

DELEGATE HANDBOOK



**Diocese of the Midwest
Orthodox Church in America**

**52nd Diocesan Assembly
October 8, 2013**

Meeting at

**Archangel Michael Church
and Social Center
Lansing, Illinois**

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52nd Diocesan Assembly

Schedule & Agenda

Lansing, Illinois

October 8, 2013

All activities take place at St. Michael Social Center, 1500 186th Street, Lansing, unless otherwise specified.

Monday, October 7

12:00 PM Bishop's Council Lunch Meeting – Popolano's Restaurant
5:00 PM Diocesan Council Dinner Meeting – Popolano's Restaurant
5:00 PM Assembly Registration Open – Comfort Suites
10:00 PM Assembly Registration Closed – Comfort Suites

Tuesday, October 8

7:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Archangel Michael Church

9:15 AM Assembly Registration opens
9:15 AM Breakfast

10:30 AM Plenary Session I

Call to Order
Credentials Report
Election of Presidium
Election of Secretariat 3 delegates
Appointment of Nominating Committee
Appointment of Resolutions Committee
Appointment of Tellers

Address of His Grace, Bishop Alexander

Chancellor's Report (*Written Report*)

Deanery Reports

Chicago (*Written Report*)
Cleveland (*Written Report*)
Indianapolis (*Written Report*)
Kansas City (*Written Report*)
Michigan (*Written Report*)
Minneapolis (*Written Report*)

Monastery Reports

Monastery of St. John the Theologian – Hiram, OH (*Written Report*)
Presentation of the Holy Virgin Monastery – Marshfield, MO. (*Written Report*)

Diaconal Vocations (*Written Report*)

Metropolitan Council Representatives (*Written Report*)
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta & Mr. Sam D’Fantis

Treasurer’s Report (*Written Report*)
Rob Koncel – Treasurer
Audit Report
2013 Budget Presentation

1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Plenary Session II

Credentials Report

Nominating Committee Report
Elections

Old Business
New Business

Resolutions Committee Report & Discussion
Resolutions Disposition

5:00 PM Closing Prayers & Installation



D. No. 495/13
August 30, 2013

Your Grace, Beloved Brother in the Lord,

Christ indeed is in our midst and ever shall be!

In response to your recent letter in which you are asking our blessing to serve the Holy Liturgy in our church of the Holy Archangel Michael in Lansing, Illinois, on October 8, 2013, I wish to underline the oneness of the Church and her joy whenever an Orthodox Bishop serves the Liturgy. It certainly will be an exceptional moment for our St. Michael's Congregation when you, Your Grace, come to serve there. You are most welcome to come and serve in Lansing and are always welcome in any of the churches in the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gracanica and Midwestern America.

Wishing you, and the Diocese of the Midwest of the OCA, every good thing from above, we remain,

Yours brother and concelebrant in Christ,



Bishop of New Gracanica and Midwestern America Diocese

Rt. Rev. Bishop
ALEXANDER
Bishop of Toledo
Locum Tenens of the Diocese of Midwest
Orthodox Church in America



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

52nd Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest
Lansing, IL
October 8, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is in our midst!

The 52nd Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will take place on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. It will be hosted by Archangel Michael Church in Lansing in the Chicago metropolitan area. Meetings and meals will be held in the Social Center, a beautiful, church-owned banquet facility. The address is 1500 186th Street, Lansing, Illinois.

All the most up-to-date information and assembly materials may be found on the Web at <http://domoca.org/assembly.html>.

Parish Report Form

This year, the Diocesan Council has agreed to change the way parishes submit their reports. Modeled after the form used by the Diocese of the West, we now have a uniform Parish Report Form. Simply download it from the Assembly web page at <http://domoca.org/assembly.html>, fill it out on your computer, and email it to Philip Sokolov at chancery@domoca.org. It is hoped this will streamline the process, making it clearer and easier for everyone at every stage.

One additional benefit of this form is that it allows us to eliminate the annual Census that was formerly collected separately in January. The census numbers reported on the new report form will be the ones used for the 2014 assessments. The new forms will be issued in preparation for all future assemblies so the time period will, in the future reflect a one-year period. This form does not replace the responsibility of submitting your annual meeting minutes and election material for episcopal approval.

The deadline for this form is Wednesday, September 25.

Registration

The composition of delegates from each parish is made up of the assigned priests and deacons, *ex officio*, and an equal number of lay delegates. One lay delegate is allowed from each parish not having an assigned priest. Lay delegates are elected by a parish meeting or parish council (consult parish bylaws). Others may attend as observers. Further information may be found in *The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America*, Article 7, The Diocesan Assembly: <http://oca.org/statute/article-vii>.

The registration fee schedule for this year's assembly is as follows:

\$100.00 per delegate or observer

Please return the Registration Form by Wednesday, September 25.

Hotels

As has been previously announced, three hotel options are available.

- Comfort Suites – 2235 West 173rd Street, Lansing – 708-418-3337
- Sleep Inn – 2255 West 173rd Street, Lansing – 708-418-3700
- Holiday Inn Express – 2323 172nd Street Lansing – 708-418-1188

All three are within the same hotel center.

Travel

Please arrange to arrive on the evening of Monday, October 7. If flying, please use Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW). There is no shuttle service available between the airport and the hotel. Please plan to take a taxi or arrange for someone who is driving to pick you up.

Departing flights should be scheduled for no earlier than 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8.

The Diocese will rent a van or bus for those requiring ground transportation from the hotel to the church on the morning of Tuesday, October 8. Please check the box marked "I will be flying to the Assembly" on the Registration Form if you plan to take advantage of this.

Schedule

All scheduled activities will take place at the St. Michael Social Center except as noted.

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10:30 am- Plenary Session I

1:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - Plenary Session II

5:00 pm - Closing Prayers & Installation

Materials

Minutes, reports, and forms pertaining to the Diocesan Assembly may be downloaded from <http://domoca.org/assembly.html>. In order to save costs and trees, printouts will *not* be passed out at the Assembly. All delegates are asked to review these materials online in advance, and print their own hard copies if necessary.

To submit a resolution, follow the directions given on the Resolution Form, which may be found on the web page mentioned above.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to call Philip Sokolov in the Chancery Office at 312-202-0420 or by email at chancery@domoca.org.

Yours in Christ,



Archpriest John Zdinak
Chancellor

51ST ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Broadview Heights, Ohio

12 November 2012

PLENARY SESSION I

I. OPENING.

The Assembly opened with the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and prayer at 9:22 a.m., after which His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon called the Assembly to order.

II. CREDENTIALS.

One Archbishop, 60 clergy delegates, 59 lay delegates, and 12 observers, for a total of 132 participants.

III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, APPOINTMENTS.

After introductory remarks, Archbishop Nikon turned the podium over to Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor, who recommended minor revisions to the agenda, adding that the Diocesan Council had requested that he chair the meeting. He moved, on behalf of the Diocesan Council, that Archpriests John Matusiak and Mark Hodges and Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera serve as the secretariat, and that Archpriest John Adamcio, Priest Nicholas Finley, and Ms. Kitty Mabus serve on the nominating committee. [Since Ms. Mabus was in hospital, Archpriest Thomas Mueller was asked to take her place.] He further moved that Archpriest Christopher Wojcik, Priest Stephen Hrycyniak and Doris Weissman serve on the resolutions committee. All deacons in attendance will serve as tellers.

IV. DEANERY REPORTS.

The reports of the Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, and Minneapolis deaneries were accepted as presented. Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, Dean of the Kansas City Deanery, added to his report that Deacon Joel Wilson, who is attached to Saint Thomas Church, Springfield, MO, is planting a mission in Rolla, MO. Archpriest Andrew Yavornitzky, Dean of the Michigan Deanery, added to his report that His Grace, Bishop Mark of Baltimore, presided at the consecration of Saint Mark Church, Rochester, MI. He also added that the faithful of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Detroit, continue to make every effort to maintain an active presence, and that they will be hosting their second annual Thanksgiving dinner for neighborhood residents. They also are working closely with Orthodox Outreach Detroit-FOCUS.

V. MONASTERY REPORTS.

The reports of Saint John Monastery, Hiram, OH, and the Presentation of the Virgin Mary Monastery, Marshfield, MO, were accepted as presented.

VI. DIACONAL VOCATIONS PROGRAM REPORT.

The report was accepted as presented, with no additions.

VII. PARISH HEALTH FACILITATOR REPORT.

Mr. Joseph Kormos, Parish Health Facilitator, stated that he had nothing to add to his written report, but thanked everyone for the opportunity to head the ministry for the past six years. Participants offered their applause.

VIII. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

The report stands as presented, with no additions.

IX. TREASURER'S AND AUDITORS' REPORTS.

Father Hrycyniak and Mr. Sam D'Fantis, Finance Committee members, reviewed the reports in the absence of Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer.

In response to enquires concerning the deficit and salary increases, Mr. D'Fantis stated that the latter were included in response to the request of His Grace, Bishop Matthias, adding that the Finance Committee is willing to entertain motions to modify the budget. Father Zdinak added that 2011 overages were incurred as a result of unbudgeted expenses related to the Bishop's consecration and salary and unforeseen expenses with regard to maintenance and repairs at the Diocesan Center. He affirmed that the 2013 budget is balanced and based on the most recent census numbers.

Upon motion by Mrs. Linda Livosky, seconded by Matushka Gina Mueller, it was decided to table discussion on the budget until the afternoon session. Motion carried with 51 in favor, 46 against.

The Auditors' Report was accepted as presented *upon motion by Archpriest Nicholas Wyslutsky, seconded by Mr. Dennis Garlick.*

X. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION.

Father Zdinak offered a comprehensive and objective report/timeline with regard to issues related to Bishop Matthias.

- A. On 24 August 2012, a complaint alleging sexual misconduct on the part of Bishop Matthias was sent to the Holy Synod of Bishops.
- B. Concurrently, a copy of the complaint was sent to Father Zdinak and Archpriest John Jillions, as chancellors of the Diocese of the Midwest and the Orthodox Church in America respectively.
- C. The matter was immediately referred to the Holy Synod, inasmuch as it involved a hierarch. The Holy Synod acted in accordance with the OCA Policy and Procedures and placed Bishop Matthias on administrative leave.
- D. Because at the time most bishops had been assigned to oversee other dioceses, in addition to their own, the Holy

Synod appointed Father Zdinak to serve as Administrator of the Diocese of the Midwest.

- E. From the beginning, Bishop Matthias abided by, and continues to abide by, the guidelines fully. He was not to make any decisions. He was permitted to receive the Eucharist at Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral and Christ the Savior Church and Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church, Columbus, OH.
- F. The Diocese was neither involved in the adjudication and investigation process, nor in any other aspect of the case, until Friday, 9 November 2012, at which time His Eminence, Archbishop Tikhon informed Father Zdinak that letters from the Holy Synod and Bishop Matthias would be released on Saturday, 10 November.
- G. Father Zdinak received numerous enquiries after the release of the aforementioned letters. He noted that he wanted to make it "clear" that internet reports alleging that he had verified certain statements were not true, that he "had not verified anything," and that he had never called for Bishop Matthias to resign publicly. The final decision is exclusively the prerogative of the Holy Synod. Consequently, no "resolution" will be permitted from the assembly.
- H. Father Zdinak thanked Archbishop Nikon for chairing the 51st Assembly. He further thanked Archpriest John Jillions for his presence, and invited him to comment.

Father Jillions offered comments and observations.

- I. While there is a lot of pain being experienced, a lot of life is evident in diocesan parishes. And while members of the Diocesan Council expressed differences of opinion at their meeting on the eve of the assembly, Father Jillions stated that he was struck "by the civility [and] the sincere pastoral Christian approach to the issues."
- J. He confirmed that the complaint had been received on 24 August 2012. Upon receipt of the complaint, and in line with normal procedures, it was assessed as quickly as possible. A response team was appointed to conduct a formal enquiry into the allegations.
- K. Father Jillions and a licensed psychologist met with Bishop Matthias on 26 August. A report of the meeting was sent to the Office of Review of Sexual Allegations. On that basis, a three-member response team was established. This "took some time," inasmuch as it was crucial that the three response team members bore no conflicts of interest, real or perceived, in the matter.
- L. Their report was given to the members of the Lesser Synod of Bishops, who read the team's findings and recommendations and shared them with the Holy Synod, which issued the aforementioned letter, released on Saturday, 10 November.

Archbishop Nikon confirmed the aforementioned information offered by Fathers Zdinak and Jillions. In addition, he noted that

- M. upon receipt of the initial allegations, the Holy Synod affirmed that established policies must be followed, as in any other situation. Policies were followed "to the letter," with "no favoritism [and] no change in the policies."
- N. the members of the Holy Synod agreed that it was necessary to send a message to the Diocese of the Midwest, especially since they acknowledged that Bishop Matthias was "hurting," as was the diocese.
- O. the negative reaction to the letter came as a surprise, since it clearly outlined the policies.
- P. Bishop Matthias accepted the decision of the Holy Synod and expressed his willingness to participate in an extended program, employed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, aimed at offering a healthy perception acceptable and unacceptable boundaries.
- Q. no further decisions have been made by the Holy Synod; further decisions hinge on the outcome of the aforementioned program. Consequently, the matter has yet to be fully resolved for Bishop Matthias, the Holy Synod, or the diocese.
- R. while the members of the Holy Synod are well aware of what appears on the internet, it would be best for those who have "something to say to the diocesan leaders to say it directly."
- S. while we as Church have endured crises for the past decade, we have not stopped being the Church, and the diocese cannot stop being the Church.

Delegates were invited to share their views on the aforementioned issues. Comments, heard through the conclusion of the morning session and into the afternoon session, appear as an Addendum to these minutes and are made a part thereof.

PLENARY SESSION II

XI. OPENING.

After a break for lunch, the session opened at 1:10 p.m.

XII. CREDENTIALS.

One Archbishop, 62 clergy delegates, 55 lay delegates, and 13 observers, for a total of 131 participants.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION.

Father Zdinak continued to field comments from the floor. At the conclusion of the discussion, he stated that Archbishop Nikon and Father Jillions had heard everything that had been shared and will take what they have experienced into consideration in further actions.

XIV. 2013 BUDGET.

Upon motion by Mr. D'Fantis, seconded by Archpriest James Dank, discussion of the 2013 budget was reopened.

After moderate discussion concerning a proposed salary increase for Bishop Matthias, in light of future uncertainties, Father Christopher Wojcik, seconded by Priest William John Neumann, moved to remove the increase from the budget. Motion carried.

After additional discussion, Father Zdinak, seconded by Priest Elijah Mueller, moved to adopt the budget as amended. Motion carried.

Father Hrycyniak, seconded by Father Dank, further moved to grant authority to the Diocesan Council to adjust items in the budget for 2013 alone in light of the fact that Bishop Matthias' future status is unknown at this time. Motion carried.

XV. ELECTIONS.

Priest Nicholas Finley was elected clergy representative to the Metropolitan Council. Priest Elijah Mueller will serve as alternate.

Elected as lay members of the Diocesan Council were Messers. Michael Herzak and Dennis Garlick and Mrs. Mecera. Mrs. Doris Wiseman will serve as alternate.

Mr. Frank Tkacz was elected to serve as auditor by acclamation.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS.

A. Father Zdinak reported that, in June 2012, it was learned that the Diocese of the Midwest was to receive a rebate from the 16th All-American Council, held in October/November 2011. Consideration had been given to using the rebate to fund a seminary scholarship fund in memory of His Eminence, the late Archbishop Job. Upon learning that the 17th All-American Council would convene, he had to make an executive decision, namely that the Diocese of the Midwest would assess parishes for the 17th All-American Council while still creating the aforementioned scholarship fund. Upon motion by Father Zdinak, seconded by Father Finley, it was decided to create the seminary scholarship fund.

B. A resolution calling for a no confidence vote in Bishop Matthias was ruled out of order.

C. A resolution calling for a no confidence vote in the Holy Synod of Bishops was ruled out of order.

D. In response to a lengthy discussion on adopting an alternative to the current per capita assessment, by which parishes would be asked to remit 12% of their unrestricted income, Mr. Michael Herzak, Sr. moved, seconded by Father Hrycyniak, that the Diocesan Council establish a committee to discern firm standards and guidelines and ways to gather information on the financial support of the diocese and report their findings at the 2013 Diocesan Assembly, at which time action with regard to implementation, may be taken. Motion carried.

E. Mrs. Trudy Ellmore, who serves as webmaster of the diocesan web site, was introduced and thanked for her good work on behalf of all.

F. On behalf of all participants, Father Zdinak offered gratitude to Archpriest John Memorich and the faithful of Archangel Michael Church for their gracious hospitality in hosting the Assembly.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT AND INSTALLATION.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Father Adamcio, seconded by Archpriest Joseph Gibson, the Assembly adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with a Service of Thanksgiving and the installation of elected officers.

*Respectfully submitted by the Secretariat,
Archpriest John Matusiak
Archpriest Mark Hodges
Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera*

With Mr. Philip Sokolov

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Broadview Heights, Ohio

11 November 2012

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with the singing of “O Heavenly King” led by His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, at 7:56 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Archbishop Nikon; Archpriests John Adamcio, Andrew Clements, Joseph Gibson, Alexander Kuchta, John Matusiak, Basil Stoyka, Paul Wesche, Christopher Wojcik, Andrew Yavornitzky, and John Zdinak; Priests John Baker, Stephen Hrycyniak, Herman Kincaid, and Nathan Kroll; and Mr. Sam D’Fantis, Mr. Michael Herzak Jr., Ms. Kitty Mabus, and Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera.

Others present included Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor; Philip Sokolov.

III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, APPOINTMENTS.

A. After introductory remarks, Archbishop Nikon turned over the chair to Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor.

B. Father Zdinak moved that Archpriests John Matusiak and Mark Hodges and Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera serve as the Assembly secretariat, and that Archpriest John Adamcio, Priest Nicholas Finley, and Ms. Kitty Mabus serve on the nominating committee. He further moved that Archpriest Christopher Wojcik, Priest Stephen Hrycyniak and Doris Weissman serve on the resolutions committee. All deacons in attendance will serve as tellers, with the senior deacon serving as head teller.

C. Father Zdinak moved that the Finance Committee will present the proposed 2013 budget, and that they be empowered to adjust in light of many uncertainties; seconded by Father Hrycyniak. Passed.

IV. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT.

A. Father Zdinak reported that, on August 24, 2012, the Holy Synod received a accusation of violation of the OCA’s sexual misconduct policy on the part of Bishop Matthias. A copy was sent to him and to Father John Jillions, OCA Chancellor. The matter immediately left our jurisdiction as a diocese to deal with the situation, because it was our ruling hierarch. Father Jillions and the Holy Synod dealt with it directly. We had no involvement with the response team since that time. The bishops were already dealing with other dioceses, so they asked me to act as Administrator. Eventually, everyone received the letters and the adjudication from the Synod, as well as the letter of apology from Bishop Matthias, which raised a considerable number of questions, emails, etc.

Father Zdinak also clarified that a web site, which supposedly contained all of the the accusations, alleged that he had verified the accusations. He denied this. He also noted that an e-mail alleged that he had publicly asked for the resignation of Bishop Matthias. He affirmed, “I never publicly said that.” The adjudication has come down from the Holy Synod, which in turn sent His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, to our meetings. He added that he had invited Father Jillions to be with us to hear us and to give us a way to express ourselves on these issues, and he invited him to explain the process.

B. Father Jillions thanked the Council, stating that he was grateful to meet. He reported that he had been involved at the very beginning of the process, as noted by Father Zdinak. When the initial complaint was received, an initial interview with Bishop Matthias took place. It had been determined that the matter was serious enough to gather a response team, which took some time. The team consisted of three individuals, all Orthodox Christians: a female lawyer, a Serbian Orthodox Christian, who was very familiar with sexual misconduct issues; Dr. Albert Rossi; and Protodeacon Michael Myers (Bulgarian Diocese), who had a mental health background and was familiar with the Metropolitan Council. Team members interviewed the complainant, others, and Bishop Matthias. Subsequently, they filed a 100-page report with the Holy Synod, the members of which reviewed the findings and wrote the letter that had been distributed. He suggested that Archbishop Nikon relate this internal process.

C. Archbishop Nikon confirmed that the Lesser Synod received the response team’s report. It then was shared with the full Holy Synod, the members of which agreed with the response team’s recommendations. It was felt that a letter needed to be sent to the diocese. He noted that, while the letter had been perceived in a negative manner, it should not have been, as everything had been done according to the procedures. Central is the expectation that Bishop Matthias would participate in a program of psychological counseling for an extended period. He added that some had incorrectly concluded that Bishop Matthias would automatically be returned to his post, but this was not the intent of the letter, which was purely a matter of information.

In response to the above, a lengthy discussion ensued. At its conclusion, Father Zdinak noted that there is no consensus, and that the division that is occurring is painful. Further discussion will be taken up during the Assembly plenary session.

V. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Father Adamcio, seconded by Father Hrycyniak, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m. with the singing of the Hymn to the Mother of God.

*Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary*

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Chicago, Illinois • 19 February 2013

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with the singing of “O Heavenly King” led by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, at 10:00 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Present were His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon; His Grace, Bishop Melchisidek; His Grace, Bishop Alexander; Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor; Archpriests John Matusiak, Secretary; Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer; Diocesan Council members Archpriests Alexander Kuchta, Basil Stoyka, and Christopher Wojcik; Priests Nicholas Finley, and Stephen Hrycyniak; Mr. Sam D’Fantis, Mr. Michael Dorosh; Mr. Dennis Garlick, Mr. Michael Herzak, Jr., Ms. Kitty Mabus, and Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera; Bishop’s Council members Archpriests Andrew Clements, Timothy Sawchak, Paul Wesche, and Andrew Yavornitzky; and Priests John Baker, Joseph Gibson, and Herman Kincaid. Also present was Mr. Philip Sokolov. His Grace, Bishop Matthias, was present for the afternoon session.

III. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT.

- A. Father Zdinak reported that generally things in the Diocese are calm, although there are a number of issues that need to be addressed and resolved.
- B. Numerous parish meetings have been held in recent weeks. Financial statements are being used for the ongoing stewardship study. Parish Council elections will not be approved until all required materials have been received.
- C. Father Zdinak reported on clergy transfers, his role as Synodal liaison, and related matters.

IV. ADDITIONS TO WRITTEN DEANERY REPORTS.

- A. **Columbus Deanery.** Father Gibson reported that things are tumultuous due to concerns with regard to His Grace, Bishop Matthias. A lot of energy has been spent on this. Otherwise, the deanery is growing.
- B. **Michigan Deanery.** Father Yavornitzky reported that Detroit’s Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral has been the center for the work of the Orthodox Diocese Outreach, providing dinners for neighborhood residents every Sunday. It is hoped that this ministry will be written up and posted as it may inspire others.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT.

- A. Mr. Koncel offered a detailed review of his written report. With regard to parishes that are in arrears in 2012 assessments, he noted that attempts are being made to receive payment. He referenced a list of parishes that are “in extreme arrears with assessments that won’t ever come in and should be written off. We did this one time before and there is a need need to do it again.” The Diocesan Council will consider this as a Council in the future.
- B. With regard to investment accounts, he reported that deposits had tripled in value during the past 13 years.
- C. He stated that he had a written report from the Finance Committee, portions of which can be obtained from him upon request from him. He would like to build up the maintenance fund. He noted that should Father John Baker pursue an on-line course provided by the insurance company, a 10% savings on premiums could be realized. He also recommended that money can be saved by raising the deductible from \$500.00 to \$2,500.00.
- D. He reported that the Audit Committee recommended investing in higher yield funds. The Finance Committee will consider various options.
- E. With regard to building maintenance, he noted that a list and photos of needs had been developed in June 2012 with the assistance of Father Baker. These were reviewed by the Finance Committee, the members of which will prioritize same and procure estimates.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH METROPOLITAN TIKHON AND OTHER HIERARCHS.

- A. Metropolitan Tikhon thanked those gathered for their presence and work and stated that the purpose of his visit and that of the other hierarchs was to address the current situation in the Diocese. He reviewed his meeting with the Deans on 18 February 2013 and noted that the same roundtable format would be observed by the Diocesan Council.
- B. He assured those present that the Holy Synod of Bishops had received and read a variety of correspondences, both signed and unsigned, and that the situation had been thoroughly discussed.
- C. Upon the request of Metropolitan Tikhon, Bishop Alexander presented an overview of the matters at hand, in which he reviewed developments since August 2012.
- D. Each member of the Diocesan Council in turn offered his or her opinions in an honest and open manner, after which Bishop Matthias was invited to join and address the gathering.
- E. After every member of the Diocesan Council responded, Metropolitan Tikhon stated that he will bring the matter before the members of the Lesser Synod during the next week and to the full Holy Synod for final disposition.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS.

- A. **Stewardship Study Report.** Father Hrycyniak reported that unrestricted and restricted income, reported membership, and the current assessment levels had been reviewed from a variety of vantage points to discern the overall impact should a percentage system be introduced to replace the current assessment system. Financial data was submitted by 26 parishes – the majority of parishes did not respond – had been studied. Consequently, it is not possible with limited data to gauge the impact of percentage giving vs. the current assessments. There is a need for the Diocese to ensure that all parishes submit data in order to generate a balanced and accurate study.

- B. Archbishop Job Seminarian Scholarship Fund.** Ms. Mabus asked for details on the fund and how it might be funded and expanded. Mr. Koncel suggested that a committee be formed to review this matter, adding that there was \$10,000.00 that had not been distributed last year. In response to a question as to the intent of the fund, Bishop Matthias stated that it was to be an annual appeal to increase funds available for diocesan seminarians, with the intention of establishing an endowment. After discussion, it was decided to designate a specific time frame – possibly August 2013 – to make a public appeal. Mrs. Mecera, Ms. Mabus and Father Matusiak agreed to develop an appeal for presentation at the next Diocesan Council meeting.
- C. 2013 Diocesan Assembly.** It was decided to hold the Assembly in early October in Chicago. The possibility of using a hotel near O'Hare International, with sessions at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, was raised. A local committee will be formed, while Mary Jane Lucak will serve as Assembly manager.
- D. Letter of Archpriest Daniel Rentel.** After discussing a letter from Father Rentel concerning compensation for Father Zdinak in light of his additional duties as Diocesan Administrator – duties he normally would not oversee – it was decided upon motion by Father Wojcik, seconded by Father Finley, to give Father Zdinak an additional \$1,152.53 per month with corresponding adjustments for Social Security and pension, retroactive to 1 January 2013. The motion passed with two opposed. In a related matter, Father Rentel's suggestion to reinstitute the position of Parish Health Coordinator was tabled, in light of the fact that Mr. Joseph Kormos had accepted a similar position within the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania.

IX. NEXT MEETING, ADJOURNMENT.

- A.** The next meeting of the Bishop's and Diocesan Councils will take place in Chicago June 17-18, 2013.
- B.** Council members thanked Father Baker and parishioners for providing transportation, lunch, and other essentials.
- C.** The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:45 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Garlick, seconded by Mr. Dorosh.

*Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary, with Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE CALL
Tuesday, 26 March 2013

I. OPENING.

The conference call opened with the prayer “O Heavenly King” led by Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor, at 7:03 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon.

Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor.

Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary.

Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer.

Members of the Diocesan Council: Archpriests Nathan Kroll, Alexander Kuchta, Basil Stoyka, and Christopher Wojcik; Priests Nicholas Finley and Stephen Hrycniak; Mr. Sam D’Fantis, Mr. Dennis Garlick, Mr. Michael Herzak, Ms. Kitty Mabus, and Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera. Absent: Mr. Michael Dorosh.

Members of the Bishop’s Council: Archpriests Andrew Clements, Joseph Gibson, Timothy Sawchak, and Andrew Yavornitzky; Priests John Baker and Herman Kincaid. Absent: Archpriest Paul Wesche.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

After considerable discussion in executive session, it was agreed that, upon his resignation, the Diocese give Bishop Matthias

A. a \$1,000 monthly stipend for a period of one and one half years;

B. health insurance benefits to include full hospitalization for 12 months and 6 months of supplemental health insurance for Medicare;

C. moving expenses within the continental U.S.; and

D. the car (2008 Ford Edge).

IV. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the conference call concluded with the Prayer to the Theotokos led by Father Zdinak at 8:46 p.m. upon motion by Father Kuchta, seconded by Mrs. Mecera.

V. ADDENDUM.

The above actions were later amended via e-vote on Friday, 5 April 2013, to the effect that

A. the stipend of \$1,000 monthly be extended from 18 months to 24 months; and

B. the Health Insurance benefits be changed to 12 months of Bishop Matthias’s current full hospitalization and 12 months of supplemental health insurance for Medicare. (This is an additional 6 months of supplemental to our original action.)

Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Holiday Inn Midway, Chicago, Illinois

18 June 2013

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with the singing of the Ascension Troparion led by His Grace, Bishop Alexander, *Locum Tenens*, at 8:34 a.m., after which the day's readings from Acts and the Gospel of Saint John were read by Michael Herzak and Priest Nicholas Finley.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Bishop Alexander, Archpriest John Zdinak, Archpriest Nathan Kroll, Archpriest Christopher Wojcik, Samuel D'Fantis, Michael Dorosh, Michael Herzak Jr., Dennis Garlick, Priest Nicholas Finley, Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Kitty Mabus, Archpriest Basil Stoyka, Archpriest John Matusiak.

Also present was Philip Sokolov.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Reading and acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting were postponed until later.

IV. BISHOP ALEXANDER'S REPORT.

Bishop Alexander offered introductory remarks concerning his appointment as *Locum Tenens*, noting that he sees his function as one of a "placeholder" until such time as an election of a new diocesan bishop is deemed appropriate. He spoke of the importance of a time of healing in the diocese in the effort to building up the Body of Christ. He fielded a number of questions and comments.

V. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

- A. Father John Z. reported that he had met with Priest John Baker, who had served as His Grace, Bishop Matthias' personal secretary in addition to his duties as diocesan property manager and rector of Christ the Savior Church, noting that since we do not have a ruling bishop there is no need for a secretary. He discussed Father John B.'s remuneration, proposing that he continue to receive \$500.00 per month, which passed unanimously upon motion by Father Christopher W., seconded by Father Nicholas F..
- B. Ongoing issues with the leaking roof over the dining room of the bishop's apartment, the need for extensive tuckpointing, and issues with one of the chimneys on Christ the Savior Church were noted. A bid for \$128,000.00 was received for tuckpointing both buildings. Additional property issues include sewer lines, which recently backed up and left raw sewage in the residence basement, and a number of trees that need to be trimmed.
- C. With regard to the merger between Christ the Savior parish and the diocese, Father John Z. proposed that an engineering company be engaged to assess the feasibility of the entire facility, after which an acceptable, agreeable mutual arrangement between the parish and diocese, indicating clearly who is responsible for what, be developed. After discussion, it was suggested to allocate \$5,000.00 for use by a committee charged with addressing these tasks which passed upon motion by Father Basil S., seconded by Dennis G.
- D. With regard to the Parish Development and Missions Committee, Father John Z. observed that it should be reconstituted for the purpose of reviewing and establishing grants. Possible committee members include Father Thomas M., chair, and Father Paul W., Ann Marie M., Archpriest Daniel Rentel, Priest Maximus Cabey, Simeon Morbey, Alexa Geeza, Jan Labun, Michael Tabling, and Sean Cunningham. Upon motion by Father Nicholas F., seconded by Dennis G., it was decided unanimously to reconstitute the committee.
- E. Questions were fielded by Bishop Alexander and Father John Z. with regard to the status of liturgical directives that had been put in place in recent years; the status of Saint John Monastery, Hiram, OH; and the diocesan archives stored in the basement of Christ the Savior Church.

VI. DEANERY REPORTS.

- A. **Chicago Deanery.** Father Thomas M., Dean, reported that he was elected Dean to succeed Priest Herman Kincaid. He spoke of the most recent basement flood at Saint Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL – the parish's fifth since 2002. He also reported that Priest Daniel Doss has been appointed priest-in-charge of Holy Apostles Mission, Bloomington-Normal, IL.
- B. **Cleveland Deanery.** Father John Z., in the absence of Archpriest Andrew Clements, Dean, reported that the latter had been unanimously reelected Dean. As an expression of solidarity, deanery clergy asked Priest Matthew Moriak to host the next deanery meeting. The clergy also decided to invite Priest Elijah Mueller, Late Vocations Coordinator, to offer a deanery-wide presentation on the program and address questions and concerns. The 100th anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lorain, OH and the 30th anniversary of Saint Innocent Church, Olmsted Falls, OH, were noted.
- C. **Indianapolis Deanery.** Father John Z., in the absence of Archpriest Joseph Gibson, Dean, reported on the latter's health issues. He also reported that Archpriest Ted Bobosh had been elected Dean, effective 1 July 2013.
- D. **Kansas City Deanery.** Father Timothy S. reported that he also had been reelected Dean. He noted that Father Elijah M. had visited Kansas City, where there are four individuals capable of assisting with instruction. The

missions in Rolla, MO [Deacon Joel Wilson] and Joplin, MO [Priest Michael Kuzara] are doing well. Saint Nicholas Mission, Lawrence, KS, is in the midst of purchasing property.

- E. **Michigan Deanery.** Father John Z., in the absence of Archpriest Andrew Yavornitzky, Dean, reported that the latter is recovering from back surgery.
- F. **Minneapolis Deanery.** Father Paul W. reported that he had been reelected Dean. He noted that the deanery clergy had requested that the Holy Synod review the policies and procedures for sexual misconduct when a bishop is involved; that the few remaining members of Saint Nicholas Church, Chisholm, MN, had voted to close the parish; that the possibility of closing the missions in Anoka, MN and Chisago City, WI is being explored, along with the possibility of establishing a new mission; that Archpriest Vladimir Lecko and Priest Gregory Grivna are retiring; and that Saint Herman Church, Minneapolis, has had a new influx of parishioners, some of whom had donated an icon of Saint John Maximovitch to the parish.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The following corrections were noted.

- A. Concerning the February 2013 minutes, Kitty M. asked that, on page 2, we make it clear that we had voiced our concerns and opinions “to Bishop Matthias.”
- B. Concerning the March 2013 minutes, Father Christopher W. asked that we simply publish a redacted set of minutes that only list the decisions in section IV. Further, It was noted that an e-vote had been taken to extend benefits for two additional years.
There being no additional corrections or revisions, the minutes were accepted upon motion by Father Christopher W., seconded by Father Alex K.

VIII. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT.

The representatives’ written report is attached to these minutes and made a part thereof. Father Alex K. added that the most recent meeting was very positive and that the Metropolitan Council committees have taken on a lot of work, and are approaching it with seriousness. He noted that the next All-American Council has been postponed until 2015. After sharing ideas with regard to background checks, it was the general consensus that we should pursue background checks of all priests and deacons, with similar checks for subdeacons and readers undertaken by their respective parishes.

IX. TREASURER’S REPORT.

Father John Z., in the absence of Treasurer Rob Koncel, gave the Treasurer’s report, nothing that at present the diocese is solvent. He reported that the financial report will be sent to everyone via e-mail.

X. “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” APPEAL.

Father John M. reported on the work he, Ann Marie M., and Kitty M. have done in this regard and distributed sample resources to be posted on the diocesan web site and mailed in hard copy to all parishes for distribution. It was the consensus that the appeal will be pursued in August, with 25 August designated as “SOS Sunday.” It was noted that the seminarians are receiving “grants,” not “scholarships. All is in place for a successful appeal.

XI. LATE VOCATIONS REPORT.

Father Elijah M. and Presvytera Rebecca Luft oversee the program. It was noted that the Bishop’s Council had agreed that Father Elijah should be compensated for travel.

XII. 2013 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY.

It was the consensus that the Assembly be a one-day event on Tuesday, 8 October 2013 in the Chicago area. The Diocesan Council will meet on Monday, 7 October. Additional information will be distributed as it becomes available.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:23 p.m. upon motion by Sam D., seconded by Dennis G.

*Respectfully submitted,
Father John Matusiak, Secretary*

Metropolitan Council Report – Spring 2013 Meeting

Meetings of the Metropolitan Council (MC) which took place February 26 – 28 were the first to take place since the election of Metropolitan Tikhon in November of 2012 and after the February meeting of our Diocesan Council, at which we spoke with the Metropolitan, and Bishops Alexander and Melchisedek about Bishop Matthias. The atmosphere of these meetings was markedly different from previous MC meetings where there was a great deal of tension associated with our former Metropolitan Jonah. It was obvious to all who had been present for those earlier meetings that we were now being blessed with a normalcy and lack of strife absent for so long. This new reality was commented on by Frs. Jillions and Tosi. There is definitely a more pleasant and relaxed atmosphere at the chancery.

An effort to make the MC meetings more efficient and productive is under way. An atmosphere of trust seems to be taking hold and because of this, it is hoped that some committees can be streamlined. For example: the Internal governance and Council development committees will be merged. There will be more of an effort to do more of the essential work of the MC at a committee level so that so that more developed recommendations might be brought to the full council for ratification rather than protracted discussion on each issue. A Reorganization Work Group is also studying what church work is being done in the Church at large. The goal is to determine which tasks are best done at what level in the Church: centrally or locally. The group hopes to publish their findings this month.

Postconciliar work of the 16th AAC in 2011 continues. One result of this work has led to continuing education for our clergy. The Holy Synod of Bishops recently mandated 20 hours per year of education for priests. This is very new for us and it's not completely understood how this will be done. However, I can report that continuing education was one topic of the most recent Chicago Deanery meeting with ideas as to how we can work towards fulfilling the mandate.

The Office of Response to Sexual Misconduct Allegations (ORSMA) is now functioning and directed Ms Cindy Davis who has a social work background and experience in this area. Her efforts will involve dealing with allegations of misconduct brought to the attention of the Chancery and also with prevention. There is still much to be worked out with respect to coordinating the work of ORSMA, the MC's legal committee, OCA General Council, the Sexual Misconduct Policy Advisory Committee and the Crisis Management Team. I should mention that when the MC met in February, there were only a few open active misconduct cases where at the September 2012 meeting there were some 19 open cases.

A discussion on the 18th AAC was held. Because of extraordinary expenses to our parishes due to the November 2012 Council and lack of clarity on how to deal with our most current financial challenges, a motion by the MC to postpone this Council until 2015 was passed. (The Holy Synod later ratified this decision.)

The OCA is facing very difficult financial issues. Because of the resolution from the 16th AAC to reduce annual assessments, and some unforeseen expenses we are running a rather large deficit, projected to be nearly \$189K for 2013. Also contributing to the deficit are reduced census figures with OCA membership having dropped by 1000. The financial development committee is working to revive a stewardship program (something along the lines of FOS, but definitely not called 'FOS') that would help with this issue. Chancellors and Diocesan treasurers have been meeting with OCA officers to clarify issues and to map out a plan to move to a proportional giving/stewardship model to fund the OCA. All involved with this process have stated their support for it, but it's not entirely clear as to how this will finally work out. I am getting the impression that some of the newest members of the MC who were the

loudest supporters of the assessment reduction resolution may be seeing things a bit differently, being present in the Chancery and realizing how few people are doing so much work. This is not the OCA of the 90s and 00s when there were in excess of 30 full and part time Chancery employees. To summarize, when it comes to the subject of funding the OCA, there are presently more questions than answers.

One of the last items of MC agenda had to do with a presentation of our General Council, Thaddeus Wojcik. I asked a question of our GC and MC that I've asked here, regarding background checks of clergy. We were told by one of the bishops present at the MC meeting that in his diocese these background checks are done every two years and that files are maintained at his chancery. I've long felt that this is something that should be done by our Diocesan Authority with files maintained here. I would recommend that this would also be our policy and that our Diocesan Council would ask our chancellor and chancery staff (and perhaps other capable and trustworthy persons) to create restricted personnel files for background checks that can only be accessed by the Chancellor and Bishop. It's essential that we begin to do these checks and also essential that confidentiality for all diocesan clergy be maintained. When this policy is in place we will be able to say without qualification that we are doing our due diligence and have a reasonable amount of confidence that our diocesan parishes are safe places to be.

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta
Clergy MC Representative

DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Diocesan Bylaws

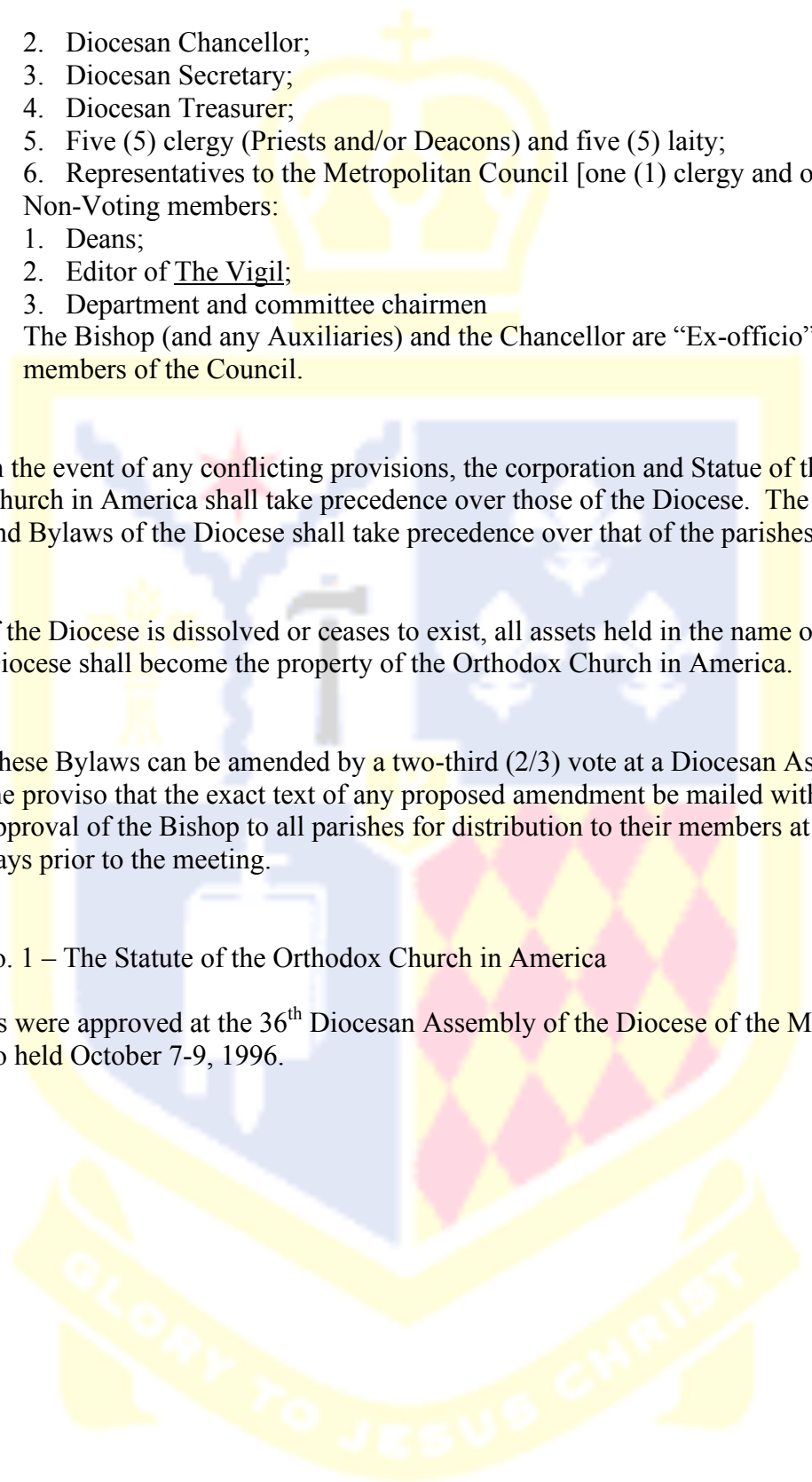
(Approved 1996)

- I. The Diocese of the Midwest (hereinafter referred to as Diocese) is comprised of faithful Orthodox Christians united in local worshipping communities (hereinafter referred to as Parishes) within the territory assigned to it by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America. It is a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Illinois.
 - A. The Corporate Officers shall be: Diocesan Bishop as President, Chancellor as Vice President, Diocesan Secretary as Secretary, and Diocesan Treasurer as Treasurer.
 - B. A candidate for Bishop is nominated, elected, consecrated and/or installed as described in the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), Article VI, Sections 9-11. The Diocesan Chancellor, Secretary, and Treasurer are appointed by the Bishop, as described in the Statute of the OCA, Article VI, Section 4, part 1. (Also see Article VIII, Section 6.)
 - C. The Bishop shall preside at the Diocesan Assembly and at the Diocesan Council meetings. The Bishop may appoint Vice Chair(s) at Diocesan Assemblies and Diocesan Council meetings.
 - D. The Bishop is the keeper of the corporate seal.
 - E. The Chancellor shall act as a liaison between the Diocesan Bishop and deans, clergy, parishes and Diocesan departments and committees. He is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Bishop, Diocesan Assemblies, Council, Bishop's Council, and any departments and committees. He will co-ordinate overall operation of the Chancery office and together with the Bishop be responsible for administration of the Diocese and its concerns.
 - F. The Secretary shall be responsible for:
 1. Keeping an accurate record of all Diocesan Council meetings and all Diocesan Assemblies;
 2. The notification of all parishes of all such meetings;
 3. Performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Diocesan Bishop, Bylaw, and decision of the Diocesan Assembly or Council.
 - G. The Treasurer shall be responsible for:
 1. Overseeing the receipt, safekeeping, and proper disbursement of all money and other property of the Diocese entrusted into his care, according to the direction of the Diocesan Assembly or Diocesan Council;
 2. Providing a financial statement at the Diocesan Assembly and at such other times as may be requested by the Diocesan Council. The annual financial statement shall be audited and certified as provided in the Rules of Procedure;
 3. Having a complete account of the finances of the Diocese on books which shall be and remain the property of the Diocese;
 4. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Bishop, Bylaws, Rules of Procedure, and decision of the Diocesan Assembly or Council.

- H. The execution of contracts, not included in the Diocesan Operating budget, and authorized by the Diocesan Council may be accomplished with the signature of one of the following: The Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer, or Secretary.
 - I. The establishment of financial accounts and payment of funds may be accomplished with no less than two signatures of the following: The Bishop, Chancellor, Treasurer, or Secretary.
- II. The Annual Diocesan Assembly is the annual corporate meeting. It is held on the first Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in October and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America. (See Appendix No. 1.) The time of the Assembly may be changed for cause by the Bishop or Diocesan Council, with thirty (30) day notice to Diocesan Parishes and Clergy. Extraordinary Assemblies may be convoked as described in the Statute of the OCA, Article VII, Section 4. The Diocesan Assembly shall elect:
- A. One (1) Clergy Vice Chairman and one (1) Lay Vice Chairman.
 - B. Diocesan Council Representatives:
 - 1. There shall be ten (10) people, [five (5) clergy and five (5) lay elected at-large]. Each year at the annual Diocesan Assembly, two (2) clergy and two (2) lay representatives will be elected. A term in office on the Diocesan Council is three (3) years.
 - 2. The length of consecutive service as an elected member of the Diocesan Council is six (6) years. A one (1) year sabbatical is required before running again for election to the Diocesan Council.
 - C. Diocesan Representatives to the Metropolitan Council:
 - 1. There shall be two (2) representatives, one (1) clergy and one (1) lay, elected at the Diocesan Assembly. These representatives shall be elected at the Diocesan Assembly their three-year terms being staggered. Representatives to the Metropolitan Council are members of the Diocesan Council ex officio. The term of newly elected representatives shall begin with the first Metropolitan Council meeting of the new calendar year.
 - D. Auditing Committee:
 - 1. The Auditing Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected at-large for a three (3) year term. One member shall be elected at the annual Diocesan Assembly each year.
 - 2. The senior member (the person in the final year of his term) shall be the Chairman.
 - 3. The Auditing Committee shall review the financial operations of the Diocese and make a written report to the Diocesan Assembly; this report shall be mailed to the parishes (30) days prior to the annual Diocesan Assembly.
 - E. Advisory committees may be established by the Bishop or by the Diocesan Council with the Bishop's approval as deemed necessary.
 - F. Assistants to the Secretary and Treasurer. If it is deemed necessary to have

assistants to the Secretary or the Treasurer, the Bishop shall appoint such persons as needed.

- G. The clergy and lay person receiving the next highest number of votes after vacancies on the Council have been filled are considered to be alternates who would fulfill the remainder of a vacant term of a Diocesan Council member or Diocesan Representative to the Metropolitan Council. In case of need, the Bishop may also appoint a temporary replacement until the next Diocesan Assembly.
 - H. The Diocesan Assembly shall establish the fiscal year and annual Diocesan assessment. (cf. Statute of the OCA, Article VII, Sec. 3, d.)
 - I. Removal from the Diocesan Council
 - 1. All Diocesan Council members must continue to fulfill the qualifications for membership in the Council, as mandated by the Diocesan Assembly, during their entire tenure of office. Members of the Council whose membership status in a Diocesan parish changes due to Sacramental participation, etc. are subject to removal.
 - 2. Council members whose parish membership changes because of a move outside the boundaries of their parish and the Diocese must resign their position.
 - 3. Three (3) absences from Diocesan Council meetings between Diocesan Assemblies may be considered a resignation from the Diocesan Council.
 - 4. All actions regarding removal are subject to the final decision of the Diocesan Bishop.
 - J. A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be selected by the Diocesan Council. The members of the Committee are not to be candidates for election.
 - K. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be:
 - 1. To compile a list of candidates nominated by members of the Assembly prior to the election session;
 - 2. To maximize the number of candidates running for open positions;
 - 3. Not to endorse or recommend any candidate for election.
 - L. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted. Voting is by secret ballot.
 - M. One must be an accredited delegate of and present at the Diocesan Assembly to be nominated.
 - N. All parishes are required to meet the financial obligations for the Diocesan Assembly (i.e., registration fees) for a minimum of one (1) clergy and one (1) lay delegate.
 - O. All parishes are required to be current with their Central Annual and Diocesan Annual Assessments in order to have delegates seated at the Annual Diocesan Assembly.
- III. The Diocesan Council is the corporate board of Directors. The Diocesan Council shall be composed of:
- A. Voting members:
 - 1. Ruling Bishop and any Auxiliary Bishops;

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- 2. Diocesan Chancellor;
 - 3. Diocesan Secretary;
 - 4. Diocesan Treasurer;
 - 5. Five (5) clergy (Priests and/or Deacons) and five (5) laity;
 - 6. Representatives to the Metropolitan Council [one (1) clergy and one (1) lay].
- B. Non-Voting members:
 - 1. Deans;
 - 2. Editor of The Vigil;
 - 3. Department and committee chairmen
 - C. The Bishop (and any Auxiliaries) and the Chancellor are “Ex-officio” voting members of the Council.
- IV. In the event of any conflicting provisions, the corporation and Statute of the Orthodox Church in America shall take precedence over those of the Diocese. The corporation and Bylaws of the Diocese shall take precedence over that of the parishes.
 - V. If the Diocese is dissolved or ceases to exist, all assets held in the name of the Diocese shall become the property of the Orthodox Church in America.
 - VI. These Bylaws can be amended by a two-third (2/3) vote at a Diocesan Assembly with the proviso that the exact text of any proposed amendment be mailed with the approval of the Bishop to all parishes for distribution to their members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Appendix No. 1 – The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America

These bylaws were approved at the 36th Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest in Dayton, Ohio held October 7-9, 1996.



DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST – ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

52ND DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 9, 2013, LANSING, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION FORM

TITLE of RESOLUTION:

ORIGIN of RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION TEXT (a printed copy of the resolution may be attached to this form).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Instructions for Submitting Resolution:

1. All Resolutions must be received by the Diocesan Chancery by 4:00pm, Wednesday, September 25, 2013.
2. Resolutions may be submitted by:
 - US POST to:
Diocese of the Midwest
927 N LaSalle Blvd
Chicago, IL 60610
 - Electronically to chancery@domoca.org
(electronically submitted resolutions must be signed)
 - Fax to: (312) 202-0427

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Resolution No. _____ Responsible Committee _____
Origin of Resolution: Deanery ____ Delegate ____ Diocesan Council ____ Parish Council ____
Assembly Action on Resolution: _____
Motion to Adopt Resolution: _____
Second to Adopt Resolution: _____

Assembly Vote: For ____ Against ____ Abstentions ____
Resolution was: Adopted ____ Not Adopted ____ Tabled ____

52nd Diocesan Assembly Elections Information

The following is a list of the current members of the Diocesan Council, Metropolitan Council Representatives and Auditing Committee. The list indicates their current term expiration.

Term of Office for Elected Members is three (3) years.

In 2011, all then-current terms were extended by one year. This is reflected in all dates below.

This year we will elect:

- One (2) Clergy Members Diocesan Council
- One (1) Lay Member Diocesan Council
- One (1) Member Audit Committee

Current Elected Members

Diocesan Council Members

Name	Term Expiration	Eligible for Re-election
Archpriest Nathan Kroll	2014	YES
Archpriest Basil Stoyka	2014	NO
Archpriest Christopher Wojcik	2013	YES
Priest Nicholas Finley	2015	YES
Priest Stephen Hryciniak	2013	YES

Mr. Michael Dorosh	2013	YES
Mr. Dennis Garlick	2015	YES
Mr. Michael Herzak	2015	NO
Mrs. Kitty Mabus	2014	YES
Mrs. Ann Marie Mecera	2015	NO

Metropolitan Council Representatives

Name	Term Expiration	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	2014	YES
Mr. Sam D'Fantis	2015	NO

Auditing Committee

Name	Term Expiration	
Mr. Sam Jacob	2014	YES
Mr. Frank Tkacz	2015	YES
Ms. Judi Wienclaw	2013	YES

CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT – September, 2013

Submitted by Father Thomas Mueller, Dean

Lenten Vespers took place this year at Christ the Savior in Chicago, St Panteleimon in Summit, St Nicholas in Kenosha, and St Nicholas in Joliet. Bridegroom Matins on Palm Sunday evening was served at Holy Trinity Cathedral as usual. The theme for homilies or talks was the Beatitudes in the Gospel according to St Luke. Fathers Elijah Mueller, Thomas Mueller, Andrew Harrison, and Alexander Kuchta presented each of the Beatitudes. Before the service at Joliet on April 21st, the results of a deanery election conducted by email were announced. I was elected to a new term as dean, as confirmed by Bishop Alexander later that week. I stressed to those present at this brief meeting the need for the clergy and people of the deanery to be at peace with one another, and that I would try to focus humbly on our working cooperatively together. At our June deanery meeting, Fathers John Adamcio and Joseph Kopka were elected to remain in the positions of secretary and treasurer respectively. We continue to meet about every other month at various parishes.


