

DELEGATE HANDBOOK



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

**53rd Diocesan Assembly
October 7, 2014**

Meeting at

**Archangel Michael Church
and Woodside Center
Broadview Heights, Ohio**

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Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

53rd Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest
Broadview Heights, OH
October 7, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The 53rd Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2014. It will be hosted by Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights in the Greater Cleveland area. Meetings and meals will be held in the Woodside Center, a beautiful, church-owned banquet facility. The address is 5025 East Mill Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio.

All the most up-to-date information and assembly materials may be found on the Diocesan Assembly webpage at <http://domoca.org/assembly.html>. This letter serves to round up all of the essential logistical information that delegates and observers will need. Welcome to Cleveland!

Registration

The composition of delegates from each parish is made up of the *assigned* priests and deacons, 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
\$25.00 ground transportation (if flying)

Please return the Registration Form by Monday, September 22.

Hotels

Accommodations for the assembly have been procured at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Cleveland South, 5300 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio, at a rate of \$89.00. Reservations need to be booked by Monday, September 22. After this date there are no guarantees with regard to rooms and/or a discounted rate. Please make your reservations as soon as possible by calling (866) 282-4988, making sure to inform them that you are part of the Diocese of the Midwest group.

Most delegates will only need a room for Monday, October 6, but our block includes rooms for those who also need to stay on Sunday, October 5 or Tuesday, October 7.

Travel

If flying, please arrange to arrive at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) on the evening of Monday, October 6, and, if possible, schedule return flights for no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7.

For those flying in, please take the hotel's shuttle from the airport to the hotel. The Assembly will arrange ground transportation between the hotel and Archangel Michael Church, for those paying the \$25 fee. Please check the box marked "I will be flying to the Assembly" on the Registration Form if you plan to take advantage of this. Schedules and further information will be available at Registration and/or the hotel lobby.

Materials

Minutes, reports, and forms pertaining to the Diocesan Assembly may be downloaded from the Diocesan Assembly webpage at <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.

Schedule

The full Agenda may be downloaded from the Diocesan Assembly webpage. Here follows a quick overview. Please note that a full breakfast and a light lunch will be provided at the Assembly.

Monday, October 6

- 12:00 pm - Bishop's Council Lunch Meeting – Crowne Plaza
- 5:00 pm - Diocesan Council Dinner Meeting – Crowne Plaza
- 5:00 pm - Assembly Registration opens – Crowne Plaza
- 8:00 pm - Missions Meeting – Crowne Plaza
- 9:30 pm - Assembly Registration Closes – Crowne Plaza

Tuesday, October 7

- 6:15 am - Assembly Registration opens – Archangel Michael Church
- 7:00 am - Divine Liturgy & Special Assembly – Archangel Michael Church**
- 7:30 am - Assembly Registration closes – Archangel Michael Church
- 9:45 am - Breakfast – Woodside Center
- 11:15 am - Regular Assembly, Plenary Session I – Woodside Center**
- 1:30 pm - Lunch – Woodside Center
- 2:30 pm - Regular Assembly, Plenary Session II – Woodside Center**

Missions Meeting

All representatives from missions are requested to join the Missions Director, Archpriest Thomas Mueller, at a special Missions Meeting, to be held on Monday at 8:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza hotel. The volunteers at the Assembly Registration desk will direct you to the meeting room. More information about this meeting may be found in the Mission Director's Report, which may be downloaded from the Diocesan Assembly webpage.

Special Nominating Assembly

On Tuesday, we will begin with the Divine Liturgy, with His Grace, Bishop Alexander presiding. All are asked to sing congregationally under the direction of Mr. Philip Sokolov.

Clergy who will be asked to serve are requested to bring gold vestments. Priests who desire to receive communion should bring with them a gold stole and cuffs. Deacons who desire to receive communion may do so by vesting in gold orarion and cuffs. Priests are asked to wear both a black cassock and a black riassa along with their pectoral cross for the sessions; while other ranks of clergy are asked to wear a black cassock and black riassa (if appropriate) or just a black cassock during the sessions. Lay people are asked to dress conservatively at all services and sessions as is appropriate for Church occasions.

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, a Special Nominating Assembly will be held. Much information on this procedure can be found on the Diocesan Assembly webpage, especially under the header, "Nomination of a Candidate for Bishop." Delegates are asked to review that information with care and thoroughness.

We pray that the Grace of the Holy Spirit will descend on this Assembly and open our minds and hearts to doing the Will of God.

Resolutions

To submit a resolution, follow the directions given on the Resolution Form, which may be downloaded from the Diocesan Assembly webpage.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to call Mary Jane Lucak at the Woodside Center at (440) 526-9696 or Philip Sokolov in the Chancery Office at (312) 202-0420 or by email at chancery@domoca.org.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. John Zdinak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Archpriest John Zdinak
Chancellor



DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST – *Orthodox Church in America*

53RD DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 7, 2014, BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO

SCHEDULE & AGENDA

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7:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Special Nominating Assembly	Archangel Michael Church
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9:45 AM Breakfast	Woodside Center
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11:15 AM Regular Annual Assembly, Plenary Session I	Woodside Center
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Call to Order
Credentials Report
Election of Presidium
Election of Secretariat
Appointment of Nominating Committee
Appointment of Resolutions Committee
Appointment of Tellers

Address of the *Locum Tenens*
Administrator's Report
Chancellor's Report

Chicago Deanery Report
Cleveland Deanery Report
Indianapolis Deanery Report
Kansas City Deanery Report
Michigan Deanery Report
Minneapolis Deanery Report

Presentation of the Holy Virgin Monastery Report

Missions Director Report

Catechetical & Diaconal Vocations Director Report

Metropolitan Council Representatives' Report

Treasurer's Report

Auditors' Report

2015 Budget Presentation

Nominating Committee Report

Elections

1:30 PM Lunch

Woodside Center

2:30 PM Regular Annual Assembly, Plenary Session II

Woodside Center

Credentials Report

Election Results

Old Business

New Business

Resolutions Committee Report & Discussion

Resolutions Disposition

Adjournment & Installation

N.B.: If possible, return flights should be scheduled no earlier than 6:00 PM.

52ND ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Lansing, Illinois

8 October 2013

PLENARY SESSION I

I. OPENING.

Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, at which His Grace, Bishop Alexander presided, the Assembly opened with the Invocation of the Holy Spirit at 10:37 a.m.

II. CREDENTIALS.

One Bishop, 49 clergy delegates, 42 lay delegates, and 4 observers, for a total of 96 participants.

III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, APPOINTMENTS.

Archpriest John Zdinak, Diocesan Chancellor, stated that the Diocesan Council had opined that, given the agenda, there is no need to elect clergy and lay chairs, and that if there is no objection, he will chair the sessions. All agreed.

He reported, on behalf of the Diocesan Council, that Archpriest John Matusiak, Ann Marie Mecera, and Philip Sokolov are being proposed to serve as the secretariat, and that Archpriest Thomas Mueller chair the Nominating Committee, the proposed members of which include Protodeacon Robert Northrup, Ruth Bedie, and Susan Lentz. Said candidates were elected upon motion by Archpriest Nicholas Wyslutsky, seconded by Sam D'Fantis.

He added that the delegates will be electing two clergy members and one lay member for the Diocesan Council and one member of the Auditing Committee. The deacons will serve as tellers for the elections.

Concerning a resolution submitted in advance by Saint John Church, Warren, OH, calling for the nomination of a ruling Bishop for the Diocese of the Midwest, he explained that said resolution is out of order, inasmuch as the *Statute* requires such nominations to be held at a special assembly convened for this purpose.

IV. BISHOP'S REPORT.

Bishop Alexander explained that the Holy Synod of Bishops desires to wait at least one year before addressing the issue of the nomination and election of a new ruling Hierarchy for the Diocese. He expressed his hope that this Assembly be a peaceful and harmonious one, assuring everyone that as *Locum Tenens* he is available to assist in every possible manner.

He noted that there are a number of exciting things happening throughout the Diocese, such as the Late Vocations Program; urban ministries, especially the example provided by Detroit's Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral as a model for future efforts in the area of urban ministry; and other opportunities for ministry and service.

In reflecting on problems encountered in recent years, he assured everyone that the members of the Holy Synod have been acting, and will continue to act, in the best interest of the Church,

V. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

Father Zdinak presented a written report, which is available on the diocesan web site at <http://domoca.org/files/52nd%20ASSEMBLY/2013-chancellors-report.pdf>. He also offered a number of updates.

A. He expressed gratitude to His Grace, Bishop Longin and the clergy and faithful of Saint Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church for the use of their facilities for the Assembly.

B. He reminded everyone that, unless they are of a confidential nature, letters and e-mails should not be sent directly to Bishop Alexander, but to the Chancery, Chancellor and district Deans.

C. He announced that Dennis Garlick will chair a committee to evaluate the Chancery facilities and related needs. This is critical in discerning future utilization of the property and anticipated maintenance expenses. For example, the estimated cost of tuckpointing is approximately \$126,000.00. It is hoped that the committee will be in place and fully functioning by the end of 2013.

D. He highlighted the new parish report forms, which have been modeled after those used in the Diocese of the West.

VI. DEANERY REPORTS.

The Deans' reports stand as presented on pages 33 – 192 of the Assembly Report Book, which is available on the Diocesan web site at <http://domoca.org/files/52nd%20ASSEMBLY/2013-delegate-handbook.pdf>.

The Deans had nothing to add to their written reports.

VII. ST. JOHN MONASTERY, HIRAM, OH REPORT.

Father Zdinak recounted recent events at the monastery, specifically the retirement of its Abbot, Archimandrite Alexander [Cutler], who together with Monk Daniel [Kidd] have relocated a monastery in Ukraine. He elaborated on the history of the property, which had been donated with the stipulation that, should it cease to be used for religious purposes, it would revert to the heirs of the original donors. After much consideration, monks from Holy Cross Monastery [ROCOR] in West Virginia relocated to Hiram, thereby establishing a *metochion* of their monastery. A complete report, as submitted by the monastery, is available on the diocesan web site at http://domoca.org/news_131016_1.html.

VIII. CATECHIST AND DIACONAL VOCATIONS PROGRAM REPORT.

Priest Elijah Mueller offered a written report, which is presented on pages 243–244 of the Assembly Report Book, to which he added that in all categories there are 34 students. It is anticipated that the soon-to-be initiated program in

Kansas City will increase this number considerably.

IX. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta offered a written report, which is presented on pages 245-246 of the Assembly Report Book, to which he urged all parishes, when changing insurance carriers, retain old policies should questions arise in the future with regard to which insurance company may be responsible for a given claim.

X. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rob Koncel presented the comprehensive report found on pages 193–238 of the Assembly Report Book. He noted that the Diocese realized a \$69,000.00 surplus in 2012, in part due to a number of reductions in expenses.

XI. AUDITORS' REPORT.

Auditors Judy Weinclaw, Sam Jacob and Frank Tkacz met in August and reviewed the relevant documents. They noted that, in their written report as presented on pages 239–241 of the Assembly Report Book, they had made a number of recommendations in an effort to streamline the auditing process. The report as presented was accepted upon motion by Kitty Mabus, seconded by Archpriest Andrew Nelko.

XII. 2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION.

Mr. Koncel presented the proposed 2014 budget as amended by the Diocesan Council, which is available on the diocesan web site at <http://domoca.org/files/52nd%20ASSEMBLY/2014-budget-revised.pdf>. The amendment involves raising the stipend for the Director of the Catechist and Diaconal Vocation Program from \$6,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year and adding an additional \$6,000.00 for travel expenses, materials, and related necessities. Priest Nicholas Finley motioned, seconded by Archpriest David Lis, to accept the budget as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Father Zdinak explained that the escrow shown in the financial report represents general surplus funds not related to the OCA escrow, which represents the amount the OCA has reduced its assessment, and that the latter is placed into a separate account and is not reflected in the financial report.

XIII. MINUTES OF THE 51ST ASSEMBLY.

Minutes of the 51st Diocesan Assembly, as found on pages 11–13 of the Assembly Report Book, were accepted as presented upon motion by Archpriest John Adamcio, seconded by Joseph Manczj.

A 15-minute break was granted at 11:57 a.m. in preparation for elections.

XIV. NOMINATIONS.

The session reconvened at 12:12 p.m.

After clarifying election procedures, Father Zdinak invited nominees – Archpriests Alexander Garklavs and John Adamcio; Priests Elijah Mueller and Matthew Moriak; Barry Gluntz and Daria Petrykowski – to address the delegates. Ballots were distributed and collected as the delegates broke for lunch.

PLENARY SESSION II

XV. CREDENTIALS, ELECTION RESULTS.

The session reconvened at 2:10 p.m. with one Bishop, 39 clergy delegates, 39 lay delegates, and 4 observers, for a total of 83 participants.

Election results were announced. Archpriest Alexander Garklavs, Priest Elijah Mueller, and Barry Gluntz were elected to the Diocesan Council, with Priest Matthew Moriak, Archpriest John Adamcio, and Daria Petrykowski serving as alternates. Judy Wienclaw was elected to serve as auditor by acclamation.

XVI. SOS PROJECT REPORT.

Kitty Mabus thanked parishes and individuals that responded to the August “Support Our Seminarians” appeal. To date, approximately \$13,000.00 had been received from 18 parishes and several individuals. Donations are still being accepted. Top donors were Saint Joseph, Wheaton, IL [\$2,160.00]; Protection of the Holy Virgin, Royalton, IL [\$1,965.00]; Saint Paul, Dayton, OH [\$1,950.00]; Saint Nicholas, Mogadore, OH [\$1,000.00]; and Holy Trinity, Overland Park, KS [\$712.00].

XVII. OTHER BUSINESS.

A. Diocesan Center Property. In response to questions concerning the physical condition of the Diocesan Center, Father Zdinak referred to his written report and reviewed a number of improvements that had been made recently. He also presented a number of needs and concerns, including concerns expressed by the Diocesan Council with regard to contracting an outside contractor to appraise the property and identify and prioritize future needs. This study is all the more timely in light of the decrease in diocesan membership and concurrent decrease in income.

B. Assessment Reduction. Gregory Malovance, lay delegate from Holy Resurrection Church, Palatine, IL, opened a discussion on assessments. He noted that the Diocese has accumulated money in an escrow account, with no indication of where that money needs to go, and that the OCA assessment for 2014 has been decreased. In light of this, he motioned that the per capita diocesan assessment for 2014 be reduced by \$15.00 per adult member. After discussion, he amended the motion to reduce the assessment by \$13.00 (to eliminate the OCA escrow), seconded by Father Kuchta. After considerable discussion, the motion was put to a vote, with 43 votes against, 28 in favor, and five abstentions.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT AND INSTALLATION.

There being no further business, the Assembly was adjourned at 3:06 p.m. upon motion by Father David Lis, seconded by Mary Jane Lucak, after which the installation of elected and returning Council members and Auditors was held.

*Respectfully submitted by the Secretariat,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Ann Marie Mecera, and Philip Sokolov*

*APPROVED
+ Bishop Alexander*

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Lansing, Illinois • 7 October 2013

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with the singing of the Lord's Prayer at 5:22 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Present were His Grace, Bishop Alexander; Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor; Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary; Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer; Diocesan Council members Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Priest Nicholas Finley, Sam D'Fantis, Dennis Garlick, Michael Herzak, Kitty Mabus, Ann Marie Mecera; Bishop's Council members Archpriests Ted Bobosh, Andrew Clements, Thomas Mueller, Timothy Sawchak, Paul Wesche, and Andrew Yavornitzky; and Philip Sokolov, Diocesan Chancery.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The minutes were accepted as presented upon motion by Dennis Garlick, seconded by Sam D'Fantis.

IV. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

- A. Father Zdinak announced that Father Mueller will chair the Nominations Committee. Members include Protodeacon Robert Northrup, Ruth Bedie, and Susan Lentz.
- B. The Assembly Secretariat includes Father Matusiak, Mr. Sokolov, and Mrs. Mecera.
- C. The deacons will oversee credentials.
- D. Instead of naming clergy and lay Assembly chairs, it was agreed that Father Zdinak will chair the sessions.
- E. Father Zdinak announced that Bishop Alexander will vest at 7:00 a.m. at the Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, 8 October. He also recognized the excellent cooperation received from His Grace, Bishop Longin and the rector and faithful of Saint Archangel Michael Church in providing the venue for the Assembly.
- F. In reviewing possible candidates for Diocesan Council elections, Father Zdinak noted that while Archpriests Christopher Wojcik and Stephen Hrycyniak and Michael Dorosh could run for second terms, they are ineligible due to the fact that they will not be attending the Assembly. Judy Wienclaw is eligible for reelection to another term as auditor.
- G. He noted that the parish report forms, modeled after those used in the Diocese of the West, were well received. The numbers reported by the parishes thereon serve as the 2014 diocesan census.
- H. He also offered an update on Saint John Monastery, Hiram, OH, which is in a state of transition.
- I. With regard to a resolution presented by Saint John Church, Warren, OH, calling for the election of Archpriest Paul Gassios as Bishop of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest, it was noted that doing so stands in conflict with the Statute, which calls for the convocation of a Special Assembly for said elections. Bishop Alexander offered his insights on the matter while emphasizing that no set, strict time-line had been established by the Diocese or the Holy Synod of Bishops.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT.

- A. Mr. Koncel presented the proposed 2014 budget and made a number of comments on specific items.
 1. Insurance deductible has been revised, resulting in savings. In the process of giving the diocesan car to His Grace, Bishop Matthias, we no longer need to pay that deductible.
 2. In response to a question concerning the "escrow" being collected on the assessment, it was noted that it had not been placed in a dedicated account. It was felt that it should be.
 3. After considerable discussion on increased funding for the Diaconal Vocations Program headed by Priest Elijah Mueller [and a related discussion on psychological testing of Program participants contemplating ordination], upon motion by Mr. Garlick, seconded by Father Finley, Council members voted unanimously to budget \$18,000.00 for the Program in 2014, reflecting a \$12,000.00 stipend for Father Elijah Mueller and \$6,000.00 for additional expenses.
- B. Mr. Koncel cautioned that, despite a \$43,000.00 surplus, expenses will increase when a new bishop is elected and installed.
- C. Upon motion by Ms. Mabus, seconded by Mrs. Mecera, Council members voted unanimously to present the proposed 2014 budget, as amended, to Assembly delegates.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with the singing of "It Is Truly Meet."

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

APPROVED
+ Bishop Alexander

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Chicago, Illinois • 10 January 2014

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with the singing of the Theophany Troparion led by His Grace, Bishop Alexander, at 10:10 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Bishop Alexander; Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor; Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary; Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer; Diocesan Council members Archpriests Alexander Garklavs and Basil Stoyka; Priests Nicholas Finley and Elijah Mueller; Mr. Samuel D’Fantis, Mr. Barry Gluntz, Mr. Michael Herzak, Jr., and Ms. Kitty Mabus; Bishop’s Council members Archpriests Theodore Bobosh, Andrew Clements, Thomas Mueller, Timothy Sawchak, and Andrew Yavornitzky; and Mr. Philip Sokolov, Diocesan Chancery. Absent from the meeting were Archpriests Alexander Kuchta and Paul Wesche; Priest Nathan Kroll; Mr. Dennis Garlick; and Ms. Ann Marie Mecera.

The day’s Epistle and Gospel readings were read by Mr. Gluntz and Father Garklavs, respectively, after which Bishop Alexander offered insights.

The minutes of the last Diocesan Council meeting and 2013 Diocesan Assembly were accepted as presented.

III. BISHOP ALEXANDER’S REPORT.

- A. Bishop Alexander shared his feelings and background concerning a successor to Bishop Matthias and reported on the Holy Synod’s feeling in the matter.
- B. He reported on a number of parish visits as Locum Tenens.
- C. He further reported on the “splendid session” held in the Kansas City area at which he met the future instructors for the area’s late vocations program, supervised by Priest Elijah Mueller. He also visited Saint Thomas Church, Springfield, MO, where he celebrated an ordination.

IV. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT.

- A. Father Zdinak apologized on behalf of the Chancery for delays in some check processing. Deposits will be made on a weekly basis.
- B. After brief discussion, it was decided that the 2014 Diocesan Assembly will be held in Cleveland during the first week of October.
- C. The Clergy Convocation will be held at the Carmelite Center, Darien, IL May 19-21, 2014.
- D. The Council continued discussions in executive session.

V. ADDITIONS TO DEANERY REPORTS.

- A. **Chicago Deanery.** Winter Youth Camp February will be held 15-17 February. Archpriest Peter Bodnar, Merrillville, IN, will be retiring in June. Holy Apostles Mission, Bloomington-Normal, IL, was granted parish status 9 January 2014.
- B. **Cleveland Deanery.** Saint Innocent Church, Olmstead Falls, OH, celebrated its 35th Anniversary. Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH, celebrated its 50th Anniversary, while Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lorain, OH, celebrated its 100th Anniversary.
- C. **Indianapolis Deanery.** Archpriest Joseph Gibson will be retiring this year; his health continues to decline.
- D. **Kansas City Deanery.** Deacon Joel Wilson was ordained to the priesthood in December 2013 and was appointed priest-in-charge of the Misison in Rolla, MO. Archpriest Tom Succarotte’s health continues to deteriorate. The Deanery Late Vocations Program will be starting its 16-week course soon with 15 students enrolled.
- E. **Michigan Deanery.** It is hoped that Detroit’s Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral will soon have an assigned priest. Priest Angelo Pepps has been given a blessing to initiate, on the part of the parish in Albion, MI, an outreach ministry aimed at establishing a community in Kalamazoo/Portage.
- F. **Minneapolis Deanery.** Christ the Savior Mission, Anoka, MN, has closed, while its priest-in-charge, Priest Gregory Grivna, has petitioned to retire. Holy Cross Mission, Chisago City, WI, also may be closing as membership has dwindled to a dozen souls. Holy Myrrhbearers Mission, St. Cloud, MN, almost closed. A Russian mission community in St. Paul, MN, is being pursued. The group purchased an unused Serbian Church, but has no assigned priest. Priest Nicholas Hubbard has returned to the Deanery and is preparing to enter the military chaplaincy.

VI. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORT.

In addition to the written report of Father Kuchta, who was absent, it was noted that the “Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards” is being revived with a new name. A three-week drive to subscribe 300 members will begin shortly.

VII. TREASURER’S REPORT.

- A. Mr. Koncel reported that we collected about \$8,000.00 less than the sum for which we budgeted, which for the most part is not bad compared to past years.
- B. With regard to program income for missions, the amount essentially reflects stock profits.
- C. In general, our financial situation is healthy, with a net income of \$64,000.00.
- D. It was noted that the procedure for income and disbursements with regard to the seminarian scholarships needs to be clarified.
- E. The Finance Committee motioned, seconded by Mr. D’Fantis, that Father Matusiak receive \$250.00 per month for

his work with the web site and communications, which he has done for many years gratis. The stipend will be retroactive to 1 January 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

- F.** Once the profit/loss statement for 2013 is completed, it will be sent out with the 2014 budget.

VIII. MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT.

- A.** Since standard Diocesan Assembly reports for parishes and missions are now in place, missions will no longer need to submit additional reports. Instead of the stipends distributed in the past, missions will be encouraged to apply for Parish Development grants, due in August 2014. Grants will begin in the fall. A key concern is providing funding to Detroit's Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral for a pastoral salary.
- B.** Funding also should be made available for the Chancellor to accompany deans in visiting prospective mission sites for an initial feasibility review.
- C.** Bishop Alexander stated that he looks forward to a well organized approach to establishing missions, in line with what is happening in the Dioceses of the South and West, despite radical differences in demographics.

IX. FACILITY REVIEW.

- A.** Father Zdinak reported that a committee has been formed, consisting of himself; Mr. Garlick, Chair; Priest John Baker, Property Manager; Mr. D'Fantis; and Mr. Barry Koncel, a member of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Burr Ridge, who has expertise in construction.
- B.** The first thing on the committee's agenda is completing a detailed analysis of the property to discern what needs to be addressed immediately and what can wait.
- C.** The new committee will need to work closely with the Finance Committee, especially with regard to the cost of any necessary structural work. The relationship with Christ the Savior parish also needs to be reviewed, as the parish enjoys the use of the facilities without charge.

X. LATE VOCATIONS.

It was noted that local deanery faculties, with educated clergy and lay persons qualified to teach, need to be developed. It was further emphasized that the program is not, first and foremost, limited to those pursuing ordination to the diaconate. Having met with great success in the Chicago Deanery, the present need is to how to initiate the program in all deaneries. A variety of other matters concerning training of instructors, syllabi, etc. were also reviewed.

