankers. He went to the University of Texas, graduating with a BBA in accounting, and is a Certified Public Accountant. He and his wife, Joan, are very involved with POP. Chester has been a money counter since 1984, and his wife is an EMHC and lay chaplain at Tomball Hospital, among many other things. Chester has five children, eight grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren, some of whom also are members of POP.

Olga Villasenor

Olga and her family joined POP in the summer of 1993. They first came to POP due to a scheduling change at their former parish and never left. Olga joined the POP Finance Council in 2002. She is a Certified Wealth Specialist with more than 30 years of banking experience, working with international and domestic wealthy families and successful business owners. She attended the University of Houston. Olga is involved in POP as an EMHC, annulment sponsor, wedding coordinator, and she forms part of the Our Lady of Guadalupe group, among many other things. Olga and her husband, Thomas, have a son and daughter. They also have fulltime custody of their six-year-old grandson who keeps them active and constantly on the go.

Finance Council Letter

To our Prince of Peace Community:

What an amazing year we have had at Prince of Peace! The year was bittersweet for the Finance Council. At the end of fiscal year 2013, Ron Jones, a long-time member retired from the council. We appreciate all of Ron's hard work over the years and his dedication to Prince of Peace. We have a new member on the council, Justin Hebert, who brings a fresh set of ideas to the group. We welcome Justin.

In September of 2012, we asked members of our faith community to reflect upon their annual giving to the church. During the offertory appeal, we asked them to consider giving 2.5% of their income as their annual giving. We discussed where we have been and where we hope to see the church go in the future. As always, we asked for help and our community responded. Our collections have increased to levels that we, on Finance Council, have never experienced. The support given to Prince of Peace and our programs is tremendous. Weekly offerings rose to an average of \$83,000 per week for the fiscal year. On a budget of \$78,000 this is an 8% increase. Thank you for your generosity!

What have we done with the additional funds that were donated during the last fiscal year? We can't name them all, but we hope you've noticed the following:

- Fellowship Sundays – We've received a lot of positive feedback on the new coffee and feel of our welcoming Sunday receptions.
- New website layout coming soon! – Staff members, Matthew Caporale and Dave Regitz, have been hard at work with eCatholic to update our navigation and design of our website. More news to come on the live rollout.
- New e-giving software – Outsourcing this service frees up our internal resources and allows more options for you to register and update your giving information online.
- Updates to the Community Center – New floors, fresh paint, and refinishing the real wood ceiling are the cosmetic changes you'll see, but we're also removing the asbestos from underneath the tiles and ensuring the gym is a safer place for all who use it.
- New "volunteer coordinator" staff position – While the title is still evolving, this person will help connect parishioners with ministries

for volunteer opportunities. They also are working to develop a database of all volunteer information for easier contact and more ways to reach out when volunteers are needed. This position is part of our plans to follow the Archdiocesan-wide Pathways process, which is part of the Pastoral Plan where each parish identifies objectives under the goal of a Spirituality of Communion.

- Look for development of the other Pastoral Plans – Details will be coming out this fall.
- Finally, look for new opportunities offered by our ministries – We are already planning new bible study programs for the fall.

For the coming fiscal year, weekly collections have been budgeted at \$86,000. The staff still works to maintain efficient spending and to stay within the constraints of the budget. This year, we are able to allocate an additional \$90,000 to the ministries as a result of the increased weekly collections. You also will notice in the financials, there will be no allocation from weekly collections to the Outreach Ministry. After many successful years of fundraising through the Gala Evening and Golf Classic in October and other fundraisers, as well as direct donations to the ministry, the revenue generated is enough to support 100% of Outreach programs and activities.

This year, we look forward to continued successful follow up of the capital campaign and collection of pledges. As of June 2013, we have a principal of \$1,190,000 on the two construction notes, thanks to the efforts of the Capital Campaign Committee. The continued collection of outstanding pledges is important to ensure quick and timely payoff of the outstanding loan balance. Our collections are on target with our estimates at the start of the capital campaign. We plan to pay off the note in spring 2014. Due to bank financing rates at the start of the project, the cost to continue our current payoff schedule is not more than the amount we currently earn in interest on our cash accounts.

Thank you for another successful year at Prince of Peace. We appreciate and commend you for your continued generosity and stewardship. You, our parishioners, are Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace
Finance Council



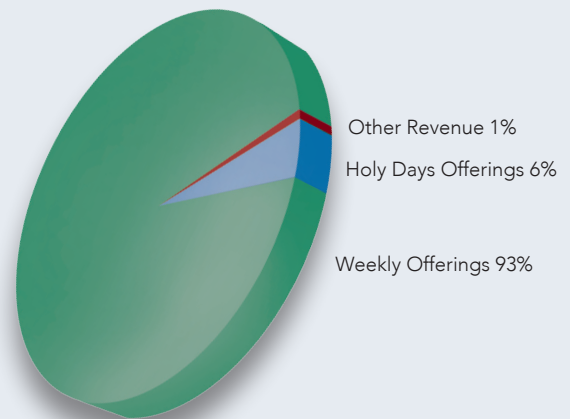
Sources and Dispositions of Funds (in thousands)

	6/30/13 <u>Actual</u>	6/30/14 <u>Budget</u>
Revenue		
Sunday/Holy Day Offering	\$4,516	\$4,560
Other Revenue	5	12
Excess From 2013		282
Total Revenue	4,521	4,854
Parish Operations		
Plant Operations/Maintenance	1,133	1,271
Parish Administration	546	751
Pastoral General	577	448
Total Parish Operations	2,256	2,470
Ministries (net of direct revenues)		
Faith Formation	173	188
Worship	298	350
Youth	157	161
Outreach	36	0*
Pastoral Care	22	40
Community Life	59	109
Total Ministries	745	848
Building Debt Service	550	600
Special Parish Projects	0	282
Diocesan/Other Obligations		
Capital Renewal	120	120
Cathedraticum	402	393
Resurrection Church/Schools	74	91
DSF Shortfall	92	50
Total Diocesan/Other	688	654
Total Expenditures	4,239	4,854
Net Cash Flow	282	0
Recorded Special Gifts 2012-2013		
Diocesan Service Fund	\$326,000	
St. Mary's Seminary	44,000	
Missionary Appeal	20,000	
Other Appeals (12)	79,000	
Total Special Gifts	\$469,000	

*Outreach is now 100% self funded. The donations made directly to Outreach now cover 100% of the expenses to run the program. No additional subsidy is needed out of the weekly collection.

Parish Budget Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

Sources of Funds Budgeted for Fiscal Year 2014
Total \$4.6 million



Uses of Funds Budgeted for Fiscal Year 2014
Total \$4.6 million