We held two youth camps at Edwards YMCA Camp in East Troy, Wisconsin: a weekend winter camp in February and a summer camp in the first week of July. We are undergoing a demographic shift with some of our long-term older campers transitioning to summer jobs or schooling or college with younger kids in the 10 – 12 age range moving into the camp program. These camps continue to be very successful in terms of building youth community, religious education, character development, and a range of great activities. This is a camp setting with excellent facilities and a wide array of possible activities. Our counselors this year, in addition to myself, were: Father Joseph Kopka, Pat Labun, Helen Metanchuk, Amy Schwarze, Daria Mueller, and Nathan Shackleford. The summer camp featured a field trip to a horse show and animal farm at William's Bay, followed by Vespers and a pizza party at our Holy Theophany Chapel at William's Bay (Lake Geneva). We will try to attend a service at the Chapel in conjunction with a field trip at every camp, since the Chapel is only 25 minutes from the camp. Parishes sending youth to these camps were: Christ the Savior, Holy Trinity Cathedral, St. Joseph in Wheaton St. Luke in Palos Hills, St Makarios in Chicago, St Nicholas in Kenosha, and SS Cyril and Methodius in Milwaukee.

This year we are sending deanery seminarian stipends to Deacon Moses Hibbert of St Matthew in Green Bay and Alex Koranda of St. Pater & St Paul in Burr Ridge.

Fr. Danial Doss was transferred from his assignment at St Peter and St Paul in Burr Ridge to that of Priest in Charge at Holy Apostles Mission in Bloomington-Normal, IL. We suffered the repose of two people who were long and beloved members of our deanery community: Archpriest Oleg Mironowicz, former Chicago Dean and Dean of St George Cathedral for many years; and Gina Mueller, my own wife of 45 years, who reposed on August 29th after a sudden and very brief illness. We offer our sincere sympathies to Matushka Vera Mironowicz on the devastating loss of her dear husband, and to my family and the parishioners of SS Cyril and Methodius on the shocking loss of their mother and grandmother and my faithful partner in 29 years of work at the our parish in Milwaukee.

- Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Dean

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Archangel Michael Orthodox Church 8301 S. LeClaire Ave. (5037 W. 83rd Street – Rectory) Burbank, IL 60459	
Clergy	
Priest Gregory Bruner – Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Altar Servers Readers “O” Club/Jr. “O” Club	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in the annual Quad-Parish Picnic – This year held at St. Luke Church due to less than favorable weather. 2. Paschal Vespers Parish Luncheon – While the parish has always gathered following Paschal Vespers, this year marked the beginning of a new tradition. Fr. Gregory rolled his grill over to the hall and provided fresh-grilled burgers, hot dogs, brats, chicken, and kabobs. It was a wonderful success. Fr. Gregory grilling in his cassock and “Batiushka” apron was a big hit. 3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – Held Annually after the Dormition Fast (8/25 this year), we had a wonderful turnout from the neighboring parishes. So much so that a grocery run was needed to replenish supplies. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations are regularly made to the local food pantry. 2. Grocery cards are on hand to give to those looking for help buying food. 3. Fr. Gregory attempts to be visible in the community whenever possible. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With 3 OCA churches, as well as 5 other canonical Orthodox Churches (3 GOA, 1 AOCA, 1 UOC), in the immediate vicinity, the mission field is somewhat saturated. We are in the process of determining what makes our parish stand out from our neighbors. 2. Overcoming invisibility in the community. Many who live in the immediate area have no idea our parish exists even though it has been in its current location for over 30 years. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 104th Anniversary Parish Feast Day Banquet – Sunday, November 10, 2013 (See parish website for details) 2. Annual Quad-Parish Picnic – June 2014 3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – August 2014 	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	35	35	35
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	43	43	45
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	30	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	3	4	4
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	0	0	0
Funerals	2	3	1
Marriages	1	2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	4	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	N/A	N/A	N/A – will begin this year

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church 6980 S. County Line Road Burr Ridge, IL. 60527 630-323-3525 www.stpeterandstpaulorthodoxchurch.com	
Clergy	
Rev. Herman Kincaid, Rector Rev. Dn. John Kornafel, Parish Deacon	
Committees/Societies	
FOCA Chapter 96, Outreach & Evangelism, Charity, Property, Capital Improvements, Community, Education, Women's Fellowship Group, Children's Choir, Greeters, Maintenance, Altar, Church Beautification Crew	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
80 th Anniversary Banquet, October 2012 60 th Anniversary for Mr. John Sutko-Choir Director, July 2013 Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament, August 2013	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
+Archbishop JOB Seminarian Scholarship Fund – Full seminary scholarship (tuition & board) for Alex Koranda. Monthly Charity Collections (Diocesan +JOB Scholarship, Wounded Warrior Project, Presentation of the Virgin Mary Monastery, St. Tikhon's Married Student Housing Project, Fr. Stephen Karaffa Memorial Scholarship Fund, St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church Fire Repair (Chicago), St. Herman's Seminary, St. Joseph's Church Flood Relief (Wheaton), St. Matthew's Lutheran Food Pantry (Chicago), IOCC, OCF). Monthly Married Student Seminarian support at St. Tikhon's (\$250 monthly) Project Mexico Missionary in July 2013 Feed My Starving Children volunteers West Suburban Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive, November 2012 Weekly support of Hinsdale Food Pantry FOCA Lenten Retreat, April 6, 2013 Monthly Healing Service Quarterly Evangelism, Outreach & Parish Stewardship (EOPS) Newsletter Annual Holiday Cookie Sale (\$500 donation to Chicago Deanery Youth Camp Programs) Annual Christmas Youth Musical/Yolka – Donation: Hope for (the late) Hunter Himes (14yo car accident victim).	
Major Challenges Faced	
Inspiring our members to combat their worldly schedules in order to grow closer to Christ in prayer and worship.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Choir Concert, October 6, 2013 St. Philip's Fast/Pre-Advent Family Potluck, November 9, 2013 Annual Holiday Cookie Sale, December 14, 2013 Annual Godparent/Godchild Blessing & Luncheon, January 2014 Annual Parish Meeting, February 2014 Annual Parish Picnic/Kermesh, July 2014 Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament, August 16, 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			160
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			135
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			85
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20
Number of Catechumens			3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			4
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			65
Adult Education/Number Participating			20

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St Elizabeth the New Martyr Orthodox Church location: 545 W Indiana Ave, Chesterton, IN 46304 mailing: 438 S 3rd St, Chesterton, IN 46304	
Clergy	
Rector: Fr William Bass	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Deeds Committee	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish hosted author and speaker, Dr Clark Carlton for Saturday seminar, "Heaven & Hell from the Perspective of the Early Church," event recorded by Ancient Faith Radio Participation in our town's "Hometown Christmas" Celebration - fund raising committee hosted booth of ethnic baked items; exposure & intereaction with communitiy & fund raising, parish information/flyers given out. Choir's participation in town of Chesterton's Christmas Religious Festival (music by local churches, held at RC church in Chesterton), Orthodox Hymns of Nativity & Russian Folk music 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Donations to local Westchester Food Pantry	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Parish Feast Day Celebration July 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year	Reported for Calendar Year	As of September 1,
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	2011	2012	2013
Supporting Membership Count			28
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			31
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			22
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			7
Number of Catechumens			1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			10
Adult Education/Number Participating			5

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Christ the Savior Orthodox Christian Church 927 N. LaSalle Blvd Chicago, IL 60610	
Clergy	
Priest John Baker, Rector & Dean	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Ladies Group	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Ministering to the Faithful Sacraments Liturgical Services	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Parishioners participated in Project Mexico Host Neighborhood Block Party Teen Outings with kids from Little Village Host families from Little Village at our Annual Parish Retreat Parish Tithe Support Hogar Raphael Orphanage in Guatemala	
Major Challenges Faced	
Transient Parishioners Roughly 10% of the parishioners carry the operating budget Busy, Busy Urban Parishioners	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Fr John Baker 10 year anniversary at the parish, September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			50
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	55	60	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	40	50	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	20	25	22
Number of Catechumens			11
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	7	7	3
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	2	2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	10	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	22	24	27
Adult Education/Number Participating	Varies	Varies	Varies

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Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral	
Clergy	
Archpriest John S. Adamcio, Dean Deacon Thomas Keith	
Committees/Societies	
Sts. Martha and Mary Sisterhood St. John of Chicago Society FOCA Cathedral Choir Church School Greeters/Docents	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Sisterhood Cookie Walk ~ Strawberry Social Pet Blessing Cross blessings and cupola cladding	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Onward House Saturday tours of the Cathedral	
Major Challenges Faced	
Aging congregation Few fund raising opportunities	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
St. John of Chicago Dinner Pet Blessing Luau	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	100	100	97
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	85	85	85
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	70	71	70
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	10
Number of Catechumens	2	1	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	2	2	3
Funerals	2	4	2
Marriages	0	1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	22	24	25
Adult Education/Number Participating	5	7	7


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Saint Makarios Orthodox Mission	
Clergy	
Fr. Elijah Mueller	
Committees/Societies	
OCF/ University of Chicago Chaplaincy Significant contribution to work of Catechist and Diaconal Vocations Program Work with University of Chicago Spirit Life (Chaplaincy) Office	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Talk by Bishop Alexander, February 2013 Presentations/ Panel discussions on the University of Chicago Campus Marriage of student couple that met at the mission! Several Baptisms.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Prison Ministry Outreach	
Major Challenges Faced	
Need our own space.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
2 Chrismations. New Church School arrangement in conjunction with the OCF and recreational activities. OCF has reorganized/ better planning for this school year's activities.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			~12 (many students)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			32+ during school year
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			~22
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			12+ during school year
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2
Funerals			0
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			5
Adult Education/Number Participating			15

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Matthew Orthodox Church 1226 Redwood Drive Green Bay, WI 54304</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Fr. Maximus Cabey, Rector</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Building Committee</p>	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nativity Retreat 2012: December 7th & 8th, 2012 Fr. Elijah Mueller and Matushka Rebecca Luft spoke on “Israel and the Body of God”, and “The Incarnation and Spiritual Life in the Fathers” • Moliebens for Healing on the last Wednesday of every month • Bible Study on Wednesday evenings after Vespers and on Thursday mornings after Morning Prayer. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	

Food drives for Paul's Pantry in Green Bay, WI and St. Joseph Food Program in Menasha, WI
We adopt a family for Christmas

Major Challenges Faced

Meeting budget without fundraisers
Isolation from other Orthodox parishes per distance


Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

- Nativity Retreat in November 2013
- Our parish council is working with our Rector to plan for the next year.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			32
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15
Number of Catechumens			1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013

Baptisms			2
Funerals			1
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			3
Church School/Number Enrolled			6
Adult Education/Number Participating			30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 100 Barber Lane Joliet, IL 60435	
Clergy	
Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector Fr. John Kuchta, Retired, Attached Sub-deacon David Hanneman Rdr. Richard Brumer	
Committees/Societies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Nicholas Purse String: Formed Summer 2013 for outreach program • Ladies Aid • Youth Group 	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir & Youth sang Christmas Carols to Parish shut-ins, a first time event for many. • St. Nicholas Orthodox Church was chosen as the Church of the Week in Joliet. Eighteen parishioners enjoyed an evening of fun at the Family Fun Zone. • Mission Dinner 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took some parish youth to Youth Lenten Retreat held at the Parish Deanery Cathedral in Chicago • Annual Christmas gift giving to the Morning Star Mission • Fr. Bartek volunteers at the Morning Star Mission • Starting monthly Healing Service open to the public. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial challenges • Membership 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Nothing	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	58	40	38
	Reported for Calendar Year Aug 1-Dec 31 2011	Reported for Calendar Year Jan 1 to June 1, 2012 <i>No records available June 1-Dec 31, 2012</i>	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	46	53	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	6	12	13
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	12	5
Number of Catechumens	1	6	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	1	7	2
Funerals	2	4	1
Marriages	0	3	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	6	12	10
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	10	10

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St Nicholas Church, 4313 18 th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140	
Clergy	
Priest Stephen J. Hrycyniak, Rector Archpriest Alexis Fedec, Rector Emeritus Priest Basil Aden, Retired, Attached	
Committees/Societies	
Holy Trinity Sisterhood St Nicholas Brotherhood Fellowship of St Maria of Paris	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Lecture by Professor Bradley Nassif on Centrality of the Gospel in Orthodox Life 2. Motorcycle Blessing 3. Successful capital campaign and construction project to replace steps and tuckpoint.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Organic garden produce raised and donated to local shelter 2. Monthly sandwich Sunday--48 bag lunches are prepared and donated to shelter 3. Harley blessing mention above, which included significant neighborhood outreach	
Major Challenges Faced	
We continue to hover around breakeven financially and with an aging facility and parish membership that always seems to be a cause for concern. We have some new inquirers and several parish transfers which bode well for the future. The new members tend to understand stewardship in a different (more robust) manner. We seem to be replacing folks who have fallen asleep in the Lord or who have fallen off the rolls to maintain a steady membership.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			50
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			48
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			32
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			7
Number of Catechumens			3 inquirers
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			5
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			13
Adult Education/Number Participating			8

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Ss Cyril & Methodius 2505 S 30th St Milwaukee, WI 53215-2829	
Clergy	
Archpriest Thomas Mueller Priest John Jones Protodeacon George Potym Priest Fred. Janecek, attached	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council only – all activities are a function of the whole parish as represented by the Council Chapel communities and weekly services at William's Bay (Holy Theophany) & West Bend (St Herman), WI.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Repose and Funeral of Gina Mueller (8/29 and 9/2-3/13 – Her service and compassionate presence here for 29 years are remembered with love, while we grieve for our great loss. Annual Block Party attended by over 200, the best ever, inaugurating our English as Second Language classes and inaugurating our new playground equipment. Our Sunday Eucharist, uniting a very diverse community in faith, hope, and love, and bringing forth a spirit of peace and harmony and care for our own parish family and for those in need.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Free Block Party – food, music, games, church tours, good will. Our 13 th year of doing this. ESL Classes – free, open to neighbors & parishioners; books, professional instruction, and refreshments provided twice weekly. Participation in social/economic justice work of Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope. Monthly provision and serving of hot meal at Women's & Children's shelter. Christmas Party	

there.

Campus Fellowships (OCF) and liturgical services at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

Newly refurbished playground provided for neighborhood kids and our own. Open to all.

Annual one-day conference coming up in November focusing on issues of human trafficking.

Active participation in Pan-Orthodox youth activities.

Participation in CROPWALK.

Staffing & coordination of Holy Theophany Chapel in William's Bay (Lake Geneva), which opened its own small but charming Temple last fall, and which conducts an annual blessing of the lake and celebration on the Saturday after Theophany. All are welcome – huge free brunch

Major Challenges Faced

Fr Tom's new life as a widower.

Maintaining and refurbishing aging property.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

40-day Memorial Service and Dinner for Gina Mueller, featuring a book of recollections and remembrance put together and printed by the Parish Council and parish members.

International Harvest Dinner November 10th, celebrating our racial and ethnic diversity.

Conference on human trafficking later in November or early December (tba).

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			107
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			80-90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			60-70
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			17
Number of Catechumens			3

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			6
Funerals			2
Marriages			-
Receptions into Orthodoxy			3
Church School/Number Enrolled			36
Adult Education/Number Participating			12


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Holy Apostles Orthodox Church 1670 West Hovey Avenue Normal, IL 61761	http://www.holyapostlesbn.org/
Clergy	
Fr. Danial Doss	
Committees/Societies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and Growth Committee • Hall of Doors Library and Bookstore • Hospitality – social activities 	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism and Chrismation of a family: 2 adults and 2 children • Starting an OCF Chapter to serve college students at Illinois State University and Wesleyan University • Restarting a Sunday School program 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing food for Jesus House in Bloomington • Providing food for Clare House and help with soup kitchen • Had a 2-page article published in the Pentagraph area newspaper about Holy Apostles Church and the Orthodox Faith 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting new members to the Church • Attracting college students to the Church • Accelerated pay down on mortgage to be completed in three years 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome gathering to the OCF college students • Annual Church celebration for the Feast of Holy Apostles 	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
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Supporting Membership Count	24	20	20
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35-40	25-30	30-35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	35	25	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	5-7	5-7	3-5
Number of Catechumens	1	2	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	0	1	4
Funerals	1	1	0
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	3	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	0	0

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Holy Resurrection 1449 N. Quentin Road, P.O. Box 421 Palatine, IL 60078	
Clergy	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Growth Team	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual celebration of Parish Feast Day on St. Thomas Sunday Oktoberfest dinner in the fall Annual "Hearts on Fire" social/dinner on the Friday of Publican/Pharisee week	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly Parish Charity collection to assist parishioners Christmas gifts for Cook County Department of Child/Family Services Annual dinner with free will offering to help an OCA clergy widow Preparation of several meals for local PADS (People Acting to Deliver Shelter) site Collection of foodstuffs/cash for Palatine Township Food Pantry	
Major Challenges Faced	
Recent deaths of two younger parishioners Working to build sense of community in a "commutery parish"	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
No special events/anniversaries	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			Approx. 93
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			70-100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			70-100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			12
Number of Catechumens			4 adults 4 children
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			2
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			3
Church School/Number Enrolled			20
Adult Education/Number Participating			12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Luke 10700 S Kean Ave Palos Hills IL 60465	
Clergy	
Archpriest Andrew Harrison Proto Dn. Andrew Werbiansky	
Committees/Societies	
Property Ministry Team Outreach Ministry Team Education Ministry Team Community Ministry Team Liturgical Ministry Team	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Provide Food & Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) – one day a week from October to May Mission Team of 7 to the Village of Ozinkie in Alaska, Church school camp, OCMC sponsored Mission team of 3 to Montana & New Mexico, YOCAMA sponsored Garden Center for the mentally challenged	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Donations given to the following charities through offering and matching grants: All Saints Church- Father Peter Gilquist Memorial, Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Fund, Coptic Orphans, IOCC, Ancient Faith Radio, PADS Holy Assumption Monastery, Needy Parish Family, YOCAMA Registration, St. Herman Seminary, OCA Deanery Camp, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Christian Church, St. Elisabeth Convent – Belarus, Tony Tapralis Family.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Correct building exit codes and expand the present church building. Projected cost \$375,000	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
St. Luke Feast day celebration to be held Oct 18th with a luncheon on Oct 20 30 th Anniversary planned for October 2014	

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Supporting Membership Count			117
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			101
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			101?
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			6
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			4
Funerals			2
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			66
Adult Education/Number Participating			29

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church 112 N. Fairdale Royalton, IL 62983	
Clergy	
Rev. Justin Foster, D.Min Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Vacation Bible Church School 99th Ann./Feast Day	

Outreach and Charitable Activities	
December Christmas Food Drive for the Poor. Mission Boxes by Sunday School Children for Orphanage in Guatemala. SOS Fund Raiser	
Maior Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
100th Anniversary Oct. 1, 2014	

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	2011	2012	
Supporting Membership Count			42
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			39
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			8
Number of Catechumens			12
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			5
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			6
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			4

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Panteleimon Church 7545 W. 61 st Place Summit, IL 60501-1617	
Clergy	
Archpriest Myron D. Manzuk Priest Anthony Spengler, attached/retired Rev. Protodeacon Robert Northrup	
Committees/Societies	
Choir, Church School, Parish Council, Sisterhood	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 75th Anniversary Celebration 2. Completion of "Iconostas Icon" project and began "Miracles of Christ" icon project (10 large icons for the side walls of the church) 3. Annual Lamb Roast (best Greek food in Chicago) 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCLife Chicago Illinois Right to Life Martha and Mary House in Chicago OCCA's Foster Children Christmas Toy Drive. The Greater Chicago Food Depository IOCC 5K Walk/Run MS Walk Supports almost all local Pan-Orthodox activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Membership/Neighborhood/close proximity of Orthodox Churches in Southwestern Chicago/Income (lacks commitment to fair share and/or sacrificial giving)	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			32
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			25-30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			same
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			21
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Saint Joseph Church, 412 Crescent Street, Wheaton, IL 60187 MAILING ADDRESS: 570 Crescent Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Matusiak, Rector Archpriest Joseph Kopka, Second Priest Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk, Third Priest Protodeacon John Coleman Deacon Lawrence Dugoni Subdeacons Abe Rihani, Jeff Patronik, and Jerzy Pietrowski Several tonsured Readers	
Committees/Societies	
None. Parish is ministry driven; that is, when needs arise, we organize in the best way to address them, and if need no longer is evident, we address new needs and regroup accordingly. This has always served us quite well.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In addition to the Sunday School that follows the 9:30 Liturgy, we established in fall 2012 a second Sunday School that follows the 11:30 Liturgy, given that there are some 20-25 children who attend the 11:30 service, most of whom are very young. 2. The kick-off for our 25th Anniversary year with a variety of events in Spring 2013, including special services, a Bright Friday wine and cheese night, a steak roast on Pentecost Week fast free Friday, etc. 3. In June 2013, we initiated a major publication effort on a variety of booklets that are distributed free of charge to parishioners, visitors, college students, and so on -- including -- a free prayerbook, "Daily Prayers for Orthodox Christians," "Meeting the Orthodox," "Third and Sixth Hours," "Preparation for the Reception of Holy Communion," "The Funeral Service," "The Panikhida," and a full-color children's photo Liturgy book, "We Are The Church." All of these are distributed free of charge within our parish. Funding came from various grants and special donations, especially the Farah Foundation. 4. Visits and programs: Fr. John Behr, Fr. Chad Hatfield, IOCC's Nicholas Chakos, Fr. Theodore Jurewicz, and others. Co-sponsored an Advent retreat with Holy Transfiguration Antiochian Church, Warrenville, IL. 	

Quite a few, but the major ones are

1. Parish Charities: On the last Sunday of every month a second collection for Parish Charities is taken. Offerings are distributed to our parishioners who have hit on hard financial times. Monthly average is \$1,600.00, all of which is distributed to needy parishioners.
2. Clothing distribution for the homeless: We collect clothing and distribute it at the commuter train stations in Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, and Elmhurst, where there are always homeless people gathered.
3. Resale shop ministry: Clothing that is not appropriate for distribution at the commuter train stations is given to a local resale shop which, in turn, gives the parish credit coupons that are distributed to our needy parishioners who can then "spend" them to buy things they need at the shop.
4. Food collections: Non-perishable food is collected for the support of the residents of the Wheaton Shelter for Homeless Veterans.
5. Immigrant/refugee assistance: Basic services are offered to recent immigrants, refugees, etc., the most recent of which are from Iraq and Syria. Several parishioners teach English at the Peoples' Resource Center a block from the church on Saturdays.
6. College Ministry to students from Wheaton College, College of DuPage, UIC, Aurora University, and other area schools.
7. International: Sponsored visit by Nicholas Chakos of IOCC.
8. Deanery camp: Our youth and parents are most grateful for the Deanery's efforts with regard to summer and winter camps. Many staff members come from our parish.
9. Missiology study. In fall 2013, our parish was one of three in the OCA to participate in a detailed study and on-site visit by Archpriest Eric Tosi, OCA Secretary, who was completing his doctoral thesis in the field of missiology. During his three-day visit, he was able to interview our clergy, meet with and interview our parish council, and meet privately and in a group session with a cross section of over 50 parishioners from the 9:30 and 11:30 Liturgies.
10. International Photo Exhibit in Moscow: In October 2013, we hosted Vadim Arslanov, a professional photographer from Moscow and member of the OCA Representation Church there, who took some 1,600 photos of our church, the weekend services, a wedding, a baptism, a panikhida, etc. for a photo exhibition in Moscow on Orthodoxy in America. We also took him to several neighboring parishes, where he likewise took photos.
11. In an effort to reach out to Chicago-area graduates of St. Vladimir's Seminary from the Chicago area, we hosted a special dinner, reception and program at which Priest Alexander Rentel and Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak spoke. Over 20 alum attended, together with their families.

Major Challenges Faced

1. Basement flooding due to Wheaton's inadequate sewers. In June 2013 we experienced the fifth flooding of our basement since 2002 -- but this time without flood insurance, which we can no longer obtain. Basement has been "floodproofed" to the best of our ability after the 2010 flood, which minimized damages this year. Reconstruction ended in time for Sunday School in September. Wheaton finally has addressed its sewer issues.
2. The usual need to juggle inadequate space and moving people, especially on Sunday mornings. For example, we would love to have a Sunday morning adult class but literally have no where to hold it -- hall used for fellowship hour, basement and conference room in hall used for Sunday School, temple unavailable due to the late Liturgy.
3. Distance and traffic. The "average" parishioner lives at quite a distance from church and may commute equally great distances for work or business. This, combined with traffic issues, makes it difficult for many people to engage in weekday activities.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

25th Anniversary of our parish on the second Sunday of March 2014, but with a major celebration in early May. We anticipate that Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Alexander will be with us.

40th Ordination Anniversary of Father John Matusiak to diaconate November 2014, and priesthood January 2015.

Continuation and expansion of our "in house" publishing efforts, which will include publication of a book titled "Icons of Saint Joseph Church," with over 100 photos of icons in our church that are "one of a kind." The book will not only offer an account of each icon, but detail its origin, donors, occasion on which it was given to the parish, etc.

Completion of second tier of iconostasis and installation of new second altar and oblation table.