XI. NEXT MEETING, ADJOURNMENT.

- A.** The next meeting will be held 10-11 June, 2014 in Chicago.
- B.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary, with Philip Sokolov*

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Chicago, Illinois • 11 June 2014

I. OPENING.

The meeting opened with prayer led by His Grace, Bishop Alexander, at 9:30 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Bishop Alexander; Archpriest Paul Gassios; Archpriest John Zdinak, Chancellor; Mr. Robert Koncel, Treasurer; Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary; Archpriests Theodore Bobosh, Andrew Clements, Alexander Garklavs, Alexander Kuchta, Thomas Mueller, Timothy Sawchak, Basil Stoyka, Paul Wesche; Priests Nicholas Finley, Nathan Kroll, and Elijah Mueller; Mr. Samuel D’Fantis, Mr. Dennis Garlick, Mr. Michael Herzak, Jr., Ms. Kitty Mabus; and Ms. Ann Marie Mecera; and Mr. Philip Sokolov, Diocesan Chancery. Absent were Archpriest Andrew Yavornitzky and Mr. Barry Gluntz.

The day’s Epistle and Gospel readings were read by Fathers Zdinak and Gassios respectively, after which Bishop Alexander offered insights.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 2014 MINUTES.

The minutes of the last Diocesan Council meeting were accepted with corrections, which are reflected in the final approved set of minutes.

III. BISHOP ALEXANDER’S REPORT.

- A. Bishop Alexander reviewed the situation between the Holy Synod of Bishops and Father Gassios’ appointment as Diocesan Administrator, which becomes effective 1 August 2014. He shared his hope that the nomination for a new diocesan bishop would be conducted at the forthcoming special Diocesan Assembly, to be held in conjunction with the regular Assembly to be held in Cleveland in October 2014.
- B. He noted that Father Gassios had been a candidate in the last nomination, having been one of three candidates put forward by the search committee, and that he had been vetted twice, by two different dioceses.
- C. He reported on pastoral visitations to Wheaton, IL [25th Anniversary], Broadview Heights, OH [Archpriest John Memorich’s 25th anniversary of ordination]; Bloomington-Normal, IL; and Green Bay, WI.

IV. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT.

- A. Father Zdinak announced that the Diocesan Assembly will be held in Cleveland October 6-7, 2014. The Diocesan Council tentatively will meet at noon on October 6. Sessions will be held at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH. It is uncertain as to whether the electoral Assembly will be held before or after the regular Assembly.
- B. This year’s clergy convocation was cancelled due to low registration, but will continue in the future as it provides an excellent forum for our clergy to gether.
- C. With several retirements pending between now and the end of the year, there will be openings in several parishes.
- D. He reported on the Finance Committee meeting, held on the preceeding evening. Among the items considered by the committee was a compensation package for the Diocesan Administrator. On behalf of the Committee, Father moved that the compensation package be set at \$24,000.00 per year cash salary, with the set value of the apartment set at \$18,000.00; \$5,880.00 pension; and 15.3% FICA, or \$6,426.00. The target cost for health insurance is \$12,000.00. [The OCA plan is \$13,500.00.] The package total stands at \$48,306.00. In instituting this, Father Zdinak’s salary will be decreased by one-third. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Father Zdinak led Council members in an executive session.

V. ADDITIONS TO DEANERY REPORTS.

- A. **Chicago Deanery.** Archpriests Peter Bodnar and Myron Manzuk are slated to retire. Priest Andrew Bartek was transferred from Joliet, IL to Summit, IL. Saint Matthew Church, Green Bay, WI purchased a new church building – a major step for the community. Priest Elijah Mueller received his doctorate from Marquette University. The annual summer camp went well.
- B. **Cleveland Deanery.** Father Stoyka has been given the blessing to retire 1 January 2015.
- C. **Indianapolis Deanery.** No additions.
- D. **Kansas City Deanery.** Father Sawchak visited Saint Raphael Mission, Quincy, IL, with Father Zdinak, from which Priest Thaddeus Nielsen retired in October 2013. The community is small and needs to come together in a cohesive manner.
- E. **Michigan Deanery.** A resident priest is being sought for Detroit’s Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral.
- F. **Minneapolis Deanery.** As an update on Saint Nicholas Church, Chisholm, MN, Father Wesche reported that the parties involved in Chisholm have been permitted to obtain 501c3 status. The services of Minneapolis attorney Simeon Morbey have been retained in this matter, and the Diocese will hand over the property to the parties in Chisholm under specific conditions and a reversionary clause for ecclesiastical purposes only, stipulating that if the parties are no longer able to maintain the property, it will revert to the Diocese for further action. The mission in Chisago City will close at the end of the summer. Father Wesche explained the financial situation of the mission, which has a bank account of approximately \$100,000.00 and land worth \$50,000.00 – \$100,000.00.

Holy Myrrhbearers', St. Cloud, MN remains a chapel attached to Minneapolis' Saint Herman Church, while Archpriest Vladimir Lecko will no longer serve in Minocqua due to health.

VI. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

Father Kuchta stated that there was nothing to add to his written report.

VII. MISSION REPORT.

- A. Father Thomas Mueller noted that he would like to reinstate the Parish Development Grant program.
- B. A Small Parish Forum will be held in Byesville, OH. The Midwest Diocese, which is cosponsoring the event with the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, committed \$5,000.00 to the project.

VIII. LATE VOCATIONS PROGRAM REPORT.

- A. Father Elijah Mueller spoke of the program in the Kansas City area, which has attracted 12 students.
- B. Several individuals who have completed the program have been ordained to the diaconate.
- C. Detroit's Saint Andrew House will be the site of a conference August 8-9 at which Bishop Alexander and Father Gassios will be present.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT.

- A. Mr. Koncel reported that salary information on the Profit and Loss statements have been broken down.
- B. The Development Fund is up by \$10,000.00 thus far in 2014, while the Operating Reserve Fund is up by \$74,593.30 due to the deposit of the escrow. The Maintenance Reserve Fund will be reduced due to chimney and roof repairs for Christ the Savior Church.
- C. Father Zdinak added that the Finance Committee will be meeting well before the next Diocesan Council meeting to develop a plan with regard to escrow funds and expenses for the bishop.
- D. With regard to seminarian grants, they will be distributed only to those seminarians who submit applications and other requested documentation by the stated deadline, thereby eliminating the issue of unclaimed funds.

X. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Father Zdinak announced that Bishop Alexander has called for the convening of a special Assembly at which a nominee for the position of diocesan bishop would be determined. After considerable discussion, Ms. Mabus, seconded by Father Matusiak, motioned that the Diocesan Council endorse Bishop Alexander's request to convene a Special Assembly in conjunction with the October 2014 regular Assembly. After brief discussion and clarification, the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Father Elijah Mueller moved, seconded by Father Kuchta, that the Diocesan Council endorse Father Gassios as its candidate for diocesan bishop. Motion passed with two absentions [Mr. Garlick and Ms. Mabus] and no opposition votes.

XI. NEXT MEETING, ADJOURNMENT.

- A. Upcoming meetings include those to be held 6 October 2014 in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly and 16-17 December 2014 in Chicago.
- B. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Ms. Mabus, seconded by Mr. Garlick, at 1:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest John Matusiak, Secretary, with Philip Sokolov*



DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST – *Orthodox Church in America*

53RD DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 7, 2014, BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO

**Procedure for the Nomination of an
Episcopal Candidate for the
Diocese of the Midwest**

In accordance with Article VI, Section 8 of *The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America*, it has been announced that His Grace, Bishop Alexander will convene a Special Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest on the morning of Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights, OH. The sole purpose of this Assembly shall be the nomination of a candidate for the vacant See of Chicago and the Midwest.

As stated in Article VI, Section 10 of the *Statute*:

The election of the diocesan bishop shall proceed as follows:

- a. The Diocesan Assembly shall nominate a candidate and submit his name to the Holy Synod;*
- b. If the Assembly falls [sic] to nominate a candidate acceptable to the Holy Synod, the Synod shall elect the bishop of the diocese;*
- c. Upon the approval of a candidate by the Holy Synod, he shall be summoned to a session of the Holy Synod for the canonical election.*

His Grace, Bishop Alexander, has presented for our consideration the candidacy of the Very Reverend Archpriest Paul Gassios. The Bishop's Council and Diocesan Council of the Midwest have also endorsed Fr. Paul as their candidate. Fr. Paul has been vetted by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, as well as by two different dioceses as part of their search processes—including our own, four years ago.

Let it be understood that Fr. Paul is not the only eligible nominee. The Holy Synod has provided us with a list of names of vetted candidates. This list is available to any Rector, Superior, or Priest-in-Charge in the Diocese of the Midwest by calling the Chancellor, Archpriest John Zdinak, at (216) 554-7282.

Indeed, delegates may cast their votes for any name—vetted or unvetted—as long as the nominee fulfills the qualifications outlined in Article VI, Section 9 of the

Statute, i.e., a monastic, celibate, or widowed clergyman or layman, or a bishop who is not already a Diocesan bishop.

If any delegate intends to vote for a candidate other than the candidate presented by Bishop Alexander, the delegate should consider that it would be prudent to contact the candidate to see if they would be amenable to this nomination.

The Diocesan Assembly does not, in fact, conduct the election of a bishop. This is the *nomination* of a *candidate* to *present* to the Holy Synod for canonical election to the See of Chicago and the Midwest. As outlined in the *Statute*, the Holy Synod may or may not elect the candidate the Diocese presents—vetted or unvetted.

The voting will take place according to the following procedure. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and the appointed prayers, the delegates will take their seats in the pews. Observers will take their place in a designated area set apart. There will be no nominations heard from the floor, but rather, after a brief verbal reiteration of the procedure here printed, the vote will be taken.

On the first vote:

1. A blank ballot will be issued to each registered delegate.
2. Each delegate will write the name of a **single** candidate on his ballot.
3. The tellers will collect and tally the ballots.
4. If a candidate receives a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the vote, the chair will ask for a motion of acclamation by the Assembly for the majority candidate.
5. If, however, no candidate receives a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the vote, a second, “runoff” vote will be held between the two candidates who received the most votes.

On the second vote:

1. Again ballots will be issued.
2. Again each delegate will write a **single** name—the name of one of the two remaining candidates.
3. Again the tellers will collect and tally the ballots.
4. Following the tally, the chair will announce the simple majority nominee and ask for a motion of acclamation by the Assembly for the majority candidate.

Any ballot containing two or more names will be disqualified.

53rd 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:

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

Current Elected Members

Diocesan Council Members

Name	Term Expiration	Eligible for Re-election
Archpriest Alexander Garklavs	2016	YES
Archpriest Nathan Kroll	2014	YES
Archpriest Basil Stoyka	2014	NO
Priest Nicholas Finley	2015	YES
Priest Elijah Mueller	2016	YES
Mr. Dennis Garlick	2015	YES
Mr. Barry Gluntz	2016	YES
Mr. Michael Herzak	2015	NO
Ms. 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	2016	YES

* - Mrs. Mecera has resigned from her position, effective October 7, 2014.



DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST – *Orthodox Church in America*

53RD DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 7, 2014, BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO

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 24, 2014.
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

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;

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.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
53rd DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
Broadview Heights, Ohio
October 6th and 7th, 2014

I wanted to report to you on my activities since I began actually serving as the Administrator of the Diocese on August 1st of this year.

First of all, every Sunday since August 1st has been filled with parish visitations either in the Chicago area or out of state. During the week, I have also made visitations on occasions when a Great Feast has been held or a Major Saint Day, or if I have been invited to a parish to just meet with me during the week. I have found all the visits to be quite enjoyable and I am quite impressed with the clergy of the diocese, their hard work and dedication, and the warmth and friendliness I have been greeted with on the part of members of all parishes I have visited.

I have also have been able to meet with many of the clergy of our diocese through deanery meetings. I have met with the dean of the Michigan Deanery, the Indianapolis Deanery, the Cleveland Deanery, Chicago Deanery, and Minneapolis Deanery. Unfortunately, I have yet to meet with the Kansas City Deanery due to scheduling problems. For those clergy I have not met, I have contacted by phone to introduce myself to them. I may not get to everyone by the assembly and for that I do apologize.

By virtue of being here at the chancery, it has given me the opportunity to facilitate a number of correspondences that needed to be written regarding releases, transfers, or assignment/attachment of clergy to various parishes and discussion of clergy assignments in general. This has involved having regular communication with the deans, chancellor, our diocesan secretary, and His Grace Bishop Alexander to facilitate the dissemination of this information in a proper and timely manner. It has been a real pleasure in being able to work with everyone in these matters. I am appreciative of their patience with me as I continue to learn what my duties are, and most importantly to just listen to others right now. I can see where being here to handle these daily tasks has been of help to those that were perhaps waiting quite a while for action to be taken in some of the above areas.

Finally, I spent two and a half weeks in August preparing Daily Logs to introduce myself to the rectors, and priests-in-charge of the diocese. I left it up to their discretion if they wanted to make this information available to their parishioners. My intent was to share with you who I am to help you make a prayerful decision on who you desire to nominate at the special assembly; as I am the main candidate that is being presented by His Grace Bishop Alexander for nomination.

I am unable to address the need for clergy awards to be presented at parish visitation. I apologize for those who have been waiting for this to happen. I ask for your patience in this area. Depending on what happens at the Assembly, hopefully we can make some progress in rectifying this.

We also have three or four people who are getting very close to petitioning to be ordained to the diaconate. Once again what happens on October 7th could have an impact on whether this will happen sooner or later.

At the time of this writing I actually don't know what is going to happen on October 7th; so it is difficult for me to look beyond that date. There are two things I can conclude though based on my time here so far. One is that this is not the same diocese I left in 2007 when I went to serve St. George Orthodox Cathedral in the Bulgarian Diocese. Secondly I need to do a lot of listening to all of you and learn from you in order to better understand the current dynamics of the Midwest. This is in order for me to know how to best oversee the life of the diocese if I do end up becoming your bishop.

We will see what happens...

Your servant in Christ



The unworthy Archpriest Paul Gassios
Administrator

CHICAGO DEANERY REPORT – DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY, OCTOBER, 2014
Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Dean

TRANSITIONS

Father Peter Bodnar retired in June, creating a vacancy at Protection of the Virgin Mary in Merrillville, IN. Father Fred Janecek has served continuously as a supply priest on Saturdays and Sundays since that time. We are still seeking a permanent rector for the parish. Father Myron Manzuk retired as well, completing his service at St Panteleimon in Summit, IL. at the end of July. Father Andrew Bartek transferred from St Nicholas in Joliet, IL. to St. Panteleimon effective August 1st. This leaves a vacancy at St Nicholas, where Fr. Luke Nelson has been serving regularly since July. We are very grateful to both of these supply priests for the excellent service they have rendered, traveling very long distances each week to provide pastoral care for the Merrillville and Joliet parishes. Fr Luke also provides continual in-home care for his wife who is in poor health. Please remember Matushka Miriam in prayer, as well as those who been widowed in recent years, Matushka Vera Mironowicz and Fr John Kuchta. I know from experience how grievous and unrelenting this experience is.

We thank Fr Peter Bodnar and Fr Myron Manzuk for their long and dedicated service and pray that God grant them and their families “Many Years”!

LENTEN VESPERS

The homily theme for the Sunday Vespers was “Death in the Gospel.” Homilists were Reader Daniel Manzuk, and Fathers John Adamcio, Maximus Cabey, Fred Janecek, and Thomas Mueller. The services and fellowship meals were hosted by St. Luke in Palos Hills, Holy Resurrection in Palatine, St Joseph in Wheaton, SS Cyril & Methodius in Milwaukee, and Holy Trinity Cathedral. We continue to keep the local tradition of Sunday Lenten services, which help to foster a bond of mutual love and support among our parishes, and we stress the importance of broad participation in them.

DEANERY MEETINGS

These take place on a bimonthly basis from September through June at various parishes. They include discussion of the lessons for the coming Sunday and a sharing of ideas on some issue or topic of concern as well as a 45 minute review of current business, concluding with lunch. Again we stress the importance of this presbyteral fellowship and seeking common cause rather than parochial introversion


YOUTH CAMPS

Once again we sponsored winter and summer camps at the excellent Edwards YMCA Camp facility near East Troy in Southeastern Wisconsin. Both camp periods included a Sunday, and so we bussed to Holy Theophany Chapel at William's Bay (Lake Geneva) for Liturgy and lunch, provided by the Chapel. Holy Theophany also paid for a boat cruise of Geneva Lake for our summer campers. The camps afford a wide range of outdoor activities (swimming, boating, 'banana boat', tower climbing, ropes course, campfires, tube slide in summer and winter, archery, hiking, marsh walk, nature museum, arts and crafts, skiing, sledding, and skating); we provide services, prayer, and religious education. This summer we broke up into small - groups based on age - to study, think about, and discuss one of four different Gospel events. Each group then produced art representing their Gospel account (which will be on display at our Lenten Vespers services) and made an interpretative presentation to the whole group incorporating those art materials. Parishes sending youth included those in Wheaton, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Joliet, Burr Ridge, and Chicago (St. Macarius, Holy Trinity, Christ the Savior). We thank our counselors: Pat Labun, Helen Metanchuk, Julia Pietrowski (St Joseph); & Adela Raicu, Fr Tom Mueller, Daria Mueller, Andy Haug, Brandon Redmann, and Protodeacon George Potym (SS Cyril & Methodius) for their work devotion, and care. We also thank Holy Theophany Chapel for hosting us, providing meals and activities, and sponsoring campers financially. The camps are under the direction of the dean.

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS


The Deanery continues to provide small scholarships to deanery seminary students.

DOM PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
for the 2014 Diocesan Assembly
email completed form to chancery@domoca.org

Parish Name and Address	Photo
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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participated in the annual Quad-Parish Picnic. 2. Held a very successful rummage sale that not only contributed greatly to the general fund, but also brought many in the neighborhood to our front door. In truth the primary purpose was to show people where we are. 3. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – Held Annually after the Dormition Fast (8/17 this year), we had a wonderful turnout from the neighboring parishes. 	
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. Assembled IOCC Hygiene Kits as joint project with St. Panteleimon Church. 4. 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. 3. An aging parish population. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 105th Anniversary of the Parish 2. Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social – August 2015 (Sunday after Dormition) 	


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Supporting Membership Count		35	30
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		45	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		30	26
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		4	1
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		1	2
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		N/A	N/A

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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Bell Tower Restoration Project Annual Fr. Stephen Karaffa Golf Tournament, August 2014 Annual Christmas Youth Play/Yolka (December)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
+Archbishop JOB Seminarian Scholarship Fund – Full seminary scholarship (tuition & board) for Alex Koranda. Monthly Charity Collections Monthly Married Student Seminarian support at St. Tikhon's (\$250 monthly) Weekly support of West Suburban Food Pantry Monthly Healing Service Quarterly Evangelism, Outreach & Parish Stewardship (EOPS) Newsletter Annual Holiday Cookie Sale	
Major Challenges Faced	
Our bell tower restoration project as well as capital improvements/maintenance. Inspiring our members to combat their worldly schedules in order to grow closer to Christ in prayer and worship.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
St. Philip's Fast/Pre-Advent Family Potluck, November 8, 2013 Annual Holiday Cookie Sale, December 13, 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 22, 2014	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		160	125
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		135	115
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		85	75
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20	15
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	2
Funerals		4	4
Marriages		2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		65	58
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	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	
Fr William Bass	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Deeds Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Participation in our town's "Hometown Christmas" Celebration - fund raising committee hosted booth of ethnic baked items; exposure & interreaction with community & fund raising, parish information/flyers given out.</p> <p>Began holding Sat eve Vespers at local nursing home (Addison Pointe) once a month during the summer. Plan is to continue monthly throughout the year.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Westchestert Food Pantry	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Reparis/refurbishing of basement to allow for adequate classrooms for our Sunday School and a working kitchen. We do have some workers, but not needed finances at this time.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		28	27
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		31	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		22	22
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		7	6
Number of Catechumens		1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	1
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		10	12
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	n/a

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Christ the Savior Church 927 N La Salle Dr Chicago, IL 60610	
Clergy	
Priest John Baker Deacon Theophan Warren	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council St Juliana's Ladies Group Choir Greeter Ministry Sunshine Ministry Property Management & Maintenance Ministry	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On May 2-4, we were blessed by the visit of the Miracle-working Icon of Saint Anna, brought here by Igumen Sergius, Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery. Father Sergius gave a richly edifying retreat, the Akathistos was sung, a procession was made, and hundreds of parishioners and visitors were graced by venerating the blessed icon and by being anointed with precious myrrh from her. This was truly one of the most enriching and reinvigorating experiences in the life of our parish. 2. This past month, Father Theodore Jurewicz arrived to complete the Icon of Christ in Hades. This icon, the largest of all the work in the church, resides in the area which once was home to a large pipe organ. The icon was donated by faithful throughout the diocese in memory of Archbishop Job, who founded the parish in August 1997 and initiated the iconography project in November of 2008. While Archbishop Job lived only to see two of the icons adorn the temple, we look forward to the completion of the project in 2015 and give thanks to God for the continued support of the faithful of our parish and of the diocese as we continue to do our best to bring to fruition the vision that Archbishop Job had for Christ the Savior Church. 3. In conjunction with Ancient Faith Ministries, the Divine Liturgy will be streamed live on Ancient Faith Radio every Sunday, live from our parish, beginning October 5, 2014. 	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuing our commitment to build fellowship between our parish and the residents of the Little Village neighborhood, three major events took place since last year. First was a game night with the teens of the neighborhood. Next, we provided a Thanksgiving meal to residents of the neighborhood. More than 100 people gathered at St Agnes Catholic Church Hall, located in the neighborhood, to partake of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. While a meal was provided, fellowship and relationships were the theme of the evening with over 20 parishioners from our parish not only serving, but mingling, talking, and laughing with the residents of the neighborhood. Games were played with the teens and crafts were done with the children. The most powerful and moving experience, however, came in July as Father John and faithful from the parish participated in a march for peace in the Little Village neighborhood. Carrying icons, we processed for three hours through the gang ridden territories of Little Village and Pilsen neighborhoods singing hymns, reading from the Holy Gospels and offering prayers with residents. Many of the participants were mothers whose sons were murdered at the various sites along the path where we stopped to pray. At these sites, Father John offered words of encouragement to the suffering and called upon the bystanders along the route, many of them gang members, to end the bloodshed and to be a source of peace, not terror, to the community in which they live. Our presence at this march and the willingness to share in the suffering of the people gathered during this march was appreciated by the residents and furthered their trust in us as a parish community while making evident our dedication to the people of Little Village. 2. Annual Taqueria Festival Fundraiser to benefit the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala. 3. A percentage of our operating budget continues to go to our “parish tithe.” Preference is given, but not limited to local recipients who this past year included: having water turned back on in a home for a single mother with two children; Providing funds for state ID and birth certificate to an ex-felon to help him obtain employment; paying a months rent for a woman who was facing eviction. 4. Active prison ministry at local federal prison, Metropolitan Correctional Facility. 5. Seminarian support for 3 parishioners attending St Tikhon’s Seminary.
Major Challenges Faced
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transient nature of living in Chicago. There are only 2 individuals from the parish who were at CTS 10 years ago. 2. Busy urban living affects participation in Feasts of Church. 3. Roughly 20% of parishioners carry 90% of operating budget. 4. Lack of parking. 5. Lack of meeting space for fellowship and church school. 6. Funds needed to purchase van or small bus to bring teens from Little Village to church.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>October–An evening with our Authors. Celebrating the publishing of two of our parishioners’ works.</p> <p>Possible consecration of new diocesan hierarch to be held at our parish.</p> <p>5th Anniversary of Vacation Church School</p>

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Supporting Membership Count		50	58
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		60	85
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		50	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		25	30
Number of Catechumens		11	9
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		7	5
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		3	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	3
Church School/Number Enrolled		24	32
Adult Education/Number Participating		Varies	Varies

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Holy Trinity Cathedral 1121 N. Leavitt St. Chicago, IL 60622	
Clergy	
Archpriest John S. Adamcio Deacon Thomas Keith	
Committees/Societies	
Sts. Martha and Mary Sisterhood St. John Kochurov Society	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Docents and Tours of the Cathedral Retreats (parishioners and Church School) Fundraising (dinners, sales, etc.)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Food collection for Onward House Peace Fellowship	
Major Challenges Faced	
Maintenance of Cathedral and hall Fund raising Attracting new members/supporting existing members	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
20 th Anniversary of St. John of Chicago glorification Arts and Craft Sale Cookie Walk Resale Extravaganza	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		97	100
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		85	85
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		70	72
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		0	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	3
Funerals		2	3
Marriages		1	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		25	23
Adult Education/Number Participating		7	7

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ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL 917 N. WOOD STR. CHICAGO, IL 60622	
Clergy	
ARCHIM. VLADIMIR	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
CHURCH MADE TOTALLY ACCESSIBLE. INTERIOR REMODELING OF ENTIRE TEMPLE.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
SCHOOL SUPPORT OF ANSELMO AT ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE. MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF A MAN FACING FORECLOSURE.	
Major Challenges Faced	
MONEY	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
CENTENNIAL – OCT. 2015	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count			55
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			50
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			8
Number of Catechumens			—
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			4
Funerals			—
Marriages			—
Receptions into Orthodoxy			—
Church School/Number Enrolled			20
Adult Education/Number Participating			—

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Makarios the Great Orthodox Mission	
Clergy	
Priest Elijah Mueller	
Committees/Societies	
Charitable Outreach Mission Committee Choir	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Chrismation of Parishioner New Iconostasis	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Work at Su Casa Catholic worker house prisoner re-entry program	
Major Challenges Faced	
Need to find more permanent space. Growing in numbers, adding more parishioners. Continuing /figuring out more ways to reach university students. Keeping up fund raising	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Preliminary talk of running a conference on Middle Eastern Orthodox communities. OCF activities planned.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		~12	13
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		32+ during school year	32+ during school year
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		~22	~24
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		12+ during school year	10+ during school year
Number of Catechumens		2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		5	6
Adult Education/Number Participating		15	20+

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St. Matthew Orthodox Church 607 Ravenswood Drive Green Bay, WI 54302	
Clergy	
Fr. Maximus Cabey, Rector Dn. James Ellis	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of a new building, moving into it and having our first services there on may 17th, 2014 • The ordination of one of our parishioners to the diaconate on December 22nd 2013 • Fall/Nativity Parish Retreat led by Fr. Tom Mueller on November 9th, 2013- Fr. Tom gave our parishioner a heart felt and deeper insight into the mystery of death and the hope that we have as Orthodox Christians through Christ's own death and resurrection. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Wednesday evening Bible Study – draws several non-Orthodox Oktoberfest fundraiser in Appleton- it gives us a chance to interact with thousands every year. We collect none perishable food items every week to be distributed to 2 area food pantries.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Continued growth Funding our new building. Funding outreach	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015


The 33rd anniversary of parish's founding on November 16th 2014 – with dinner following Liturgy.