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Supporting Membership Count	290 adults over 18	293 adults over 18	301 adults over 18
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			8:00 -- 25-35 9:30 -- 200-275 11:30 -- 50 - 80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			Most people at 9:30, less at 8:00 and 11:30

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20-30
Number of Catechumens			9
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	8	15	10
Funerals	1	5	4
Marriages	5	7	6
Receptions into Orthodoxy	12	6	8
Church School/Number Enrolled	9:30 -- 110	9:30 -- 108 11:30 -- 16	9:30 -- 121 11:30 -- 22
Adult Education/Number Participating	We don't count	We don't count	We don't count

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October 8, 2013

REPORT OF THE DEAN - ARCHPRIEST ANDREW CLEMENTS

The following report reflects activities since last year's Diocesan Assembly

- Fr Andrew Clements was re-elected Dean at the June Deanery meeting
- Held 3 Deanery Meetings, our last one being at St Gregory's in Columbus
- Protodeacon Vladimir (Walter) Makismoff fell asleep in the Lord on 10/14/12
- The Hawaiian Wonder-working Iveron Icon was hosted by three Deanery Parishes in late October 2012
- Holy Trinity, Parma hosted both the Diocesan Assembly and the Extraordinary AAC in November of 2012
- Held 2nd Annual Clergy Retreat (2 days, third week of Lent at St John's Monastery)
- Attended 3 Bishop's Council Meetings in Chicago
- Frs Alexander & Daniel, formerly of the Monastery of St. John the Theologian, have retired and taken up residence in Ukraine
- Tentative arrangements are being made for the monastery to come under the care of the Hermitage of the Holy Cross monastery (ROCOR) in West Virginia
- Organized and attended a Retirement Party for Frs Alexander (Cutler) & David (Kidd)
- Presided at Deanery Akathist on Sunday of the Cross—Holy Trinity, Parma
- Published "The Bible in a Year" study guide to read through the entire new Orthodox Study Bible (Compiled by Fr Jonathan Cholcher)
- Donated \$500 to St Vladimir's Camp & Retreat Center
- Granted a \$500 Scholarship to a Seminarian at St Vladimir's
- Holy Trinity to host a forum on October 27 concerning the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North America

Parish Reports

- Reports were submitted directly to Diocese by Deanery Clergy in the new format. Can be viewed on the Diocesan Website

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
The Orthodox Chapel in Athens Current location of services: Clarks Chapel on Clarks Chapel Road in Athens, OH	
Clergy	
Serviced by Fr. Stephen Frase (attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus, OH)	
Committees/Societies	
None at this time.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>In September, Fr. Stephen met with the community for their first All-Chapel meeting to discuss next steps the community needs to make and what the future possibilities are for the community such as obtaining a space to rent versus using another church's space, investigating the possibility of applying for mission parish status, and having a long-term goal of being assigned a resident priest.</p> <p>The Chapel community had its first Saturday chapel picnic in September. Picnics had traditionally been brief events after a Sunday Divine Liturgy in the summer. The Saturday picnic allowed for more interaction among the faithful, opportunity for personal confessions to be heard, and Great Vespers to be prayed.</p> <p>Fr. Stephen has initiated stewardship education through Sunday bulletins emailed every Sunday versus only on the Sundays when Divine Liturgy is served. This will culminate with a pledge drive specifically for the community in Athens (typically, chapel income is directed to St. Gregory's in Columbus as it is the chapel's sponsoring parish), but the chapel has received a blessing to open a bank account in the Athens vicinity.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Donations throughout the year to a local charity, Good Works, Inc., a homeless shelter organization.	
Major Challenges Faced	

Lack of worship space. The community currently uses a Methodist church parish.

Stewardship

Few services each month (1 Divine Liturgy each month and Great Vespers 3 times a year; during the weekend of the chapel picnic, Advent, and Great Lent). This makes it difficult to encourage greater commitment by the faithful and by potential new members.

Ability to communicate the chapel's existence to the Ohio University campus and surrounding communities. Any clergy and laity aware of Orthodox Christians living in the Athens area or attending Ohio University are encouraged to inform the residents and/or students of the chapel's existence. Questions pertaining to the chapel can be emailed to frststephenfrase@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

The Chapel community is scheduled to have another All-Chapel meeting in October to continue the process of selecting a rental space for the community.

The Chapel has received a blessing to submit 3 potential names to His Grace in for him to assign a name for the Chapel. The plan is to reach consensus concerning the three potential names during the meeting in October.

Once a rental space is obtained, the plan is to add an additional Divine Liturgy each month for a total of 2 each month. Also, the community will be able to pray Readers' Vespers on Saturday evenings and Typika on Sundays when there is no Divine Liturgy being served. The hope is the consistency of services each weekend will help encourage more to participate with the chapel community and commit time and resources to the chapel.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	NA	NA	13
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	NA	11	16
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	10	10	14
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	8	10
Number of Catechumens	0	0	0


	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	0	0	0
Funerals	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	NA	NA	NA
Adult Education/Number Participating	NA	NA	NA

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Archangel Michael Russian Orthodox Church 5025 East Mill Road Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147	
Clergy	
Very Rev. Fr. John Memorich Rev. Fr. Joseph McCartney Fr. Dn. Dennis Lucak Fr. Dn. Daniel Kovalak	
Committees/Societies	
All of our clubs continue to be vibrant outlets of Christian stewardship and fellowship. Of note, our Communications Committee meets regularly to discuss new avenues of social media and best ways to use our parish's web site and Facebook page. After researching the possibility of developing a parish "app" for smart phones, we felt it was too expensive a projected and opted to work with Orthodox Web Solutions to streamline and simulate how our website appears on smart phones. I believe we are the first parish in the country to accomplish this.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosted last year's Diocesan Assembly Helped in planning and implementing last year's All American Council Hosted the 2013 National FOCA Convention Bingo proceeds reached the \$5,000,000 milestone Hosted a deanery-wide Clam Bake to raise money for St. Vladimir's Camp	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our parish continues to be a model of philanthropic giving (financially) and now our St. Lawrence Project has given us an opportunity to roll up our sleeves and perform monthly service projects for our community; chiefly St. Herman's House of Hospitality in Cleveland. Our parish web site and Facebook page continue to garner praise for its layout and offerings. We maintain up-to-date information concerning activities and schedules; upload daily spiritual messages and edifying quotes; and post lots of photographs showcasing our vibrant worship and parish life.	
Major Challenges Faced	
With such a large complex and infrastructure, we are now at a point where some major expenditures are coming due. We need to completely resurface our parking lot at a cost of \$400,000; make repairs to our gymnasium roof for \$100,000; and do an overhaul of our Party Center to the tune of \$500,000.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
We will be hosting the 2014 National FOCA Basket Ball Tournament	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			250
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			300+
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			250+
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			30
Number of Catechumens			7
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	6	6	2
Funerals	13	21	13
Marriages	4	4	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled			60+
Adult Education/Number Participating			30+

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Christ the Saviour 282 S 5th St Byesville, Ohio 43723	
Clergy	
Currently serviced by Fr. Stephen Frase and Fr. Daniel Rentel (both attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus). This arrangement began in March.	
Committees/Societies	
None at this time.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Fr. Stephen and Fr. Dan met with the parish in May after initiating a survey to assess the concerns and hopes of the parish faithful. The clergy challenged the faithful to decide whether they wanted to attempt to work toward improving the parish in order to keep the parish alive and functioning. The parish accepted the challenge. The long-term goal is to improve among other items, stewardship, worship, council administration, and institute ministries to prepare the parish for a resident priest.</p> <p>Fr. Stephen served a Presanctified Liturgy and a Saturday Vespers during Great Lent allowing the community to pray those services for the first time in a number of years.</p> <p>Other notable recent additions/firsts for the parish:</p> <p>Fr. Stephen has begun chairing monthly council meetings (dormant for a number of years).</p> <p>Fr. Dan has oversees the Sunday bulletins (dormant for at least a few years).</p> <p>Fr. Stephen initiated the first pledge drive in the parish's history. He provided stewardship education over the course of two months in the summer in the weekly bulletins.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	


Collections for local needs and seminarian support.
Major Challenges Faced
Low membership numbers Singing Lack of formal ministries/outreach to the community Stewardship
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
<p>The current plan is to bring in Mat. Elaine Rentel, choir director at St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus, to work with the community to improve the congregational singing.</p> <p>The parish picnic (another activity dormant for a number of years) is scheduled for the first weekend in October. As the event is on a Saturday, it will provide an additional opportunity to celebrate Saturday Vespers and for Fr. Stephen to hear personal confessions.</p> <p>Sometime toward the end of the Paschal season the clergy will meet with the parish again to assess progress of goals established the previous spring.</p>

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Supporting Membership Count	NA	22	18

Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	NA	NA	15
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	NA	NA	12
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	NA	NA	10
Number of Catechumens	NA	1	0

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	NA	NA	0
Funerals	NA	NA	0
Marriages	NA	NA	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	NA	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	NA	NA	NA
Adult Education/Number Participating	NA	NA	NA

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church 301 Struthers Liberty Rd. Campbell, OH 44405-1949	
Clergy	
Archpriest Andrew D. Nelko Deacon David Gemmel 4 Ordained Subdeacons - 6 Tonsured Readers	
Committees/Societies	
Ministries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stewardship Committee – Promotes ‘stewardship’ activities in the parish. - Pastoral participation in Deanery and Pan Orthodox Clergy Associations. - Parish Sisterhood – Annual “Soup for Caring” ministry donates proceeds to charity. - “Ladies Altar Society” – Provides for the “ecclesiastical” needs of the parish. - FOCA (Fellowship of Orthodox Christian in America) – Yearly “Easterfest” and “Cookie Walk” events financially support youth & charitable endeavors. - Prospora Bakers – Support the liturgical requirements of the parish. - Support of St. Basil Workers (Local Lay Ministry) – Hospital, nursing homes, and shut-in visitations. - Healing Akathist Service to St. Nectarios – Last Wednesday of the month. - Unneeded Gift Program – In lieu of sending gifts, flowers, or cards to individuals celebrating their birthdays, anniversaries, etc., this program provides the opportunity to make an offering to the church in their honor. - Donation of Wine/Incense, Altar Candles, Amvon Candles, Tetrapod Candles, flowers on a monthly basis – Individuals in whose name donations are made are remembered during the Proskomedia and in intercessory prayer. Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church School – Meets immediately following Divine Liturgy every Sunday (Sep-May). - Adult Education/Discussion Group – Meets two Thursday evenings monthly. 	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Parish Accomplishments / Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 95th Anniversary Celebration 20-21 October 2012. Bishop Mark presiding. - Parish represented at the Special 17th All American Council (OCA) in Parma, OH (Nov 2012) 	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
Outreach to community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angel Tree Program – Helping needy children in the community. - Support the “Rescue Mission” – An organization that responds to the “physical, emotional and spiritual needs of disadvantaged men, women and children”. - Alzheimer's care taker support group meeting on a monthly basis. - Membership in the Eastern Orthodox Clergy Association of Mahoning Valley (charitable outreach). - Kolachi sales twice a year.
Major Challenges Faced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aging infrastructure (building) - Dwindling population base (local community)
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
None Scheduled

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			126
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			112
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			19
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			5

Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			40
Adult Education/Number Participating			5


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 2027 – 18th St. NE Canton, OH 44705	
Clergy	
Priest Stacey (Anastasy) Richter	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir St. Ann's Guild Church School Strategic Planning and Outreach	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Great Lent and Pascha! Adult Education Class on Spiritual and Emotional/Mental Growth Children's Dormition Festival/Neighborhood Block Party	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCF at Malone University We sent our own mission team with FOCUS NA to North Carolina Support of various ministries (Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala, St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund, OCMC missionaries in Albania)	
Major Challenges Faced	
We lost some people this last year. Some moved away, and some others left to join the St. Nicholai of Zicha Alliance Mission. But God-willing, we will rebuild!	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
None	

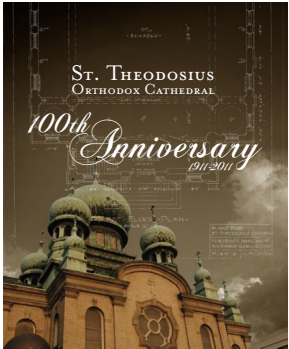
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			50
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20
Number of Catechumens			3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			0
Marriages			4
Receptions into Orthodoxy			7
Church School/Number Enrolled			20
Adult Education/Number Participating			12

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Parish Name and Address		Photo	
Holy Trinity 523 1st Street Clayton, WI 54004			
Clergy Arpr. Christopher Wojcik Deacon Jack Rogers			
Committees/Societies			
Council, Sisterhood, Choir, Youth Group, Sunday School, Cemetery			
Since October 2012			
Highlights of Top Three Activities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 36 people from our parish (about 1/3 of our total parish roster) served a dinner to homeless & underprivileged in Minneapolis. - Our Youth Group authored and published a book of children's stories with spiritual lessons - Our Vacation Bible School focused on the Apostle Paul, and about 1/3 of the students were from outside the Orthodox faith. 			
Outreach and Charitable Activities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jointly run a food shelf with other local, non-Orthodox churches - Held six fundraising suppers for various charities outside the parish - On numerous occasions, Fr. Christopher met with local public high school students outside school hours to discuss faith in Jesus Christ (with their parent's permission). - Hosted a free dinner for area senior citizens (served about 45). 			
Major Challenges Faced			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finances are very tight, and getting tighter - Perception of the episcopacy is a major challenge – comments like “Why can't our bishops be more like the Pope?” were unheard of 5 years ago. 			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			66
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			4
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			28
Adult Education/Number Participating			40

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St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral 733 Starkweather Ave Cleveland, OH 44113	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Zdinak, Dean Dn. Daniel Boerio, Assigned	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Altar Society Faith Enrichment Adult Education Group Men's Sausage Making Club Cathedral Chapter F.O.C.A. Ridge Manor Event Center Committee St. Theodosius Cemetery Committee Finance Committee	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>St. Theodosius Cathedral participates every year in the Tremont Arts Festival, a local festival in the Tremont area of Cleveland, where we are located. The Parish mans an information booth at the festival and tours are conducted all day during the two-day event. Our Choir participates in the live stage presentations during the festival. Hundreds of people are welcomed at the Cathedral during this event and the exposure has brought several of these people to the Orthodox faith.</p> <p>The Men's Sausage making club is a new group in our parish and has succeeded in bringing the men of the parish together in a social environment and using their talents also to raise funds for the operation of the parish.</p> <p>The parish also shares with St. Innocent Parish in Olmsted Falls a joint golf outing to raise funds for both parishes. This has been a great success and great cooperation between our two parishes.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>St. Theodosius participates in the are food bank with Merrick House, an established community outreach group in the Tremont area for many years.</p> <p>We also participate in their annual Angel Tree gifts for needy children during the Christmas</p>	

Season.
In addition we continue a monthly special offerings for: ST. Herman's House, a local ministry of Focus North America, St. Mary of Egypt, St. John Monastery in Hiram, IOCC, and many other local charities
Major Challenges Faced
The major challenge for our parish is our location. We are located on the South side of downtown Cleveland. The Greater Cleveland area has 35+ Orthodox Parishes, 6 of them are OCA Parishes. Most younger people with families move to and reside in the suburbs of Cleveland. We have, however, in spite of the natural attrition of an older parish, been able to maintain an steady membership. Many of the people who find our parish, or the Orthodox faith in our parish are older and have no children living with them. Our Church School is not large in number as a result of this.
The second large challenge is the maintenance of a building that is 100+ years old. The Cathedral is always in need of repair and maintenance in one are or another. The utilities are high because of the age and construction of the temple. Insurance on the building is large because of the beauty and design of the building which would require a high replacement cost.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
N/A

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			200
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			135
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			35
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2

Funerals			4
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			9
Adult Education/Number Participating			16

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St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church 2219 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201	
Clergy	
Father Matthew Moriak, Rector Archpriest Daniel Rentel, Retired (Founding Rector) Father Stephen Frase, attached Father James Sizemore, attached Father Deacon Paul Mitchell	
Committees/Societies	
St. Elizabeth Group (outreach to sick and homebound), Community Outreach Program, Charities, Prayer Group, Book Club (new this year), St. Luke Writer's Guild (new this year), Scholarship Committee,	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
-Celebrated the 30 th anniversary of the parish's founding in January, 2013 -In February, on the heels of the 10 th anniversary of our community outreach program, expanded to include a Tuesday lunch and Thursday dinner -In June, had a kick off dinner for the proposed expansion of the parish. Initial fundraising in July and August exceeded expectations, allowing the mortgage on the education building and Church proper to be paid off, putting us in a better position to move forward with plans -Just added a regular music curriculum, under the direction of Mat. Jodi Moriak, as part of the regular Church school program -at the request of parish members, serving a weekly Wednesday morning Matins service at 6:30 am. Attendance is consistently between 6 and 12 faithful. Also added a monthly community Moleben with anointing (typically served to St. Nectarios)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-Our charities ministry continues to support people in need, amongst our parish family, the community, the Diocese, our Seminaries, and throughout the world -Highlighted the continued expansion of our community outreach program above -Church school does charitable work during Lent and the Nativity Fast, supporting our community program during Lent, and the last two years,	
Major Challenges Faced	
-Being an urban parish, located near OSU's campus, the major challenge continues to be parking. This can be a challenge on Sunday mornings, as well as Saturday evenings for Vespers (especially on OSU game days!)	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
-We continue to seek new ways to improve our outreach and ministry programs -The focus going forward will be continuing to raise funds and plan for our parish expansion	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			104
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			110
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			30-40
Number of Catechumens			5 (plus several inquirers)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			4 (6 if dated back to previous assembly)
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			apprx. 40
Adult Education/Number Participating			apprx. 25

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St. Vladimir's Chapel St. Vladimir's Camp and Retreat Center	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Memorich, <i>Priest-in-Charge</i>	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Fr. Dn. Daniel and Mat. Catrina Kovalak coordinated yet another excellent three-week camping season. Week one, July 7 -13, was the FOCA's National Junior Sports Week with almost 70 campers. Fr. Nicholas Wyslutsky was the resident priest during this week. Week two, July 14 – 20, was for ages 11 – 16 and had close to sixty participants with Fr. Jonathan Cholcher as our resident priest. And the third week, July 21 – 27, was for ages 7 – 11. There were 45 children this week and Fr. Joseph McCartney was our resident priest.</p> <p>A full compliment of dedicated counselors, cooks, and staff helped to make each of these weeks a wonderful, Orthodox Christian-centered camping experience.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Our camp web site continuously uploads and posts pictures on a daily basis during the camping season. If anyone is interested in finding out more about St. Vladimir's Camp, please contact Fr. John Memorich for information.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>We still need to upgrade our septic system and are planning to purchase an industrial-sized generator as an emergency electrical source</p>	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church 914 W. Taylor St. Kokomo, IN 46901	
Clergy	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
Committees/Societies	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hayne's Apperson Festival – St Thomas booth Harvest Party at the Hartman's Farm Lenten Retreat held by Fr. Joel Weir	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
Major Challenges Faced	
High unemployment	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			21
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			33
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			28
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			9
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			4
Adult Education/Number Participating			9

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church 12711 Madison Ave. Lakewood, Ohio 44107	
Clergy	
V.Rev Yves Babich	
Committees/Societies	
The Church Board Sunday School St. Mary Altar Society Outreach Committee The Men's Club F.O.C.A	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Steak Roast Pig Roast St. Panteleimon Outreach bowling event	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect for the Lakewood local food banks 2. Collect for St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality 3. Collect for St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Monastery 4. Collect for Monastery Marcha 5. Help and support the St. Panteleimon Orthodox Christian Outreach 6. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership 2. Up keep of the Church building 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Oct 5, Annual Steak Roast June 29 th , the Feast day of the Church	

Since most parishioners Pay dues monthly, the total paying members to date (9/18/13) is (11). Total will not be known until the end of the year

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	36	33	11 to date
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	40	40	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	25	24	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	7	8	5
Number of Catechumens	3	3	
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	1	1	
Funerals	8	2	1
Marriages		1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	2	
Church School/Number Enrolled	9	7	3
Adult Education/Number Participating	3	4	5

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<p>SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox church 2238 East 32nd Street Lorain Ohio 44053</p>	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev Basil Stoyka, Pastor Fr. Deacon Ed. Kolenda Fr. Deacon Basil McNary Fr. Vladimir (Monk)</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Men's Club, Parents, Teachers Organization (PTC), St. Mary's Altar Society, St. Johns Choir, Heavenly Catering, StewardShip committee, Outreach/charity committee, Fundraising Committee</p>	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Russian Food Festival, Oberlin College/Ss. Peter and Paul Lecturer series, 2013 100th Anniversary Celebration,</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Numerous activities: St. Herman's shelter- 140 turkeys and food for thanksgiving and throughout year. Money giving to needy members to help with food, etc., dues pickup for elderly and those in need, Oberlin College Outreach throughout the year-on campus ministry by Fr. Basil and Monk Vladimir, Prison Ministry by Fr. Basil. Adopting a family from St. Tikhons Seminary, fundraiser for St. Tikhons Seminary and St. Herman's seminary in Alaska</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
Fund Raising, dwindling members
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
100 th Anniversary November 10 th , 2013, Christmas Cookie Walk, December, 2013, Russian Festival, August 2014

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			87
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			13
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			3
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2

Church School/Number Enrolled			6
Adult Education/Number Participating			18

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St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church 16029 Maple Park Drive Maple Heights, OH 44137	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev. Fr. Emilian D. Hutnyan (Due to on-going surgical necessities, a Deacon or Priest will be required for the celebration of Divine Services throughout the next two years)</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>FOCA Senior Chapter FOCA Jr. Chapter Parish Council Choir Ministry Hall Rental Ministry Fish Fry Ministry Church Cleaning Ministry Lawn Maintenance Ministry</p>	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Orthodox Religious Education (Orthodox Bible Study, and Church School) Charitable events (Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive, Charity and Fund-raisers) Regular Fish Fry Dinners (Advertisements, Orthodox Literature, and Large Library Books available) *Note: 12 million dollar multi-level independent living facility for the purposes of expanded activity and outreach to Orthodox Liturgical Worship, Bible Study, Fish Fry Prep, and Fellowship. (Facility being built on previous Church property).</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Monthly Charity Collection Parish Hall Use for: Local Boy Scout Troup, Scrap-booking Club; Line Dancing Group Fundraiser to donate to local "Ray's Kids" Charity to help a Maple Height family. Thanksgiving and Christmas donations to the local families in need.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	

Increasing number of parishioners Increasing the amount of stewardship Increasing the amount of involvement in all parish activities and ministry groups
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
(None); We annually host the St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary Choir * also support seminarian families (on a regular basis)

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			70
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			65
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15/20
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			11

Adult Education/Number Participating			10
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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 110 East Main Street Marblehead, Ohio 43440</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest David A. Lis</p>	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p><u>Annual Parish Yard Sale</u> – usually held in May</p> <p><u>Halupki Festival</u> – always held on the Sunday after the Great Feast of the Dormition.</p> <p>These fund-raising efforts of the parish make up 24% of the annual revenues.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p><u>Danbury Food Pantry</u> The parish contributes with the other local churches to support with cash and kind donations to the local food pantry. Holy Assumption has participated in this effort for a number of years.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	

This parish is faced with the steady loss of membership due to death, or the relocation of individuals and families looking for work. We will loss by the end of 2013 four adult members relocating for new jobs and one adult member relocating to Texas for family reasons. This brings our adult membership down to 24 adults and 8 children.

This parish has been operating with a revenue shortfall for the past five years and continues to draw from its savings to meeting operating expenses. With the loss of additional members, stewardship will be adversely effected and further increase the parish's need to draw from its limited savings. These savings will be exhausted within ten years.

Attracted new members is particularly challenging due to the demographics of the area. Marblehead is no longer simply a quarry site (which was historically its only major manufacturing operation. The area is now primarily a resort area and real estate values have skyrocketed making the purchase of a home in the village almost impossible for young couples. As a result, well-heeled retirees are moving in and buying up properties, tearing down the older home and building new and larger houses, which only further raise the property tax rate. Some of these individuals do explore the Orthodox Faith, but this is a slow process not always resulting in these individuals coming into the Church.

Another challenge concerns the limited number of youth in this parish. There has been no formal Religious Education Program here for 6 years. This is due to the fact that the parents simply would not bring their children to Church School. We suspended the program at the request of the volunteer teachers, who would be prepared and ready to teach only to be confronted with no students. I explained this to the parents of the parish and only one parent actually took up the challenge of presenting any sort of formal religious education to her sons. Of the 11 children in the parish, as of 2013, two families "home school" their children while the balance do nothing.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

2014 Yard / Crafters Sale

2014 Halupki Festival

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	26	28	29
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	29	31	34
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	12	15	15

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	7	10	6
Number of Catechumens	1	3	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	0	0	1
Funerals	0	1	0
Marriages	0	1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	6	6	5

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Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church 9650 Johnnycake Ridge Road Mentor, OH 44060	
Clergy	
Very Reverend Father Andrew Clements	
Committees/Societies	
Kitchen Crew Coffee Hour Crew Church Cleaners Renovation Committee Landscaping Crew Maintenance Crew	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Presently have two Catechumens Presently have thirteen Seekers Renovating Church Hall	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Project Mexico — thirteen years Quarterly Soup Kitchen Participation Missionaries in Uganda — eight years Annual Turkey Dinner Distribution (Thanksgiving) Birthright of Lake County Food Card Distribution to local recipients	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
40 th Anniversary — October 13th	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			102
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			145
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			125
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2
Funerals			2
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			55
Adult Education/Number Participating			30

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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 755 S Cleveland Ave Mogadore, OH 44260	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutsky, Rector Dn. Samuel Slimak	
Committees/Societies	
Long Range Planning Committee, Iconography Project Committee, St. Nicholas Women's Club, RBO Lodge #204, St. Nicholas Hall Board. Something Russian Festival Committee.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Each year our Church sponsors our Something Russian festival. The festival is a celebration of faith and culture that is the climax of year long fellowship and workshop activities to prepare for the festival on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of October each year. We host an average of 3000 people to share in Ethnic foods, Balalaika and Russian Dance performances by our own orchestra and dancers as well as organized Church tours and discussions. Over the past 2 years up to 30,000 dollars in contributions to local, regional and international charities have been distributed from our proceeds.</p> <p>We are presently in the midst of a Church renovation and Iconography project to update and beautify our Church. We recently painted and restored the entire interior of the Church and added Icons to the Dome area. Phase 2 of our Project will include Iconography above the iconostasis and possibly the Altar Area.</p> <p>We recently reorganized our Long Range planning committee and in October will begin focus group discussions to determine our path into the future and to begin the preparations for our 100th anniversary celebration in 2017</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Our parish sponsors a monthly hot meal which provides a hot meal to those in our community in need of food and fellowship opportunities. Our Parish has helped and supported members of the local community by providing Christmas gifts for needy families. We support the Local food bank and are looking into providing meals to School children over the weekends who may not have food at home. 10% of our Annual Festival profit is distributed to various organizations and charitable groups.	

Major Challenges Faced
The major challenge for our parish is growth and finance. Our recently implemented pldge system has helped us to meet expenses and use fundraising for improvements and charity. But the economic situation surrounding our parish has caused us to loose many of our young families and college students who move away to find jobs. We continue to look to new ways of bringing others to the Church and though we make progress our growth vs attrition is minimal
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
2013 Something Russian Festival October 1 & 2 RBO Lodge #204 100 th Anniversary fall of 2014

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			149
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			135
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			125
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10-20
Number of Catechumens			3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			20

Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			30
Adult Education/Number Participating			15

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Innocent Orthodox Church 8526 Usher Rd – P O Box 38208 Olmsted Falls, OH 44138	
Clergy	
V Rev Archpriest Michael E Butler Rev Deacon Michael Timko	
Committees/Societies	
Grounds management, Facilities, Church school, Women's fellowship, Community meal	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosted 3 monthly Mobile Pantry events from the Cleveland Food Bank, distributing 10,000 lbs of fresh produce each time to needy people in the community. Preparing for the 30 th anniversary of the founding of the parish, to be celebrated on 6 Oct 2013. Special Parish Meeting to be held on 29 Sept 2013 to consider a \$250K offer to expand our parking lot from the VitaMix Corp.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Bi-monthly free community meal served at the parish (avg. 90 persons). Monthly serving at St Herman's—FOCUS. Regular participation in local ecumenical Christians In Action food pantry	
Major Challenges Faced	
Creating a sense of community/fellowship; we are a very widely-spaced congregation. Outreach is not systematic.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
6 Oct 2013, 30 th anniversary of the parish.	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	79	84	94
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	90	90	97
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	80?	80?	85?
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	18	20	21
Number of Catechumens			3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	4	1	1
Funerals	4	2	1
Marriages	1	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled			25
Adult Education/Number Participating			16

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Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 6822 Broadview Rd Parma, OH 44134	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev. Alexander Garklavs V. Rev. John Klembara Deacon Anthony Kall Deacon Edward Reta</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Choir Church School Readers Greeters Special Events Women's Reading Group Outreach Cooking Project</p>	

Since October 2012
Highlights of Top Three Activities
<p>Hosting the 17th All American Council Parish Spiritual Retreat – 3/6/13 Cleveland Deanery Mission Service</p>
Outreach and Charitable Activities
<p>Monthly visitation to serve food at St. Herman House of Hospitality Food preparation for St. Herman House of Hospitality Lenten charitable collection projects for the Church School</p>
Major Challenges Faced
<p>By-laws changes: Adopting a different fiscal year and changing sequence of Annual Parish Meeting Planning for the 50th Anniversary</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
<p>Celebrating the 50th Anniversary with visitation of Metropolitan Tikhon on 11/3/13 Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 11/10/13</p>

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			168
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			125
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			80

Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			30
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			7
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			27
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church 2220 Reeves Rd. NE Warren, OH 44483	
Clergy	
Fr. Jonathan H. Cholcher, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Sisterhood Icon Committee Project Warren (Charity) Committee St. John's Society (Teens)	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1) Began a concerted effort to finish the inside of our Temple with Iconography; 2) Served eight Fish Dinners (4 months, two per month, concluding before the beginning of Great Lent; 350 average attendance), with proceeds for special unbudgeted projects; 3) Emphasized the primary liturgical nature of the Church with a full cycle of services including joint services with the greater Orthodox community of Warren (e.g., Sunday of Orthodox Liturgy, Holy Wednesday Unction, and Vacation Church School) and fellowship events (e.g., semiannual Sisterhood Dinners and an annual Graduates' Dinner).	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Provided Food Boxes for Families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Pascha; Upgraded our Parish website which has become a primary means of outreach and discovery; Maintained our budgeted, flexible Charity of the Month collections (via Sunday baskets and envelopes); Maintain visibility in the community through participation in civic events, e.g., annual Mahoning River Blessing in downtown Warren, Choir singing in public festivals, etc.	
Major Challenges Faced	
1. Member participation in the services of the Church in competition with their schedules in secular society; 2. Greater opportunity for extended children's education, beyond the perfunctory (and inadequate) time allotted during Sunday "Church School"; 3. Living in love, without complaints and gossip.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			110
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			4
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			15
Adult Education/Number Participating			50

Dean's Report: Indianapolis Deanery

I became Dean on July 1, and since that time we have not held any Deanery meetings. I have been working with St. John the Forerunner parish in Indianapolis as they transition from having Fr. Joseph Gibson be their priest to having him become the assistant priest with Fr. Zachariah Trent now the assigned rector of the parish. No other deanery business to report at this moment.

Respectfully,

Fr. Ted Bobosh, Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church 802 Whitlock Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933	
Clergy	
Rev. Joel Weir, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council, Children of Thunder (Youth Group), Church School, Beautification/Garden Committee, Burial Society (joint society with Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church (ACROD)).	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Reception of New Converts/Catechumens St. Stephens was blessed to receive seven new converts to the Orthodox faith, as well as three new catechumens and regular visitors/inquirers.</p> <p>Lenten Speakers Series This year we focused on the theme of Matthew 25 - Getting to know where the need is in our neighborhood and community, and where opportunities are to serve. We invited in speakers from our greater community with volunteer and work experience in foster care, youth mentoring, substance abuse counseling, and other local charity organizations. The series opened the doors to many volunteer opportunities for parishioners, as well as sharpening our focus on what kinds of outreach and event we want to do as a parish to reach out to those in need in our community.</p> <p>Near Completion of St. Maria House This year we continued work on the St. Maria House, which will be dedicated as a hub for youth and young adult ministries as well as outreach events. The House was funded by a Parish Health Grant from the Diocese of the Midwest. Progress has been steady, relying on volunteer work by parishioners, including members of the youth group, and supervised/headed-up with the generous donation of time from Jewell and Jay Jeffries of Roachdale Building Supply. In September we had our first event, a "Back to School Cookout" which utilized the front porch "stage" of the House.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>St. Stephens has an ongoing donation/contribution to the local food pantry (F.I.S.H.) Fr. Joel is connected to a local/regional network of charitable organizations which communicates need and services of various churches/organizations. St. Stephens supports and refers needs that come to our attention to this network. We also support several outreach activities headed up by parishioners, including Achaius Ranch, a horse rescue youth ministry. Beginning in October, our Youth Group and older Church School class will be doing outreach ministry twice a month to our neighborhood nursing home. We also host a monthly "open stage" night for music and poetry readings, which is advertised in the community. We host occasional "cookouts" and public events for the neighborhood. In October, we will begin a monthly molieben service for healing and anointing of those suffering from cancer and other serious or chronic illnesses.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>If St. Stephens continues to grow we will soon face space issues, especially with our fellowship hall. We are currently investigating what, if any, obstacles we would face in the future for parking lot/building expansion on our current property, even though there are no plans to expand until we have paid off our current mortgage.</p> <p>The other challenge is finding and maintaining the balance between the desire to engage in more outreach in our community and increase activities at the parish and the realistic limitations of time/energy/work and family obligations of parishioners.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
<p>October 12-13 – Visit from Bishop Gregory (ACROD) to Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Crawfordsville. St. Stephens will be present to welcome the bishop of our sister parish here in town. We will also join with the prayers of consecration of a new cemetery at Holy Transfiguration, which St. Stephens is partnering in developing and maintaining.</p> <p>St. Nicholas Family Game Night – date tba. We will be hosting a game night near the feast of St. Nicholas. We will be inviting foster family and mentor program participants to join us for this event.</p> <p>Lenten Speaker Series – date/subject tba.</p> <p>Official Opening of St. Maria House – We hope to officially open St. Maria House, most likely in the early spring of 2014.</p>	

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Supporting Membership Count			36
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Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			15
Number of Catechumens			3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			7
Church School/Number Enrolled			15
Adult Education/Number Participating			10

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St. Paul the Apostle 4451 Wagner Road, Dayton, OH 45440	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Theodore Bobosh Dn. Stephan Gresh	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Parish hosted a series on the Dead Sea Scrolls in December, 2012, led by Bishop Alexander and Fr. Silviu Bunta, followed by a parish bus trip to visit the exhibit at the Natural History Museum in Cincinnati. Parish hosted a scripture workshop led by Fr. Elijah Mueller and Sarah Hosted a mission team to Project Mexico.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Parish budgets \$1200/month to be given to charity and supports other special charity needs as well. Serves lunch at St. Vincent de Pauls. Hosts an Angel tree and other charities at Christmas. Does occasional food or clothing drives.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Need more classroom space, parking spaces, more volunteers to work in the church school	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Planning an Orthodox Marriage Enrichment Weekend	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			130
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			7
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			9
Funerals			4
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			5
Church School/Number Enrolled			43
Adult Education/Number Participating			20

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St John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421-27 Blaine Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46221														
Clergy														
Rev. Fr. Zachariah Trent – Acting Rector Rev. Fr. Joseph Gibson – Associate Priest Rev. Fr. David Maroney - Attached														
Committees/Societies														
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Benevolence	Book Corner													
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Building and Property Development														
Children's Education														
Library														
Since October 2012														
Highlights of Top Three Activities														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacation Bible School lasting one week attend by 20 children - Reception at parishioner's home for 7 new members - Two more parishioners preparing to go into a mission field in Mongolia 														
Outreach and Charitable Activities														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support of neighborhood food pantry - Festal offerings given to local charities and to World Vision - Financial and prayer support for missionaries 														
Major Challenges Faced														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition to new acting rector 														
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of 2009 capital campaign for new temple - Demolition of old Church building - Beginning a new capital campaign to build the parish hall 														

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			107
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			12
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			6
Church School/Number Enrolled			17
Adult Education/Number Participating			N/A

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St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church 914 W. Taylor St. Kokomo, IN 46901	
Clergy	
Rev. Philip Vernon Lashbrook Deacon Raphael Gary Fadil	
Committees/Societies	
Building Committee Hospitality Committee Church School Committee	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hayne's Apperson Festival – St Thomas booth Harvest Party at the Hartman's Farm Lenten Retreat held by Fr. Joel Weir	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
Major Challenges Faced	
High unemployment	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			21
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			33
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			28
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			9
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			4
Adult Education/Number Participating			9

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ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR MISSION 3560 SHAWNEE ROAD LIMA OH 45806	
Clergy	
FR MARK HODGES, PRIEST IN CHARGE	
Committees/Societies	
OCF (being started) at ONU NURSING HOME VISITATION YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUNDS COMMITTEE GREETERS MINISTRY INTERCESSOR MINISTRY HOLY BREAD / WINE / HOSPITALITY / INTERIOR CLEANING MINISTRIES	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>(besides Pascha and a major Wedding)</p> <p>1. ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "From Pornography to Purity" WITH DR. ALBERT ROSSI – very good local press coverage; anticipate helping many (it's this weekend).</p> <p>2. "TARGET SUNDAY" NAMEDAY FESTIVAL / WHITE ELEPHANT SALE (to benefit our campers) – every member tried to bring at least one person to church (we had 68, which is the most attendance we've ever had for a non-hierarchical and non-Paschal Sunday liturgy); lots of music, dancing, food, etc. at the largest park pavilion in Lima. Very successful.</p> <p>3. AFTER TRYING FOR A DECADE, WE HAVE A STUDENT WHO IS EAGER AND DEDICATED TO STARTING AN O.C.F. BRANCH AT OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY. I HAVE CONTACTED AND GOTTEN THREE WILLING FACULTY SUPERVISORS, AND SHE IS FILLING OUT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK WITH O.N.U.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Target Sunday, Nursing Home monthly visitation, Cookie Walk, Chicken Dinner cookout fundraiser, charity basket brings food to needy regularly, charity drive for local thrift shop (for needy), close involvement with four area clergy groups, leadership in National Day of Prayer, led Prolife Memorial 2013, two articles in The Lima News, clergy prayer (shared monthly) at St Stephen's, led group to March For Life in Washington D.C., etc.	
Major Challenges Faced	
This year more than any in the past five years, we have been financially challenged. Though we've added wonderful members, we have many handicapped members, or on disability, or out of work, or on welfare. The scandal of the past year negatively influenced two households, and though they are both now back (part time), we have yet to receive their usual giving. We have gotten way behind on our assessments, and after repeatedly discussing it in council and to the congregation as a whole, we had a special collection to help begin to pay what we owe, and the people coordinated a chicken dinner barbeque fundraiser to help pay assessments. These did not garner as much as we hoped (the chicken dinner was a wonderful success for the people coming together and working for a common cause, but two other groups had chicken dinner cookout sales, one less than a block away in a busy intersection and the other at the biggest Protestant	

“church” only a few blocks in the other direction).

A second challenge is our mid-week service: we’ve tried many things, and can’t seem to get folks to come. Our latest attempt was a Bible Study, but again only one person came.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

WE HAVE APPLIED TO AND HOPE TO HOST THE 2014 ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE, PUT ON BY FR. MOSES AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST MOSES THE BLACK. TO THAT END, WE ARE CONTACTING ALL AREA BLACK PASTORS (most are my friends for many years) AND COORDINATING.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting ??? (you mean adult members, or just count those who give money?) Membership Count			28 adults (not all give), 13 children
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			39
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			20 adults, 13 children
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			13
Number of Catechumens			4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2 adult baptisms, 2 adult chrismations, 4 children baptized
Funerals			0
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			Just the 2 adult chrismations

Church School/Number Enrolled			4
Adult Education/Number Participating			4

Kansas City Deanery
Report to the Diocesan Assembly
October 8, 2013
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean

- The Mission in Rolla, MO is now officially known as Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission.
- The Chapel in Joplin, MO is now officially known as the Joy of all Who Sorrow Chapel.
- Fr. Thaddeus Nielsen will be retiring on October 31, 2013.
- Dn. Joel Wilson will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday, December 8th at St. Thomas Church in Springfield, MO.

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Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Eastern Orthodox Mission	
Clergy	
The Rev. Moses Berry Subdeacon James Mullin	
Committees/Societies	
St. Sisoës Society Sunday School group	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Purchase of third dome Gift of large icon of St Maurice Celebration of 15 year anniversary	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Support to impoverished local family Support of OCF chapter Numerous lectures and talks by Fr. Moses locally and nationally	
Major Challenges Faced	
Meeting the needs of increased numbers of children in the parish	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count	35		39 adults
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35	35	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	30	25	28
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	4	3	3
Number of Catechumens	8	7	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			7
Funerals	3	0	0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			6
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church PO Box 1473 Lawrence, KS 66044	
Clergy	
Fr. Joshua Lollar	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council, building committee	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Acquisition of property and relocation 2. Visit of Bp. Maxim (Serbian diocese of the West) for Lenten retreat 3. Participation in starting up catechist and vocational program in the KC deanery.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCF at Univ. of Kansas; LINK (local soup kitchen)	
Major Challenges Faced	
Our major challenge has been with our worship space, which we were renting at an ecumenical building on KU's campus. We have been blessed with our own property in the heart of Lawrence and have converted a large room in the house on the property into a chapel.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Parish feast day, December 5-6; visit of Bp. Alexander for the eve of the feast.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			15 families
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			20-25
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			5-10
Number of Catechumens			3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating			5-10


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St John of Kronstadt Church 2800 Holdridge Lincoln Ne. 68503	
Clergy	
Fr James Dank Fr. Deacon Edwin Aasen	
Committees/Societies	
Fr Arseny Society St. Martha and Mary Guild	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			47
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			4
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			20

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 416 Ewing Avenue, Madison, IL	
Clergy	
Priest Nicholas Finley, Rector Archpriest Thomas Succarotte, Retired Attached Deacon Gregory Wickes	
Committees/Societies	
Society of the Myrrhbearing Women (Sisterhood) FOCA ("O" Club)	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall Style Parish Meeting to address concerns of general security of parishioners attending services at the Church building due to crime rate in neighborhood • Establishing initiative to fund a 'perpetual care' for Parish Cemetery • Annual Sisterhood Bazaar 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Members of the parish active in St. Louis FOCUS • Assist Catholic Charities with Christmas Drive, Food and Gifts for a family in need. This outreach has led to a standing relationship with one family that has continued to receive assistance with food, medications, and other assistance throughout the calendar year. • Father Nicholas actively participates in St. Louis Area Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood 	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			68
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			59
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			2
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			20
Adult Education/Number Participating			5

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Holy Trinity 11901 Pflumm Rd. Overland Park, KS 66213	
Clergy	
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Pastor Fr. Christopher Rowe, Associate Pastor Fr. Gregory Dye, Attached Fr. Michael Medis, Attached Fr. Thomas George, Attached Dn. Brent Beasley Dn. David Neff	
Committees/Societies	
Arts & Environment (oversees all beautification projects), Finance, Outreach, Parish Retreats, Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (EOYC), IOCC, Bookstore, Library, Maintenance, Grounds, Church School, Youth Group (The ROCK—Real Orthodox Christian Kids, 6 th grade-12 grade), Greeters, Parish celebrations, coffee hour, funeral support	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed church renovation in July 2013 (new chairs, carpet, doors) Fr. Andrew Clements was our speaker for the Fr. John Platko Memorial Thanksgiving Retreat on November 3, 2012. His topic was “Losing our Fig Trees—Orthodoxy’s collision with modern society. Hired a part-time Office Administrator in June. Office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 11am-4pm. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We serve a meal to the needy the first Friday of every month at Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO. Members of the parish serve on the Board for Reconciliation Services. Collections are taken throughout the year to help those affected by tragedies or other difficult situations. Monthly financial support to our Mission in Rolla, MO Re-launch of our parish web site 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of classroom space Many parishioners living over an hour from the church. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries – October 2013 to September 2014	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop Alexander will be leading the Fr. John Platko Memorial Thanksgiving Retreat on December 7, 2013. 2015 is the 50th Anniversary of our Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp (a Pan-Orthodox camp for churches in the Kansas City area). Celebrations are being planned. 	

- Plans are underway to begin classes for the Diocese of the Midwest Catechist and Diaconal Program by January, 2014.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			155
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			150
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			125
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			30-35
Number of Catechumens			6
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			10
Funerals			3
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			4
Church School/Number Enrolled			73
Adult Education/Number Participating			30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Christian Mission P.O. Box 115 Quincy, Illinois 62306-0115	none
Clergy	
Thaddeus Nielsen	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>This year we received one adult and three children by Holy Baptism and Chrismation plus one adult by Holy Chrismation. The first two weddings in the mission parish took place during the past year. We also served two funerals. We received gifts of a tomb, baptismal font, and other worship furnishings from other parishes. Sunday morning Liturgy attendance ranged from 12-33 (average 22), including everybody. We blessed the Mississippi River at Theophany.</p> <p>Brief studies after some Sunday liturgies. A few learning events for children of all ages held before Saturday Vespers. Two adults participate in the Diocesan Catechist & Diaconal Vocations Program.</p> <p>Monthly offerings were received for local charities and distant Orthodox ministries. A couple of women make things and sell them at www.etsy.com/shop/straphaelwomen to raise money for our building fund.</p> <p>Attendance at monthly Sunday evening Vespers in Jacksonville, Illinois ranged 6-14.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			18
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			22
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			Most of 22
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			5
Number of Catechumens			none
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			4
Funerals			2
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			None
Adult Education/Number Participating			Most of 18

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ST. MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH 1901 ANN ST. ST. LOUIS, MO. 63104	
Clergy	
FATHER CHRISTOPHER H. PHILLIPS	
Committees/Societies	
N/A	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
DIVINE LITURGY COFFEE HOUR (Hospitality) BIBLE CLASS	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOCUS - basement of church is rented out to all these activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Getting faithful to come to services other than VA Sunday Divine Liturgy.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
PERAGIE WORK SHOP ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION STARTING UP A SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			24
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			N/A
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			2
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			6

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Following a deliberate effort for more than a decade, all shared activities of the Michigan Deanery parishes are also shared with other OCA and pan-Orthodox parish communities. The four parishes in the metropolitan Detroit area (Holy Transfiguration in Livonia, Holy Trinity in Detroit, St. Mark in Rochester Hills and Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Detroit) worship, outreach, celebrate and minister with others in the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches. The COCC, under the auspices of the St. John Chrysostom clergy brotherhood, is also the umbrella organization for the Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan (OCWM) and the recently established Orthodox Detroit Outreach (ODO). Deanery parish and personnel are among the leading participants in all of the collective activity.

The two western parishes (Holy Ascension in Albion and St. Demetrius in Jackson) also share their lives with other Orthodox Christian parishes from Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Battle Creek with the monastery of the Holy Dormition (Romanian OCA) in Rives Junction often being the focal point.

The Michigan Deanery is in the beginning phases of a mission outreach to the greater Kalamazoo area through the missionary work of Fr. Evangelos Pepps from Holy ascension in Albion.

Further details are given in the parish reports.

In Christ,

V. Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky,
Michigan Deanery Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Ascension Orthodox Church 810 Austin Av Albion, MI 49224	
Clergy	
Fr. Joshua Frigerio, Fr. Dn. John Wesner, Fr. Angelo Pepps	
Committees/Societies	
none	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual mid-Michigan Orthodox Family Camp a success. Ordination of seminarian to priesthood, and tonsuring of 3 readers.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Some OCF activities (talks, etc) Lots of participation in the life of nearby Holy Dormition Monastery.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Building upkeep. Sin.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
none	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			38
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			55
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20
Number of Catechumens			4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			4

Funerals			1
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			n/a
Adult Education/Number Participating			8


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 20500 Anglin Detroit, Michigan 48234	
Clergy	
Fr. Lev Kopistiansky	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Holy Trinity Brotherhood Protection of the Virgin Mary Sisterhood	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Pentecost Patronal Banquet Annual Parish Picnic Sisterhood Pokrova Banquet Hosting Detroit PanOrthodox Lenten Vespers Svc.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Orthodox Detroit Outreech / Feeding the homeless Participation in Benefit Concert for Zoe for Life. Church School annual charity fundraiser.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Detroit being an economically challenged city. Contributions are extremely budgeted and parishioners are moving away for employment.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

Oct. 6th.....Sisterhood Annual Pokrova Bqt.
 Nov 10th.....Sisterhood Socaial
 Nov 30.....Hosting the Myrrstreaming Ikon of the Righteous Anna
 Feb 2nd.....Souper bowl luncheon
 July.....Detroit Tiger Parish Outing

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			58
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			80 With children
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2
Funerals			6
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			24
Adult Education/Number Participating			12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Cathedral 3810 Gilbert Street Detroit MI 48210</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Served on Sunday by V. Rev. Alexandru Partioc, retired V. Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky, Dean and administrator</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Sisterhood</p>	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Surviving without an assigned priest and with an enormous debt Sharing the hall facilities for meals to the homeless Beginning to network with community groups for other facility sharing opportunities</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Annual cookies with Santa for the families enrolled in the on site Head Start program Community garden on the property Various pass through charitable collections</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Finding and funding an assigned rector</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
<p>In November the Cathedral will begin its 107th year. It is the oldest Orthodox Community in Michigan.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			49
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			n/a
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			3
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			<5
Adult Education/Number Participating			n/a


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Demetrius Orthodox Church 3043 Seymour Road Jackson, MI	
Clergy	
Archpriest Fr Dusan Koprivica.	
Committees/Societies	
Sisterhood Church School	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Relay for Life Cancer walk raised over \$8000 12 Bus tours (over 800 tourist) came through our church to view iconography (Prison to Paradise Tour) Rated #1 tour in Jackson. Partnership with Dormition monastery, (managing bookstore, sewing of vestments, grounds keeping, icon painting, and assistance with food preparation for Pilgrimage) New parking lot, new roof, and brick paver patio in back of church.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Relay for Life 24 hour Cancer Walk Year round collection of food and toiletries for Food Pantry Involvement with Right to Life Jackson, donated to Highway Billboard OCF at Michigan State, meet with students twice a month.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Increasing Church school attendance Participation in weekday services	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
55 th Anniversary of our parish October 19, 2013	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			50
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	60	60	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	55	55	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	6	6	6
Number of Catechumens	4	3	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms	5	2	2
Funerals	4	1	1
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled	22	20	19
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	12	12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Transfiguration OC 36075 W 7 Mile Rd Livonia, MI 48152	
Clergy	
Priest John Wehling Protodeacon Jacob Frimenko	
Committees/Societies	
Our council is organized by ministries with a rep. from each ministry on the council, as well as a President, VP, Sec., and treasurer.	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lenten retreat with Dr Harry Boosalis from St Tikhon's Seminary -Patronal Feast of parish celebrated with Vigil, parish dinner, and Divine Liturgy; excellent attendance and numerous visiting clergy and faithful -Annual Cookie Walk brings together multiple generations from within parish and connects us to community 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Monthly assembling of kits for homeless, distributed through St Dominic's, Detroit -Work with Orthodox Detroit Outreach on feeding homeless -Sponsored 3 individuals and one family (7 total) on summer mission trips (Project Mexico and Alaska via OCMC) -7 parishioners supported for summer missions work to Alaska and Mexico 	
Major Challenges Faced	
-Ongoing iconography project; altar, ground, and mezzanine levels almost completed (12 year program)	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
-Stewardship Retreat w/ Fr John Dresko, October 19	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			179
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			NA
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			NA
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			35
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			3
Funerals			2
Marriages			3
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			48
Adult Education/Number Participating			20

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Mark Orthodox Church,</p> <p>400 West Hamlin Road</p> <p>Rochester Hills, MI 48307</p>	
Clergy	
<p>V. Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky 3710 Alida avenue Rochester Hills, MI 48309</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Men's Fellowship begins 9/30/13</p>	
Since October 2012	
<p>Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Building bond debt retired May, 2013 Annual Ministries Fair for recruitment and enrollment for work below Created an in parish grant program for funding parishioner ministry initiatives</p>	
<p>Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Annual Christmas food and gift distribution to over 200 households; weekly food distribution to several neighborhood families; tutoring at the elementary school next to the church; two meals prepared and served to homeless in Detroit; participation in and support of the Rochester Neighborhood House (local charitable); CROP Walk; Sponsorship of OCF at Oakland University; IOCC, SAMP; Sent 9 missionaries to Project Mexico; Prayer shawl ministry; Orthodox Detroit Outreach (pan Orthodox street ministry) support and participation; Hosting Red Cross blood drives; Christmas day caroling and gift distribution at a local nursing home; hosted a presentation by the St. Nicholas Ugandan Children's Fund; parish display at the local historical museum which led to inclusion on the museum's church tour; numerous charitable and outreach individual parishioner activities nurtured by the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish;</p>	

Major Challenges Faced			
Incorporating the new members while respecting the older ones			
Transitioning in general			
Improving education programs; increasing adult involvement in ongoing learning			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014			
On Forgiveness Sunday, 2014 we will begin our 35 th year			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			115
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			c. 110 (seasonally 80 to 140)
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			c. 85% of attendees
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10-15
Number of Catechumens			4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			4
Funerals			1 non parishioner
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			3
Church School/Number Enrolled			41
Adult Education/Number Participating			c. 20

Minneapolis Deanery

Since his retirement from the business world some twenty years ago or so (if I weren't writing this report on the deadline, I'd have time to get exact numbers!), Fr Gregory Grivna has served the Church as deacon and priest in some of the most remote parishes of the Minneapolis Deanery. Over the years, he and his wife, Elaine, were actively involved in the start-up of several missions throughout the Minneapolis Deanery. At the end of this year, he will retire from active service and, we hope, enjoy a much deserved rest from his self-sacrificing labors offered to the Church for the sake of Christ and His Holy Gospel, which he and his wife dearly love. He and Matushka Elaine, however, will continue to edify the faithful of the Minneapolis Deanery simply by their prayerful presence. With love and joy we express thanksgiving to God for the grace He has given our beloved brother and sister, Fr Greg and Matushka Elaine, to serve so faithfully and well. Axios! And, Many Years in health, prosperity and furtherance in all good things!