Lenten Retreat every Wednesday during Lent after celebration of the Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts (March 4th - April 1)

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		32	44
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		50	70
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		45	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	20
Number of Catechumens		1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	2
Funerals		1	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		6	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	60

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Nicholas Church 4313 18th Ave Kenosha, WI 53140 www.stnickskenosha.org	
Clergy Rev. Stephen J. Hrycyniak, Rector V. Rev. Alexis W. Fedec, Rector Emeritus Rev. Basil Aden, Attached	
Committees/Societies St. Nicholas Brotherhood Holy Trinity Sisterhood Fellowship of St. Maria of Paris St. Nicholas Parish Council	
Since October 2013 Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Funded and Completed Handicapped Accessibility Project w/Help from NC Parish 2. Adopting Uniform Parish By-Laws, Incorporating, and Transferring Property Ownership 3. Completely Redesigned Parish Web Presence.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Sandwich Sunday—we make 48 bag lunches once a month for a local shelter 2. Jesus Prayer Group—weekly communal practice, which draws folks from outside the parish. 3. Bradley Nassif Lecture about the Importance of a Personal Commitment to Christ	
Major Challenges Faced We still hover around breakeven financially with respect to our stewardship, and building maintenance and personnel costs may eventually outpace our stewardship.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		50	49
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		48	46
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		32	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		7	8
Number of Catechumens		3 inquirers	3 inquirers
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2
Funerals		5	2
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1 Chrismation
Church School/Number Enrolled		13	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		8	10

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<p>PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH 8600 GRAND BOULEVARD MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA 46410 219-947-4748 – CHURCH 219-947-5750 – PRIEST’S OFFICE</p>	
Clergy	
<p>OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY VACANT, AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF FATHER PETER BODNAR. VERY REV. GEORGE HAVRILA, RETIRED HIEROMONK JOHN MERRICK, RETIRED</p> <p>BOTH OF THE ABOVE CLERGY ARE ELDERLY AND NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH. THEY ATTEND SERVICES AS THEIR HEALTH PERMITS.</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>PARISH COUNCIL MERRILLVILLE “O” CLUB ST. MARY’S CHOIR ST. MARY’S LADIES SODALITY</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>RETIREMENT OF FATHER PETER & CYNTHIA BODNAR.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>QUARTERLY OUR PARISH PARTICIPATES IN THE “FEED THE FLOCK” LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROVIDING SATURDAY LUNCHESES TO THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF BY PTVM, PREPARING THE FOOD, SETTING UP, CLEANING UP, SERVING, AND PAYING OF ALL EXPENSES.</p> <p>WE ALSO ASSIST THE WINFIELD FOOD PANTRY ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY PROVIDING NON PERISHABLE – CANNED AND BOXED GOODS FOR THE NEEDY.</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) MEETING THE BALANCE OF THE REMAINDER OF OUR MORTGAGE - \$ 600,000. WE RENT OUT OUR ORTHODOX CENTER FOR EXTRA INCOME, WE SPONSOR A GOLF OUTING AND FASHION SHOW EACH YEAR, AND YET OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL WORN OUT AND SEE NO END IN SIGHT.2) FATHER PETER BODNAR ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AT ITS MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. HE SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED THE LAST SUNDAY OF JUNE. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE BEEN SERVED EVERY WEEKEND BY A SUPPLY PRIEST FOR BOTH GREAT VESPERS AND DIVINE LITURGY. HOWEVER, OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH ARE NOT AT PREVIOUS LEVELS. THIS IS NOT AN INDICATION OF THE QUALITY OF THE SUPPLY PRIEST. HOWEVER, THE PARISH DOES FEEL “LET DOWN” BY THE APPEARANCE OF A LACK OF REAL EFFORT IN PROVIDING THE PARISH WITH A QUALITY REPLACEMENT PRIEST.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
OCTOBER 4 -5, 2014 – OUR 103 rd ANNIVERSARY AND PATRONAL FEAST DAY

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count			103
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			72
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			54
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			6
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			5
Funerals			2
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			22
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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Saints Cyril & Methodius 2505 South 30th Street Milwaukee, WI. 53215-2829	
Clergy	
Archpriest Thomas Mueller, Rector Priest John Jones, Associate Protodeacon George Potym Priest Frederick Janecek, attached	
Committees/Societies	
<p>No parish organizations; we plan and carry out activities as a whole community. Included in our broader community is Holy Theophany Chapel in William's Bay (Lake Geneva), WI. We have a close mother/sister relationship with the chapel and provide services and pastoral care for its members. The Chapel hosts us and a total of 100 people at its nameday celebration on the Saturday after Theophany, with Liturgy, Blessing of Water, Blessing of Geneva Lake, and a lavish brunch at a local resort. St Herman Ch, apel in West Bend, WI. is also under our parish umbrella.</p> <p>We participate in an interfaith social justice organization Milwaukee Inncity Congregations Allied for Hope, concerned with issues like jobs, urban education, transportation, AODAand immigration; but we are currently reviewing our continued participation in this organization.</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Holy Week and Paschal cycle observed with fullness, intensity, and faith.</p> <p>Seven baptisms and three chrismations, with another pending.</p> <p>Annual Liturgy and Picnic in the Park, at Hawthorn Glen Nature Preserve, a property of Milwaukee Public Schools. A beautiful setting and Liturgy and a mellow afternoon with Fr Paul Gassios as our guest. Fr Paul spent the afternoon circulating among parishioners, engaging and reaching out to them.</p>	

Outreach and Charitable Activities

15th annual block party, hosting neighbors and friends in front of our church: free food, lively musical entertainment, moonwalk, games, art activity, and church tours. July 20, 2014.

Monthly meal prepared and served at a women's and children's homeless shelter, Cathedral Center in downtown Milwaukee. We provide and prepare a good hot meal and prepare cold lunches for the clients to take out the next day. In December, we prepare a more festive meal and provide gifts for the 60 residents. We have been able to draw another local Orthodox church and a pan-Orthodox women's organization into taking their own turns in working at Cathedral Center.

Fr. John Jones serves as chaplain for a thriving OCF at Marquette University, a major private university with 12000 students. He conducts monthly services on campus. This has been long been a ministry of the parish. Fr Tom Mueller serves as chaplain for an OCF at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a major state university with 27,000 students. Several of our parishioners founded this OCF and two of them serve as President and Treasurer. The UWM OCF hosted a very beautiful and moving lecture and slide show by Wisconsin iconographer David Giffey in March. This program attracted a considerable number of non-Orthodox. Both OCF groups assist with the homeless shelter work.

Active participation in Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope – work on urban education and public transportation issues. Participation in regular prayer vigils at homicide sites.

Beginning last summer, the parish has sponsored English as Second Language classes for Mexican-American neighbors and for a few of our own Ethiopian immigrant members. The spring session was taught by one of our new converts, Fr Tom's son-in-law, Said Hamideh.

We participate actively in pan-Orthodox activities. Fr Tom has been serving as President of the local clergy group. This group sponsors an annual Youth Day, drawing about 100 parents and kids from Metro Milwaukee parishes. Three of our young women, Laura and Ana-Maria Raicu and Daria Mueller, have won one of the annual scholarships offered by the Orthodox Christian Women's Association to undergrads and graduate students., Fr John has addressed this group's annual conference, and Daria was the featured speaker at this year's scholarship dinner.

Major Challenges Faced


Achieving financial stability with aging buildings and looking toward future pastoral compensation needs.

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Possible hosting of pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers.
Clergy Appreciation dinner at a parish family's home being planned for October.


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		107	106
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		80-90	80-90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		60-70	60-70
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		17	17
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	7
Funerals		1	0
Marriages		0	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		36	30
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	10

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Holy Apostles Orthodox Church 1670 West Hovey Avenue Normal, IL 61761	 http://www.holyapostlesbn.org/
Clergy	
Fr. Danial Doss Dn. David Gresham	
Committees/Societies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and Growth Committee • Library and Bookstore • Hospitality – social activities • Christian Education 	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granted a Church status (instead of a Mission) in January 2014 • Ordination of sub-deacon David Gresham to the diaconship in March 2014 • Issuing an e-weekly Church bulletin 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the ISU's Festival to promote the OCF chapter • Providing food for Clare House and help with soup kitchen • Collecting food items at Church in "Feed the Hungry" basket • Assisting needy families in the church 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting new members to the Church • Attracting college students to the Church and getting them involved • Accelerated pay down on mortgage to be completed in three years 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome gathering to the OCF college students, holding a weekly typical Vespers, and planning a trip to an Orthodox Monastery • Annual Church celebration for the Feast of Holy Apostles 	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count	20	20	23
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25-30	30-35	35-40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	25	30	35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	3-5	3-5	5-7
Number of Catechumens	2	4	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	1	4	2
Funerals	1	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	2	2
Church School/Number Enrolled	0	0	11
Adult Education/Number Participating	0	0	One-on-one

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Resurrection Church 1449 N. Quentin Road, POB 421 Palatine, IL 60078	
Clergy	
Archpriest Alexander Kuchta	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Women's Ministry Growth Team Stewardship ministry Emmaus Adult Group	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual Hearts on Fire dinner on Friday of Publican/Pharisee week Octoberfest in the fall Parish Feast Day on St. Thomas Sunday	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Monthly Parish Charity collection for parish members in need Christmas gifts for DCFS foster kids Annual pre-Lent dinner with collection for clergy widow Participation in PADS dinners Food collection for Palatine Township food pantry Various other collections: SOS, IOCC, etc.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Stewardship ministry formed to increase awareness of need for generosity/parish support	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
None	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		93	86
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		70-100	70-100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		70-100	70-100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		12	12
Number of Catechumens		4 adults 4 children	2 adults 2 children
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	
Funerals		2	1
Marriages		2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	
Church School/Number Enrolled		20	26
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	12

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<p>St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church 10700 S Kean Ave Palos Hills IL 60465</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Andrew Harrison Proto Dn. Andrew Werbiansky Subdn. John Segvich</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Property Ministry Team Outreach Ministry Team Education Ministry Team Community Ministry Team Liturgical Ministry Team</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>1) Provide Food & Shelter for the Homeless (PADS) Total 480 Women and Children housed and fed during season once a week from October to May. Food teams from 5 Christian Churches. 2) Mission Team of 11 to Hogar Raphael Orphanage Guatemala, Mission team of 8 to Montana Blackfeet reservation YOCAMA sponsored 3) 3 men went on a Pilgrimage to Mt Athos.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Donations given to the following charities through offering and 100 % matching grants: Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Mission Fund, IOCC, Ancient Faith Radio, PADS Floyd Franz long term Missionary in Romania, Assisting Wounded Vets, Coptic Orphans, St. Jude's Hospital, Prevention Abortion South Suburban, Journey Hub, YOCAMA Indian Mission team, St. Elisabeth Convent-Belarus, Hogar Raphael Orphanage-Guatemala total \$17,000+given</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Correct building exit codes and expand the present church building. Projected cost \$375,000 The Project is on hold until the encroachment issue with the Forest Preserve Land is resolved Building mortgage was paid off as of Sept 1.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<p>St. Luke Feast day and 30th Anniversary planned for October 18-19 with ordination of John Segvich to Deaconate, Peter Tatoolas to Subdeaconate. Readers Toncher, Mark Olson, Steve Hansen, Annual September 11 Memorial</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		117	124
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		101	112
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		101?	112?
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		6	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4	6
Funerals		2	5
Marriages		2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		66	67
Adult Education/Number Participating		29	35

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Protection of the Holy virgin Mary Orthodox Church 112 N. Fairdale Royalton, IL 62983	
Clergy	
Rev. Justin Foster, D.Min Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Choir Altar Servers	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser Annual Cabbage Roll Dinner fundraiser Completely revised & updated website & newsletter	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-Mission Boxes by Church School children for Orphanage in Guatemala. -Annual December parish project of collecting canned goods for local food bank along w/Lion's Club -Annual SOS! Fund Raisers in September (each week) -Monthly collections for local charities and food banks -FOCUS	
Major Challenges Faced	
-No public transportation in area to service surrounding communities or the university -Bring in and retain new parishioners & catechumens -Inspiring our members to combat their worldly schedules in order to grow closer to Christ in prayer and worship.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Celebrating 100th anniversary of parish, October 1, 2014 (celebrate in 2015)

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		42	40
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		39	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		40	35
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		8	7
Number of Catechumens		12	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2
Funerals		5	6
Marriages		2	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		6	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		12	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		4	0

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St. Panteleimon Church 7545 W. 61st Place Summit, IL 60501-1617	
Clergy	
Priest Andrew Bartek Protodeacon Robert Northrup Priest K. Anthony Spengler, attached/retired Reader James Tilghman	
Committees/Societies	
Choir, Church School, Altar Sisterhood, Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
75 th Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Alexander Father Myron Manzuk retirement celebration together with our Patronal Feast Lamb Roast Christmas Yolka with Sunday School Christmas Story Play	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Orthodox Christians for Life-Chicago Martha & Mary Maternity Home MS Walk OCCA Christmas Toy Drive	
Major Challenges Faced	
Relationship with the Village of Summit Reorganization of parish with new rector Financial stewardship	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		32	29
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		25-30	20-25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		same	20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	7
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	1
Funerals		0	3
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		21	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0


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St. Herman of Alaska Chapel	
Clergy	
Fr. Gregory Madlom	
Committees/Societies	
Sunday School: Matushka Elizabeth (Glenda) Madlom	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Have several visitors from Texas, Alaska and two from Moscow, who were studying at Nashotah House.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
St. Herman Of Alaska has led Molyeben for Victims of abortion during the 40 Days for Live.	
Major Challenges Faced	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		7	8
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		12	12
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		12	12
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		5	7
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			
Funerals			
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		3	7
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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St. Joseph Orthodox Christian Church 412 Crescent St. Wheaton, IL 60187	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Matusiak Archpriest Joseph Kopka Archpriest Mykola Bodnarchuk Protodeacon John Coleman Deacon Lawrence Dugoni	
Committees/Societies	
No formal structures of this sort other than the parish council and staffs of the two Sunday Schools. [Two separate sessions are held each week after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Liturgies.] All ministries are organized in a fluid manner based on the nature of a given ministry.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parish celebrated its 25th Anniversary in May 2014. Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Alexander were present for Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday Liturgy. A banquet followed the Divine Liturgy. A parish photo directory featuring pictures of over 600 adults and children was published in conjunction with the event. 2. Unpredictable expenses from the winter of 2013-2014, specifically plowing and salting, heating bills, replacement of numerous plants and shrubs lost due to snow and salt, etc., totaled nearly \$20,000.00 from October 2013 through mid-2014. These expenses had not been — and could not be — budgeted for. 3. At the request of parish teens, a special beginner iconography class will start in November just for them. An adult beginner class met on weekdays during the summer and was quite successful. Some of the iconography class “graduates” assist in iconography projects around the parish. Work on the iconostasis continues as time permits. 	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While several families have retired or had job transfers, leading them to move out of state, new faces have appeared during the past year, many through conversion. 2. Monthly parish charities collections continue to assist our parishioners who are experiencing financial difficulties. During the past year some \$20,000.00 had been distributed to needy members of the parish. 3. We continue to attract individuals from other countries, including Iraq and Syria. Amongst the substantial Polish immigrant community, there are many newcomers, mostly young professionals who speak English. Most recently, we have had a number of families from the former Soviet Republic of Moldova attending services, most of whom will probably become members. Not all of the Moldovans speak English, however. 4. Outreach to students from Wheaton College and other institutions continues. An average of 6 college students are received into the Church each year. 5. Two of our parishioners, Mike and Diane Oravec, participated in an OCMC sponsored mission trip to Kenya, where they helped to build a church in a village.
Major Challenges Faced
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ever-present threat of flooding in the basement. We have been flooded out five times between 2002 and 2013. Unusually heavy rainstorms have been plentiful since then, but the church has not been effected, in part due to precautions we have taken to ensure minimal flooding in the future and in part due to upgrading of the neighborhood's antiquated sewer system several months ago. We are confident that with these precautions, we will not experience additional flooding. 2. We are presently in the process of consolidating the mortgages on the church and hall at a lower rate of interest. 3. Paying down the aforementioned unexpected expenses encountered during the winter of 2013-2014. 4. Space is always a consideration, especially during the school year.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father John and Barbara Matusiak's 40th wedding anniversary was celebrated in September 2014. 2. Father John Matusiak's 40th ordination anniversary will be celebrated in January 2015. 3. Pre-Nativity Fast social gathering/dinner/basket raffle.

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Supporting Membership Count		301	290
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		8:00 – 25-35 9:30 – 200-275 11:30 – 50-80	8:00 – 20-25 9:30 – 200-250 11:30 – 40-80
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		Most people at 9:30, less at 8:00 and 11:30	Most people at 9:30 and 11:30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20-30	15-25/30
Number of Catechumens		9	7
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		10	11
Funerals		4	1
Marriages		6	5
Receptions into Orthodoxy		8	7
Church School/Number Enrolled		9:30 – 121 11:30 – 22	9:30 – 107 11:30 – 31
Adult Education/Number Participating		We don't count	Varies 15-35


**Cleveland Deanery Report to
the 53rd Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest**

- Three Deanery Meetings were held since the last Assembly
- Hosted Frs Nektarios and Benedict of St John's Skete (formerly the Monastery of St John the Theologian) in Hiram, Ohio at our December Meeting
- Planning publication of a Daily Lenten Meditation Booklet for Great Lent 2015
- Holy Trinity-Parma celebrated their 50th Anniversary
- Saints Peter & Paul-Lorain celebrated their 100th Anniversary
- Fr Michael Butler co-authored a book entitled *Creation and the Heart of Man*
- Granted two Seminarian Scholarships
- Served Deanery Akathist to the Life Creating Cross on the Third Sunday of Lent at Archangel Michael in Broadview Heights followed by a Lenten Dinner
- Had over 140 campers attend the three sessions at St Vladimir's Camp this past summer
- Hosted Fr Paul Gassios and had an open forum with him at our August Meeting
- Fr Michael Butler, formerly of St Innocent-Olmstead Falls, OH), was assigned Rector of Holy Transfiguration-Livonia, MI, effective Sept 1
- Recent St Vladimir's Seminary Graduate, Fr Alessandro Marhgeritino was assigned Acting Rector of St Innocent-Olmstead Falls, OH effective Sept 1
- Fr Basil Stoyka of SS Peter & Paul-Lorain, OH will enter retirement effective Jan 1, 2015
- Fr Joseph McCartney, currently serving as Associate Pastor at Archangel Michael-Broadview Hgts, OH, will be assigned Rector of SS Peter & Paul-Lorain, OH effective Jan 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Fr Andrew Clements
Dean

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Ephraim the Syrian Orthodox Chapel Current location of services: Clarks Chapel on Clarks Chapel Road in Athens, OH	
Clergy	
Fr. Stephen Frase (canonically attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus)	
Committees/Societies	
None at this time though hoping to restart the OCF chapter at Ohio University.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the name / Patron, St. Ephraim the Syrian, replacing the former name, The Orthodox Chapel in Athens. • The Chapel was incorporated during the summer allowing chapel leadership to open a bank account to encourage stewardship among members of the community. Elected first chapel council to increase effective communication and stewardship of the faithful. • The choir director for the chapel is taking the online conducting course offered by the OCA's Department of Liturgical Music. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though the chapel community has taken collections for those in need from the greater Athens community when those needs have been identified, one responsibility of the chapel council will be to identify, designate, and be good stewards of collections made for those in need. • As part of this process, the chapel is starting to use a formal "charity box" to support local, domestic, and/or international causes. This collection must go to those in need outside of the parish. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of worship space. The community currently uses a Methodist church parish. After the Methodist community completes their Sunday morning service, the St. Ephraim community begins to set up for Divine Liturgy. The service does not begin until 11:00. • Stewardship. • Low membership. Unfortunately a few members relocated outside of the Athens area. • 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. The goal is to begin having an additional Divine Liturgy each month and for the faithful to begin praying reader services as a community when no priest is available. • 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 contact Fr. Stephen at frstephenfrase@yahoo.com. 	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
Hoping to provide additional Lenten and Holy Week opportunities for the faithful.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count <i>(Assessed as part of St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus, OH)</i>		13	11
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		16	10
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		14	9
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	8
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	1
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0


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Archangel Michael Orthodox Church 5025 East Mill Road Broadview Heights, OH 44147	
Clergy	
Archpriest John Memorich, Rector Priest Joseph McCartney, Associate Dn. Dennis Lucak Dn. Daniel Kovalak	
Committees/Societies	
Choir Readers Subdeacons/Alter servers Parish Council Sunday School Prosphora Bakers Samaritans Medical Health Screening Team Adult Education Senior "R" Club Junior "R" Club Pre-Teen Club 55+ Club Women's Book Club Stewardship Committee Investment Committee Communications Committee OUTREACH Church Health Team Woodside Party Center Hall Board Church Management Construction Team	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosted the Greater Cleveland Annual IOCC Dinner Hosted the National FOCA Basketball Tournament Annual Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Lecture – Fr. Alexander Garklavs gave a wonderful presentation on his grandfather, Archbishop John. Social events such as Annual Parish Banquet, Mother's Day Banquet, Father's Day Picnic, Chili Cook-off, Halubki Dinner, various club dinners and picnics, etc. On the occasion of Fr. John's 25 th anniversary to the Holy Priesthood, Bishop Alexander presided at hierarchical liturgy and presented Fr. John with the Jeweled Cross. A special banquet was then held at Woodside in his honor.	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<p>St. Michael's continues to be a leading example within its philanthropic endeavors. We support many local efforts, most notably St. Herman's House of Hospitality, St. Mary of Egypt Women's Shelter, Zoe House (Zoe for Life), St. John's Skeet in Hiram, and a number of local OCF's.</p> <p>We also support our Seminaries and our seminarians through various gifts, scholarships, and fundraisers, as well as the IOCC</p>
Major Challenges Faced
<p>With such a large campus to maintain (church, party center, gymnasium, shanty, three parish houses, and various other properties), not to mention the size of our driveway and parking areas, we are coming to the point of addressing some major expenditures for repairs, maintenance, and renovation.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>We will again be hosting this year's Diocesan Assembly</p>


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		250	250
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		300	300
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		250	250
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30	30
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	6	2	6
Funerals	21	13	19
Marriages	4	1	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy	1	0	6
Church School/Number Enrolled	60+	60+	60+
Adult Education/Number Participating	30+	30+	30+

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Christ the Saviour 282 S 5th St Byesville, Ohio 43723	
Clergy	
Fr. Stephen Frase (Priest-in-Charge) Fr. Daniel Rentel (Retired) Both are canonically attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus.	
Committees/Societies	
None at this time.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the first-ever Small Parish Forum. This was a joint venture between the Diocese of the Midwest and the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. The parish did an OUTSTANDING job planning and expressing hospitality to the near 50 participants many who came from very far way (Canada and North Dakota for example). • Parish was able to experience a Holy Week schedule typical for many parishes from the Vespers Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday through the Paschal vigil. Most years the parish has only been able to participate in the Vespers of Holy Friday and the Paschal Vigil. • Celebrated Great Vespers for the first time in a long time on a Saturday evening during Advent in order to provide opportunities for personal confessions to be heard. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As consequence of the Small Parish Forum, a “charity box” has been placed on the central table in the nave to encourage support for local, domestic, and/or international causes. This collection must go to those in need outside of the parish. The parish council will identify, designate, and manage the funds collected. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low membership numbers • Singing • Lack of formal ministries/outreach to the community • Stewardship 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Picnic (last year was the first parish picnic in a number of years) is on Saturday, October 18. • Two elementary-aged children are scheduled to be baptized into the Church the same weekend. • Tentatively planning a blood drive to be scheduled in the parish hall in order to increase involvement in the greater community. 	