The missions of Christ the Savior in Anoka and Holy Cross in Chisago City, started about 15 years ago in these regions north of the Twin Cities area, have determined that they are not able to sustain these missions any longer. The faithful of these missions, with the blessing of His Grace and under the pastoral leadership of Fr Bill Neumann and Fr Greg Grivna, have been diligently exploring the possibility of closing each of their respective missions, and pooling their assets to start a new mission in the north metro region. Presently, with Fr Grivna looking forward to a much deserved retirement, it has been primarily Fr Bill and the faithful of these two missions working with the area Dean under the watchful eye of His Grace, +Alexander, to construct a plan that would outline the conditions needed to establish a new mission on a good foundation. Coming out of a meeting with His Grace and the area Dean only last week (while His Grace was on a pastoral visit in the Twin Cities), they expressed intent to seek involvement of the faithful and clergy of the Minneapolis Deanery, and the Diocese Mission Committees, in the construction of this plan. Although we would like to see definitive action by the end of December of this year, we have chosen to give first honor to prudence and not to rush the formation of a new mission. If necessary, we are open to a course of action in which we close the respective missions and place the pooled assets with the Diocese in escrow, to be reserved for the establishment of a new mission in the north metro area of the Twin Cities until such time that we believe that the desired conditions are sufficiently in place.

Holy Myrrhbearers Mission in St Cloud was established at around the same time as Christ the Savior and Holy Cross. It has been served faithfully and well from the start by Fr Nathan Kroll; yet, that mission, too, is struggling to make ends meet. With assistance from the Diocese, Fr Nathan and his wife, Matushka Heidi, are able to continue to serve the faithful in the St Cloud area through this mission outpost in the western and far western region of Minnesota. The status of the mission has been changed to that of a chapel to facilitate its pastoral administration. Even since the change of status, Holy Myrrhbearers has received an Orthodox couple who moved to the St Cloud area from Texas, and some inquirers who have become catechumens. With Fr Nathan, I am cautiously hopeful for the future of Holy Myrrhbearers.

Fr Nathan joins Fr Oliver Herbel (Holy Resurrection Mission in Fargo, ND) and Fr Anastassy Fehr (St Peter the Aleut Church in Minot, ND) in a very elite group of priests distinguished by their hardiness and

uncommon courage in serving the faithful in this western region of our diocese under the challenging circumstances peculiar to that part of the world. Cowboy country begins in Fargo, ND, (and you begin to smell it in St Cloud) and the world ends just a few miles west of Fr Oliver's mission there in Fargo. Once you get to St James, ND, you know that you're not in Kansas, anymore (okay, you weren't in Kansas to begin with – that's way south; but, you get the point); and then, a few hours farther west, you get to Fr Anastassy's parish in Minot. (From Minot you have to hold your breath for another eight or nine hours before you get to the front edge of the world where it begins again on the other side, and find yourself at the next Orthodox parish in Billings, MT, in the Diocese of the West.) Except that the faithful served by Fr Anastassy there in Minot are living and working in a town that has over the last few years turned into an oil-boom town. Which means lots of people of all descriptions, shapes, sizes and characters – including those who've forgotten what life is like where there's chocolate chip cookies – are making their way past St Cloud, past Fargo, and into this large gap past the world's last edge to take up their residence in Minot, some to spend time with those who've forgotten about chocolate chip cookies. Now you know you're not in Kansas anymore. Worse: for all that, you're not in the Emerald City, either. You can only thank God you're not in Rawlins, Wyoming.

What I'm leading to in this accurate description of the geography of this little known part of the world goes beyond the curiosity of Archimandrite Anastassy underneath a ten gallon hat instead of the more expected klobuk – or whatever it's called (he'd be on top of a horse, too, if it weren't for his health, and the fact that he's a Swiss-born Serb). It's to express, on behalf of the Deanery and I believe the faithful of the Diocese, sincere appreciation, even admiration, for the work these men, with their wives (except for Archimandrite Anastassy, who doesn't even have a horse), are doing here in cowboy country, in this isolated part of the world. Because of their work, this large gap between the front and back edges of the world for sure cannot be called "God-forsaken". May God strengthen them and richly bless them!

Back at the farm, in Northfield, about 45 minutes south of Minneapolis, Fr Christopher Maciolek and his wife, Gretchen, are working to establish a mission there. Fr Christopher has been working the Northfield area for a bit over two years now; and, by the grace of God, the seeds that he has been planting appear to be germinating. On average, about 20 – 25 faithful have been serving the Holy Liturgy every Sunday at the Northfield senior center; and, since last Spring, Fr Christopher expanded the worship schedule to include Saturday evening Vespers. This community of faithful in Northfield is technically a "mission exploration" under the patronage of the Three Holy Hierarchs. They have attracted a number of inquirers, and a number of them (I don't know the exact number, again because I'm writing this at the deadline) have become catechumens.

Such are the headlines of ecclesial life in the Minneapolis Deanery. I think I shall ask for some chocolate chip cookies at my parish's next Sunday morning coffee hour.

In Christ

Archpriest Paul Wesche

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Cross Mission 28005 Old Towne RD Chisago City, MN 55013	
Clergy	
Rev. William John Neumann	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
Major Challenges Faced
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			7 family's
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			10-15
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			10-15
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			2-3
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

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Parish Name and Address		Photo	
Holy Trinity 523 1st Street Clayton, WI 54004			
Clergy			
Arpr. Christopher Wojcik Deacon Jack Rogers			
Committees/Societies			
Council, Sisterhood, Choir, Youth Group, Sunday School, Cemetery			
Since October 2012			
Highlights of Top Three Activities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 36 people from our parish (about 1/3 of our total parish roster) served a dinner to homeless & underprivileged in Minneapolis. - Our Youth Group authored and published a book of children's stories with spiritual lessons - Our Vacation Bible School focused on the Apostle Paul, and about 1/3 of the students were from outside the Orthodox faith. 			
Outreach and Charitable Activities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jointly run a food shelf with other local, non-Orthodox churches - Held six fundraising suppers for various charities outside the parish - On numerous occasions, Fr. Christopher met with local public high school students outside school hours to discuss faith in Jesus Christ (with their parent's permission). - Hosted a free dinner for area senior citizens (served about 45). 			
Major Challenges Faced			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finances are very tight, and getting tighter - Perception of the episcopacy is a major challenge – comments like “Why can't our bishops be more like the Pope?” were unheard of 5 years ago. 			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			66
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			4
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			28
Adult Education/Number Participating			40

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Elizabeth the New Martyr 2020 Silver Bell Road, #5, Eagan MN	
Clergy	
Priest Marc Boulos	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Adult Fellowship Teen Fellowship	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>1. Launch of our new education program, the Ephesus School, which is committed to reading and explaining biblical texts for people of all ages, toddler to adult.</p> <p>2. Support of the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota tribe annual Wacipi (PowWow). Among local Native American tribes, the Mdewakanton are the most disenfranchised; our community has been blessed to build a friendship with them over the past year.</p> <p>3. On September 14, we commemorated the tenth anniversary of our community's first liturgy in Eagan, Minnesota.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Ephesus School Joshua Anew Parish Food Shelf Minneapolis Peace House FOCUS Minnesota Eagan Family Resource Center	

Major Challenges Faced			
We had a financial shortfall in the summer but quickly bounced back with stewardship and our annual fund raiser.			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014			
Annual Parish Dinner			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			45
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			10
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			4
Church School/Number Enrolled			10
Adult Education/Number Participating			10

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Holy Resurrection Orthodox Mission Church	
Clergy	
Rev. Fr. Oliver Herbel	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Our St. Nicholas Day retreat in December was a community building experience for our community. The choir continues to make strides and education programming has increased.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
We support each other internally (an important aspect due to a significant number of parishioners being refugees). We also regularly donate non-perishable items to an ecumenically supported homeless shelter.	
Major Challenges Faced	
One of our major challenges is financial. With an influx of refugees, converts, and those who have moved into the area over the last few years, the small chapel we rent can feel cramped at times. Saving toward a future building is something that is occurring but slowly and the parish questions whether missions should be required to pay what amounts to a head tax.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			24
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			5
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			1
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			8
Adult Education/Number Participating			6

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 1249 Cty Rd F Lublin, WI 54447	
Clergy	
Archpriest Thaddeus Wojcik, retired / supply priest	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Ladies' Aid Church School teachers	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Annual Dinner in August; yearly fund-raiser with ethnic foods 2. Pot-luck dinners; Pre-Lenten, Pentecost, Pre-Advent 3. Church School- September-May; Christmas Church School program	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Support of Seminarian and family at St. Vladimir's (starting 3 rd year) 2. SOS: Diocese of Midwest 3. Christmas; support local needy family with needs and wants 4. Ongoing visits, gifts, communication with seniors & shut-ins 5. On-going food pantry collection	
Major Challenges Faced	
1. 40% of parish members- 80 years + 2. few families with younger children 3. few individuals/ families seeking Orthodox Church 4. lack of adequate area economy 5. 30% of membership drives 50+ miles to Church	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
1. 2014- 106 years as an established parish 2. Annual Dinner with ethnic foods, country store, frozen pierogi 3. Christmas Church School program with outreach activities	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			39

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			5
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			
Funerals			2
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled			10
Adult Education/Number Participating			30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St Herman's Orthodox Church 5355 38th Ave So Minneapolis, MN 55417	
Clergy	
Archpriest Paul Wesche	
Committees/Societies	
None!!	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eighth Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery, July 30 – Aug 1, 2013 (23 participants) 2. Reception into the Church of 3 seekers at Pascha. They came from the neighborhood in Sept 2011 looking for a meaningful Christian Church, and they never left. 3. Baptism of a young woman 7 years after she was first introduced to Orthodoxy in high school through her boyfriend. Before, she was unchurched. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Participating in the various ministries of FOCUS The parish supports four Charities: IOCC, OCMC, our Seminaries, and Holy Dormition Monastery	
Major Challenges Faced	
Building repairs & upkeep	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Annual Fund-raising Middle Eastern European Dinner – Nov 2	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			41
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			51
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			43
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			20
Number of Catechumens			5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			6
Funerals			0
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			5
Church School/Number Enrolled			@18
Adult Education/Number Participating			@34

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ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 1701 Fifth Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55413	
Clergy	
Archpriest Andrew Morbey, Dean; Priest Benjamin Tucci, associate and youth minister; Priest Richard Flom, attached and area supply priest; Archpriest Gregory Krutchek, attached; Deacons David Kostick, Gregory Krutchek, Jason Ketz, Gregory Ealy, Alexey Dupay.	
Committees/Societies	
Women's Club, Men's Club, O-Club, Junior O-Club, Perohi Group, Taste of Northeast, Balalaika Orchestra, Service Attendants, Veterans Association, Seniors Group, Youth and Young Adult Groups, Faith Night / Family Activities, Slovak language, Ethnic Dance group; Sts Peter & Paul Society, and more...	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
125 Anniversary celebrations Taste of Northeast parish festival Visit of Metropolitan Tikhon Fundraisers for NK and GD	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly special collections for neighborhood and local charities as well as for OCA and pan-Orthodox ministries Participation in FOCUS Minnesota and Minnesota Orthodox Prison Ministries	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
Visit of Bishop Alexander for parish feast Fundraiser for AH	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			372
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			280
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			-
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			40
Number of Catechumens			5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			10
Funerals			20
Marriages			6
Receptions into Orthodoxy			3
Church School/Number Enrolled			130
Adult Education/Number Participating			45

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St. Peter the Aleut 109 6TH ST MINOT ND 58701	
Clergy	
Igumen (archimandrite) Anastassy (Fehr)	
Committees/Societies	
non	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Divine Services Coffee Hour Fundraising (We run a Gyros stand at the State fair and other occasions)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
We occasionally help people and welcome anyone that may visit us.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Building or purchasing a permanent parsonage. The priest still resides in a FEMA trailer on the parking lot next to the Church. Basically, survival of the parish. We lost contributing members due to the flood and other	

reasons. However, we have potential for new growth. People are moving here because of the economic growth(oil boom) in this area and the air force base. We have many people coming and going. Almost every Sunday we see new faces in Church, out of State visitors Who come to Church. But only very few stay here for a while.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

We might do a late 75th Anniversary combined with a Church restoration celebration. But it is rather unlikely.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			29
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			15-25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			10-15
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			3
Number of Catechumens			1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			2
Funerals			
Marriages			

Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating			


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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Three Holy Hierarchs Orthodox Mission (Outreach) Mailing Address: 311 Cherry Street, Northfield, MN 55057 Address (Senior Center): 1651 Jefferson Pkwy, Northfield, MN 55057	
Clergy	
Rev. Christopher R. Maciolek	
Committees/Societies	
NA	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Now offering Great Vespers @ 6PM and Divine Liturgy @ 10AM weekly. A big step up from no Vespers and only doing Divine Liturgy every other week.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
None yet.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Just getting things off the ground after starting from scratch.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
January 30th - Parish Feast July 15th - 2nd Anniversary	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			17
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			10
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			7
Number of Catechumens			5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			NA
Adult Education/Number Participating			NA

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p>St. Nicholas Mission 621 1/2 Franklin Street, Pella, IA 50219 <i>mailing address:</i> 121 E. 13th Street, Pella, IA 50219</p>	
Clergy	
Fr. Bartholomew Wojcik	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pascha: midnight service, full church with visitors followed by pot-luck <i>agape</i> meal, then <i>Agape</i> Vespers followed by an open house party at the president's and choir director's house. • St. Nicholas Day Vespers and open house with Des Moines' Fr. Basil Hickman and faithful of St. George GOC; free supper for all guests (as advertised in local paper), plus collection of free-will donations of non-perishable foods for the local food pantry. • Twice annual visits to three local nursing facilities to serve a <i>Molieben</i> on a Sunday afternoon. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. Bartholomew participates in the Pella Ministerial Association's book club. • On-going support of the local food pantry. • Publicized St. Nicholas day Vespers with free meal for guests (only asking that they bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the local food pantry). 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. Bartholomew works a full-time side job-- typically over-time for the past year. • Our rented church facility is in an upstairs location, though in the historic center of town, it is not very visible, not handicap accessible, and not architecturally an Orthodox church. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible tonsuring to reader of our diaconal vocations candidate. 	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013

Supporting Membership Count			17
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			About 20
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			About 18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			About 12-14
Number of Catechumens			1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0
Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			2
Adult Education/Number Participating			N/A


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Holy Trinity 956 Forest Street Saint Paul MN 55106	
Clergy	
Archpriest Jonathan Proctor Archpriest Thaddeus Wojcik (attached, serving Lublin WI) Priest Andrew Jay (attached) Dn. Bohdan Melnychenko Dn. Paul Gavrilyuk	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
All Liturgical, I guess (no anniversaries, buildings or openings to speak of)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Sunday coffee hour homeless and hungry inclusion program Sunday coffee hour neighborhood food shelf Harvest Sunday missions and philanthropy tithe Community Service hall use program Host an active Children's Garden managed by Urban Roots (a youth and nutrition program) Parish participation in 'FOCUS Minnesota' meal prep and serve program.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Had modest budget deficit last year, not clear yet whether that will improve or worsen this year Well advanced in rebuilding the narthex for handicap accessibility	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014
none

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			90
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			90
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			25
Number of Catechumens			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			1
Funerals			1
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			40
Adult Education/Number Participating			12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Presentation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Monastery P.O. Box 644 Marshfield, MO 65706	
Clergy	
No clergy are attached to the monastery. The monastics: Mother Sergia, Abbess Mother Alexandra	
Committees/Societies	
None	
Since October 2012	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance of the Chapel Consecration of the Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan. 2. Travel during Great Lent and Paschaltide to Rolla, Missouri, to assist the newly founded Annunciation Mission. 3. At the end of July, we learned that we would be able to provide liturgical candles to the parishes formerly supplied by the Orthodox Monastery of St. John the Theologian. <p>In order to be ready by September, a whirlwind of activity was required to learn how to prepare the candles (graciously taught to us by Ss. Mary and Martha Orthodox Monastery), then purchase and set up the required equipment and supplies, and fulfill the legal requirements to set up a small business. By God's grace, we were able to fill all orders by the first month's shipping deadline, just before our Annual Founders Day in September.</p> <p>We are especially grateful to have the opportunity to have this monastery-appropriate, cottage industry to provide additional income to support the costs of future growth in our numbers.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Contributions to the food bank and outreach to needy organized by St. Thomas parish in Springfield.	
Major Challenges Faced	

The major challenge we face is growth. We strive to help both our monastery and other monasteries to grow in prayer, strength, and numbers, in the hope that they will endure until the second coming of Our Lord.

In contrast to Russia, Romania, Greece, and other old world countries, our nation suffers from a dearth of familiarity with the importance of Orthodox monasticism in the growth of the Church.

There are individuals whom the Lord is preparing to enter the monastic life.

Again, we respectfully ask the assistance of our clergy by joining with us in encouraging potential candidates to read, pray, and visit our monasteries, exploring the possibility that *Christ* may be calling them to the monastic life.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014

Annual Feast Day, Presentation of the Theotokos at the Temple, November 21, 2013

Annual Founders Day, Saturday, September 20, 2014

	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	As of September 1, 2013
Supporting Membership Count			2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			Two attending Divine Liturgy at the local parishes.
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			2
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			2
Number of Catechumens			0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2011	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	January 1 thru September 1, 2013
Baptisms			0

Funerals			0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			0
Church School/Number Enrolled			0
Adult Education/Number Participating			0

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
52nd DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
Lansing, Illinois
October 8th, 2013

The primary responsibilities of the Treasurer are to oversee the financial affairs of the Diocese; monitor Diocesan investments, together with the Diocesan Council and Finance Committee; oversee the distribution of funds and judiciously invest Diocesan funds; and convene and chair regular and special Finance Committee meetings. The members of the Finance Committee currently are: Mr. Sam D'Fantis, Fr. Stephen Hrycyniak and Fr. John Zdniak. The Finance Committee also receives input from our Bookkeeper Phillip Sokolov and accountant Polly Walker.

Attached to this report is a summary of:

- Attachment A: 2012 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru December 2012
- Attachment B: Summary Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012
- Attachment C: 2013 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru June 30th, 2013
- Attachment D: Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2013
- Attachment E: Diocesan Parish / Mission Development Fund Status as of August 31st, 2013
- Attachment F: Fidelity Investment Account Status as of August 31st, 2013
- Attachment G: Proposed Budget for 2014

Attachment A: 2012 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual

For 2012, based on the budget, we had projected an income from assessments of \$451,500. The actual income from assessments was \$439,632.35. The total received from assessments was \$11,867.651 less than anticipated. The total actual income from all sources was \$484,236.12 compared to \$451,500.00, a difference of \$32,736.12. This additional income to the Diocese was greater than anticipated and was primarily due to income from the 2012 Diocesan Assembly, income from investments and income received from various programs.

The total of all normal expenses for 2012 was \$412,281.80. This resulted in a surplus of ordinary income of \$71,954.32. Taking into consideration other income received and the interest expense on our loan, there was a net surplus of \$69,318.32.

The following is a summary of the major categories:

- The Parish Development Ministry expenses were \$2,721.71 greater than budgeted, \$102,721.71 vs. a budget of \$100,000.00. Note, this position was eliminated for 2013.
- Program expenses were \$4,691.73 less than budgeted, \$6,308.27 vs. \$11,000 budgeted.
- Diocesan Travel Expenses were \$10,815.97 less than budgeted, \$36,044.03 vs. \$46,860 budgeted.
- Diocesan Center Expenses were \$2,646.40 less than budgeted, \$16,673.60 vs. \$19,320 budgeted.
- Diocesan Staff Expenses were \$60,218.64 less than budgeted: \$66,809.03 vs. \$127,027.67.
- Repairs and Maintenance Expenses were \$6,738.53 greater than budgeted, \$16,338.53 vs. \$9,600

Attachment B: Summary Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012

This balance sheet is shown in Attachment B, pages 1-2, and provides a summary of all of our assets and liabilities from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Attachment C: 2013 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru June 30th, 2013

For the first six months of 2013, we had projected an income of \$223,385.02 from assessments. The actual Income was \$219,923.78. The amount received from assessments was \$3,461.24 less than anticipated. (Note, this was based on a membership of 5,195 individuals, but the actual membership for this year is 5,106). An additional \$6,018.61 was received from program income for total net income of \$225,942.39.

For the first six months of 2013, the total of all expenses is \$284,295.48. This resulted in a net deficit of \$33,471.31.

The following is a brief summary:

Total stipends were \$1,600 over budget, \$14,500 vs. \$12,900. This was due to the separation package for the Bishop being implemented where he will be receiving a \$1,000 per month stipend and a Diocesan Council motion to increase the Late Vocations Coordinator stipend to \$500 per month from \$250 per month.

The Diocesan Chancery expenses were \$12,527.05 over budget, \$54,454.23 vs. \$41,927.18. This overage was due primarily due to:

- No expense for the Convocation (\$9,250)
- The addition of the vehicle given to the Bishop as a gift as part of the separation package. This was entered as a Journal Entry (\$17,000) and is currently reflected as an expense in the Profit and Loss statement. Please note that the value of the vehicle at the time of the gift was actually estimated to be between \$8,000 and \$9,000). There was no monetary amount given to the Bishop.
- The cost of Diocesan Insurance was \$3,006.10 over budget, \$27,543.30 vs. \$24,537.20

Diocesan Payroll Expenses/Salary. The total budgeted was \$77,030.09 (\$57,065.32 plus \$19,973.77) vs. \$130,046.47 actual, a difference of \$53,007.38. Starting this year, the salaries for the priest and choir director from Christ the Savior Church are being paid for by the Diocese and in turn, Christ the Savior Church is reimbursing the Diocese for these salaries. A total of \$33,042 has been reimbursed which is for a total of 5 months, one month is lagging. For the 6 months, the total would have been \$39,650.40.

Professional Fees were \$116 under budget, \$4,903.98 vs. \$5,019.98 budgeted

Program Expenses were \$3,190.62 over budget, \$36,090.68 vs. \$33,900.06 budgeted.

Repairs and Maintenance was \$519.07 under budget, \$11,275.72 vs. \$11,794.79 budgeted.

Travel expenses were \$8,535.65 under budget, \$13,484.35 vs. \$22,020 budgeted.

Utility expenses were \$171.41 over budget, \$11,019.41 vs. \$10,848 budgeted.

As part of the Bishops separation package, \$4,750 was reimbursed for moving expenses.

Attachment D: Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2013:

This balance sheet is shown in Attachment D, pages 1-2, and provides a summary of all of our assets and liabilities as of August 31st, 2013.

Attachment E: Diocesan Parish / Mission Development Fund Status as of August 31st, 2013:

The Mission Endowment Fund was created to provide additional funding to the Mission Department through its earnings on interest. The money is invested in both a Portfolio Fund (approximately 60%) and an Income Fund (approximately 40%) in an account with Salomon Smith Barney. We consider the Mission Endowment fund to be a long-term investment fund. As such, investment history has shown that having a mix of funds in equities and income funds provides the highest returns in the long term. Currently, the market continues to be very volatile.

As of June 30th, 2013, the total in the Mission Development Fund is \$364,032.25, compared to \$334,819.06 at the start of the year. Throughout the year, you can see that monthly totals have risen and fallen quite dramatically, hitting a fund high of \$380,040.78 at the end of July, 2013. Since we are in it for the long term, we are not looking at the short-term variations that the market will inevitably experience. To date, there have been no additional funds added to the Mission Endowment Fund. A summary of the monthly totals as of August 31st, 2013 as well as the progress since 12/31/1999 is shown in Attachment E.

**Attachment F: 2013 Fidelity Investment Account Status as of
August 31st, 2013:**

We have two money market Investment Accounts with Fidelity. The Operating Fund and Maintenance Reserve Fund. The Operating Fund consists of reserve funds for either planned or unplanned expenses. Note, since the fund totals do not vary very much, the following totals are as of 8/31/2013. As of 8/31/2013, the total in this fund is \$75,249.90. These reserve funds were created as a result of both known expenditures that we wanted to plan and budget for, such as the General Operating Reserve Fund (\$11,946.21), Auto Reserve Fund (\$20,303.69), and expenses that were incurred that we may be unprepared for; Legal (\$37,000) and Special Visit Reserve Funds (\$6,000). So that we would be prepared for the future, the Legal and Special Visit Reserve Funds were established to provide a cushion in these areas should these expenses be incurred. They have been funded in the past as planned expenditures from our operating budget.

The other money market account is our Maintenance Reserve Fund, Changed (Name changed from the Maintenance Endowment Reserve Fund at the 6/22/2012 Diocesan Council Meeting.) This was previously our Building Account. However, since no major building projects are planned for the future, the fund was renamed as a Maintenance Reserve Fund in order to have funds set aside for emergent, major maintenance should it become required. At the 6/22/2012 Diocesan Council Meeting, a motion was made and approved to transfer \$20,000 from the Special Visit Reserve Fund (\$26,000) to the Maintenance Reserve Fund. To date, this transfer took place on 12/24/2012. As of August 31st, 2013, there is a total of \$29,191.62 in this Money Market Account.

Since both of these funds are money market funds, the amount of interest earned on them is negligible. This information is also shown in the Balance Sheet in Attachment D as of 8/31/2013. A summary of the monthly totals as of August 31st, 2013 is shown in Attachment F.

Attachment G: Proposed Budget for 2014

The proposed 2014 budget is essentially the same as the budgets for 2010 through 2013. The major change between 2013 and 2014 is the agreed to salary compensation package for the Bishop. For the preparation of the 2013 Budget, the Finance Committee reviewed the draft budget. The budget presented reflects the current needs and supports the future needs and direction of the Diocese. In September and October, an electronic vote was taken for the proposed 2014 budget by the voting members of the Diocesan Council. It was approved. However, it will be discussed again at the Council meeting prior to the assembly where a formal vote will be taken for presentation to the delegates at the assembly.

Please see the Executive Summary on the first page of Attachment G followed by a detailed breakdown of projected income and expenses.

INCOME SUMMARY:

The 2014 budget is based on a membership total of 5,106, down from 5,195 from 2013. This is only an estimate at the writing of this report and is used for determining the estimated income for the Diocese. The actual membership number may be higher or lower.

Based on a motion at the 1995 Diocesan Assembly, the annual parish assessment for each adult shall be the current assessment plus an amount based on the previous 12 month Consumers Price Index (CPI), rounded up to the nearest dollar. However, based on the current economic situation and the fact that the Diocese continually strives to work within its budget, improving where required and cutting back were required, there is no proposed increase in the diocesan assessment for 2013. **Therefore, the yearly assessment for 2014 will remain at \$86.00 per adult member.** The \$86.00 assessment multiplied by the projected membership of 5,106 is \$439,116. The balance of the income is derived as follows:

\$9,250.00 is estimated to be received from the yearly Clergy Convocation. Note; the income from the Convocation is determined based on the projected expenses. It is meant to be a breakeven event.

As mentioned previously, the Diocese pays the salary priest and choir director of Christ the Savior Church. Christ the Savior Church in turn reimburses the Diocese this same amount. The estimated amount of the reimbursement for 2014 is \$80,596.80. Please note that this amount may increase, but should equal to the actual salaries paid in 2014, ending up being a wash.

These additional anticipated receipts along with the assessments bring the total projected income for the year 2014 to **\$528,962.80**

EXPENSE SUMMARY:**PROGRAMS:**

Mission Grants will have a budget of **\$46,800.**

The Late Vocations coordinator has a stipend of **\$6,000.**

Charity has a budget of **\$1,000.00.**

Seminarian Scholarships will have a budget of **\$20,000.**

The total Program budget is **\$73,800.00**

BREAKDOWN OF DIOCESAN STAFF SALARIES, STIPENDS, PAYROLL EXPENSES:**SALARIES:**

Bishop Separation Package:	\$ 12,000.00	
Chancellor	\$ 32,596.00	
Secretary	\$ 36,027.00	(Increase of 1.77%, COI)
Property Mgr./	\$ 6,000.00	
<u>Total:</u>	\$ 86,623.00	

6 Deans Stipends at \$3,000 each: \$ 18,000.00

Treasurer's Stipend: \$ 3,000.00

Christ the Savior Reimbursement: \$ 80,596.80

Total Diocesan Staff Salaries = \$188,219.80

STAFF PAYROLL EXPENSES:

PENSIONS: (Accounts for potential increase of 2% in Pension, from 12% to 14%)

Bishop	0.00	
Chancellor	\$ 4,563.44	(Salary) x (14.0%)
Secretary	\$ 5,043.78	(Salary) x (14.0)
Property Mgr./	\$ 3,360.00	(Salary + 18k Housing Allowance) x (14.0%)
<u>Total:</u>	\$ 12,967.22	

SOCIAL SECURITY:

Bishop	0.00	
Chancellor	\$ 4,987.19	(Salary) x (15.3%)
Secretary	\$ 2,756.07	(Salary) x (7.65%)
Property Mgr.	\$ 3,672.00	(Salary + 18k Housing Allowance) x (15.3%)
<u>Total:</u>	\$ 11,415.26	
<u>Total:</u>	\$ 24,382.48	

STAFF HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE:

Bishop Health Ins.	\$ 6,540.00	(4 months at \$1,635 until 65, Separation Package)
Bishop Health Ins.	\$ 1,600.00	(8 months at \$200 after 65, Supplemental Med)
Secretary Health Ins.	\$ 13,847.00	
<u>Total:</u>	\$ 21,987.00	

DIOCESAN TRAVEL:

Includes travel by the Bishop (Locum Tenens), Chancellor, Secretariat, Deans, Diocesan/Bishop's Council and Metropolitan Council Representatives. This has a budget of **\$41,400**.

DIOCESAN CENTER:

INSURANCE: This consists of our Umbrella coverage, Workers Compensation, Package Policy consisting of Property, Liability, Crime, Inland Marine and Auto Liability coverage for Diocesan Staff for a total budget of **\$21,413.00**.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: Repairs, \$12,000, Labor \$8,000, Supplies \$4,500 for a total budget of **\$24,500.00**

UTILITIES: Electric: \$8,700, Gas: \$13,000 and Water/Sewer: \$2,600 for a total budget of **\$24,300.00**.

Total Diocesan Center Budget is **\$70,213.00**.

DIOCESAN CHANCERY OFFICE:

This category has categories such as: advertising, bank fees, dues and subscriptions, hospitality, internet service, investment management fees, office supplies, cleaning (Outside Contractors), postage, printing, professional fees for accounting, audit, legal, payroll preparation, the Clergy Convocation, security monitoring and telephone. The total budget is **\$55,700**.

The total of the above expenses for 2014 is \$475,702.27.

Diocesan Loan information:

The 5 year term for the original \$250,000 loan from Bank of America to cover major maintenance issues at both the residence and Christ the Savior Church was due in February of 2012. Loan renewal paperwork was submitted in December of 2011 and a new 5 year term for the loan was approved. The original interest rate for the loan was 7.1% with a 5 year balloon with monthly payments of \$1,814.81. The new 5 year term for the loan is for a starting balance of \$227,563.95 with an interest rate of 4.68%. Monthly payments are \$1,486.99, a savings of \$327.82/month or \$3,933.84 for the year. At the end of this 5 year term, 2017, the outstanding balance will be \$189,410.57. The fees to secure the loan were \$2,532.51. When the time comes, we will request another extension for the terms of the loan.

LOAN INTEREST:

The interest paid on our loan in 2014 from Bank of America will be **\$10,021.24.**

Christ the Savior Church information:

Since the property is shared between the Diocese (Residence) and Church (Christ the Savior Church / Bishops Chapel and Diocesan Offices), discussions were held between the Diocese and Christ the Savior Church. In an effort further unite the two entities; various options were discussed to come to a workable agreement. As a starting point, new in the 2013 Budget will be a line item under Income, CTS (Christ the Savior Church). Starting in 2013, the Diocese will be paying the Salaries of the Priest and Choir Director from the Diocesan Checking account. These expenses will be returned to the Diocese from Christ the Savior Church and shown under the line item CTS. Currently as it stands, the church will maintain its own bookkeeping and pay their own expenses as before. The year end financial records of the Church will be reviewed by the Diocese and members of Christ the Savior. Should there be a surplus at the end of the year, then it is planned to have the surplus divided in some manner between the church and the Diocese that will be for the benefit of all. As this is just a starting point, there will be further discussions held and a more refined plan developed. The above is still subject for final approval and at this point is considered a preliminary plan.

ESCROWED FUNDS:

Due to the fact that we do not currently have a Bishop, there are expenses that are not being paid such as the full salary, social security, pension, discretionary fund and travel expenses. Along with other additions and deletions, there is a surplus in the budget. Since it is unknown what will transpire in 2014, any additional funds are being placed in Escrow. This amount comes to **\$43,239.28.**

Adding the Loan Interest (\$10,021.24) and the Escrowed funds (\$43,239.28) to the total expenses, the total expenses for 2014 will equal \$528,962.80 which will equal the projected income which ends up as balanced budget.

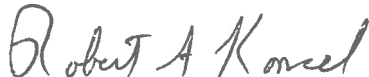
CLOSING:

Beginning in 2009 we switched to using QuickBooks. With the current system setup, Polly, Philip, Fr. John and myself have been able to remotely access the data in QuickBooks at any time from our personal computers should the need arise. Also, in addition to all of the above, Polly reviews all of the income, expenses and investments and ensures that everything is categorized properly in QuickBooks and meets standard accounting practices given our current set-up. The goal when this effort was started was to ensure that the financial condition of the Diocese would remain transparent at any time. I believe that we have accomplished this

I would also like to thank Philip Sokolov for assuming the responsibilities and work of bookkeeper and Polly Walker as our accountant. I would also like to thank the other members of the Finance Committee, our Chancellor, Fr. John Zdniak, Mr. Sam D'Fantis and Fr. Stephen Hrycyniak, who all deserve a big thanks for the extra time and effort they put in throughout the year and once again, for their valuable advice and ideas presented throughout the year. Finally, I would again like to thank my wife Karen for her patience and support during this past year.

It has been a pleasure serving the Diocese as Treasurer this past year.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Koncel, Treasurer
Diocese of the Midwest

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**Please see the following pages for
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2013 DIOCESAN TREASURER'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT “A”

2012 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru December 2012

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**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2012**

	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Diocesan Assembly 2012 Income	13,375.00		
Diocesan Assessments	439,632.35	451,500.00	-11,867.65
Department Income			
Parish Development Ministry			
Investment Income	9,251.32		
Other	0.01		
Total Parish Development Ministry	<u>9,251.33</u>		
Total Department Income	9,251.33		
Program Income			
Charity	249.00		
Late Vocations	6,050.00		
Missions	3,122.44		
Scholarships			
Deanery Fundraisers	3,860.00		
Scholarships - Other	8,696.00		
Total Scholarships	<u>12,556.00</u>		
Total Program Income	<u>21,977.44</u>		
Total Income	<u>484,236.12</u>	<u>451,500.00</u>	<u>32,736.12</u>
Gross Profit	484,236.12	451,500.00	32,736.12
Expense			
Salaries & Wages	65,269.83		
Stipends			
Deans			
Chicago			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Chicago	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Cleveland			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Cleveland	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Columbus			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Columbus	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Kansas City			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Kansas City	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Michigan			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Michigan	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Minneapolis			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Minneapolis	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Deans	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
Late Vocations Coordinator	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Treasurer			
Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Treasurer	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Stipends	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2012

	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
AAC Fees	0.00		
Advertising	2,094.00	1,200.00	894.00
Automobile Expense	320.70	4,500.00	-4,179.30
Bank Service Charges	0.00	120.00	-120.00
Convocations	0.00		
Diocesan Assembly 2012 Expense	8,010.18		
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines & Penalties	200.00		
Hospitality	590.94	480.00	110.94
Insurance			
Auto	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Auto/Property/Liability	17,055.50	16,680.00	375.50
Health Insurance	14,156.00	9,000.00	5,156.00
Umbrella	0.00	2,100.00	-2,100.00
Workers' Comp	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00
Total Insurance	31,211.50	31,080.00	131.50
Internet Service Provider	1,229.23	2,400.00	-1,170.77
Library & Periodicals	153.95	240.00	-86.05
Management Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	256.11	1,200.00	-943.89
Office Supplies	4,641.84	4,200.00	441.84
Outside Contractors	800.00	9,000.00	-8,200.00
Payroll Expenses			
Wages	49,107.00		
Taxes	6,466.54	0.00	6,466.54
Total Payroll Expenses	55,573.54	0.00	55,573.54
Postage	2,306.17	2,400.00	-93.83
Printing & Reproduction	1,083.40	1,000.00	83.40
Professional Fees			
Accounting	2,819.99	5,000.00	-2,180.01
Audit	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Investment Fund Management Fees	2,232.92		
Legal	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Payroll Preparation	297.92		
Total Professional Fees	5,350.83	7,300.00	-1,949.17
Department Expense			
Parish Development Ministry			
Grants			
Missions	30,198.00		
Parish Development	10,000.00	43,900.00	-33,900.00
Miscellaneous	-0.02		
Total Grants	40,197.98	43,900.00	-3,702.02
Investment Tax	25.34		
Travel			
Missions	463.07		
Parish Development	901.94		
Travel - Other	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00
Total Travel	1,365.01	2,400.00	-1,034.99
Outside Contractors			
Missions Director	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Parish Health Facilitator	57,200.00	52,500.00	4,700.00
Other Stipends	1,000.00		
Total Outside Contractors	58,200.00	53,700.00	4,500.00
Other	2,933.38		
Total Parish Development Ministry	102,721.71	100,000.00	2,721.71
Total Department Expense	102,721.71	100,000.00	2,721.71

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**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
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January through December 2012**

	Jan - Dec 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Program Expense			
Charity	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Late Vocations	4,600.00		
Seminarian Grants			
Fundraisers Portion	1,708.27		
Seminarian Grants - Other	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
Total Seminarian Grants	1,708.27	10,000.00	-8,291.73
Total Program Expense	6,308.27	11,000.00	-4,691.73
Repairs and Maintenance			
Labor	12,325.40		
Supplies	4,013.13		
Repairs and Maintenance - Other	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance	16,338.53	9,600.00	6,738.53
Service Contracts	2,302.08	3,600.00	-1,297.92
Taxes and Licenses	51.34	200.00	-148.66
Telephone	11,614.53	12,000.00	-385.47
Travel			
AAC	551.20		
Bishop	18,414.30	8,400.00	10,014.30
Chancellor	6,119.02	2,400.00	3,719.02
Secretariat	893.00	4,200.00	-3,307.00
Dean	0.00	480.00	-480.00
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	10,066.51	30,180.00	-20,113.49
Metropolitan Council	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Total Travel	36,044.03	46,860.00	-10,815.97
Diocesan Staff			
Bishop			
Salary	0.00	40,000.00	-40,000.00
Social Security	0.00	9,792.00	-9,792.00
Life Insurance	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Pension	0.00	7,680.00	-7,680.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Total Bishop	0.00	59,572.00	-59,572.00
Chancellor			
Salary	2,026.92	21,730.60	-19,703.68
Social Security	0.00	3,324.79	-3,324.79
Pension	3,911.52	2,607.68	1,303.84
Total Chancellor	5,938.44	27,663.07	-21,724.63
Secretariat			
Salary	2,700.00	32,400.00	-29,700.00
Social Security	206.55	2,478.60	-2,272.05
Total Secretariat	2,906.55	34,878.60	-31,972.05
Property Manager			
Salary	230.50	0.00	230.50
Social Security	0.00	2,754.00	-2,754.00
Pension	2,160.00	2,160.00	0.00
Property Manager - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Property Manager	2,390.50	4,914.00	-2,523.50
Total Diocesan Staff	11,235.49	127,027.67	-115,792.18
Diocesan Chancery Office			
Professional Fees			
Accounting	2,900.00		
Total Professional Fees	2,900.00		

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**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
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January through December 2012**

	Jan - Dec 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Bonding	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seminars & Meetings	0.00	9,800.00	-9,800.00
Total Diocesan Chancery Office	2,900.00	9,800.00	-6,900.00
Utilities			
Electric	9,106.60	7,800.00	1,306.60
Gas	6,723.98	10,800.00	-4,076.02
Water & Sewer	843.02	720.00	123.02
Total Utilities	16,673.60	19,320.00	-2,646.40
SUSPENSE	0.00		
Total Expense	412,281.80	431,527.67	-19,245.87
Net Ordinary Income	71,954.32	19,972.33	51,981.99
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets			
Short-Term	0.00	0.00	0.00
Long-Term	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Income	89.44		
Interest Income	102.14		
Other Income			
Consecration	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income - Other	12,514.21		
Total Other Income	12,514.21	0.00	12,514.21
Total Other Income	12,705.79	0.00	12,705.79
Other Expense			
Interest Expense	14,891.33	16,500.00	-1,608.67
Other Expense			
Bishop Residence Remodel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Consecration Expense	450.46	0.00	450.46
Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funeral Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hierarchal Search	0.00	0.00	0.00
Related Metropolitan Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expense - Other	0.00	13,272.33	-13,272.33
Total Other Expense	450.46	13,272.33	-12,821.87
Total Other Expense	15,341.79	29,772.33	-14,430.54
Net Other Income	-2,636.00	-29,772.33	27,136.33
Net Income	69,318.32	-9,800.00	79,118.32

2013 DIOCESAN TREASURER'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT “B”

Summary Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2012

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2012

	Dec 31, 12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America Checking	52,865.92
Savings Bonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	13,956.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	13,956.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	13,956.00
Total Savings Bonds	41,868.00
Fidelity Funds	
Money Market	95,244.68
US Government Money Market Fund	9,189.67
Total Fidelity Funds	104,434.35
MSSB 833 Investment Advisory	
MS Liquid Asset Fund	2,215.25
Stocks	148,047.28
Total MSSB 833 Investment Advisory	150,262.53
MSSB 834 Basic Securities	
Cash	36.00
MS Liquid Asset Fund	1,186.80
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	15,687.81
Mutual Funds	167,645.92
Total MSSB 834 Basic Securities	184,556.53
Total Checking/Savings	533,987.33
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	358,047.72
Total Accounts Receivable	358,047.72
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	18,142.18
Total Other Current Assets	18,142.18
Total Current Assets	910,177.23
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Computers	7,281.61
Furniture & Fixtures	2,184.80
Vehicles	19,751.08
Total Fixed Assets	29,217.49
Total Fixed Assets	29,217.49
TOTAL ASSETS	939,394.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,769.08
Total Accounts Payable	1,769.08
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to OCA Assessments	
Due to 17th AAC Spec. Assess.	53.12
Due to OCA Assessments - Other	596,636.46
Total Due to OCA Assessments	596,689.58

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2012

	Dec 31, 12
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	2,247.97
IL Withholding	450.19
OH Withholding	35.72
OH Local Tax	91.20
Total Payroll Liabilities	2,825.08
Total Other Current Liabilities	599,514.66
Total Current Liabilities	601,283.74
Long Term Liabilities	
N/P Bank of America	222,114.72
Total Long Term Liabilities	222,114.72
Total Liabilities	823,398.46
Equity	
Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	3,956.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	3,956.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	3,956.00
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	11,868.00
Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	
Fidelity	
S-T Gain (Loss) on Investments	
Spartan Money Market	10.28
Govt Money Market	1.29
Total S-T Gain (Loss) on Investments	11.57
Total Fidelity	11.57
MSSB 833	
833 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
833 Stock	41,881.03
Total 833 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	41,881.03
Total MSSB 833	41,881.03
MSSB 834	
834 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	
834 Exc & Closed End Funds	-1.83
834 Mutual Funds	105.04
Total 834 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	103.21
834 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
834 Exc & Closed End Funds	-7,956.54
834 Mutual Funds	2,286.94
Total 834 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	-5,669.60
Total MSSB 834	-5,566.39
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	36,326.21
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
Auto Reserve	9,911.90
Legal Reserve	37,000.00
Maintenance Reserve	26,000.00
Seminarian Reserve	5,007.21
Parish Development Reserve	-55,201.73
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	22,717.38

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2012

	Dec 31, 12
Unrestricted Net Assets	-24,233.65
Net Income	69,318.32
Total Equity	115,996.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	939,394.72

2013 DIOCESAN TREASURER'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT “C”

2013 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru June 30th, 2013

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through June 2013

	Jan - Jun 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Convocation Income	0.00	4,625.02	-4,625.02
Diocesan Assessments	219,923.78	223,385.02	-3,461.24
CTS Donation	33,042.00	0.00	33,042.00
Department Income			
Parish Development Ministry			
Investment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Parish Development Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Department Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Income			
Charity	5.00	0.00	5.00
Late Vocations	3,345.00		
Missions	2,478.61	0.00	2,478.61
Scholarships	190.00	0.00	190.00
Total Program Income	6,018.61	0.00	6,018.61
Total Income	258,984.39	228,010.04	30,974.35
Gross Profit	258,984.39	228,010.04	30,974.35
Expense			
Salaries & Wages	0.00	57,065.32	-57,065.32
Stipends			
Bishop's Stipend	1,000.00		
Bishop's Driver	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Deans			
Chicago			
Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Chicago	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleveland			
Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cleveland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbus			
Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Columbus	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kansas City			
Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Kansas City	0.00	0.00	0.00
Michigan			
Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Michigan	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minneapolis			
Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Minneapolis	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deans - Other	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Total Deans	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Late Vocations Coordinator	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Treasurer			
Stipend	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Treasurer - Other	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Treasurer	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Stipends	14,500.00	12,900.00	1,600.00

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through June 2013

	Jan - Jun 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Advertising	110.00	249.98	-139.98
Automobile Expense	2,669.15	1,500.00	1,169.15
Bank Service Charges	0.00	120.00	-120.00
Convocations	0.00	9,250.00	-9,250.00
Depreciation	2,751.08		
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	120.00	-120.00
Fines & Penalties	302.64	0.00	302.64
Gifts	17,000.00		
Hospitality	268.16	1,200.00	-931.84
Insurance			
Auto/Property/Liability	10,483.30	11,329.18	-845.88
Health Insurance	15,595.00	12,758.02	2,836.98
Health Insurance Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Workers' Comp	1,465.00		
Total Insurance	27,543.30	24,537.20	3,006.10
Internet Service Provider	832.00	750.00	82.00
Library & Periodicals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	140.30	300.00	-159.70
Office Supplies	2,837.61	3,300.00	-462.39
Outside Contractors	300.00	600.00	-300.00
Payroll Expenses			
Wages	118,175.41		
Pension	6,697.42	9,383.86	-2,686.44
Taxes	5,173.64	10,589.91	-5,416.27
Total Payroll Expenses	130,046.47	19,973.77	110,072.70
Postage	1,164.67	1,800.00	-635.33
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Professional Fees			
Accounting	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Counseling	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Fund Management Fees	1,171.04	999.98	171.06
Legal	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Payroll Preparation	327.94	120.00	207.94
Website Support	405.00	300.00	105.00
Total Professional Fees	4,903.98	5,019.98	-116.00
Department Expense			
Parish Development Ministry			
Grants			
Missions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parish Development	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel			
Missions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parish Development	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outside Contractors			
Missions Director	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outside Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00
Software/Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Parish Development Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Department Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
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January through June 2013**

	Jan - Jun 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Program Expense			
Charity	0.00	500.02	-500.02
Late Vocations	4,097.52		
Mission Grants	16,928.00	23,400.00	-6,472.00
Seminarian Grants			
Budgeted Portion	7,833.36	10,000.04	-2,166.68
Fundraisers Portion	7,231.80	0.00	7,231.80
Total Seminarian Grants	15,065.16	10,000.04	5,065.12
Total Program Expense	36,090.68	33,900.06	2,190.62
Repairs and Maintenance			
Labor	9,095.55	3,900.00	5,195.55
Maintenance	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Repairs	0.00	244.79	-244.79
Supplies	2,180.17	4,650.00	-2,469.83
Total Repairs and Maintenance	11,275.72	11,794.79	-519.07
Service Contracts	1,269.91	1,200.00	69.91
Taxes and Licenses	10.00	60.00	-50.00
Telephone	5,776.05	6,540.00	-763.95
Travel			
Late Vocations	223.80		
Bishop	1,758.35	4,200.00	-2,441.65
Chancellor	1,743.76	1,200.00	543.76
Secretariat	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Dean	595.70	300.00	295.70
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	9,162.74	15,000.00	-5,837.26
Metropolitan Council	0.00	420.00	-420.00
Travel - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Travel	13,484.35	22,020.00	-8,535.65
Diocesan Staff			
Bishop			
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bishop	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chancellor			
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Chancellor	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secretariat			
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Secretariat	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bookkeeper			
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bookkeeper	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Manager			
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Property Manager	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through June 2013

	Jan - Jun 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Diocesan Chancery Office			
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Chancery Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Utilities			
Electric	3,180.47	4,350.00	-1,169.53
Gas	6,550.92	6,000.00	550.92
Water & Sewer	1,288.02	498.00	790.02
Total Utilities	11,019.41	10,848.00	171.41
SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncategorized Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	284,295.48	226,249.10	58,046.38
Net Ordinary Income	-25,311.09	1,760.94	-27,072.03
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Investment Income	1,916.32	0.00	1,916.32
Interest Income	34.60	0.00	34.60
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	1,950.92	0.00	1,950.92
Other Expense			
Interest Expense	5,367.14	5,214.55	152.59
Other Expense			
Bishop's Moving Expense	4,750.00		
Consecration Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	4,750.00	0.00	4,750.00
Total Other Expense	10,117.14	5,214.55	4,902.59
Net Other Income	-8,166.22	-5,214.55	-2,951.67
Net Income	-33,477.31	-3,453.61	-30,023.70

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Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2013

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2013

	Jun 30, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America Checking	12,455.80
Savings Bonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	14,236.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	14,236.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	14,236.00
Total Savings Bonds	42,708.00
Fidelity Funds	
Money Market	95,248.62
US Government Money Market Fund	9,191.12
Total Fidelity Funds	104,439.74
MSSB 833 Investment Advisory	
MS Liquid Asset Fund	2,385.96
Stocks	123,305.32
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	41,984.57
Total MSSB 833 Investment Advisory	167,675.85
MSSB 834 Basic Securities	
Cash	36.00
MS Liquid Asset Fund	1,402.80
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	16,172.30
Mutual Funds	178,745.30
Total MSSB 834 Basic Securities	196,356.40
Total Checking/Savings	523,635.79
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	355,654.25
Total Accounts Receivable	355,654.25
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	114,039.66
Total Other Current Assets	114,039.66
Total Current Assets	993,329.70
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Computers	7,281.61
Furniture & Fixtures	4,429.78
Total Fixed Assets	11,711.39
Total Fixed Assets	11,711.39
Other Assets	
OCA 2013 \$10 Escrow	-25,572.22
Total Other Assets	-25,572.22
TOTAL ASSETS	979,468.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	5,001.15
Total Accounts Payable	5,001.15

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2013

	Jun 30, 13
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to OCA Assessments	
Due to 17th AAC Spec. Assess.	53.12
Due to OCA Assessments - Other	642,333.24
Total Due to OCA Assessments	642,386.36
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	2,971.66
IL Withholding	403.85
OH Withholding	145.41
OH Local Tax	273.64
Total Payroll Liabilities	3,794.56
Total Other Current Liabilities	646,180.92
Total Current Liabilities	651,182.07
Long Term Liabilities	
N/P Bank of America	218,532.86
Total Long Term Liabilities	218,532.86
Total Liabilities	869,714.93
Equity	
Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	4,236.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	4,236.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	4,236.00
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	12,708.00
Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	
Fidelity	
S-T Gain (Loss) on Investments	
Spartan Money Market	10.28
Govt Money Market	1.29
Total S-T Gain (Loss) on Investments	11.57
Total Fidelity	11.57
MSSB 833	
833 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
833 Stock	44,173.99
833 Exc & Closed End Funds	14,949.65
Total 833 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	59,123.64
Total MSSB 833	59,123.64
MSSB 834	
834 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	
834 Exc & Closed End Funds	-26.66
834 Mutual Funds	146.09
Total 834 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	119.43
834 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
834 Exc & Closed End Funds	-7,697.87
834 Mutual Funds	11,164.43
Total 834 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	3,466.56
Total MSSB 834	3,585.99
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	62,721.20

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2013

	<u>Jun 30, 13</u>
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
Archbp Job Scholarship Mem Fd	12,177.76
Auto Reserve	9,911.90
Legal Reserve	37,000.00
Maintenance Reserve	26,000.00
Mission Funds	-8,765.71
Seminarian Reserve	5,007.21
Seminarian Scholarships	-6,319.15
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	<u>75,012.01</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets	-7,209.96
Net Income	<u>-33,477.31</u>
Total Equity	<u>109,753.94</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>979,468.87</u></u>

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Attachment “E”

Diocesan Parish / Mission Development Fund Status as of August 31st, 2013

Attachment “F”

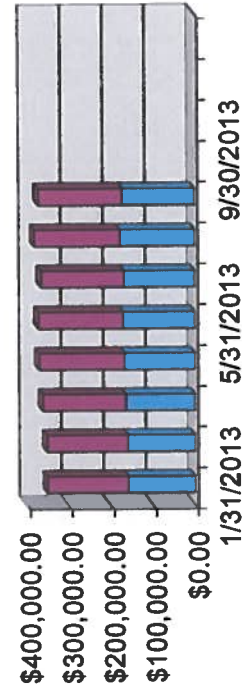
Fidelity Investment Account Status as of August 31st, 2013

DIOCESAN PARISH / MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND STATUS FOR 2013

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney: Yearly Summary			
Portfolio Fund	Income Fund	Total of Both Funds	
12/31/1999	\$76,901.68	\$36,314.89	\$113,216.57
12/31/2000	\$55,941.71	\$35,833.37	\$91,775.08
12/31/2001	\$48,666.52	\$39,127.56	\$87,794.08
12/31/2002	\$29,910.32	\$35,685.27	\$65,595.59
12/31/2003	\$40,302.91	\$46,454.48	\$86,757.39
12/31/2004	\$65,577.59	\$94,944.45	\$160,522.04
12/31/2005	\$73,368.45	\$106,883.52	\$180,251.97
12/31/2006	\$80,468.45	\$138,634.24	\$219,102.69
12/31/2007	\$122,947.79	\$170,513.99	\$293,461.78
12/31/2008	\$80,842.09	\$110,129.02	\$190,971.11
12/31/2009	\$108,519.41	\$147,874.94	\$256,394.35
12/31/2010	\$129,492.41	\$166,087.12	\$295,579.53
12/31/2011	\$129,973.68	\$159,986.27	\$289,959.95
12/31/2012	\$150,262.53	\$184,556.53	\$334,819.06