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Supporting Membership Count		18	17
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		15	14
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		12	11
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		NA	NA
Adult Education/Number Participating		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. - Strategic Planning Committee – Assess and evaluate options and strategies for parish outreach and growth for the next 5 years. - 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 twice monthly. 	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Parish Accomplishments / Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund raising campaign for LED sign. - Parish Picnic/Liturgy at St. Vladimir’s Campground. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	

<p>Outreach to community:</p> <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. - Annual participation in the Campbell Memorial High School Baccalaureate Program. - Participate in the Annual Campbell Middle School Supply Drive.
Major Challenges Faced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aging infrastructure (building) - Dwindling population base (local community)
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
None Scheduled

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		126	116
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		112	100
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		100	90
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		19	18
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	0

Funerals		5	3
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		40	42
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	6

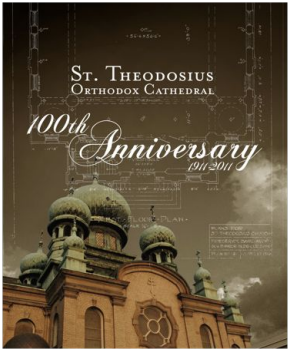
Average Sunday Communicants =
Average Sunday Attendance minus 10%

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 2027 – 18 th St. NE Canton, OH 44705	
Clergy	
Priest Stacey (Anastasy) Richter	
Committees/Societies	
St. Ann's Guild (women's) Church School Parish Council Choir St. Stephen's men's group Outreach Committee Benevolence Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Lent and Pascha Adult Education Class Children's Festival – Dormition Neighborhood Festival Aug 17, 2014 Community Garden	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
OCF at Malone University Support An Orphan – Hogar Rafael Ayau, Guatemala Children's Festival plus more – we have gotten to know some of our neighbors and have been helpful to them. (Lent a neighbor a ladder, bought a neighbor some paint, have helped others financially through our Benevolence Fund)	
Major Challenges Faced	
We are having a good year. Our attendance is up and our giving as well, so financially we are doing well. However, as of the beginning of September, eight parishioners have moved away. Two went off to seminary (this makes 3 seminarians total), and three went to college, and the children (3 of them) of one of our divorced families moved away with the other parent. This continues to be one of our biggest challenges: demographics. We are in an area that people move away from. So even though we have had quite a few converts, many of them move away, and we don't get many new people who move into the area.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
October 19 Outdoor Neighborhood Family Film Night Also we should be getting an onion dome installed sometime in October. It is ordered and payed for! We will be starting Saturday dinners and then a Catechism class on Sept 27 for our catechumens. (5 pm Vespers, 6 pm dinner, 6:30-8 Catechism class)	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		50	62
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		70	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		60	60
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15-20	15-20
Number of Catechumens		3	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	4
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		4	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		7	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		15-20	18
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	5

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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>At this time we have a low number of children of Church School age. We began a Christian Education program last year, aimed at assisting the parents to educate their children in the Faith at home. We meet with the parents and children monthly to reinforce the study plan that has been developed for that period. This has received acceptable results and we hope that it will continue to improve and grow.</p> <p>Our current adult education program is called "Faith Enrichment" it is conducted on Thursday mornings and has about 18 current participants. The study sessions are led by Subdeacon Leon Felon and Reader Paul Pangrace. In addition to the education aspect of the sessions it also offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with the participants.</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 Season.</p>	

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
<p>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 a 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.</p> <p>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 that would require a high replacement cost.</p> <p>St. Theodosius own and operates the largest Orthodox Cemetery in the Greater Cleveland area (30 acres). The cemetery was founded at the beginning of the last century 1900. The cemetery employs two full-time employees and 3-4 seasonal employees. The Church secretary also functions as the bookkeeper and secretary for the cemetery. This last year we had to make considerable repairs and improvements to the facilities. We also had to replace and purchase some of our major equipment (new excavator, loader, dump truck). In spite of this we have been able to meet all expenses.</p> <p>The parish also owns and operates a large catering facility. This facility was built in 1974. It is 40 year old facility and also requires considerable up-keep and maintenance. Since the events of September 11, 2000, the revenue of the catering business has continued to decline. The parish is addressing the important issues of this facility. This causes some amount of stress since it deters our attention to issues not related to the mission of the Church.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
N/A

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		200	200
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance <small>Text</small>		135	140
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		130	130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		35	35-40
Number of Catechumens			1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	4
Funerals		4	9
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		9	
Adult Education/Number Participating		16	18

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St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church 2219 Summit Street Columbus, Ohio 43201	
Clergy	
Fr. Matthew Moriak, Rector Fr. Daniel Rentel, Retired, Attached Fr. Stephen Frase, Attached Fr. James Sizemore, Attached Fr. Dcn. Paul Mitchell	
Committees/Societies	
St. Elizabeth Group (outreach to sick and homebound), Community Outreach Program, Charities, Prayer Group, Book Club, Scholarship Committee	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
-Community Outreach expansion continues. Added a Sunday meal after Liturgy. Now serving four meals per week. -While continuing to raise funds for expansion project, have hired an architectural firm who are currently working on designs for the expansion. -2014 has been a year of "Focus on the Feasts" highlighting our Feast sponsorship program, as well as looking for new ways for our youth to be involved in celebrating the Feasts. We have also tied the Feasts into our Outreach program, by saving two of the five loaves blessed at Litya on the eve of Major Feasts for distribution during our outreach meals. This gives us an opportunity to live up to the prayer of the blessing, that the loaves be multiplied in the Church and the world.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-7% of all pledged income has gone to our Charities fund since our parish's founding. Charities continues to support people in need, amongst our parish family, the community, the Diocese, our Seminaries and throughout the world. -In addition to the weekly meals already highlighted, our community outreach offers a food pantry, as well as donated clothing and personal items to community members. There is also a strong bond between the parish and the community.	
Major Challenges Faced	
-The biggest challenge will always be our lack of parking, given our location near OSU.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
-The goal is a continued expansion of our Outreach program so we are serving at least one meal every day -We will continue raising funds and moving forward with our expansion program.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		104	102
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		120	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		110	110
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30-40	30-40
Number of Catechumens		5 (plus several inquirers)	5 (plus several inquirers)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4 (6 if dated back to last year's Assembly)	1
Funerals		0	1
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		Apprx. 40	Apprx. 40
Adult Education/Number Participating		Apprx. 25	Apprx. 25

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Nicholas The Wonderworker OCA Paris 191/203 King Ave Columbus, OH 43201	snwoca.org
Clergy	
V. Rev. Miroljub Ruzic	
Committees/Societies	
With the help of God, the Most Holy Ever-Virgin Theotokos, our Patron Saint St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and all of the Martyrs and Saints, we are steadfastly committed to preserving and safeguarding the Purity of our Holy Orthodox Faith in the midst of the growing universal apostasy. <i>"Behold, I am coming quickly. Keep on holding fast that which thou hast, in order that no one should take thy crown." (Rev. 3:11)</i>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are blessed with several myrrh-streaming Holy Icons - Full Liturgical cycle of the unabridged Services - A thorough study of the Holy Scripture and the Holy Fathers - Building a spiritual community in Orthophronima 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food for the poor 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Our 100 year old church building is in constant need of repairs. We have had huge expenses with the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repairing and painting some of the interior areas; new AC installation; new roof gables <p>Pending repairs and other expenses: Mortgage, church roof and some of the interior areas damaged by the roof leak, forthcoming winter heating expenses, insurance, and ongoing utility bills.</p>	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		15 <i>(Dues paying members)</i>	15 <i>(Dues paying members)</i>
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		50	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		35	45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20	25
Number of Catechumens		n/a	n/a
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	7
Funerals		3	3
Marriages		2	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	3
Church School/Number Enrolled		14	20
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	25

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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Feast day of the Church Family day picnic Lakewood Arts Fest Madison Ave food Festival 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 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Membership 2. Up keep of the Church building 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Oct 5, 2014 Annual Steak Roast Sept 6 2014 Madison Ave food Festival June 29 th 2015 the Feast day of the Church Family day picnic Aug 1, 2015 Lakewood Arts Fest Sept 6 2015 Madison Ave food Festival	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count	33	30	30
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	40	40	44
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	24	30	32
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	8	5	4
Number of Catechumens	3		
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	1	1	2
Funerals	2	1	2
Marriages	1	1	
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2		
Church School/Number Enrolled	7	3	2
Adult Education/Number Participating	4	5	5

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church 16029 Maple Park Drive Maple Heights, OH 44137	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Fr. Emilian D. Hutnyan	
Committees/Societies	
FOCA Senior Chapter FOCA Jr. Chapter Parish Council Choir Ministry Hall Rental Ministry Fish Fry Ministry Church Cleaning Ministry Lawn Maintenance Ministry Outreach Ministry	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>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). The facility opened in the summer of 2014 and we have begun to receive visitors to our Sunday Divine Liturgy. We welcome all and are excited about the opportunity to reach out to those who may not have a local church to attend. Residents are able to simply walk across the street and join us for services. This opens up a great opportunity for us all to share our faith and to welcome new members. Also, this is an opportunity for Fr. Emilian to reach out to others and minister to those who are in need. We will also begin to offer a delivery service to residents for our fish fry's.</p> <p>Continuation of our charitable events such as monthly charity collections, fund-raisers, and a gift card drive for the holidays. The gift cards were collected and given to our local Boy Scout troop who meets regularly in our hall. They worked with a local charity called "Ray's Kids" and presented them with the gift cards. We were able to meet with the charities organizers who informed us that the cards were distributed to local schools, where they worked with school officials to make sure they went to the</p>	

families who had the greatest need. He expressed the joy and tears that he saw when the kids were given the cards, and they were very appreciative. We will continue to work with this local charity for future events.

The third week of Lent each year, we host St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir. This is a joy for our parish. Each year we all look forward to them arriving and hosting the seminarians in parishioner's homes. This past year we were blessed to have His Grace Bishop Sabba, retired from Slavonia in Croatia in our presence and he awarded Fr. Emilian with a Palitza, and a wonderful pot luck dinner followed with lots of fellowship.

Outreach and Charitable Activities

Monthly Charity Collection

Parish Hall use for our local Boy Scout Troop and also we offer our hall several times a year at no charge to the City of Maple Heights. This past year we hosted the city and several State and Local Representatives as well as over 300 residents for a city meeting. At this meeting, Fr. Emilian received a recognition award for all of his hard work, and support and for always welcoming the city and being a friend. We also opened up our hall and assisted in a fundraiser for the City's Senior Center, where they raised over \$20,000.

We will also open up our hall to local church's to hold fundraising dinners at no charge.

We recently instituted a new policy for visitors who ask for money. Instead of just giving them cash, we offer a packet of helpful information with numbers for them to contact for help. We also offer to have them attend all services.

Major Challenges Faced

Recent loss of beloved long time parishioners.

Increasing number of parishioners as well as increasing stewardship.

We recently faced a theft at the church. We have been having an increasing number of visitors which we welcome, however recently after welcoming a lady and providing her with a bus pass, groceries, cash, and laundry money she returned to the church and stole a cell phone and cash. All parishioners now need to be very diligent and we need to be more aware of security i.e. locking doors when services are over, and keeping purses close by, and keeping office door locked.


Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

In spring of 2015 we are hosting St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary Choir, and will be celebrating Fr. Emilian's 25th year anniversary in the priesthood. We will be having a banquet, and will also be helping to support the seminarian families with donations received from our parishioners.

Plans will be underway this year to form a committee to begin planning for our 50th Anniversary which will take place in 2018.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		70	60
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		65	65
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		35	40-45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15-20	20
Number of Catechumens		2	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	3
Funerals		0	4
Marriages		1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		11	11
Adult Education/Number Participating		10	15

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Holy Assumption Orthodox Church 110 East Main Street Marblehead, Ohio 43440	
Clergy	
Archpriest David J. Lis, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Memorial Day Yard Sale Halupki Festival held in August Lighthouse Festival held in October These three activities are our major fund raisers that we use to augment the stewardship of our membership.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Danbury Food Pantry Ottawa County Holiday Bureau Heartbeat Pregnancy Center</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Our membership continues to dwindle due to the demographics of the resort area in which the parish is located. Real Estate is very expensive as are property taxes and there are very few job opportunities in the area that offer full time employment paying a living wage with benefits. This does not invite younger families into the area, and so all of the local churches have aging populations and continue to shrink.</p> <p>This of course makes exceptional stewardship demands on the remaining members, many of whom are retired and on fixed incomes. As a result, Holy Assumption Church had to draw from its savings to meet operating expenses for half of the 2014 fiscal year.</p> <p>This year's Halupki Festival, which is the parish's major fund raising effort, although doing well, fell short from last year's revenue numbers, and we will end the 2014 fiscal year with an expenses versus income deficit.</p>	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		29	23
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		29	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		15	18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		6	7
Number of Catechumens		5	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	0

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St Nicholas Orthodox Church 9650 Johnnycake Ridge Rd Mentor, OH 44060	
Clergy	
Very Reverend Fr Andrew Clements Subdeacon Leonard Heim	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Coffee Hour Womens Book Study Group Kitchen Crew (raises money for special projects) Cleaning Crew Grounds Crew	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Ten Converts for Pascha Complete Hall Renovation completed Grant Program initiated for outreach and ministry	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
St Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund Sponsors Lunches at Local Soup Kitchen Supports St Herman's House (Men's shelter, food provider) Supports Womensafe Shelter, Zoe for Life, inner parish charities	
Major Challenges Faced	
How to integrate newcomers, converts, etc into full parish participation	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		102	115
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		145	160
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		125	130
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	25
Number of Catechumens		2	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	3
Funerals		2	
Marriages		1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	7
Church School/Number Enrolled		55	60
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	40

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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 755 S Cleveland Ave Mogadore, OH 44260	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutzky Deacon 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 2013	
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 have Just completed phase 2 and 3 of our Church Iconography project. Mr. Ivan Rumyanstev completed frescos in the Altar and above the Iconostas that have tremendously enhanced the beauty of our temple.</p> <p>Our Long range planning committee together with parish council continue to prepare for our upcoming centennial in 2017.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>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.</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
The major challenge for our parish is growth and finance. Our recently implemented pledge 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 2014 to September 2015
2013 Something Russian Festival October 7 & 8 RBO Lodge #204 100 th Anniversary fall of 2014

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		149	144
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		135	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		125	115
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10-20	10-20
Number of Catechumens		3	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	1
Funerals		20	4
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		30	20
Adult Education/Number Participating		15	10


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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	
Rev. Fr. Alessandro Margheritino Rev. Dn. Michael Timko	
Committees/Societies	
Grounds management, Facilities, Church school, Women's fellowship, Community meal	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Participation in the Olmsted Falls Heritage Days Church beautification project initiated 2013-14: pantocrator commissioned and installed, new series of icons begun and individually sponsored (5 are completed), permanent installation of church bells, carpet replaced, all sanctuary chairs replaced, chair rails, paintings, parking lot expansion. Pierogi/Baking Sales and parish golf outing	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
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 Monthly charity collection that supports a variety of Orthodox and other local charities Sponsoring a room at the St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland Transitional Program that includes furnishing	

Major Challenges Faced
<p>Change of rector – after 14 years of Fr Michael Butler’s dedicated service, Fr Alessandro Margheritino became the acting rector on September 1, 2014.</p> <p>Creating a sense of community/fellowship; we are a very widely-spaced congregation. Outreach is not systematic.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>6 Oct 2014, 31st anniversary of the parish.</p> <p>Mobile Pantry events from the Cleveland Food Bank, distributing 10,000 lbs. of fresh produce each time to needy people in the community.</p>

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		94	95
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		97	98
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		85	85
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		21	21
Number of Catechumens		3	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	3
Funerals		1	1
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		25	25
Adult Education/Number Participating		16	13

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<p>Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 6822 Broadview Rd Parma, OH 44134</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Very Rev. Alexander Garklavs, Rector Very Rev. John Klembara, Attached Protodeacon Anthony Kall</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council, Church School, Choir, St Elizabeth Reading Group, Readers, Greeters Committee, Men's Club, Women's Club, LaCoupole Bookstore</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Hosting the First Open Forum of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America – October 20, 2013</p> <p>Celebration of the 50th Anniversary over the Weekend of November 3, 2013</p> <p>Spiritual Retreat with Fr. Thomas Hopko on May 24. 2014</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Monthly preparation of meals and serving them at the St. Herman House of Hospitality (a Pan-Orthodox ministry for homeless and hungry people in Cleveland).</p> <p>Hosting the annual community meal for the Parma Collaborative (a local community program for people in need).</p> <p>Church School outreach programs during Great Lent.</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
New members; maintenance issues to physical plant; viable vision for the next ten years.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
Celebrating Choir Director's 40 th Year in the Parish Hosting the 30 th Annual Easter Christian Seminar – October 10, 2014 Hosting the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 1, 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		168	168
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		125	130
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30	30
Number of Catechumens		2	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	1
Funerals		3	4
Marriages		1	4
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		27	29
Adult Education/Number Participating			TBA

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church 2220 Reeves Road NE Warren, OH 44483	
Clergy	
Fr. Jonathan H. Cholcher, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Sisterhood St. John's Society (teens) Icon Committee Choir	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Hosted the pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Sunday of Orthodoxy (Fr. Thomas Hopko, guest homilist); 2. Served eight Fish Dinners (4 in the Fall, 4 in the new year before Great Lent) with an average attendance of 350 patrons, the profits to be divided between our Icon and charitable projects; 3. Improved and expanded Parish information and outreach via the Parish website.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
1. Provided Food Boxes for needy families (23) at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Pascha; 2. Choir participation for the second year in an inter-Christian Choir festival; 3. Hosted Archimandrite Daniel Byantoro of the Indonesian Orthodox Church who spoke of the challenges posed by Islam and mission work in Indonesia; 4. Hosted the annual Warren pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School.	
Major Challenges Faced	
1. Meaningful education of children and youth; 2. Consistent member participation in services beyond Sunday; 3. Revitalization of the practice of Confession based on spiritual need, not bare obligation.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
1. Eastwood Mall Stand (month of October) 2. begin iconographic adornment of Temple	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		110 (85)	82
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		90	90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		80	80
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	15
Number of Catechumens		2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	0
Funerals		4	5
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		50	50

Indianapolis Deanery

Because the deanery parishes are few and far apart, we do not meet on any regular basis but have had a few teleconferences for all the clergy of the deanery. We had one such teleconference with Fr. Paul Gassios, Diocesan Administrator in early August.

The first dean of the Indianapolis Deanery and long time rector of St. John the Forerunner Church in Indianapolis, Fr. Joseph Gibson, has retired from active ministry as of September 30. We are all grateful for his years of service to his parish, the deanery and the Diocese. May God grant him many years in blessed retirement!

Fr. Ted Bobosh, Dean

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Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church 4285 Ashland Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45212	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Steven C. Kostoff	
Committees/Societies	
Kairos Prison Ministry St. Catherine Sisterhood	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Classes for three diaconal candidates in the Late Diaconal Program. Completion of a new Food Pantry used to support local neighborhood needs. Increased the size of our Kairos prison ministry	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Food Pantry open to local neighborhood needs. Annual support of a child at the San Miguel del Lago (formally the Hogar) in Guatemala. Collection for suffering children of Syria.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Attendance at non-Sunday services and events. Parishioners continue to “move in and out” of Cincinnati.	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

Youth retreat led by Antiochian Village visitors.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		141	144
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		115-120	120-125
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		90-100	95-100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10-20	10-20
Number of Catechumens		3	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	3
Funerals			
Marriages			2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		75	84
Adult Education/Number Participating		15-20	15-20

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Stephen the First Martyr 802 Whitlock Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933	
Clergy	
Rev. Joel Weir, Rector	
Committees/Societies	
Youth/Young Adult Group Church School	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>In October, our parish joined with our sister parish in town, Holy Transfiguration (ACROD) to celebrate the archpastoral visit from their bishop, Gregory of Nyssa. During His Grace's visit, he consecrated the ground of a new Orthodox cemetery at Holy Transfiguration. The cemetery has and continues to be a cooperative effort involving members of both parishes for the mutual use and blessing of the Orthodox community in our area.</p> <p>In April, we hosted a pizza/game night at the local Community Center. Along with participants from St. Stephens, and Holy Transfiguration, we welcomed over 40 mentors and kids from the local JUMP Mentor Program. The event was such a success that we are hosting a follow up at our parish in the fall.</p> <p>Our parish continues to grow steadily. A memorable moment was the reception of four new faithful members at Palm Sunday liturgy. This crowned a year of receiving regular visitors to our parish along with the baptism of three newborns through the year, with four more on the way!</p>	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<p>Weekly food donations to local food pantry.</p> <p>Youth Group visits local nursing home twice a month, providing music program and Bible Study for the residents</p> <p>JUMP (Youth Mentoring) Program Events in the fall and spring, hosted by our parish.</p> <p>Benevolence Fund has provided help for members of our greater community in need who have sought assistance.</p> <p>David Chronic, from Word Made Flesh Ministries, was the guest speaker at an event in August. He spoke about his work among the poor in Romania.</p> <p>Fr. Joel is involved in a local pastors group as well as Montcares, a group of representatives from local charities and faith communities.</p>
Major Challenges Faced
<p>We face the challenge of a growing parish with now limited space. This challenge has been partially dealt with through the building of the St. Maria House, which will serve as an extra classroom/fellowship space.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>Paul Abernathy (FOCUS Pittsburgh) will speak at our parish in early January.</p> <p>Lenten Speaker Series (Lent 2015)</p>

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		36	37
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		40	42
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		35	37
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		15	12
Number of Catechumens		3	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	4
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		7	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		15	15
Adult Education/Number Participating		10	7

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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Parish hosted in March a weekend Marriage Enrichment Seminar led by Fr. Timothy Pavlatos. Very well attended and received.</p> <p>Parish hosted a choir workshop led by Dave Drillock in February, several other parishes sent participants as well.</p> <p>The parish initiated some new adult education efforts, also very well attend and received.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>Parish allocates from its normal budget \$1800/month given to special charity projects. Additionally parish has collected and donated more than \$30,000 to various charity needs.</p> <p>Parishes continues to help serve lunches at St. Vincent de Paul. Parish has participated in Angel Tree project and other Christmas charity projects.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
Still in need of more space for the church school, adult education projects and other parish meetings.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Parish is hoping to do a Parent Enrichment weekend.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		130	130
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		120	120
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		100	100
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		7	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		9	4
Funerals		4	2
Marriages		1	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		5	4
Church School/Number Enrolled		43	45
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	35

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St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Church 1421 S. Blaine Ave. – Church 1621 W. Howard St. – Mailing Address Indianapolis, IN 46221		
Clergy		
Priest Zachariah Trent - Rector Archpriest Joseph Gibson – Associate Priest Priest David Maroney - Attached Subdeacon Peter Rentsch Subdeacon Luke Seraphim Beecham		
Committees/Societies		
Book Corner Ministry	Childrens Education Ministry	
Benevolence Ministry	Worship and Liturgical Ministry	
Hospitality Ministry	Buildings and Grounds Ministry	
Adult Education Ministry	Parish Life Ministry	
Finance Ministry	St. John's Camp Ministry	
Library Ministry		
Since October 2013		
Highlights of Top Three Activities		
Five week discussion/teaching on the <u>Great Lent</u> on Wednesday evenings during the preparatory weeks before the Lenten season.		
Five week teaching on the Acts of the Apostles during the weeks following the Ascension.		
Group attendance at an Indianapolis Indians baseball game which benefitted our neighborhood community center. 56 of our parishioners and family participated. A two part challenge was issued to the congregation. If 25 tickets were sold Fr. Zachariah and Subdeacon Luke would have to perform a song and dance number during coffee hour. If 50 tickets were sold, Subdeacon Luke would have his head shaved. The challenge was met and the punishment has been meted out.		
Outreach and Charitable Activities		
Weekly collections for the Community food pantry.		
Neighborhood kids day to reach out to neighborhood children. Foods is provided along with activities and music. The aim is simply to show the love of Christ to those around us.		
Major Challenges Faced		
Despite the fact that we have moved into our new temple, we had continued to use the basement of the old Church building for a fellowship hall. During the harsh winter the old building which had been deteriorating for some took a fatal blow with frozen pipes and flooding making the building uninhabitable. We were compelled to move our coffee hour and our Paschal Celebration to our annex building. The space is cramped but we are thankful that we had an option. With the writing of this report, the old Church is being demolished and if it is God's will we can look toward the construction of a parish hall in the near future.		
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015		
Celebration of the ministry of Archpriest Joseph Gibson upon the occasion of his retirement from active ministry – To be determined.		

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		107	93
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		75	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		65	65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		12	15
Number of Catechumens		2	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	2
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		6	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		17	24
Adult Education/Number Participating		N/A	20


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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Relay for Life – St Thomas booth Harvest Party at the Fadil's Lenten Retreat held by Fr. Silviu Bunta	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Prison ministry at Miami Correctional Facility Relay for Life	
Major Challenges Faced	
High unemployment	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		21	22
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		33	29
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		28	26
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		9	10
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	4
Funerals			1
Marriages			
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		4	4
Adult Education/Number Participating		9	9

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ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR MISSION 3560 SHAWNEE RD LIMA OH 45806	
Clergy	
V.REV.DR. MARK HODGES, PRIEST IN CHARGE	
Committees/Societies	
WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP PORN/SEX ADDICTION GROUP BUILDING MINISTRY CHARITIES COMMITTEE SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATING COMMITTEE YOUTH GROUP GREETERS MINISTRY INTERCESSOR MINISTRY HOLY BREAD / WINE / HOSPITALITY / INTERIOR CLEANING MINISTRIES	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
COOKIE WALK ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE PASCHA	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOOD DRIVES FOR DIFFERENT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CHRISTMAS FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS OPEN GATE MINISTRY TO THE NEEDY NURSING HOME VISITATION GROUP PRISON VISITATION MINISTRY CHARITY DRIVES FOR LOCAL THRIFT SHOP HOSTING VARIOUS CLERGY ASSOCIATIONS' MEETINGS	

Major Challenges Faced
<p>FINANCIAL –still not able to support full time priest</p> <p>EVANGELISM –establishing OCF chapters at area colleges</p> <p>BUILDING –need an office and social area, as well as Sunday School rooms</p> <p>MID-WEEK SERVICE –not well attended</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>CONFERENCE 2015 –T.B.A.</p> <p>MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C. JAN. 2015</p>

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		28 adults/13 children	33 adults (10 adults tithing – that’s five households; an additional two households give and two more households make a rare token donation) /16 youth
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		39	41
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		20 adults, 13 children	24 adults, 15 children
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		13	12
Number of Catechumens		4	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2 adult baptisms, 2 adult chrismations, 4 children baptized	One (plus three next month)
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		Just the 2 adult chrismations	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		4	7
Adult Education/Number Participating		4	3

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October 7, 2014
Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Dean


- Dn. Joel Wilson was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Alexander on December 8, 2013 at St. Thomas Church in Springfield, MO
- Fr. Peter Bodnar, recently retired, has moved to Marshfield, MO.
- The Dean and Chancellor met with the Mission in Quincy, IL on June 2, 2014. They also met with the St. Louis Clergy earlier that day.
- The Dean met with the clergy in Southwest Missouri on August 26, 2014.
- The Dean served Divine Liturgy, along with many visiting clergy, for Founders Day at Presentation Monastery in Marshfield, MO on September 20, 2014.

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Theotokos “Unexpected Joy” Orthodox Mission	
Clergy	
Fr. Moses Berry Hierodeacon Theodore Niklasson, attached	
Committees/Societies	
Building Committee Sunday School Committee St. Xenia Guild	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Visit of Hawaiian Iveron Icon Purchase of icons of St. Peter the Aleut, Mat. Olga Construction of addition to altar	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Support of local foodbank, indigents	
Major Challenges Faced	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		39 (including non-supporting)	25 (45 Total)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		35	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		28	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		3	3
Number of Catechumens		1	3
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		5	2
Funerals			1
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		6	10
Adult Education/Number Participating			

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St James, Brother of the Lord Mission St Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church 310 North 72nd Street Kansas City, Kansas 66112	
Clergy	
Fr Michael Medis, Fr Christopher Rowe, Fr Radomir Chkautovich.	
Committees/Societies	
None.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Sunday Divine Liturgies serviced by clergy.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Sunday Divine Liturgies serviced by clergy.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Aging congregation Financial Challenges Resources often below critical mass	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
St Archangel Michael's Slava Celebration by both communities November 16, 2014.	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		10	6
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	*JOINTLY WITH SERBIANS*	*15	*15
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		11	8
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		3	0
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0

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St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church 1235 Iowa St. Lawrence, KS 66044	
Clergy	
Fr. Joshua Lollar	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bp. Alexander was with us for the eve of our parish feast day in 2013. 2. Joint service project with KU and Omaha OCF groups at Reconciliation Services in Kansas City. 3. Fr. Joshua was on the planning committee for a multi-faith social justice ministry in Lawrence 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
KU OCF; LINK (soup kitchen); Reconciliation Services (Kansas City)	
Major Challenges Faced	
Lawrence is a fairly transient community, so we've experienced quite a bit of turnover in our parish community in the last three years.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
December 6 – Patronal Feast Day	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		15 Families	14 Families
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		35	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		20-25	20
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		5-10	5-10
Number of Catechumens		3	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2 infant, 1 adult
Funerals			2
Marriages			1 (crowning)
Receptions into Orthodoxy			1
Church School/Number Enrolled			
Adult Education/Number Participating		5-10	4-6


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St John of Kronstadt Church 2800 Holdridge Lincoln, Nebraska 68503	
Clergy	
<p>Fr James Dank</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>St. Martha and Mary Guild Fr. Arseny Society Building Committee Catacomb Bookstore</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Pot luck dinners after every Sunday after Divine Liturgy. Community building, Building Committee has work hard and have developed a plan for the expansion of our church temple, offices, church hall, and Sunday School. The first phase was the purchase of the property to the north and the east of the church. The property was purchased in 2011 for \$68,000 the loan will be payed off in two months. Next phase will be two hire a architect to draw the plans for the renovation and expansion of the current temple to meet our needs.</p> <p>Catacomb Bookstore and coffee house. This is our major venue for outreach in our parish, Bible study every Monday night at the church.</p> <p>Healing service open to the public ever third Wednesday of the month.</p>	

Outreach and Charitable Activities
<p>Catacomb Bookstore and coffee house. This is our major venue for outreach in our parish.</p> <p>Bible study every Monday night at the church.</p> <p>Healing service open to the public ever third Wednesday of each month.</p>
Major Challenges Faced
<p>Keeping our income up, due to people relocating for work.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		47	41
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		75	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		?	50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		25	20
Number of Catechumens			
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		?	6
Funerals		1	0
Marriages			0
Receptions into Orthodoxy			2
Church School/Number Enrolled			12
Adult Education/Number Participating			15-20


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Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 416 Ewing Avenue Madison, IL 62060	
Clergy	
Rev. Father Nicholas Finley	
Committees/Societies	
Society of Myrhhbearing Women (Sisterhood) Senior O' Club (FOCA)	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating request to review and change parish by-laws to reflect current practice (still in progress) • Parish voted to support Priest and his family to earn a housing allowance in order to purchase a home and move out of the Rectory • Increased Liturgical observances to include celebration of the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, August 2014, as well as the upcoming celebration of St. John Kuchurov, October 2014 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped with food, clothing and gifts for Christmas Holiday for area needy • Choir caroled at Christmas time by request, included a visit to a nursing facility to carol for a long time parishioner who is a resident at the home and can no longer make it to Church • Continue to help financially and with food and clothing donations to area needy as they contact the church asking for help. 	
Major Challenges Faced	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50th Anniversary of the “New” Church Building this coming year. 			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		68	68
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		59	59
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		55	55
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	4
Funerals		2	1
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		20	20
Adult Education/Number Participating		5	3

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Holy Trinity 11901 Pflumm Rd. Overland Park, KS 66213 www.holy-trinity-church.org	
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, 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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Alexander led the Fr. John Platko Memorial Thanksgiving Retreat on December 7, 2013 and 13 students completed our first class of the Midwest Vocations Program. • New icons (Dormition, St. John of San Francisco, St. Nikolai of Zhicha, St. Innocent of Alaska and St. Raphael of Brooklyn) were installed in September, 2014. • A young man from the parish painted and re-organized the outdoor shed at the parish for his Eagle Scout project. 	
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 in Kansas City, MO • Collections are taken throughout the year to help those affected by tragedies or other difficult situations. During Great Lent and after Pascha we highlighted Missions each Sunday. (IOCC, Project Mexico, Midwest Vocations Program, OCMC, Indonesia, Kansas City Deanery Missions, Parish Ministries, Ethiopian Orphanage • Monthly financial support to our Missions in Rolla, MO and Lawrence, KS and also to Reconciliation Services in Kansas City, MO 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of classroom space • Parishioners living a great distance from the church 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

- Presbytera Iulia Curtright will be leading the Fr. John Platko Memorial Thanksgiving Retreat on November 22, 2014.
- 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 for Labor Day weekend 2015.
- A young man from the parish is building a picnic pavilion on the church grounds for his Eagle Scout project.

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		155	154
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		150	150
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		125	125
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		30-35	30
Number of Catechumens		6	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		10	4
Funerals		3	0
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		4	3
Church School/Number Enrolled		73	85
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	30

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Christian Mission 611 Hampshire P.O. Box 115 Quincy, Illinois 62306-0115	
Clergy	
Fr Thaddeus retired last fall but he and both Fr Nicholas Finley and Fr Andrew Moulton have been taking turns ministering to us. Fr Basil Aden and Fr Daniel Hickman have also both served in the last year.	
Committees/Societies	
~ Woman's Group does fundraising thru Etsy. ~ 1 member is in the diocesan catechism and vocational deacon program	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
~ The corporate worship of God. In spite of our lack of full time clergy, we have been holding regular services at least twice each week. ~ Father Thaddeus and Matushka Sally returned for Holy Week services. ~ 1 member attended the Small Parish Forum in OH	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
~ We maintain a charity fund that is used for those in our neighbourhood that are in need. ~ 2 members are having monthly readers vespers in Jacksonville (60 miles away) with an average attendance of 13.	
Major Challenges Faced	
~ A majority of our services in 2014 have been reader's services. ~ A few long standing members of the parish have left in the wake of Father's retirement. ~ Our storefront space has served us well but there's strong interest within the parish in buying a free standing building to convert into a temple. We've looked at several quite different options with financing (down payment especially) being the main barrier. ~ Increasing membership.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
~ Our Dean is visiting for our annual meeting in October. ~ One member has received the blessing of Bishop Alexander to serve as an iconographer.	


	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		18	14
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance (<i>includes Obednitsa's</i>)		22	19
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		Most of 22	Most of those in attendance
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance (<i>includes Wed night readers vespers</i>)		5	7
Number of Catechumens		none	none
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4	1
Funerals		2	0
Marriages		2	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		none	10
Adult Education/Number Participating		Most of 18	0

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Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Mission 601 Kingshighway / PO Box 171 Rolla, MO 65401 / Rolla, MO 65402	
Clergy	
Fr. Joel Wilson	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Getting established Adding a weekday Liturgy Renovating new space for worship	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Participation in "Celebration of Nations" annual festival in Rolla Hosting of Hawaii Myrhh-streaming Icon of the Theotokos Upcoming spiritual retreat	
Major Challenges Faced	
Consistency of attendance Financial strain Ethnic and language barriers	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
October 2014 - Spiritual retreat with Fr. Sergius, Abbot of St. Tikhon's October 2014 - Relocation to new chapel space December 2014 - 1 year since first Liturgy as a priest	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		0	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		0	~20
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		0	~10
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		0	3
Number of Catechumens		0	10
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH	
Clergy	
FATHER CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS	
Committees/Societies	
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – MS. HELEN ALLEN	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY EVENINGS ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY – PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY COFFEE AND LIGHT LUNCH HOSPITALITY HOUR FOLLOWING LITURGY	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
FOCUS GATEWAY CITY	
Major Challenges Faced	
MAJOR ROOF REPAIR REGULAR ATTENDANCE TO SERVICES OTHER THAN DIVINE LITURGY	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
PEROGIE WORKSHOP ST. MICHAEL'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		24	24
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		12	14
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		N/A	8
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		6	6
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		2	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		6	6

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St Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church 4200 S. Holiday Ave Springfield, Mo 65810	
Clergy	
Fr. Andrew Moore Fr. Peter Bodnar	
Committees/Societies	
Festival Building Mission Altar Grounds/Maintenance Library	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Worship and Catechumenate Ed Property purchase Festival Outreach	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Major Challenges Faced	
Growth Issues 1. Limited space for worship and fellowship 2. Changing expectations moving from small community to serving a larger number of people 3. Establish a youth Ed program	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count			48
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance			75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants			--
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance			--
Number of Catechumens			33
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			9
Funerals			0
Marriages			3
Receptions into Orthodoxy			--
Church School/Number Enrolled			--
Adult Education/Number Participating			--

REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN DEANERY TO THE 53rd ASSEMBLY OF
THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

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 Orthodox Detroit Outreach (ODO) which is now the FOCUS North America Center in Detroit. 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 Cathedral Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul in Detroit has been dealt another blow with the loss of serving priest Fr. Alexandru Partioc due to a stroke. Please join us as we pray for his recovery. Supply clergy and Sunday reader services have kept a nominal Liturgical life active for the parish. Please note, despite all of the community's difficulties, the growing outreach and ministry to Detroit's southwest side described in the Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral parish report.

Mission outreach to the greater Kalamazoo area through the work of Fr. Evangelos Pepps from Holy Ascension in Albion is nearing its first anniversary. Please see his report in the packet.

With gratitude for his service over the past three years we bid farewell to Fr. John Wehling of Holy Transfiguration in Livonia who has taken a parish and mission station on the Diocese of the South. We also welcome Fr. Michael Butler as the new rector for the parish.

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 PO Box 367 810 Austin Av. Albion, MI 49224	
Clergy	
Fr Joshua Frigerio, rector. Fr. Deacon John Wesner. Fr Angelo Pepps (attached).	
Committees/Societies	
n/a	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities.	
Mid-August annual Orthodox Family Camp a success. Another Seminarian ordained to priesthood.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Fr. Angelo is trying to get a mission off the ground in Kalamazoo, 45 minutes to our west. OCF activities in neighboring schools. Lots of participation in the life of nearby Holy Dormition Monastery.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Old building upkeep. Sin.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
n/a	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		38	43
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		55	60?
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		40	45?
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20	20?
Number of Catechumens		4	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4	2
Funerals		1	1
Marriages		0	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		2	7
Church School/Number Enrolled		n/a	8
Adult Education/Number Participating		8	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	
Holy Trinity Brotherhood	
Protection of the Virgin Mary Sisterhood	
Holy Trinity Choir	
Holy Trinity Church School	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Hosted the Miraculous Icon of the Righteous Anna Hosted Lenten Vespers Svc on behalf of the Council of Orthodox Christian Church's of Metro Detroit (COCC). Annual Parish Picnic.....enjoyed by all! Annual Pascha Bread Baking	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Feeding the homeless in Detroit in conjunction with the Orthodox Detroit Outreach at Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) location.....Food prep and downtown on sight food distribution. Church School fund raising for charity (souper bowl luncheon) ...children help choose public charity and funds for our own needy parishioners. Choir/singer participation in benefit concerts.....Orthodox Choir of Metro Detroit....last benefit was for Zoe for Life. Orthodox Christian Prison Ministryparish funds allocated to this ministry for local correspondence to prisonersalso meetings are now starting to be held at the parish. Ongoing parish project of .weekly collection of donated clothing and canned goods..... Our Sisterhood preparing and hosting meals directly to the homeless at our sister parish SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on behalf of the Orthodox Detroit Outreach (ODO).	

Inquirers / adult church education class
Major Challenges Faced
<p>City of Detroit being an economically hard hit area resulting in high unemployment, youth leaving state for jobs, decrease in parish donations.</p> <p>Parish basement hall was flooded causing massive damage....in process of rebuilding....</p> <p>Lack of manpower.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>Hosting Miraculous Icon of the Righteous Anna along with a Nativity Fast Retreat over Thanksgiving weekend.</p> <p>Scheduled stop for the Detroit Historical Society Tour Busthis is one event of the year 2015 celebrating our 100th year parish anniversary.</p> <p>Annual Protection of the Virgin Mary Sisterhood Banquet.</p> <p>Annual Parish Picnic.</p>

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		58	58
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		70	60
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		80	65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	8
Number of Catechumens		0	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		2	2
Funerals		6	10
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		24	22
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	8

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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 and is currently recovering from a stroke. Parish continues Sunday worship with a Reader's Service supplemented by area supply priests when available.</p> <p>V. Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky, Dean and administrator</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Parish Council Ladies Altar Guild Community Outreach & Charity Choir</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering into our sixth year without an assigned priest, parishioners are committed to ensure weekly worship services and maintain a presence in the City of Detroit, meeting the challenges that go with that commitment. • Partnering with Detroit community groups to provide a place for charity, outreach, community gardening, a Head Start School, and facility rentals which meet the needs of a mostly low income and diverse neighborhood. • A concerted effort by a few able bodied parishioners to maintain the large infrastructure and debt affiliated with it. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a weekly meal for the homeless and needy at the parish hall; food and clothing 	

<p>distribution, and fellowship. Coordinated through affiliation with FOCUS Detroit/Orthodox Detroit Outreach. Engaging Orthodox Christians and other volunteers from the wealthier suburbs to come to Detroit and serve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual “Cookies with Santa”, “Waffles and Wabbits”, and Thanksgiving luncheon for the children enrolled in the onsite Head Start school, neighborhood children & their families. • Partnering with “Keep Growing Detroit” growing a Community garden on lots owned by the parish • Occasional collections for charities or local needs. • Active participation in SW Detroit neighborhood group & SW Detroit Pastor’s Association to build relationships within the community. • Partnership with Detroit Kitchen Connect, providing space for small food entrepreneurs, actively promoting Detroit’s renewal which has increased media attention to church
<p>Major Challenges Faced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding and funding priest who has a “calling” for urban ministry. • Decreased parish core membership & the challenge of attracting people to inner city church where there is no assigned priest. • Paying down both long and short term debt. • An aging infrastructure that that is increasingly difficult to maintain with current limited financial resources. • Minimal liturgical schedule due to lack of assigned priest. • Increasing visibility and activity in an impoverished, diverse urban neighborhood.
<p>Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2013 to September 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating 107 years in Detroit, the oldest Orthodox Parish in Michigan. • Plan to increase liturgical schedule to include bimonthly Saturday Divine liturgy • Plan to increase liturgical schedule to include Lenten services in spring 2015 by partnering with a sister Orthodox parish

	As of September 1, 2013	As of September 1, 2014	
Supporting Membership Count	49	36	
	January 1 thru September 1, 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014	
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	25	20	
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	20	20	
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	n/a	n/a	
Number of Catechumens	0	0	
	January 1 thru September 1, 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014	
Baptisms	0	0	
Funerals	3	3	
Marriages	0	1	
Receptions into Orthodoxy	0	0	
Church School/Number Enrolled	<5	<5	
Adult Education/Number Participating	n/a	n/a	

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St. Demetrius Orthodox Church 3043 Seymour Road Jackson, MI 49201	
Clergy	
Archpriest Fr. Dusan Koprivica	
Committees/Societies	
Sisterhood	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Relay for Life 24 hour Cancer Walk raised over \$7500 Prison to Paradise Bus tours (We have the prison bus tours stop at our church and we give them icon tour of church and baklava) 12 tours Help Dormition Monastery with meals and serving for their Feastday.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Help with Monastery Relay for Life Right to Life, Donated icon cards for their fundraising dinner Prison ministry	
Major Challenges Faced	
To bring in new parishioners	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			
Fr. Dusan celebrating 25 years as a priest December 19, 2014			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count	51	51	49
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	55	55	55
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	50	50	50
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	10	10	10
Number of Catechumens	1	5	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	2	5	2
Funerals	2	3	9
Marriages	0	0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	2	3	5
Church School/Number Enrolled	21	21	19
Adult Education/Number Participating	12	12	12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
Holy Ascension (Albion)'s Transfigure outreach to greater Portage, MI	
Clergy	
Fr. Evangelos (Angelo) Pepps	
Committees/Societies	
Choir and (starting Oct. 1) Outreach Committee - see below	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>1) Had a very uniting 3rd Sunday of Paska with Mother Makrina of Holy Dormition Monastery (Rives Junction): a) Speaking on "The Myrrh-bearing women as our models to love people into God's kingdom" & b) Fellowshiping with many (16?) during pot luck</p> <p>2) Our http://transfigure.us/ website is improved and helping guide people to the life in Christ. Of special assistance is the http://transfigure.us/church-needs-survey/ that gives us people's needs, wants and honest feedback.</p> <p>3) Our upcoming Wed, Oct. 1 "<i>How to grow a mission</i>" mini-workshop w Deacon John (Wesner)</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>1) Occasional weekday liturgies seems to be greatly appreciated esp., by two families who normally attend Albion on Sundays</p> <p>2) Now twice weekly ministering at Tendercare rehabilitation/nursing home, Portage, MI</p> <p>3) A very successful and moving March tour with Deacon John (Wesner) and three teenager assistants that included Lenten Vespers, a talk by Fr. Evangelos on "Transfiguring Life in Christ" and fellowship with residents of the local shelter, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission</p> <p>4) Twice weekly ride returning Sarah Graham, our blind catechumen student back to WMU</p> <p>5) Occasional talks to the Kalamazoo Russian Cultural Association</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
Much commitment of any sort.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Regular outreach on the WMU campus, some guest speakers we hope to have, ministry again at the Gospel Mission, Christmas caroling at Tendercare (Portage) and other nursing homes, Prison....	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count	na	na	5
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	na	na	7
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	na	na	5
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance	na	na	4
Number of Catechumens	na	na	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms	na	na	0
Funerals	na	na	0
Marriages	na	na	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	na	na	0
Church School/Number Enrolled	na	na	0
Adult Education/Number Participating	na	na	4

Respectfully submitted Sept. 2, 2014 after being approved by Fr. Joshua
in Christ,

fr. Evangelos (Angelo) Pepps


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Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 W 7 Mile Rd Livonia, MI 48152	
Clergy	
Archpriest Michael Butler (assigned 1 Sept 2014) Protodeacon Jacob Frimenko	
Committees/Societies	
Our council is organized by ministries with a representative from each ministry on the council, as well as a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
--Annual cookie walk brings together multiple generations from within the parish and connects us to the community -- Began a prison ministry. -- Provide monthly meals to the neighborhood at SS Peter & Paul Church, Detroit.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
-- Kits for the homeless are distributed monthly through St Dominic's, Detroit. -- Parish works with Orthodox Detroit Outreach on feeding the homeless. -- Parish is in process of establishing a chapter of ZOE For Life for the Detroit area.	
Major Challenges Faced	
--Ongoing iconography project to finish. Altar, ground and mezzanine levels almost completed (12 year program). -- Recent heavy rains exposed a major leak in the main cupola with attendant damage to the iconography.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
30 th anniversary of the parish in August, 2015.	

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	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		179	163
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	August 31, 2013 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		NA	135
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		NA	NA
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		35	NA
Number of Catechumens		2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	August 31, 2013 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		3	4
Funerals		2	1
Marriages		3	2
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		48	
Adult Education/Number Participating		20	

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St. Mark Orthodox Church, 400 West Hamlin Road Rochester Hills, MI 48307	
Clergy	
V. Rev. Andrew Yavornitzky 3710 Alida avenue Rochester Hills, MI 48309	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Men's Fellowship Various working ministry groups	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual Ministries Fair for recruitment and enrollment for work below Created an in parish grant program for funding parishioner ministry initiatives Summer Vacation Church School	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
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; bi-monthly 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; 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; support to local Crossroads Pregnancy center; numerous charitable and outreach individual parishioner activities nurtured by the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish; two "Outside Speaker" events 1) Fr. John Bethancourt of Santa Fe, NM on spiritual life and 2) Alexis Liberovsky, OCA Archivist, narrated a photo history of the American Mission through the current OCA	

Major Challenges Faced			
Incorporating the new members while respecting the older ones			
Transitioning in general			
Improving education programs; increasing adult involvement in ongoing learning			
Greater Liturgical participation			
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015			
35 th Anniversary of founding – Forgiveness Sunday, 2015			

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		115	120
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		c.110 (seasonally 80-140)	c. 115 (seasonally 80-145)
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		c. 85% of attendees	80%-85% of attendees
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10-15	10-15
Number of Catechumens		4	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		4	2
Funerals		1 (non parishioner)	1 member 1 non member
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		3	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		41	31
Adult Education/Number Participating		c.20	c.20

Minneapolis Deanery Report
Archpriest Paul Wesche, District Dean

Beyond the information given in the parish reports, the following are noteworthy:


St Nicholas parish in Chisholm, MN has been *de facto* closed for several years, but not *de jure*. Although a petition to close St Nicholas and to hand all assets over to the Diocese was submitted to the Diocesan bishop several years ago (2009 or so), that petition has not been acted on by the bishop because the members of St Nicholas parish did not wish to see the Church become a building used for secular purposes. In this state of ecclesiastical limbo, the Diocesan Bishop and District Dean have been discussing options with former members of St Nicholas. With their consent, the Diocese has retained the services of Morbey and Olsen Law Firm to form them into a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. That process will be completed within the next year. At that time, the Diocese will hand the church building over to the newly formed tax exempt organization, with the stipulation that the building be used only for ecclesial purposes subject to the consent of the Diocesan Bishop and retaining the right of first refusal. By this arrangement, the Diocese is released from all legal liabilities, and St Nicholas is protected from secular use.