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney: Monthly Summary			
Portfolio Fund	Income Fund	Total of Both Funds	
105833	105834		
1/31/2013	\$158,626.12	\$191,672.39	\$350,298.51
2/29/2013	\$159,123.62	\$191,886.73	\$351,010.35
3/31/2013	\$164,497.12	\$196,288.97	\$360,786.09
4/30/2013	\$167,051.16	\$202,128.87	\$369,180.03
5/31/2013	\$169,948.96	\$200,479.13	\$370,428.09
6/30/2013	\$167,675.85	\$196,356.40	\$364,032.25
7/31/2013	\$176,655.07	\$203,385.71	\$380,040.78
8/31/2013	\$171,881.42	\$198,557.21	\$370,438.63
9/30/2013			\$0.00
10/31/2013			\$0.00
11/30/2013			\$0.00
12/31/2013			\$0.00
Gain/Loss	\$21,618.89	\$14,000.68	\$35,619.57

**Diocesan Parish / Mission Development
Fund Status: YEAR 2013**



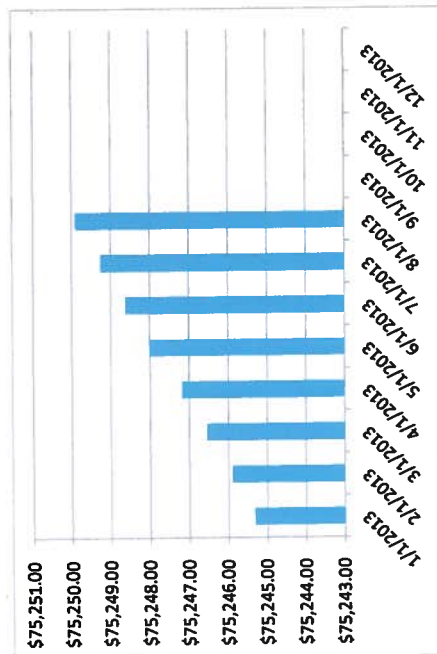
**2013 FIDELITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATUS:
OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND**

OPERATING FUND (SPRXX)	TOTALS	MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND (SPAXX)	TOTALS	FUND TOTALS
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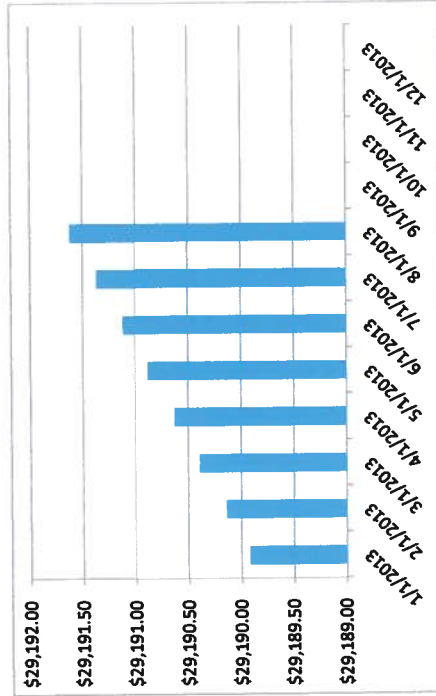
12/31/2012	\$75,244.68	12/31/2011	\$29,189.67	\$104,434.35
1/31/2013	\$75,245.32	1/31/2013	\$29,189.92	\$104,435.24
2/28/2013	\$75,245.90	2/28/2013	\$29,190.14	\$104,436.04
3/31/2013	\$75,246.54	3/31/2013	\$29,190.39	\$104,436.93
4/30/2013	\$75,247.18	4/30/2013	\$29,190.63	\$104,437.81
5/31/2013	\$75,248.00	5/31/2013	\$29,190.88	\$104,438.88
6/30/2013	\$75,248.62	6/30/2013	\$29,191.12	\$104,439.74
7/31/2013	\$75,249.26	7/31/2013	\$29,191.37	\$104,440.63
8/31/2013	\$75,249.90	8/31/2013	\$29,191.62	\$104,441.52
9/30/2013		9/30/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2013		10/31/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/30/2013		11/30/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/31/2013		12/31/2013	\$0.00	\$0.00
*Gain/Loss	\$5.22		\$1.95	\$7.17

Note, Based on the motion made at the June 2012 Diocesan Council meeting, on 12/24/2012, \$20,000 was transferred from the Special Visit Reserve Fund in our Operating Fund to the Maintenance Reserve Fund

Operating Reserve Fund

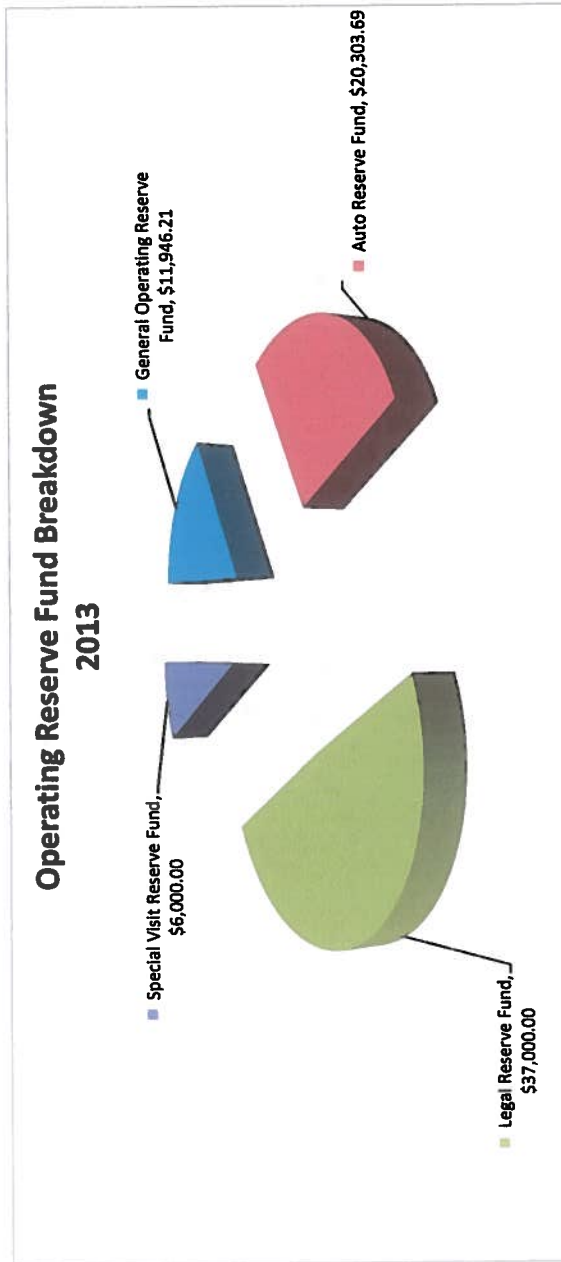


Maintenance Reserve Fund



**2013 FIDELITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATUS:
OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND**

Operating Reserve Fund Breakdown Summary from 2009 to 8/31/13			NOTES:
General Operating Reserve Fund	\$11,946.21		
Auto Reserve Fund	\$20,303.69		Used Ford Edge Purchased on 9/22/11 for \$19,751.09 . Rather than transfer this entire amount into the Bank of America (BOM) Money Market account, it will be distributed as follows: \$7,680 transferred from this account to BOM on 12/13/11 to cover the Bishops Pension Payment. \$11,191.79 moved from Auto Reserve into new category for escrow: Parish Development Ministry , balance in Dept. at 2010 year end. (per Diocesan Council Motion) Total of funds moved is equal to \$18,871.79
Legal Reserve Fund	\$37,000.00		
Special Visit Reserve Fund	\$6,000.00		\$20,000 transferred from the Special Visit Reserve Fund to the Maintenance Reserve fund on 12/24/2012 based on June 22, 2012 Diocesan Council Motion
TOTAL	\$75,249.90		



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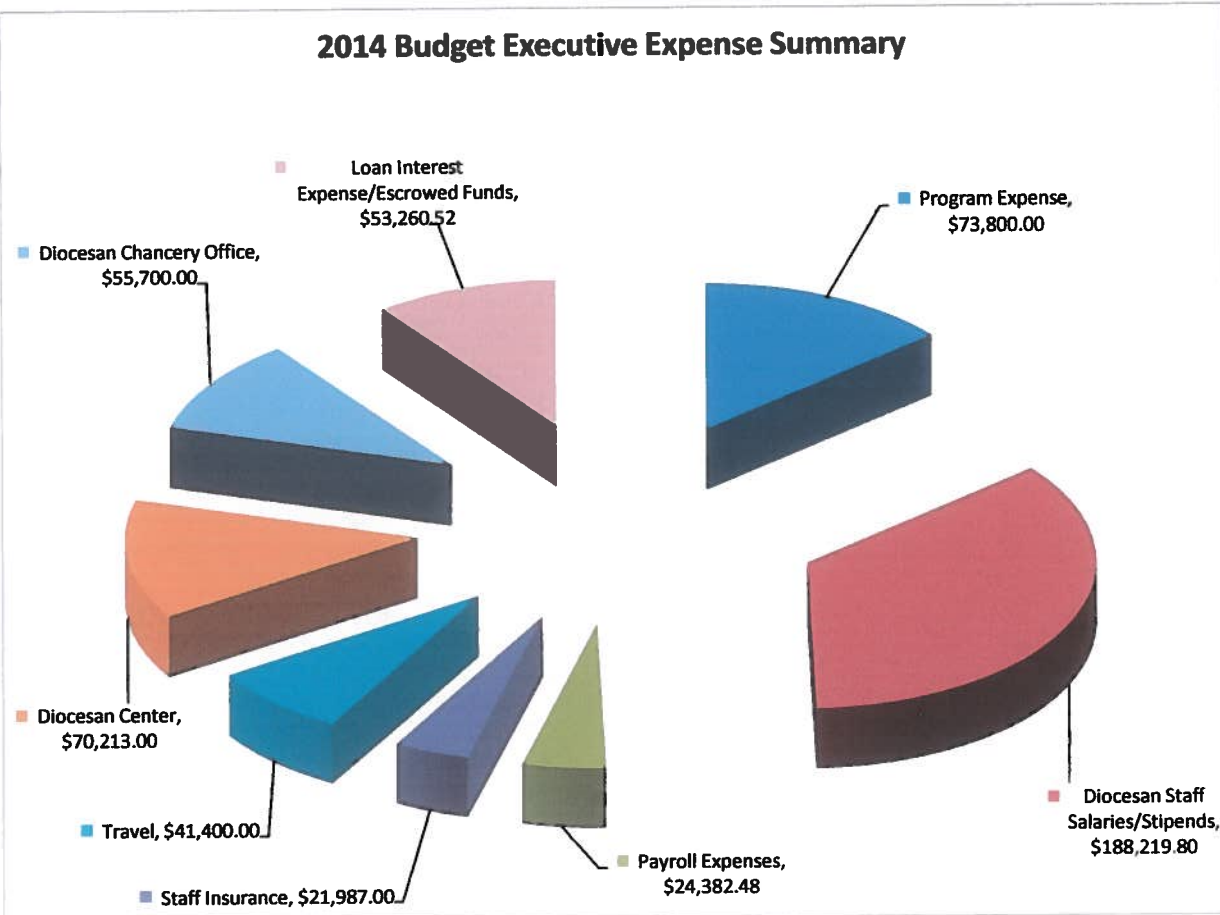
Proposed budget for 2014

2014 Budget Executive Summary

Income Based on a Membership of 5,106 x \$86.00/Person = \$439,116 + \$9,250 from Clergy Convocation and \$80,596.80 Christ the Savior Reimbursement Total Income = \$528,962.80

Program Expense	\$73,800.00	Missions, Late Vocations, Charity, Seminarian Scholarships
Diocesan Staff Salaries/Stipends	\$188,219.80	Bishop, Chancellor, Secretary, Property Mgr./Deans and Treasurer's Stipends
Payroll Expenses	\$24,382.48	Social Security and Pension for Bishop, Chancellor, Secretary, Property Mgr./Bishop's Secretary
Staff Insurance	\$21,987.00	Health Insurance for Bishop and Secretary
Travel	\$41,400.00	Bishop (Locum Tenens), Chancellor, Secretary, Deans, Diocesan/Bishop's/Metropolitan Council
Diocesan Center	\$70,213.00	Insurance, Repairs/Maintenance, Utilities
Diocesan Chancery Office	\$55,700.00	Office related expenses including Clergy Convocation
Loan Interest Expense/Escrowed Funds	\$53,260.52	Interest on Diocesan Loan from Bank of America and Escrowed Funds
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$528,962.80	

2014 Budget Executive Expense Summary



Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2014

Jan - Dec 14

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Diocesan Assessments (5,106 x \$86.00)	439,116.00
Christ The Savior Personnel Wage Reimbursement	80,596.80

Program Income

Missions	0.00
Charity	0.00
Seminarian Scholarships	0.00
Total Program Income	0.00

Clergy Convocation	9,250.00
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Total Income	528,962.80
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Expense

Program Expense

Mission Grants	46,800.00
Late Vocations (Stipend)	6,000.00
Charity	1,000.00
Seminarian Scholarships	
Budgeted Portion	20,000.00
Fundraisers Portion	0.00
Total Seminarian Scholarships	20,000.00

Total Program Expense	73,800.00
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Diocesan Staff

Staff Salaries	\$ 86,623.00
Deans Stipends	18,000.00
Treasurer's Stipend	3,000.00
Christ the Savior Personnel Wages	80,596.80

Total Diocesan Staff	188,219.80
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Payroll Expenses

Pension	12,967.22
Social Security Taxes	11,415.26

Total Payroll Expenses	24,382.48
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Staff Insurance/Discretionary Fund

Health Insurance	21,987.00
Bishop's Life Insurance	0.00
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0.00

Total Insurance/Descretionary Fund	21,987.00
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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14
Travel	
Bishop (Locum Tenens)	4,000.00
Chancellor	3,600.00
Secretariat	1,800.00
Deans	1,000.00
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	30,000.00
Metropolitan Council	1,000.00
Travel - Other	0.00
Total Diocesan Travel	41,400.00
Diocesan Center	
Insurance	
Umbrella	1,650.00
Workers Comp	1,465.00
Package Policy: Includes Property, Liability, Crime, Inland Marine)	18,023.00
Auto Policy	275.00
Total Insurance	21,413.00
Repairs and Maintenance	
Repairs	12,000.00
Labor	8,000.00
Supplies	4,500.00
Total Repairs and Maintenance	24,500.00
Utilities	
Electric	8,700.00
Gas	13,000.00
Water & Sewer	2,600.00
Total Utilities	24,300.00
Total Diocesan Center	70,213.00
Diocesan Chancery Office	
Advertising	500.00
Automobile Expense	0.00
Bank Service Charges	240.00
Dues & Subscriptions	240.00
Fines & Penalties	0.00
Hospitality	2,400.00
Internet (Comcast)	1,700.00
Library & Periodicals	0.00
Investment Fund Mgmt Fees	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	600.00

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2014

		<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>
Office Supplies		6,600.00
Outside Contractors		1,200.00
Postage		3,600.00
Printing & Reproduction		1,200.00
Professional Fees		
Accounting	6,000.00	
Audit	2,400.00	
Counseling	0.00	
Legal	1,200.00	
Payroll Preparation	550.00	
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Total Professional Fees		10,150.00
Seminars (Clergy Convocation)		9,250.00
Service Contracts (Tyco Security)		2,400.00
Taxes and Licenses		120.00
Telephone		13,000.00
SUSPENSE		0.00
Uncategorized Expense		0.00
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Total Diocesan Chancery Expense		55,700.00
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Total Expense		475,702.28
 Net Ordinary Income		 528,962.80
 Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Investment Income		0.00
Interest Income		0.00
Other Income		0.00
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Total Other Income		0.00
 Other Expense		
Interest Expense	10,021.24	
Escrowed Funds	43,239.28	
Other Expense		
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Total Other Expense		53,260.52
 Net Income		 0.00
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Diocese of the Midwest

Audit findings: August 5-7 2013

The Diocesan Audit Committee performed a routine audit of the Operating Account, Checking Account, Investment Accounts and Payroll Records of the Diocese of the Midwest for the periods of July – December 2012 and January - June 2013. The audit was conducted as a select review of financial activity and presentation for the months of September and October 2012, and January and May 2013, by verifying check stubs, receipts and reports. This audit is not governed by accepted auditing standards.

Findings and recommendations are as follows:

Checking Account:

September 2012:

- Check # 11996 Kurt Baker; Payment overstated by \$63.32. Reimbursement of supplies purchased \$104.98. One of the attached receipts was for a purchase made using the Diocesan Credit Card and should not have been reimbursed to Fr. Baker.

October 2012:

- No issues

January 2013:

- Check # 12139 St. Theodosius; Supporting detail for costs incurred was not provided for telephone expenses. Reimbursement was issued based on letter of request.
- Check #12109 St Makarios Mission; Check stub not on file for monthly payment \$833, check has cleared the bank and signature is on file.

May 2013:

- No issues

Payroll:

Payroll was reviewed for the 12-month period of January to December of 2012. All 1099s, W2s and reports were verified. The following discrepancies were found:

- W2s that were issued for the year ending 2012 do not match the figures stated in the year-end balance sheet. This is the second year in a row that these numbers could not be verified for this reason. No explanation was given for the 2011 discrepancies.

Investment Accounts:

- Balances were checked on the original sheets from the bank/brokerage firms and totals were verified with reports submitted by the staff

- Reports were reviewed and checked.

U. S. Savings Bonds:

- We verified the bonds: three \$10,000.00 bonds purchased in October of 1992.
- Value, as of June 30, 2013, \$14,236 each for a total of \$42,708

Recommendations:

- All credit card charges must be supported by receipts detailing the items purchased, date, and cost. Detailed descriptions need to be provided for all charges for which the receipt is not explicit.

This recommendation by the auditors has been requested for the past six audits. It is imperative that use of the Diocesan Credit Card be supported by receipts. Also, travel expenses, including who was in attendance for a meal and the business purpose of the meal, should be identified on or attached to the receipt.

- Semi-annual documentation is required for audit purposes by July 31st of the current year. This includes all reports that are submitted to the Diocesan Council for meetings, Diocesan Council Minutes (including attachments), Treasurer's Reports (including Balance Sheet, P&L) and other informational or financial documents and reports. See attached list of required documents.

Respectfully submitted,
Diocesan auditors;

Samuel F. Jacob
Frank Tkacz
Judi Wienclaw

Audit Committee Requirements

Date Due: Annually July 31st

To be deposited in DROP BOX folder on internet

Bookkeeping & Accounting Services –

*P&L Statements

December 31 prior year

June 30 current year

*Balance Sheet –

December 31 prior year

June 30 current year

Checking Account Statements –

July through December prior year

January through June current year

Checking Account Reconciliation –

July through December prior year

January through June current year

*Payroll Records –

*Salary Spreadsheet – indicate date and amount of changes in wages if applicable

* 1099 Vendor Summary

July through December prior year

January through June current year

* 1099s issued –

December prior year

*W2s issued –

December prior year

Investment and Securities Statements –

July through December prior year

January through June current year

Treasurer –

Investment Information –

Summary –

December 31 prior year

June 30 current year

Reconciliation –

December 31 prior year

June 30 current year

Loan Balance –

December 31 prior year

June 30 current year

Report on Catechist and Diaconal Vocations Program for the Diocese of the Midwest: Diocesan Assembly

by Fr. Elijah Mueller, *Diocesan Catechist and Diaconal Vocations Director*. 13th June, 2013, revised for Diocesan Assembly, 25th September 2013

The Diocesan Catechist and Diaconal Vocations program has been running for 2 years. Continuing the vision of Archbishop Job and with the support of Bishop Alexander the program continues to develop. If the program is grow and develop, we feel there is need for more funding to address needs and accomplish more work toward goals.

Accomplishments:

- Continuing work with students in Detroit, Lincoln NE, Southern IL and Cincinnati area.
- New Programs in Milwaukee and Chicago
- Expanding faculty
- Live internet video participation across far flung locales, i.e., Chicago based instructor interacting with students in other locales simultaneously. Still working out kinks in this.

Developing

- Opening more locales: presently in discussion with Eastern OH (Indianapolis Deanery) and Kansas City.
- Work on developing shorter programs without vocational goal.
- Contact and beginning discussion with OCA Continuing Ed Director.
- Examination, discussion of possible use of St. Andrew's House in Detroit, perhaps for faculty training and yearly gathering of all diocesan students.
- Connections with other Midwestern Dioceses (Bulgarian, Romanian).
- Kansas City Deanery Program is developing a stand-alone program under the aegis of the Diocesan Program, with local faculty under the guidance of the Diocesan Faculty and Director.
- Supervising the arrangement of psych testing for diaconal candidates as per OCA mandate.

Needs

- Travel to build up local programs.
- More dedicated hours for director (travel, office work, follow-up for diaconal and catechist candidates) *It is possible that this could be done in conjunction with some other job, tasks, expanded/connected mandate.*
- Better internet medium for conducting classes across distances.
- Way to fund students with limited means
- A procedure, similar to the diaconal, for vetting catechists (in particular, psych/background check)
- Arrangement of more faculty meetings for standardizing curriculum and building a cohesive diocesan institution.

- To set up Minneapolis and Cleveland programs and increase participation in Detroit Deanery. This should be arranged through visit of Director to meet with potential local faculty.
- Ways to certify "continuing ed" credits through Midwest CDV.
- Diocesan budgeting for psych testing for diaconal (catechist, too?) candidates.

Proposals (partly encouraged by discussion with some Deans and Bishop Alexander):

- To increase funding to program, to give the director (Fr. Elijah) at least one more day of paid work (doubling of present hours and payment). Would gladly take 2 more days!
- To fund scholarships for students
- To pay for better internet video connection
- To cover part of the costs for programming St. Andrew's House.

Some of these things could be partly funded by Diocese in conjunction with local class/ Deanery.

Director's Compensation (2012): Fr. Elijah has been paid for a day of work a week at the Diocesan center (\$500/month—see **A** below). Fr. Elijah's work is more than a day's work. Following the former direction of Bishop Matthias, *we run payments for classes through the Diocese*. This has meant that money goes in to the Diocese for a class, and then out to the instructor. This is done for transparency and to keep Diocesan records for a Diocesan class. Travel compensation is directed to be sent directly to the instructor. The instructors that have received diocesan compensation in this way are at present Fr. Elijah Mueller, Matushka Rebecca Luft and Eric Jobe (who both teach Old Testament) and Archdeacon Kirill for the Diaconal Practicum. (see **B** below) Instructors are all qualified with PhD, PhD candidates, or those who have completed doctoral courses and exams; or with significant work experience in academic theological teaching. In addition there was income and expenses from running the Diaconal Practicum at the beginning of January. The Bishop's Council voted to cover the travel expenses of the Diaconal Vocations Director. So far this has only been used to travel to Kansas City to do planning with the faculty group there.

Compensation for Administration, Expense to Diocese, 2012-2013 July-December, total: \$3,000 January-June, total: \$3,000

Attached sheets—

A: Payments to and from Diocese for Instruction: income slightly above expense for Diocese.

B. List of students, status in program.

Metropolitan Council Representative's Report – September 2013 Meeting

The first day of our time together was spent in a retreat given on the topic of "Conflict Resolution" on Monday, September 23rd by Dr. Al Rossi and Fr. Nicholas Solak . The presentations focused on the need to make everything that we do as members of the Council Christ-centered, and to make prayer the foundation of all deliberations: before, during, and after meetings. It was pointed out that often people suffer from the delusion of thinking that because they do "Church work" that by definition they are doing God's work, while this might be the farthest thing from the truth. We learned that conflict is inevitable and in a sense desirable as long as we deal with it in a non-destructive way. This non-destructive approach necessitates our making every effort to embody the healing presence of Christ in any given situation. This is a good message for us in all aspects of our life: both personal and ecclesial. We do well to take this message to heart whether we are serving on the Metropolitan Council, our parish council or even simply as members of the local parish.

With the near absence of controversy in the Church, in general the life of the OCA and in particular fall MC meetings were productive.

Good things reported at this fall meeting include:

- Implementation of many elements of the Strategic plan adopted at the 16th AAC, most notably that of continuing clergy education and work with youth and young adults, utilizing social media;
- Positive working relationships in the chancery and a high degree of productivity;
- Better disposition of misconduct cases with the new head of ORSMA (Office for the reporting of sexual misconduct allegations);
- Acceptance of Metropolitan Tikhon and the OCA by many world leaders of the Orthodox Church, and possibility of expanding our role and standing in the Assembly of Bishops in the U.S.;
- Documentation of "much good work" being done in a host of departments and committees by the Work study group'
- Enthusiastic head of Department of Evangelization, Fr. John Parker, working to implement a strategy for missionary work;

Growth areas:

- Dealing with current staff shortages in the chancery due to illness and other resignations due to do changes in people's lives;
- Deficit situation for 2013 due to shortfall in revenues and census figures;
- More work needed in Financial development (i.e. OCA Stewards);
- Changes with respect to the Orthodox Health Plan and health insurance issues in the U.S. generally speaking.

A deficit budget for 2014 was presented, but with some tweaking on the expense side and discussion regarding encouraging more activity with OCA Stewards, it was felt that we could anticipate the balance of that budget. OCA Stewards was rolled out at the February 2013 MC meeting and more than \$27k was raised from members of the council. It is hoped that this new stewardship effort of the Church with participation of clergy and laity of the OCA would help to secure some financial stability for our church. Please expect to hear more about this in the near future.

Things that presently or will affect us in the near future:

- Due to the drop in funding levels of the Pension plan to 83%, the Pension Board recommended that the MC ratify a restructure of the plan to include increase of contribution level of parishes for their clergy

from 6% to 8% of salary and housing, beginning in 2014. Clergy contributions will remain fixed at 6%. This infusion of cash will make the plan more stable and help us to achieve full funding within 15 years. This is a wonderful plan in that it continues to be a defined benefits (as opposed to defined contribution) plan. It is efficiently managed by professional managers—and by a very thoughtful pension board members, among whom are our own Fr. John Zdinak.

-The 18th AAC will take place in July of 2015, likely to be held in Atlanta, GA. An assessment for the council will come out in July of 2014, with levels commensurate with those of the 16th council. It will be good to anticipate this in your 2013 budgets.

-With the retirement of Archimandrite Alexander (Cutler) and Fr. Daniel to Ukraine, the future of St. John Monastery in Hiram is under discussion. According to the original conditions of the grantors of the Hiram property, in order for it to remain with the Diocese it must be used for church-related activities. If it does not, the grant has a “reversionary clause” that would see it returned to the family that donated it. I hope that it will be possible to do something that would see it continue in our diocese, or if not, at least with some Orthodox group.

Respectfully submitted,
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