On other fronts in the Minneapolis Deanery, Holy Myrrhbearers in St Cloud was reconstituted last year as a chapel, attached to the altar of St Herman's in South Minneapolis. Christ the Savior mission in Anoka, MN, was closed by His Grace Bp Alexander in December. St Andrew's Chapel in Minocqua, WI was closed in June. Holy Cross mission in Chisago City, MN has petitioned to be closed as of November 1, 2014.

The need for Deanery sponsored activities in the Minneapolis deanery is significantly mitigated by a very active inter-jurisdictional Orthodox clergy association, the Minnesota Eastern Orthodox Christian Clergy Association. The purpose of MEOCCA is to manifest the unity of the Orthodox Church that transcends the current "uncanonical" division of Orthodoxy in America. Under the umbrella of MEOCCA, the summer camp program for the youth, run by clergy and laity representing all the jurisdictions in the Twin Cities area, is one of the largest in the country. A Fall and Spring catechism class, taught each week by a different priest (or deacon) from the different "MEOCCA" parishes, has been very popular and well attended since its inception 15 years ago or so. These activities and ministries, as well as others, such as MEOCCA endorsed FOCUS MN, lectures and retreats endorsed or sponsored by MEOCCA throughout the year, and Lenten Sunday Vespers served each Sunday at a different "MEOCCA" parish, have produced in the Twin Cities area a strong 'koinonia' and the sense of functioning as one jurisdiction.

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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Dinner for the poor at FOCUS of Minneapolis (about 90 minutes' drive from the church) drew about 33% of our parish as helpers. Vacation Bible School (Topic: Serving others) Beautiful worship led by beautiful choir, and blessed to have 2 qualified, joyful directors	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Donated over 1000 pounds of food to local food pantry in the past year Line-item numerous charities throughout year Hosted free dinner open to all area senior citizens (about 50 attended)	
Major Challenges Faced	
Finances! Major expenses on steeple and rectory repairs, using up substantial savings General fund very tight Priest works a second job in order to remain at the parish	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Harvest Festival and Dinner every September	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		66	66
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		75	75
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		65	65
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		4	3
Number of Catechumens		0	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	3
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		28	25
Adult Education/Number Participating		40	40

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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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong financial growth; maturation of stewardship program. • Weekly Matins with children reading the psalter and chanting the responses. • Christmas program organized by young adults through the Ephesus School. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the Bible as Literature Podcast, a weekly program of the Ephesus School which reflects on Scripture and its implications for daily life. The program had an average 400 downloads per day in 2014. • 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. This year, we raised \$1000 of assistance for the tribe. • In addition to maintaining a small food shelf in Eagan, St. Elizabeth parishioners continue to be extremely active in Focus Minnesota. 	
Major Challenges Faced	

Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
Annual Parish Dinner

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		45	45
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		40	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		40	40
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		10	10
Number of Catechumens		0	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	2
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		4	3 (moved to Germany)
Church School/Number Enrolled		10	18
Adult Education/Number Participating		10	30

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Holy Resurrection Orthodox Mission Church 1604 52nd Ave South Fargo, ND 58104	
Clergy	
Priest Oliver Herbel	
Committees/Societies	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Holy Resurrection has experienced three changes this past year. First, a change in demographics. Some members moved out of the area while a couple others joined. This year, however, the number joining do not equal the number lost. Our friends who moved away will most definitely be missed. Second, we have moved into a building. This is a huge step for us as a parish but one we believe will help our mission in many ways. We agreed to rent the building for a couple months and are scheduled to close on September 30th. Finally, we have begun serving meals on a regular basis at the local Dorothy Day House. This ministry has been a blessing to our parish. We anticipate an exciting year ahead.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Serving meals at Dorothy Day House	

Major Challenges Faced
More people moved away than joined the parish and the financial challenge of obtaining a building.
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		24	20
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		35	40
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		20	30
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		5	0
Number of Catechumens		2	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	3
Funerals		1	1
Marriages		1	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		8	10
Adult Education/Number Participating		6	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 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Pot-luck Dinners to celebrate feast days (Pre-Lenten; Pentecost; Pre-Advent) Church School; September- May Christmas Church School program with congregational singing of carols	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Support of Seminarian family at St. Vladimir's Provide needs for local family at Christmas On-going communication with shut-ins and Seniors (cards, visits, gifts, food, etc) Food pantry collections Monetary Donations to various local and Orthodox charities	
Major Challenges Faced	
44% of parish members – 80 years+ 30% of members drive 50+ miles Few younger families and children Lack of adequate economy in area Few families/ Individuals seeking Orthodoxy No Annual Dinner in 2014; Less parishioners able to help Lower monetary collections / less available funding for Church Maintenance and upkeep of Church and Rectory	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
107 years as established Church	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		39	36
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		35	30
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		30	25
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		5	5
Number of Catechumens		2	
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms			
Funerals		2	1
Marriages			1
Receptions into Orthodoxy			
Church School/Number Enrolled		10	10
Adult Education/Number Participating		30	25

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St Herman's Orthodox Church 5355 38th Ave So Minneapolis, MN 55417	
Clergy	
Archpriest Paul Wesche	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council Various "teams" to address needs of the parish; e.g., grounds, interior cleaning & maintenance, sacristan/candles, greeters, finance, etc.	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction (July 29 – July 31) Wedding of Nicholas Wesche and Jocelyn Simone Long (high school sweethearts)	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular participation in the local FOCUS chapter: serving meals on assigned evenings, helping with the FOCUS Clothes Closet and Food Shelf. • Donations collected quarterly for four charities: Holy Dormition Monastery, OCMC, IOCC, FOCUS MN • Monthly donations to our seminarian up to his graduation from St Tikhon's and parish assignment • Donations to SOS. 	
Major Challenges Faced	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and practicing Orthodox Christian soteriology. • Increasing involvement in the Church School program • Getting parishioners to understand the importance of observing the sacrament of confession on a regular basis – more than just the obligatory once a year. • Helping penitents in the sacrament of confession whose issues are way beyond my competence. • Upgrading landscaping • Addressing (and funding) building repair and maintenance issues • Funding the needed remodeling of our kitchen. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
Annual Mittel European Dinner (Nov 1) Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Dormition Monastery (July 28 – July 30)	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		41	40
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		51	55
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		43	45
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		20	22
Number of Catechumens		5	1
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		6	3
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		1	3
Receptions into Orthodoxy		5	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		@18	@15
Adult Education/Number Participating		@34	@30

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St Mary's Cathedral 1701 Fifth Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55413	
Clergy	
<p>Archpriest Andrew Morbey, Dean; Priest Benjamin Tucci, associate; Priest Richard Flom attached; Archpriest Gregory Krutchek, attached; Priest Nicholas Hubbard, attached; Archpriest Myron Manzuk, retired; Archpriest Eugene Tarris, retired; Archpriest Gregory Grivna, retired; Protodeacon Mark Griffin, attached; Deacon David Kostick, attached; Deacon Gregory Krutchek, attached; Deacon Jason Ketz, attached; Deacon Alexey Dupay, attached; Protodeacon Theodore Rose, attached.</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Women's Club, Men's Club, FOCA, Saints (Junior FOCA), Veteran's, Visitation Committee, Missions Committee, Library, Taste of Northeast Festival Committee, Olive Shoot Cathedral Shop, Church School, Bible Study, Adult Education; Perohe group, Seniors, Wednesday work group, etc...</p>	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Visit of Bishop Alexander Participation in Russian Museum of Art exhibit (November through March) with objects and didactics concerning St Mary's. Major Fund-raising program for parishioners in medical crisis, leading to establishment of not for profit pan-Orthodox medical crisis support organization. Many more major / good things! (Not to mention wonderful church school) Major cemetery investment in chapel and road repair.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<p>FOCUS Minnesota, Holy Trinity Food Bank, Minnesota Orthodox Prison Ministry, Eastside Neighborhood Services, monthly charitable collections for various organizations and projects.</p>	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Physical space for worship and activities. Continued maintenance of aging parish properties. Pastoral care for a highly diverse and wide-spread community.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		373	375
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		280	300
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		-	-
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		40	40
Number of Catechumens		5	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		14	8
Funerals		23	13
Marriages		8	4
Receptions into Orthodoxy		5	2
Church School/Number Enrolled		130	130
Adult Education/Number Participating		25	25

New members 2014: 15; Deceased members 2014: 13

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St. Peter's Orthodox Church 109 6TH ST SE MINOT ND 58701	
Clergy	
Igumen (ARCHIMANDRITE) Anastassy (Fehr)	
Committees/Societies	
NONE	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
1. Celebrating the Divine Services 2. Christian Fellowship 3. Participation in the fundraisers	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
Welcoming all visitors and teaching them about Orthodoxy Donating Food	
Major Challenges Faced	
Keeping the Parish alive in this remote area of the country. There are Orthodox People in this area, due to the oil boom, and some come to Church once in a while, but none stay for long. A number of Russians and Serbs live in and around Minot and Bismarck, and come to Church too, but rarely. Some of them stay away, because the Services are in English and they don't like the new calendar. Upon request I serve "moleben" or "pannihida" for them, in Slavonic for the Russians and Serbian for the Serbs. I speak Russian and Serbian and they love socializing with me, but I can't make them come to Church regularly, which is very frustrating because we are such a small Parish and NEED people.	
Major Challenges Overcome	
In June the Parish bought a parsonage for the priest, who stayed for 2 ½ years in a FEMA trailer. We have recovered from the flood, but our savings are gone and we depend on our fundraisers and donations. The Church has been fully restored and looks nicer then before the flood. Four Icons by Fr. Theodore Jurewicz have been mounted on our Ikonostas.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
NONE	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		29	27
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		15-25	15-25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		10-15	10-15
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		3	3-4
Number of Catechumens		1	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	2
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0


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Three Holy Hierarchs Mission (Outreach) Services: 1651 Jefferson Pkwy, Northfield, MN 55057 (Senior Center) Mail: 311 Cherry St., Northfield, MN 55057	
Clergy	
Rev. Christopher R. Maciolek	
Committees/Societies	
None so far...	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>January 30, 2014: Celebrated mission patronal feastday of Three Holy Hierarchs.</p> <p>May 10, 2014: Received family of five into the Church (1 Baptism, 4 Chrismation).</p> <p>July 13, 2014: First church picnic gathering at a local park in Northfield.</p> <p>July 15, 2014: Celebrated 2nd anniversary as a community.</p> <p>July 26, 2014: Baptized child adopted from Ukraine.</p> <p>Sept 3, 2014: Started Church School program for Pre-k, Kindergarten, and Elementary age kids.</p>	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
None so far...	
Major Challenges Faced	
<p>Finding a more permanent/affordable location to hold services and classes.</p> <p>Starting a ministry of some kind to our two colleges in town (St. Olaf & Carleton); especially for the 5 Orthodox college students in our area this year.</p>	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
<p>Jan. or Feb. 2015, will receive another family of four into the Church.</p> <p>July 15, 2015: Will celebrate our 3rd anniversary at a community.</p>	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		4	8
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		17	25
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		10	15
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		7	12
Number of Catechumens		5	4
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	2
Funerals		0	1
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	6
Church School/Number Enrolled		NA	10
Adult Education/Number Participating		NA	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	
V.Rev. Bartholomew Wojcik	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit of Bp. ALEXANDER at joint concelebration Liturgy of St. Nicholas Mission with Fr. Martin Watt and faithful of Holy Transfiguration Mission (Ames, IA: Bulgarian Diocese) and Fr. Elias Khouri (Antiochian Archdiocese, former member of Midwest Diocese) with tonsuring of our parishioner Spyridon Roegner (DVP candidate) to be a Reader. • Pascha: midnight service, full church with visitors followed by pot-luck <i>agape</i> meal, then the <i>Agape</i> Vespers that day followed by an open house party at the president's and choir director's house. • Chrismation of a catechumen. 	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Three (instead of our usual semi-annual) visits in 2014 to local nursing facilities to serve a <i>Molieben</i> on a Sunday afternoon as part of our participation in the Pella Ministerial Association's schedule of these church visits. 	
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 in the historic center of town: it is not very visible, not handicap accessible, and not architecturally ideal. 	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
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	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		17	19 (financially)
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		About 20	About 20
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		About 18	About 18
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		About 12-14	About 12-14
Number of Catechumens		1	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	1
Church School/Number Enrolled		2	2
Adult Education/Number Participating		N/A	N/A

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Holy Trinity Church 956 Forest St Saint Paul MN 55106	
Clergy	
The V. Rev Thaddeus Wojcik (attached, but serving Lublin, Huron and Cornucopia). The V. Rev Jonathan Proctor, The Rev Andrew Jaye, The deacons: Bohdan Melnychenko, Paul Gavrilyuk and Kelsios Willis.	
Committees/Societies	
Parish Council	
Since October 2013	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
In the midst of major remodeling project for handicap accessibility and narthex space. Continued management of the church hall as a not for profit neighborhood venue. Remodeling to create three church school classrooms.	
Outreach and Charitable Activities	
As in 2013: Hall minisitry, FOCUS support, Sunday food shelf, and Harvest Sunday.	
Major Challenges Faced	
Financial. Building project.	
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015	
None	

	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	As of September 1, 2014
Supporting Membership Count		90	90
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		100	I do not count, but approx. 90
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		90	Do not count
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		25	Varies widely, 12 - 30
Number of Catechumens		28	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		1	3
Funerals		1	1
Marriages		1	1
Receptions into Orthodoxy		1	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		40	22
Adult Education/Number Participating		12	12

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Parish Name and Address	Photo
<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Monastery P.O. Box 644 Marshfield, MO 65706</p>	
Clergy	
<p>No clergy are attached to the monastery.</p> <p>The monastics: Mother Sergia, Abbess Mother Alexandra</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>None</p>	
Since October 2013	
<p style="text-align: center;">Highlights of Top Three Activities</p>	
<p>Attendance of the Monastic Synaxis of abbots and abbesses of the OCA called by His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON</p> <p>Providing music resources and assisting with singing at the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Christian Church, Rolla, Missouri</p> <p>Inheritance of liturgical candle business (prior to September 2014, we had struggled to have a cottage industry and were <i>most grateful</i> to inherit this from St. John's Monastery as the monks moved to the Ukraine)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach and Charitable Activities</p>	
<p>Contributions to local food bank</p> <p>Collection of clothing for those in need</p> <p>Contributions to local Christian Mission Trip to Costa Rica</p> <p>Donations to Holy Transfiguration Monastery in support of their building program</p>	

Major Challenges Faced
<p>Upon inheriting the candle business from St. John's Monastery at the end of July 2013, we had approximately six weeks to learn the business, purchase required equipment, and fulfill all the legal requirements for opening a new business in the State of Missouri.</p> <p>By Our Lord's grace, we were able to do so in time to get all shipments out by the deadline in September.</p> <p>We are most grateful to Mother Thecla and Mother Helena of Ss. Mary and Martha Monastery for dropping everything to teach us how to produce the candles. Never wanting to compete with their candle business, we voluntarily made a pledge to them to never knowingly sell to their customers.</p> <p>Due to the high flammability of beeswax, during the following months, we had to raise funds and install a separate building as the "Candle House" so that the monastery and chapel would not be damaged if a fire were ever to occur during candle production.</p> <p>Although all of this temporarily depleted most of our savings, it was most worthwhile, because this provides a predictable income for the future.</p>
Upcoming Special Events/Anniversaries - October 2014 to September 2015
<p>Annual Founders Day, Saturday, September 19, 2015</p> <p>Annual Feast Day, Presentation of the Theotokos at the Temple, November 21, 2015</p> <p>Participation in the 2015 Monastic Synaxis of abbots and abbesses of the OCA</p>
Goals for the Coming Year
<p>Continuing the struggle for growth</p> <p>Professional reconstruction and updating of the monastery's website by Father Joel Wilson</p> <p>Outreach within the community, and as various needs are identified by individuals, parishes, and monasteries</p> <p>Further expansion of candles sales</p>

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Supporting Membership Count		2	2
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance		Two attending Divine Liturgy at the local parishes.	Two attending Divine Liturgy at the local parishes.
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants		2	2
Average Saturday Vigil/Vespers Attendance		2	2
Number of Catechumens		0	0
	Reported for Calendar Year 2012	Reported for Calendar Year 2013	January 1 thru September 1, 2014
Baptisms		0	0
Funerals		0	0
Marriages		0	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy		0	0
Church School/Number Enrolled		0	0
Adult Education/Number Participating		0	0

MISSIONS & PARISH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Fr Thomas Mueller, Chair

REORGANIZATION

This department has been dormant for at least two years, stretching back to the previous administration of the Diocese and into the past year as well. I was appointed to take up this departmental chairmanship last year, and I must admit that I have not been able to focus on this until now. In order to restart the work of this department, I want to meet with all representatives from missions on Monday evening, October 6th, on the eve of the Diocesan Assembly. The time and location will be on the Assembly schedule.

The purpose of this meeting is to seek input from mission clergy and workers and from the deans. I hope that we can move to a more collaborative and less top-down model, and that we can be reinvigorated by fresh thoughts and approaches, even as we are guided by the wisdom that long experience brings.

There are several things that I see as issues to consider:

- 1) A statement of principle regarding the way in which mission efforts should be initiated and seek authorization. We need to be clear and consistent in the way we do this in order to avoid the blowback of faltering or failing missions which perhaps should not have been authorized or planted in unlikely soil. The role of the deans in this regard is crucial.
- 2) The Parish Health Grants, which were a popular project of Joe Kormos, might be reinstated. The money is available in the budget and should be used. These grants would be available to missions and older parishes for new and creative projects. Should they also be available for critical one-time needs? The process of application could take place this fall, with awards made by the end of the year.
- 3) A new urban parish conference next summer.

We might also consider drawing up a document to acquaint new missions and chapels with the responsibilities and expectations of the respective status of each.

I look forward to working with mission representatives, with the other deans, the chancellor, and eventually our new bishop in regard to our common mission and parish development challenges.

I am very grateful to Fr. Dan Rentel, Ann-Marie Mecera, and Joe Kormos for putting on the Small Parishes conference this past summer, something which will have its own report. I regret that parish responsibilities prevented me from taking part in this event.

Report, 9rd of September 2014

St. Macrina Orthodox Institute

For Renewal of Diakonia and Catechesis in the Midwest
(formerly the Catechist and Diaconal Vocations Program)

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The diocesan Catechist and Diaconal Vocations Program has been renamed by vote of the faculty and with the approval of Bishop Alexander, as the **St. Macrina Orthodox Institute**, under the patronage of St. Macrina the Great, the sister and teacher of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nyssa.

Two big accomplishments stand out this year. Firstly, the Kansas City Program began with around 11 students, taking a sequence of courses developed and adapted in dialogue with the diocesan program, following a master class with the diocesan faculty and Bishop Alexander. Secondly, the diocesan program ran a First Annual Conference with 43 people in attendance at St. Andrew's House in Detroit. The Conference provided an opportunity for educational talks, diaconal and catechetical practica, student fellowship, faculty meetings and appointments for potential diaconal candidates to meet with the Bishop, Administrator and Institute Director to discuss moving toward petitioning for ordination. This conference helped us to build communication and accountability for vocations as well as providing very fine talks and practica. In addition present and potential students in the Detroit area met with a local instructor, Dr. Justin Jackson, to set up a Church History and Patristics course in the Detroit area. A very positive "esprit de corps" was evident among the students from all over the Diocese and from the Bulgarian Diocese. The Conference will be repeated yearly, and should be a regularly scheduled opportunity for students and instructors to gather and to meet with the diocesan hierarchy in order to learn together and communicate. The Conference was so well attended, that it paid for itself.

The **St. Macrina Orthodox Institute** still needs to develop more local Deanery programs under its umbrella. Fr. Elijah is working to contact and come out to visit local deaneries to set up faculties and replicate or adapt the study curriculum from the diocese in cooperation with local instructors, or potential instructors. This is a cooperative work within the Diocese to increase accountability and build up a rigorous educational framework for those who want to work and minister within the parishes of the Diocese.

Balance Sheet for Catechist & Diaconal Vocations Program

Prepared in advance of the Diocesan Assembly – September 9, 2014

Classes

Greek (2014)

Tuition received:	700.00
Stipends paid:	-700.00
Balance:	0.00

New Testament (2013-2014)

Tuition received:	1600.00
Stipends paid:	-1700.00
Balance:	-100.00

Old Testament & Spirituality (2012-2013)

Tuition received:	8220.00
Stipends paid:	-7770.00
Balance:	450.00

Diaconal Practicum (2012-2013)

Tuition received:	1175.00
Stipends paid:	-300.00
Other expenses:	-627.52
Balance:	247.48

Total Balance for Classes:	597.48
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Travel, Scholarships, & Conference (2014)

Budgeted:	6000.00
Conference registrations:	3345.00
Conference stipends paid:	-1400.00
Conference other expenses:	-1600.00
Director travel:	-607.42
Balance:	5737.58

Other Authorized but Unbudgeted Expenses (2013)

Three Psych Tests:	-1900.00
Director travel (Kansas City):	-562.79
Balance:	-2462.79

Report of the Diocesan Representatives to the Metropolitan Council

The fall meetings of the Metropolitan Council (MC) took place September 23-25 at the Roman Catholic Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (a circa 1928 complex) in Huntington, NY, about 20 minutes east of the OCA Chancery. Holding meetings here afforded a cost savings to the Church.

About 28 members of the council attended a one-day retreat on the topic of Stewardship, given by Fr. Robert Holet, a priest of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Fr. Robert's approach to this subject was holistic and pastoral, rooted in Orthodox patristic teachings and understanding of Holy Scripture. This was not a presentation on quick ways to "get money" out of parishioners, but an examination of the "stewardship cycle". The cycle has to do with recognizing God as the source of all gifts to us, offering them back to Him in thanksgiving and achieving communion with Him and others. Stewardship leads not to deprivation, but to the reception of even more gifts from God and spiritual growth for us. We were reminded that learning to practice stewardship is a long-term process.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon spoke about his efforts to focus on three essential areas of church life: missions and evangelism, clergy health, and the health of Church institutions: Seminaries and Monasteries. A focus group on missions and evangelism has led to the formulation of a plan for an annual Missions school. The school is designed to train seminarians, clergy, and laity in hands-on issues pertaining to missions work. It will be funded from an endowment created from a \$1M bequest that was recently received and designated for evangelization work.

Reports from Church officers and department heads were also received. We also received a report from Fr. Eric Tosi on behalf of the Pre-Conciliar Council for the 18th AAC to be held in July 2015 in Atlanta, GA. One important agenda item concerns the ratification of the OCA Statutes. The plan is for this revision to be completed so that a finished document can be posted in January 2015 on the OCA web site for review and comments by all members of the Church. We encourage you to examine the document when it is posted and offer your comments. We also hope that our new bishop, chancellor and deans will learn details about the revision and make themselves available to respond to questions.

The report of OCA treasurer Melanie Ringa included the following highlights:

The budget for 2014 lowered operating expenses by \$116K from 2013, but actual expenses are projected to come in almost \$200K under budget. This is due mainly to restructuring of Legal Counsel and saving \$92K in legal fees. The \$1.7M loan taken out to reconcile funds after the church scandal has been paid off. The computers at the Chancery have been up graded and all XP computers finally gone.

The overall operating budget for 2015 is a balanced budget. The assessments for 2015 are budgeted at \$90 per person, down from \$92 in 2014. In addition the overall census is expected to drop by 235 or 1%. The result is lower assessment revenue of about \$62K from the regional Diocese. The net result is a decrease of \$51.7K in projected operating income compared to 2014 projected operating income. The 2015 operating budget includes: \$102K for five planting grants in Annapolis MD (\$16K), Lansing, NY (\$16K), Cardiff, CA (\$22K), Tempe, AZ (\$24K), Beaufort, SC (\$24K), and \$39K for Seminary/Monastery grants.

On the whole these meetings of the MC were fruitful and positive. This is not to ignore or to minimize many issues in our Church that hinder our growth and effective witness. One issue has to do with the feeling of some in the OCA that the costs associated with functioning as an autocephalous church come

at too high a cost. But we should consider that our autocephaly is a great gift, given to us not only by the Russian Orthodox Church, but by the Lord Himself! He has entrusted us with this Church. We are the only Orthodox body in North America that is not dependent on authorities from halfway across the world, and no other Orthodox church in North America has the same vision or identity as we do. These words are not written in the spirit of proud triumphalism, but with the knowledge that we can and ought to rededicate ourselves to doing everything necessary to promote the health of our OCA. We also need to do this with the understanding that our mission is not self-preservation, but to act in cooperation with others to serve as a catalyst for the unity of all Orthodox Christians in North America. May we continue our efforts with this goal in mind and in the hope that the Lord will bless us as good and faithful stewards and servants, invited to enter into His joy.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Alexander Kuchta
Mr. Sam D'Fantis

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
53rd DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
Broadview Heights, Ohio
October 6th and 7th, 2014

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: Fr. John Zdniak, Mr. Sam D'Fantis, Fr. Alexander Garklavs and Mr. Barry Gluntz. 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: 2013 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru December 2013
- Attachment B: Summary Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013
- Attachment C: 2014 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru June 30th, 2014
- Attachment D: Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2014
- Attachment E: Diocesan Parish / Mission Development Fund Status as of August 31st, 2014
- Attachment F: Fidelity Investment Account Status as of August 31st, 2014
- Attachment G: Proposed Budget for 2015

Attachment A: 2013 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual

For 2013, based on the budget, we had projected an income from assessments of \$446,770. The actual income from assessments was \$438,622.06. The total received from assessments was \$8,147.94 less than anticipated. The total actual income from all sources was \$562,030.90 compared to \$456,202 projected, a difference of \$106,010.90. This additional income to the Diocese was greater than anticipated and was primarily due to reimbursements from Christ the Savior Church for Salaries (\$80,596.80), \$33,912.04 from Program Income and \$8,900 from the 2013 Diocesan Assembly.

The total of all normal expenses for 2013 was \$483,198.79. This resulted in a surplus of ordinary income of \$37,550.75. Taking into consideration other income received and the interest expense on our loan, there was a net surplus of \$64,366.9.

The following is a summary of the major categories:

- Program expenses were \$17,653.77 less than budgeted, \$50,146.23 vs. \$67,800 budgeted.
- Diocesan Travel Expenses were \$15,487.78 less than budgeted, \$28,522.22 vs. \$44,040 budgeted.
- The item, Gifts: \$17,000 was listed as such for accounting purposes only, when the Diocesan vehicle was given to Bishop Matthias as part of the separation package. For accounting purposes, this was the dollar amount assigned for the vehicle even though no money was transacted.
- Diocesan Staff Expenses. Due to the way the books were set up in QuickBooks, this is not readily apparent by looking at the 2013 P&L Summary. From the 2013 Approved Budget, the total amount for Salaries, Pension, Social Security and Health Insurance was \$176,695.07. The actual amount spent was \$163,788.53 which takes into consideration the \$209,877.33 For Payroll Expenses, \$8,000 for Bishops Stipend, \$26,508 for Health Insurance minus the \$80,596.80 for the reimbursement from Christ the Savior Church. This totals \$163,788.53. So the total spent was \$12,906.54 less than budgeted.
- Repairs and Maintenance Expenses were \$825.57 less than budgeted, \$22,764.12 vs. \$23,589.59

Attachment B: Summary Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013

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, 2013.

Attachment C: 2014 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru June 30th, 2014

For the first six months of 2014, we had projected an income of \$219,558 from assessments. The actual Income was \$219,901.86. The amount received from assessments was \$343.86 more than anticipated. (Note, this was based on an estimated membership of 5,106 individuals, but the actual membership for this year is 5,099). An additional \$8,238.37 was received from program income and \$43,365.24 was received from Christ the Savior (CTS) as reimbursement for their Priest and Choir Director Benefit Packages for total net income of \$271,550.47 vs. a budgeted amount of \$272,106.40.

For the first six months of 2014, the total of all expenses is \$249,872.40 vs an estimate of \$262,933.40 resulting in \$9,113.00 more than anticipated.

The following is a brief summary:

Total Salaries and Wages are \$96,745.19 vs. \$89,801.24, or \$6,943.95 over budget. Total stipends paid are \$24,000 vs. \$24,000 budgeted.

Total Insurance costs were \$643.30 under budget.

Professional Fees were \$428.69 under budget.

Program Expenses were \$4,525.37 under budget.

Repairs and Maintenance were \$12,095.24 over budget. This was due to mandatory repairs (\$18,300) on the chimney and tuck pointing on Church by our insurer.

Travel expenses were \$8,694.87 under budget.

Utility expenses were \$2,657.83 over budget.

Attachment D: Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2014:

This balance sheet is shown in Attachment D, pages 1-2, and provides a summary of all of our assets and liabilities as of June 30th, 2014.

Attachment E: Diocesan Parish / Mission Development Fund Status as of August 31st, 2014:

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, 2014, the total in the Mission Development Fund is \$434,640.90, compared to \$413,600.28 at the start of the year. Throughout the year, you can see that monthly totals have risen and fallen quite dramatically, hitting a current fund high of \$435,833.24 at the end of August, 2014. 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. Previously, money was allocated to this fund as part of a budget line item and when parishes in the Diocese have closed, any remaining funds were placed in this account. A summary of the monthly totals as of August 31st, 2014 as well as the progress since 12/31/1999 (\$113,216.57) 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 8/31/2014. As of 8/31/2014, the total in this fund is \$170,657.21. 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 (\$12,159.17), 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.

Bishop Job Memorial Fund: Currently there is \$12,177.76 held in escrow.

OCA Reserve Fund: As of 8/31/14, there is \$83,016.59 held in escrow. See further discussion on this Reserve Fund on pages 8 and 9 of this report.

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. This transfer took place on 12/24/2012.

As of August 31st, 2014, there is a total of \$29,194.55 in this Fidelity Money Market Account. However, we were obligated to make repairs on the chimney and perform tuck pointing over the office area in the back of Christ the Savior Church by our insurer that totaled \$18,300. This money has not been transferred out of this reserve fund into the General Operating Fund bank account to date. However, if the balance in our General Operating Fund bank account is adequate at the end of the year, then this money may remain in this reserve fund and not be transferred out.

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 6/30/2014. A summary of the monthly totals for the Fidelity Account as of August 31st, 2014 is shown in Attachment F.

Attachment G: Proposed Budget for 2015

The proposed 2015 budget is essentially the same as the budgets for 2010 through 2015. As of April, the agreed salary compensation package for the Bishop will be ending. For the preparation of the 2015 Budget, the Finance Committee reviewed the draft budget and it was sent out to the Diocesan Council for review and comments. The budget presented reflects the current needs and supports the future needs and direction of the Diocese. At the Diocesan Council Meeting prior to this Assembly, the budget will be discussed and voted on and then presented 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 2015 budget is based on a membership total of 4,967, down from 5,106 from 2014. 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. Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for the year, as of July 31st, 2014, was 1.84% for All Urban Consumers, Midwest. 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 2015. **Therefore, the yearly assessment for 2015 will remain at \$86.00 per adult member. Please note that there has been no assessment increase since 2009.** The \$86.00 assessment multiplied by the projected membership of 4,967 is \$427,162. 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.

For 2015, rather than the Diocese paying the salary of the Priest and Choir Director and then being reimbursed as for 2014, we will revert to Christ the Savior Church paying these salaries directly.

The only other income is miscellaneous and is listed as \$480.00. This additional anticipated receipt along with the assessments bring the total projected income for the year 2015 to **\$436,892.00**

EXPENSE SUMMARY:**PROGRAMS:**

Mission Grants will have a budget of **\$46,800**. The same as 2014.

The Late Vocations coordinator has a stipend of **\$6,000**. The same as 2014.

Charity has a budget of **\$1,000.00**. The same as 2014.

Seminarian Scholarships will have a budget of **\$20,000**. The same as 2014

The total Program budget is **\$73,800.00**. The same as 2014

BREAKDOWN OF DIOCESAN STAFF SALARIES, STIPENDS, PAYROLL EXPENSES:

<u>Bishop:</u>	Salary	\$40,000
	Social Security	\$ 9,792 (Salary + \$24k Housing)x(15.3%)
	Health Insurance	\$10,141
	Life Insurance	\$ 1,000
	Pension	\$ 8,960 (Salary + \$24k Housing)x(14%)
	Discretionary Fund	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
		\$71,093

<u>Chancellor:</u>	Salary	\$22,162 (\$21,731 x 1.84% CPI Increase)
	Social Security	\$ 3,391 (Salary x 15.3%)
	Pension	<u>\$ 3,103</u> (Salary x 14%)
		\$28,656

<u>Secretariat:</u>	Salary	\$36,690 (\$36,027 x 1.84% CPI Increase)
	Health Insurance	\$11,000
	Social Security	\$ 2,807 (Salary x 7.65%)
	Pension	<u>\$ 5,136</u> (Salary x 14%)
		\$55,633

<u>Property Manager:</u>	Salary	\$ 6,000
	Social Security	\$ 3,672 (Salary + \$18k Housing)x(15.3%)
	Pension	<u>\$ 3,360</u> (Salary + \$18k Housing) x(14%)
		\$13,032

For 2015, a \$50.00 per month or \$600 per year Stipend increase is proposed for the 6 Deans, Treasurer and Communications Director. This is the first increase for the Deans and Treasurer since stipends were first instituted in 2004 under Bishop Job.

6 Deans Stipends at \$3,600 each:	\$ 21,600
Treasurer's Stipend:	\$ 3,600
Communication Director Stipend:	\$ 3,600
Late Vocations Stipend:	\$ 6,000
Bishop Stipend:	\$ 4,000
Bishop Health Insurance:	\$ 1,600

Total Diocesan Staff Benefit Packages/Stipends = \$208,814

DIOCESAN TRAVEL:

Includes travel by the Bishop, Chancellor, Secretariat, Deans, Diocesan/ Bishop's Council and Metropolitan Council Representatives. This has a budget of **\$34,500**.

DIOCESAN CENTER:

INSURANCE: This consists of Auto, Property / Liability, Umbrella and Workers Compensation for a total budget of **\$23,502**.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: Labor, \$8,000, Supplies \$4,500, Maintenance Reserve Fund \$5,000 (a budget item to be added to the Fidelity Reserve Fund due to its low balance) and Repairs and Maintenance \$12,00 for a total of **\$29,500**.

UTILITIES: Electric: \$7,000, Gas: \$16,000 and Water/Sewer, \$2,600 for a total budget of **\$25,600**.

Total Diocesan Center Budget is \$78,602.

DIOCESAN CHANCERY OFFICE:

This category has categories such as: advertising, bank fees, dues and subscriptions, hospitality, internet service, investment management fees, loan expense, office supplies, cleaning (Outside Contractors), postage, printing, professional fees for accounting, audit, legal, payroll preparation, the Clergy Convocation, security monitoring and telephone. \$5,000 was added to replenish the Fidelity Auto Reserve Fund as the Diocese will be purchasing a vehicle. Options for purchasing a new vehicle are still being discussed. The total budgeted is **\$72,193.54**.

The total of the above expenses for 2015 is \$467,909.54.

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%. At the end of this 5 year term, 2017, the outstanding balance will be \$189,410.57. 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 **\$9,653.54**.

CHRIST THE SAVIOR CHURCH INFORMATION:

As mentioned previously, the Diocese will no longer pay the Salary Packages for the Priest or Choir Director and then reimburse the Diocese. Christ the Savior will pay these costs directly.

ESCROWED FUNDS:

As you will see, what is being presented (see the last page of the budget) is a deficit budget of \$32,017.54. One of the issues has been what to do with the "OCA Escrow" account that the Diocese has instituted when the OCA started decreasing their assessments. All of these monies have been deposited into an escrow account in the Fidelity Money Market Account. By the end of the year, the projected total will be \$46,492.95 for 2013 and an estimated amount of \$60,641.37 for 2014, or a total of \$107,134.32.

What is being proposed is that we use any money that has been collected from our "OCA Escrow account" to make up any shortfall. With about \$107k in this account by the end of the year, then we will utilize this money for maybe the next 3 or 4 years to balance our budget. The benefit to the parishes is that there will be no increase in the Diocesan Assessment for another 3 or 4 years, depending on how long this money lasts. The other benefit is that the parishes will only pay the OCA what the current assessment will be. I believe now it is \$92 per person, from the original

\$105 from a few years ago. If the OCA lowers it again by \$2 or so, then the parishes would only pay that amount. **It is proposed that the Diocese will no longer withhold any of these funds.** So the parishes will see a net decrease in the assessments that they pay to the OCA while our Diocesan assessment stays the same. **However, at the end of the 3 or 4 year period. We will most likely have to have a Diocesan Assessment increase of \$6.50 or more to balance the budget.**

The only other option, that we can see now, is that we increase the Diocesan Assessment by the amount we need ($\$32,107.54/4,967$ individuals) = \$6.50 per person for 2015 and figure out a way to return the money collected in the "OCA Escrow" account directly to the parishes. This increased assessment is based on not cutting any funding for any existing programs, just leaving everything status quo as mentioned above.

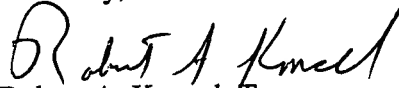
CLOSING:

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 and information available when requested. This is a work in progress and we will continue to work on this making changes as required.

I would also like to thank Philip Sokolov who is not only the Secretariat of the Diocese, but also our 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, Fr. Alexnder Garklavs and Mr. Barry Gluntz. 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. I also would like to thank Fr. Paul Gassios for his input into the budget as it was being developed. 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 all of the Attachments identified on the first page.

2014 DIOCESAN TREASURER'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT “A”

2013 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru December 2013

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Accrual Basis

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

	Jan - Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Diocesan Assembly 2013 Income	8,900.00		
Convocation Income	0.00	9,250.00	-9,250.00
Diocesan Assessments	438,622.06	446,770.00	-8,147.94
CTS Donation	80,596.80	0.00	80,596.80
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	4,445.00		
Missions	10,768.14	0.00	10,768.14
Scholarships	18,693.90	0.00	18,693.90
Total Program Income	33,912.04	0.00	33,912.04
Total Income	562,030.90	456,020.00	106,010.90
Gross Profit	562,030.90	456,020.00	106,010.90
Expense			
Diocesan Assembly 2013 Expense	6,267.40		
Reimbursements	5,245.00		
Salaries & Wages	0.00	114,130.60	-114,130.60
Stipends			
Bishop's Stipend	8,000.00		
Bishop's Driver	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00
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	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
Total Deans	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
Late Vocations Coordinator	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

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	Jan - Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Treasurer			
Stipend	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Treasurer - Other	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total Treasurer	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Stipends	35,000.00	25,800.00	9,200.00
Advertising	110.00	500.00	-390.00
Automobile Expense	2,669.15	3,000.00	-330.85
Bank Service Charges	0.00	240.00	-240.00
Convocations	1,125.00	9,250.00	-8,125.00
Depreciation	2,751.08		
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	240.00	-240.00
Fines & Penalties	305.64	0.00	305.64
Gifts	17,000.00		
Hospitality	400.11	2,400.00	-1,999.89
Insurance			
Auto/Property/Liability	20,537.22	22,658.38	-2,121.16
Health Insurance	26,508.00	25,516.00	992.00
Health Insurance Reimb	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Workers' Comp	1,465.00		
Total Insurance	48,510.22	49,074.38	-564.16
Internet Service Provider	1,685.68	1,500.00	185.68
Library & Periodicals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	140.30	600.00	-459.70
Office Supplies	4,323.66	6,600.00	-2,276.34
Outside Contractors	300.00	1,200.00	-900.00
Payroll Expenses			
Wages	191,132.16		
Pension	11,073.58	18,767.68	-7,694.10
Taxes	7,671.59	21,179.79	-13,508.20
Total Payroll Expenses	209,877.33	39,947.47	169,929.86
Postage	1,857.70	3,600.00	-1,742.30
Printing & Reproduction	645.00	1,200.00	-555.00
Professional Fees			
Accounting	3,500.00	6,000.00	-2,500.00
Audit	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00
Counseling	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Fund Management Fees	2,582.03	2,000.00	582.03
Legal	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Payroll Preparation	513.88	240.00	273.88
Website Support	405.00	600.00	-195.00
Total Professional Fees	7,000.91	12,440.00	-5,439.09
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

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	Jan - Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
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
Program Expense			
Charity	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Late Vocations	6,597.52		
Mission Grants	22,928.00	46,800.00	-23,872.00
Seminarian Grants			
Budgeted Portion	13,388.91	20,000.00	-6,611.09
Fundralsers Portion	7,231.80	0.00	7,231.80
Total Seminarian Grants	20,620.71	20,000.00	620.71
Total Program Expense	50,146.23	67,800.00	-17,653.77
Repairs and Maintenance			
Labor	19,031.55	7,800.00	11,231.55
Maintenance	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Repairs	0.00	489.59	-489.59
Supplies	3,732.57	9,300.00	-5,567.43
Total Repairs and Maintenance	22,764.12	23,589.59	-825.47
Service Contracts	3,687.92	2,400.00	1,287.92
Taxes and Licenses	20.00	120.00	-100.00
Telephone	10,043.72	13,080.00	-3,036.28
Travel			
Late Vocations	562.79		
Bishop	2,621.09	8,400.00	-5,778.91
Chancellor	5,835.03	2,400.00	3,435.03
Secretariat	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00
Dean	595.70	600.00	-4.30
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	18,937.61	30,000.00	-11,062.39
Metropolitan Council	0.00	840.00	-840.00
Travel - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Travel	28,552.22	44,040.00	-15,487.78
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

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	Jan - Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Diocesan Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diocesan Chancery Office			
Professional Fees			
Accounting	2,500.00		
Total Professional Fees	<u>2,500.00</u>		
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Chancery Office	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Utilities			
Electric	7,335.70	8,700.00	-1,364.30
Gas	11,012.32	12,000.00	-987.68
Water & Sewer	1,922.38	996.00	926.38
Total Utilities	<u>20,270.40</u>	<u>21,696.00</u>	<u>-1,425.60</u>
SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncategorized Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	<u>483,198.79</u>	<u>445,648.04</u>	<u>37,550.75</u>
Net Ordinary Income	78,832.11	10,371.96	68,460.15
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets			
Long-Term	-1,103.64		
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets - Other	-241.58		
Total Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	<u>-1,345.22</u>		
Investment Income	1,922.21	0.00	1,922.21
Interest Income	34.60	0.00	34.60
Other Income	203.42	0.00	203.42
Total Other Income	<u>815.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>815.01</u>
Other Expense			
Interest Expense	10,530.22	10,371.96	158.26
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	<u>4,750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,750.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>15,280.22</u>	<u>10,371.96</u>	<u>4,908.26</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-14,465.21</u>	<u>-10,371.96</u>	<u>-4,093.25</u>
Net Income	<u>64,366.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>64,366.90</u>

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Summary Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2013

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2013

	Dec 31, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America Checking	77,974.25
Savings Bonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	14,520.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	14,520.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	14,520.00
Total Savings Bonds	43,560.00
Fidelity Funds	
Money Market	87,430.79
US Government Money Market Fund	29,192.60
Total Fidelity Funds	116,623.39
MSSB 833 Investment Advisory	
MS Liquid Asset Fund	4,593.15
Stocks	139,430.44
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	50,738.70
Total MSSB 833 Investment Advisory	194,762.29
MSSB 834 Basic Securities	
Cash	36.00
MS Liquid Asset Fund	1,523.80
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	16,393.03
Mutual Funds	200,885.16
Total MSSB 834 Basic Securities	218,837.99
Total Checking/Savings	651,757.92
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	434,254.04
Total Accounts Receivable	434,254.04
Other Current Assets	
Due from Fidelity	46,692.95
Total Other Current Assets	46,692.95
Total Current Assets	1,132,704.91
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Computers	9,453.61
Furniture & Fixtures	4,429.78
Total Fixed Assets	13,883.39
Total Fixed Assets	13,883.39
Other Assets	
OCA 2013 \$10 Escrow	-51,001.94
Total Other Assets	-51,001.94
TOTAL ASSETS	1,095,586.36
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,176.16
Total Accounts Payable	1,176.16
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to OCA Assessments	624,905.70

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2013

	Dec 31, 13
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	1,568.66
IL Withholding	181.88
OH Withholding	-21.90
OH Local Tax	547.30
Total Payroll Liabilities	2,275.94
Total Other Current Liabilities	627,181.64
Total Current Liabilities	628,357.80
Long Term Liabilities	
N/P Bank of America	214,894.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	214,894.00
Total Liabilities	843,251.80
Equity	
Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	4,520.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	4,520.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	4,520.00
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	13,560.00
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	63,506.15
833 Exc & Closed End Funds	23,703.78
Total 833 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	87,209.93
Total MSSB 833	87,209.93
MSSB 834	
834 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	
834 Exc & Closed End Funds	21.93
834 Mutual Funds	308.78
Total 834 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	330.71
834 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
834 Exc & Closed End Funds	-7,932.56
834 Mutual Funds	26,985.96
Total 834 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	19,053.40
Total MSSB 834	19,384.11
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	106,605.61
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	-9,082.15
Seminarian Reserve	5,007.21
Seminarian Scholarships	5,984.20
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	86,998.92

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Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2013

	Dec 31, 13
Unrestricted Net Assets	-19,196.87
Net Income	64,366.90
Total Equity	252,334.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,095,586.36

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2014 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual: January thru June 30th, 2014

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through June 2014

	Jan - Jun 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Convocation Income	0.00	9,250.00	-9,250.00
Diocesan Assessments	219,901.86	219,558.00	343.86
CTS Reimbursement	43,365.24	40,298.40	3,066.84
Program Income			
Late Vocations	500.00	3,000.00	-2,500.00
Missions	4,840.37	0.00	4,840.37
Scholarships	2,943.00		
Total Program Income	8,283.37	3,000.00	5,283.37
Total Income	271,550.47	272,106.40	-555.93
Gross Profit	271,550.47	272,106.40	-555.93
Expense			
Salaries & Wages			
Bishop			
Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bishop	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chancellor			
Salary	20,023.99	16,298.02	3,725.97
Social Security	1,027.71	2,493.59	-1,465.88
Pension	2,508.54	2,281.76	226.78
Total Chancellor	23,560.24	21,073.37	2,486.87
CTS Choir Director			
Salary	4,750.00		
Total CTS Choir Director	4,750.00		
CTS Clergy			
Salary	31,063.64		
Social Security	4,109.10		
Housing (Cash)	900.00		
Pension	3,016.32		
CTS Clergy - Other	0.00	40,298.40	-40,298.40
Total CTS Clergy	39,089.06	40,298.40	-1,209.34
Property Manager			
Salary	2,500.00	3,000.00	-500.00
Social Security	1,836.00	1,836.00	0.00
Pension	1,774.20	1,680.00	94.20
Property Manager - Other	500.00		
Total Property Manager	6,610.20	6,516.00	94.20
Secretariat			
Salary	21,315.75	18,013.50	3,302.25
Social Security	1,419.94	1,378.05	41.89
Pension	0.00	2,521.92	-2,521.92
Total Secretariat	22,735.69	21,913.47	822.22
Total Salaries & Wages	96,745.19	89,801.24	6,943.95
Stipends			
Bishop's Stipend	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Bishop's Driver	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communications Director	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Deans			
Chicago			
Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Chicago	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00

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	<u>Jan - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Cleveland Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Cleveland	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Indianapolis Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Indianapolis	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Kansas City Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Kansas City	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Michigan Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Michigan	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Minneapolis Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Minneapolis	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Deans	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Late Vocations Coordinator Stipend	6,000.00		
Late Vocations Coordinator - Other	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total Late Vocations Coordinator	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Treasurer Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Treasurer	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Stipends	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
Advertising	110.00	249.98	-139.98
Automobile Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	12.00	120.00	-108.00
Convocations	0.00	9,250.00	-9,250.00
Dues & Subscriptions	30.00	120.00	-90.00
Fines & Penalties	590.25	0.00	590.25
Hospitality	23.49	1,200.00	-1,176.51
Insurance			
Auto	71.67	275.00	-203.33
Health Insurance			
Bishop	6,012.00	6,940.00	-928.00
Secretariat	6,294.00	6,923.54	-629.54
Total Health Insurance	12,306.00	13,863.54	-1,557.54
Liability	0.73		
Life			
Bishop	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secretariat	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Life	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property	9,568.49	9,286.50	281.99
Workers' Comp	3,124.85	1,465.00	1,659.85
Umbrella	0.00	825.00	-825.00
Total Insurance	25,071.74	25,715.04	-643.30
Internet Service Provider	1,133.05	850.02	283.03
Library & Periodicals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Office Supplies	1,893.78	3,300.00	-1,406.22
Outside Contractors	0.00	600.00	-600.00

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January through June 2014

	Jan - Jun 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Payroll Expenses			
Wages	0.00		
Pension	-1,020.86		
Taxes	1,078.21		
Total Payroll Expenses	57.35		
Postage	528.41	1,800.00	-1,271.59
Printing & Reproduction	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Professional Fees			
Accounting	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Investment Fund Management Fees	1,441.56	1,250.02	191.54
Legal	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Payroll Preparation	254.79	275.02	-20.23
Total Professional Fees	4,696.35	5,125.04	-428.69
Program Expense			
Charity	0.00	500.02	-500.02
Late Vocations	1,100.00	3,000.00	-1,900.00
Mission Grants	5,350.00	23,400.00	-18,050.00
Seminarian Scholarships			
Budgeted Portion	9,166.67	9,999.98	-833.31
Fundraisers Portion	16,757.96		
Total Seminarian Scholarships	25,924.63	9,999.98	15,924.65
Total Program Expense	32,374.63	36,900.00	-4,525.37
Repairs and Maintenance			
Labor	4,085.00	3,999.98	85.02
Repairs	18,300.00	6,000.00	12,300.00
Supplies	1,960.22	2,250.00	-289.78
Total Repairs and Maintenance	24,345.22	12,249.98	12,095.24
Service Contracts	2,197.65	1,200.00	997.65
Taxes and Licenses	0.00	60.00	-60.00
Telephone	4,248.29	6,500.02	-2,251.73
Travel			
AAC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	12,342.40	20,000.00	-7,657.60
Late Vocations	154.87		
Bishop	1,095.43	2,000.02	-904.59
Chancellor	3,412.49	1,800.00	1,612.49
Secretariat	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Deans	0.00	500.02	-500.02
Metropolitan Council	0.00	500.02	-500.02
Total Travel	17,005.19	25,700.06	-8,694.87
Diocesan Staff	0.00	5,200.04	-5,200.04
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities			
Electric	2,937.13	4,350.00	-1,412.87
Gas	10,566.66	6,502.00	4,064.66
Water & Sewer	1,306.02	1,299.98	6.04
Total Utilities	14,809.81	12,151.98	2,657.83
SUSPENSE	0.00		
Total Expense	249,872.40	262,993.40	-13,121.00
Net Ordinary Income	21,678.07	9,113.00	12,565.07
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets			
Long-Term	1,347.56		
Total Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	1,347.56		

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	<u>Jan - Jun 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Investment Income	8.77		
Other Income	644.48		
Total Other Income	2,000.81		
Other Expense			
Interest Expense	5,047.54	5,010.64	36.90
Other Expense	0.00	18,600.00	-18,600.00
Total Other Expense	5,047.54	23,610.64	-18,563.10
Net Other Income	-3,046.73	-23,610.64	20,563.91
Net Income	18,631.34	-14,497.64	33,128.98

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Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30th, 2014

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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	Jun 30, 14
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America Checking	62,897.01
Savings Bonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	14,808.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	14,808.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	14,808.00
Total Savings Bonds	44,424.00
Fidelity Funds	
Money Market	162,031.41
US Government Money Market Fund	29,194.05
Total Fidelity Funds	191,225.46
MS 8772 Inv Advisory Fund	
MS Liquid Asset Fund	10,424.13
Stocks	136,486.56
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	53,561.10
Total MS 8772 Inv Advisory Fund	200,471.79
MS 8774 Basic Sec Income Fund	
Cash	36.00
MS Liquid Asset Fund	1,739.80
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	18,758.65
Mutual Funds	213,634.66
Total MS 8774 Basic Sec Income Fund	234,169.11
Total Checking/Savings	733,187.37
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	452,730.43
Total Accounts Receivable	452,730.43
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	60,120.47
Total Other Current Assets	60,120.47
Total Current Assets	1,246,038.27
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Computers	9,453.61
Furniture & Fixtures	4,429.78
Total Fixed Assets	13,883.39
Total Fixed Assets	13,883.39
Other Assets	
OCA 2014 \$13 Escrow	-33,241.14
OCA 2013 \$10 Escrow	-51,001.94
Total Other Assets	-84,243.08
TOTAL ASSETS	1,175,678.58
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	10,976.29
Total Accounts Payable	10,976.29
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to OCA Assessments	662,385.28

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Accrual Basis

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	Jun 30, 14
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	2,001.77
IL Withholding	236.90
OH Withholding	410.42
OH Local Tax	152.07
Total Payroll Liabilities	2,801.16
Total Other Current Liabilities	665,186.44
Total Current Liabilities	676,162.73
Long Term Liabilities	
N/P Bank of America	211,139.60
Total Long Term Liabilities	211,139.60
Total Liabilities	887,302.33
Equity	
Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	4,808.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	4,808.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	4,808.00
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	14,424.00
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
MS 8772 Inv Adv (Port Fund)	
8772 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8772 Stock	64,917.67
8772 Exc & Closed End Funds	26,526.18
Total 8772 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	91,443.85
Total MS 8772 Inv Adv (Port Fund)	91,443.85
MS 8774 Basic Sec (Inc Fund)	
8774 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8774 Exc & Closed End Funds	88.16
8774 Mutual Funds	584.78
Total 8774 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	672.94
8774 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8774 Exc & Closed End Funds	-5,833.22
8774 Mutual Funds	36,856.82
Total 8774 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	31,023.60
Total MS 8774 Basic Sec (Inc Fund)	31,696.54
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	123,151.96

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Accrual Basis

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	Jun 30, 14
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
Archbp Job Scholarship Mem Fd	12,177.76
Auto Reserve	20,303.69
Legal Reserve	37,000.00
Maintenance Reserve	29,192.60
Mission Funds	4,494.27
Seminarian Reserve	-5,548.98
Seminarian Scholarships	-6,441.24
General Operating Reserve	11,949.34
Special Visit Reserve	6,000.00
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	109,127.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	-69,646.98
Net Income	111,319.83
Total Equity	288,376.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,175,678.58

2014 DIOCESAN TREASURER'S REPORT

ATTACHMENTS “E” and “F”

Attachment “E”

**Diocesan Parish / Mission Development
Fund Status as of August 31st, 2014**

Attachment “F”

**Fidelity Investment Account Status as of
August 31st, 2014**

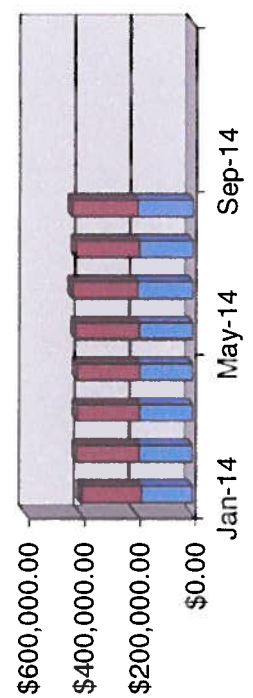
DIOCESAN PARISH / MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND STATUS FOR 2014

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
12/31/2013	\$194,762.29	\$218,837.99	\$413,600.28
Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney: Monthly Summary			
Portfolio Fund	Income Fund	Total of Both Funds	
105833	105834		

1/31/2014	\$184,412.64	\$214,647.01	\$399,059.65
2/28/2014	\$192,454.37	\$224,366.25	\$416,820.62
3/31/2014	\$192,316.84	\$223,729.84	\$416,046.68
4/30/2014	\$191,752.69	\$225,701.09	\$417,453.78
5/31/2014	\$193,316.94	\$230,465.80	\$423,782.74
6/30/2014	\$200,471.79	\$234,169.11	\$434,640.90
7/31/2014	\$193,808.33	\$229,661.52	\$423,469.85
8/31/2014	\$200,586.63	\$235,246.61	\$435,833.24
9/30/2014			
10/31/2014			
11/30/2014			
12/31/2014			

Gain/Loss \$5,824.34 \$16,408.62 \$22,232.96

**Diocesan Parish / Mission Development
Fund Status: YEAR 2014**



**2014 FIDELITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATUS:
OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND**

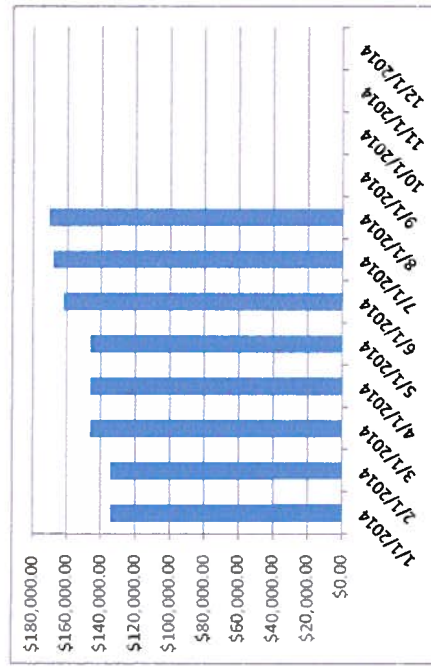
OPERATING FUND (SPRXX)	TOTALS	MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND (SPAXX)	TOTALS	FUND TOTALS
12/31/2013	\$87,430.79	12/31/2014	\$29,192.60	\$116,623.39
1/31/2014	\$134,124.88	1/31/2014	\$29,192.85	\$163,317.73
2/28/2014	\$134,125.99	2/28/2014	\$29,193.07	\$163,319.06
3/31/2014	\$145,839.64	3/31/2014	\$29,193.32	\$175,032.96
4/30/2014	\$145,840.87	4/30/2014	\$29,193.56	\$175,034.43
5/31/2014	\$145,842.16	5/31/2014	\$29,193.81	\$175,035.97
6/30/2014	\$162,031.41	6/30/2014	\$29,194.05	\$191,225.46
7/31/2014	\$167,906.23	7/31/2014	\$29,194.30	\$197,100.53
8/31/2014	\$170,657.21	8/31/2014	\$29,194.55	\$199,851.76
9/30/2014		9/30/2014		
10/31/2014		10/31/2014		
11/30/2014		11/30/2014		
12/31/2014		12/31/2014		
*Gain/Loss	\$83,226.42		\$1.95	\$83,228.37

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

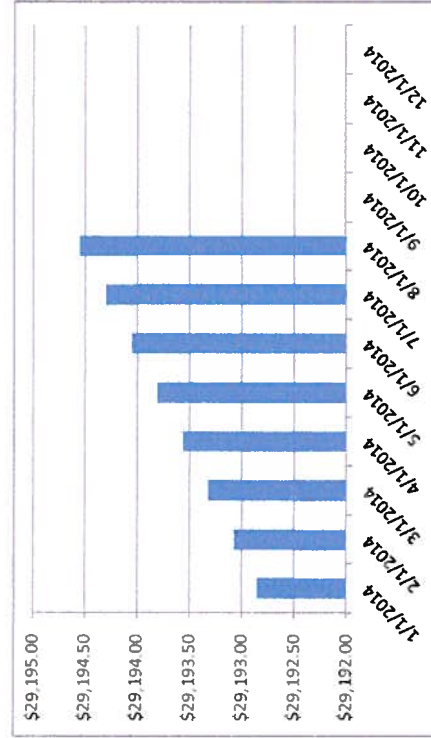
Note, \$46,692.95 deposited in Operating Reserve Fund on 1/2/14 for funds for the OCA Escrow Account for the year 2013

Note, For 2014, \$11,712.37, \$16,187.98, \$5,873.44 and \$2,749.55 were deposited in Operating Reserve Fund on 3/14/14, 6/13/14, 7/31/14 and 8/28/14. Total of \$83,016.29 for funds for the OCA Escrow Account for the year 2013 and 2014

Operating Reserve Fund



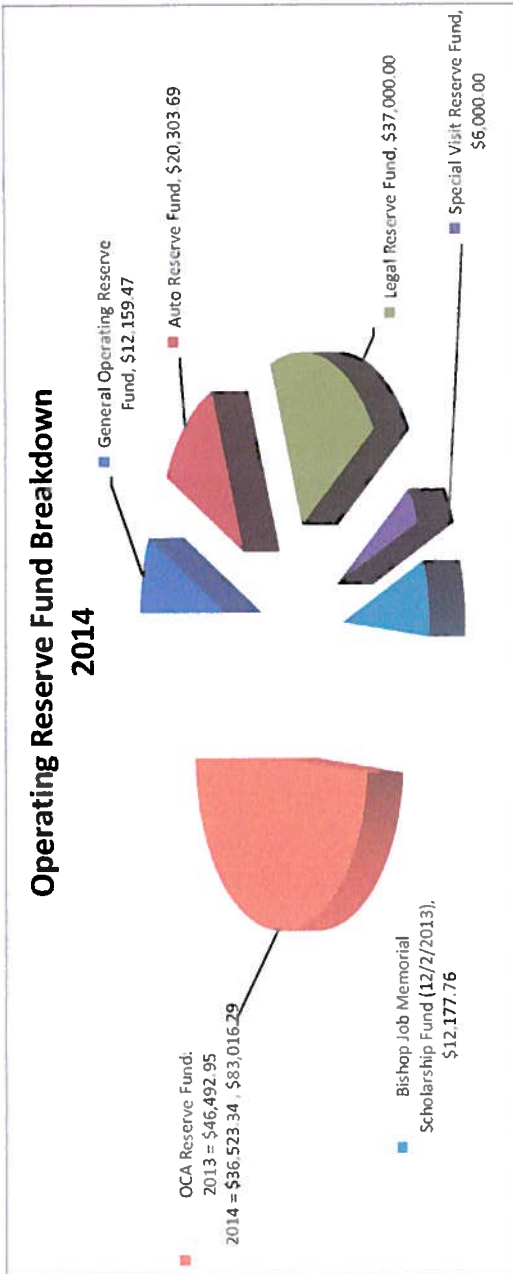
Maintenance Reserve Fund



**2014 FIDELITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATUS:
OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND**

Operating Reserve Fund Breakdown Summary from 2009 to 8/31/2014		
General Operating Reserve Fund	\$12,159.47	NOTES:
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
Bishop Job Memorial Scholarship Fund (12/2/2013)	\$12,177.76	12/02/2013: Created from funds from a rebate from the 16th All American Council Held in Seattle (Oct/Nov. 2011) to the Diocese of the Midwest. Voted and accepted by the delegates present at the 51st Diocesan Assembly in Broadview Heights to create the fund. See minutes; Other Business, Section XV1.A, Funds transferred from BOA Checking Acc into Fidelity Fund on 12/02/2013.
OCA Reserve Fund: 2013 = \$46,492.95 2014 = \$36,523.34	\$83,016.29	As of 6/30/2013: \$10 per member in assessments held by the Diocese due to the OCA decreasing the assessment from \$105 per person to \$95 per person. (Actual Dollar amount calculated based on a percentage basis, 5.2% of funds received from parishes for 2013.) Money to be used by the Diocese to fund programs no longer funded by the OCA or at the discretion of the Diocese. This decision was reaffirmed at the 52nd Dio. Assembly in Lansing, IL. Funds transferred from BOA Checking Acc into Fidelity Fund on 12/28/2013. They were deposited in the Fidelity Account on 1/2/2014. Note, For 2014: on 3/14/14, \$11,712.37, 6/13/14 \$16,187.98, 7/31/14 \$5,873.44 and on 8/28/14 \$2,749.55 = \$36,532.64 was deposited in Operating Reserve Fund
TOTAL	\$170,657.21	

2014 FIDELITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATUS:
OPERATING RESERVE FUNDS AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND



2014 DIOCESAN TREASURER'S REPORT

ATTACHMENT “G”

Proposed budget for 2015

**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Proposed 2015 Budget**

Ordinary Income / Expenses

Income

Diocesan Assessments (\$86.00 /4,967 people)			\$ 427,162.00
Diocesan Center Donation			\$ -
Program Income			
Convocation	\$ 9,250.00		
Total Program Income	\$ 9,250.00		\$ 9,250.00
Uncatortgorized Income	\$ 480.00		\$ 480.00
Total Department Income			\$ 436,892.00

Total Income

Expense

Program Expense

Charity	\$ 1,000.00
Mission Grants	\$ 46,800.00
Late Vocations	\$ 6,000.00
Scholarships	
Budgeted Portion	
Fundraisers Portion	
Other Fundraiser Expense	
Scholarships - Other	\$ 20,000.00
Total Scholarships	\$ 20,000.00

Total Program Expense **\$ 73,800.00**

Diocesan Travel

Bishop	\$ 6,000.00	
Chancellor	\$ 3,000.00	
Secretariat	\$ 500.00	
Deans	\$ 3,000.00	
Late Vocations	\$ 1,000.00	
Diocesan / Bishop's Council	\$ 20,000.00	
Metropolitan Council	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Diocesan Travel	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 34,500.00

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Proposed 2015 Budget

Diocesan Center

Insurance

Auto	\$ 285.00
Property / Liability	\$ 20,043.00
Umbrella	\$ 1,650.00
Workers Comp	\$ 1,524.00

Total Insurance **\$ 23,502.00**

Repairs and Maintenance

Labor	\$ 8,000.00
Supplies	\$ 4,500.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Other	\$ 12,000.00

Total Repairs and Maintenance **\$ 29,500.00**

Utilities

Electric	\$ 7,000.00
Gas	\$ 16,000.00
Water & Sewer	\$ 2,600.00

Total Utilities **\$ 25,600.00**

Total Diocesan Center **\$ 78,602.00** **\$ 78,602.00**

Diocesan Staff

Bishop

Salary	\$ 40,000.00	
Social Security	\$ 9,792.00	(Salary + \$24k Housing)x15.3%
Health Insurance	\$ 10,141.00	(\$845 x 12)
Life Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	
Pension	\$ 8,960.00	(Salary + \$24k Housing)x14%
Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,200.00	

Total Bishop **\$ 71,093.00**

Chancellor

Salary	\$ 22,162.00	(\$21,731 x 1.84% CPI Increase)
Social Security	\$ 3,391.00	(Salary x 15.3%)
Pension	\$ 3,103.00	(Salary x 14%)

Total Chancellor **\$ 28,656.00**

Secretariat

Salary	\$ 36,690.00	(\$36,027 x 1.84% CPI Increase)
Health Insurance	\$ 11,000.00	(\$916 x 12)
Social Security	\$ 2,807.00	(Salary x 7.65%)
Pension	\$ 5,136.00	(Salary x 14%)

Total Secretariat **\$ 55,633.00**

**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Proposed 2015 Budget**

Property Manager		
Salary	\$ 6,000.00	
Social Security	\$ 3,672.00	
Pension	\$ 3,360.00	
Total Property Manager		\$ 13,032.00
Deans		
Chicago		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Chicago		\$ 3,600.00
Cleveland		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Cleveland		\$ 3,600.00
Indianaplois		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Indianapolis		\$ 3,600.00
Kansas City		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Kansas City		\$ 3,600.00
Michigan		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Michigan		\$ 3,600.00
Minneapolis		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Minneapolis		\$ 3,600.00
Total Deans	\$ 21,600.00	
Treasurer		
Stipend	\$ 3,600.00	
Total Treasurer		\$ 3,600.00
Bishop's Stipend (Matthias)	\$ 4,000.00	
Bishop's Health Insurance (Mathias)	\$ 1,600.00	
Communications Director	\$ 3,600.00	
Late Vocations	\$ 6,000.00	
Total Diocesan Staff	\$ 208,814.00	\$ 208,814.00

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA**Proposed 2015 Budget****Diocesan Chancery Office**

Advertising	\$	500.00
Automobile Expense	\$	1,000.00
Automobile Reserve Fund	\$	5,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$	50.00
Bonding	\$	-
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	60.00
Honorarium	\$	-
Housing Allowance	\$	-
Hospitality	\$	2,400.00
Internet	\$	2,500.00
Interest Expenses (Loan)	\$	9,653.54
Library & Periodicals	\$	-
Investment Fund Management Fees	\$	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	-
Office Supplies	\$	4,000.00
Outside Contractors	\$	1,200.00
Postage	\$	3,600.00
Printing & Reproduction	\$	500.00

Professional Fees

Accounting	\$	6,000.00
Audit	\$	2,000.00
Legal	\$	1,200.00
Payroll Preparation	\$	550.00

Total Professional Fees \$ 9,750.00

Seminars & Meetings (Convocation)	\$	9,250.00
Service Contracts	\$	3,600.00
Taxes and Licenses	\$	130.00
Telephone	\$	12,000.00

Total Diocesan Chancery Office \$ 68,193.54 \$ 68,193.54

Bad Debt	\$	-
SUSPENSE	\$	-

Total Expense**\$ 463,909.54****Net Ordinary Income****\$ (27,017.54)****Other Income/Expense****Other Income**

Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets

Long Term

Total Gain (loss) on Sale fo Assets

**Diocese of the Midwest - OCA
Proposed 2015 Budget**

Investment Income
Other Income
Interest Income

Total Other Income

Other Expense

Other Expense

Estimated Costs for New Bishop

Moving Costs	\$ -
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Renovation/Furnishings for	\$ -
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Residence

Consecration/Installation Cost	\$ 5,000.00
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Diocesan Gift for New Bishop	\$ -
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Total Estimated Costs for New	\$ 5,000.00
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Bishop

Other Expense - Other	\$ -
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Total Other Expense	\$ 5,000.00
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\$ 5,000.00

Net Deficit

\$ (32,017.54)

Diocese of the Midwest -

Audit findings: August 18-19, 2014

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 2013 and January - June 2014. The audit was conducted as a select review of financial activity and presentation for the months of July and November 2013, and February and June 2014, by verifying check stubs, receipts and reports. This audit is not governed by accepted auditing standards.

Recent Audits have utilized a new process that allows forms and reports to be shared electronically. A request was made by the 2013 Audit Committee and shared with the Assembly specifying the information required for a through audit and the due date for that information.

The 2015 audit will take place in early August, 2015, as has been the practice for 5+ years.

2013 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. (Addendum I)

2014 Findings and recommendations are as follows:

Checking Account:

Account balances were confirmed and reconciliation was verified.

July 2013:

- No issues

November 2013:

- No issues

February 2014:

- Check #12574 Fr. John Zdniak; Check stub not on file for telephone expense of \$75.00, check has cleared the bank and signature is on file.

June 2014:

- No issues

Credit Card Statements:

- Receipts which support purchases frequently do not identify the reason for the purchase. This should be included to enable proper categorization of expenses. Receipts were not available to support the use of the Diocese credit card as follows:

July 2013:

PURCHASE DATE	RETAILER	AMOUNT
6/20/13	Home Depot	85.64
06/19/13	Home Depot	47.64
6/19/13	Rolling BPOL	35.56
6/14/13	Holiday Inn	29.10
6/20/13		3.70
6/27/13	Office Depot	61.48
6/4/13	Phillipe Seafood	2.14
6/7/13	Southwest Air	451.80
6/16/13	Carmine	92.90
6/12/13	Greyhound	229.50

November 2013

PURCHASE DATE	RETAILER	AMOUNT
10/29/13	Norton Supplies	42.89
10/7/13	Popolano's Restaurant	6.99
10/9/13	Sleep Inn	176.96
10/8/13	Circle K	40.00
10/17/13	Metro Parkway	100.00
10/8/13	Comfort Inn	99.68
10/9/13		199.36
10/9/13		199.36
10/7/13	U Food	2.14
10/08/13	Alamo Car	152.06
10/8/13	CLE Hopkins	28.00
10/7/13	Popolano's Restaurant	400.04
10/7/13		111.94
10/8/13	Comfort Inn	99.68
10/23/13	One Travel	99.99
10/24/13		11.95
10/24/13	Air Tran Air	611.80

February 2014:

PURCHASE DATE	RETAILER	AMOUNT
2/1/14	Gordon's Hardware	16.38
1/9/14	Midway Airport	18.03
1/11/14	US Taxi	130.00
1/27/14	Ramada Plaza	60.00
2/2/14	Sportsman Hotel	196.36
1/13/14	Peets	20.43
1/16/14	Office Max	6.11
1/10/14	CLE Hopkins	31.00
10/24/13	Air Tran Air	611.80

June 2014:

PURCHASE DATE	RETAILER	AMOUNT
5/6/14	Chicago Collections	170.00
5/7/14	Chicago Parking Ticket	100.00
6/1/14	Barkeyville Travel	41.25
5/8/14	Southwest Air	550.50
5/8/14	Southwest Air	199.50
6/3/14	Gas/Shop	3.12
6/3/14	Alamo Car Rental	210.84
6/3/14	Stoney Creek Inn	92.34
		92.34

Payroll:

Payroll was reviewed for the 12-month period of January to December of 2013.

1099-Misc forms were confirmed to the Profit & Loss Statement. All were correct.

The following issues were found:

- 2013 W2s were not available for review.

Resolution of 2013 audit discrepancy:

- The discrepancy for W2s that were issued for the years ending 2012 and 2011 that did not match the year-end balance sheet was defined as unique IRS requirements for clergy.

Investment Accounts:

- Balances were checked on the original sheets from the bank/brokerage firms and totals were verified to reports submitted by the Treasurer and Bookkeeper
- 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, 2014, \$14,808 each for a total of \$44,424

Recommendations:

Reiteration from 2013 recommendations -

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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

