

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST
Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, Illinois • 2 June 2023

I. OPENING PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the singing of the troparion for the Feast of our Lord's Ascension and blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop DANIEL, at 10:03am.

II. ATTENDANCE.

- A. Officers:** His Eminence, Archbishop DANIEL; Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor; Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Secretary; Robert Koncel, Treasurer.
- B. Delegates:** Archpriests Christopher Rowe, Zachariah Trent; Priests Jacob Van Sickel, Basil Furgeson; Ellyn Gillette, Lisa Franks, Angela Zekios, Elizabeth LaMaster.
- C. Metropolitan Council Representatives:** Archpriest John Baker and Robert Graban.
- D. Deans:** Archpriests Alexander Kuchta, Andrew Clements, Dusan Koprivica, Paul Wesche, Timothy Sawchak.
- E. Guests:** Priest Esteban Vazquez, Vice-Chancellor; Archpriest Elijah Mueller, Department of Vocations; Priest Alexander Koranda, Director of Communications and Seminarians; Protinica Michelle Jannakos, Department of Music; Matushka Miho Ealy, OCA Advisory Group to Clergy Wives; Justin Tatooles, PSP compliance.
- F. Absent:** Archpriests Steven Kostoff and Nicholas Wyslutsky; Mary Ann Bobulsky.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING.

Correction: Savings Bonds Amount corrected to \$62,000. Accepted as corrected.

IV. ARCHBISHOP'S REPORT.

His Eminence offered comments on the following topics:

- A. Travel:** His Eminence is impressed with the good work taking place in the parishes and feels very welcome everywhere he goes. He will adopt a parish visitation schedule based on the three-year cycle established by His Eminence, Archbishop +JOB, of blessed memory. This will result in approximately two parishes visited each month.
- B. Other duties:** His Eminence is a member of several OCA administrative bodies beyond the diocese. While tending to these other duties, His Eminence assured council members his primary focus is always on the diocese.
- C. Holy Land Trip:** His Eminence recently traveled to the Holy Land with over 30 pilgrims. The trip was "wonderful and exhausting". Although internet and cellular connectivity was sporadic, he was still able to attend to the business of the diocese.
- D. Parish Reception:** His Eminence, at the request of Metropolitan ONUFRIY, received the Ukrainian parish of St. Nicholas of Myra located in McHenry County. The clergy of the parish are on loan to Archbishop DANIEL, but the parish belongs to the diocese. There are additional priests without communities who are seeking similar ecclesiastical status.
- E. Convocation:** His Eminence felt the event went well. Fr. Paul Abernathy, of the Neighborhood Resiliency Ministry in Pittsburgh, was the retreat speaker. His Eminence valued his time and fellowship with the clergy of the diocese.
- F. Movie:** The producers of the "Man of God" movie plan to begin shooting in Chicago a new production based on the life of St. Moses the Black.
- G. Visitation:** His Grace Neophytes, Bishop of Nyeri and Mt. Kenya, will concelebrate with Archbishop DANIEL at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Holy Spirit Monday.
- H. Chancery Update:** Reader Philip Sokolov recently completed a paid medical leave of absence from his position in the chancery. Reader Philip remains a member of the chancery staff as an office assistant. His Eminence expressed gratitude to Fr. Esteban Vazquez and Fr. Alexander Koranda for their hard work over the past two months to organize and streamline daily operations. His Eminence asked for council consensus for the appointment of Fr.

Esteban as Vice-Chancellor. Motion: Koncel/Graban. PASSED. The remodeling of the chancery offices is going well and near completion. Furniture from the Burbank property will be moved this week.

- I. **Seminarians:** His Eminence is inviting all diocesan seminarians to a retreat in mid-July before they return for the Fall semester. Fr. Alexander Koranda has been appointed Director of Seminarians to facilitate and oversee the processing of paperwork related to admissions, episcopal approval, and mentoring.

V. MINISTRY REPORTS.

- A. **Family Life.** See written report.
- B. **Clergy Wives' Advisory Group.** See written report. His Eminence mentioned as a possible project the compilation of a clergy widow directory.
- C. **St. Andrew of Crete Music Ministry.** See written report.
- D. **St. Macrina Orthodox Institute.** Around 33 students in the catechist program. The Seeds of Faith program will offer individuals an alternative to non-diocesan blogs and other online content. Individuals possessing an advanced degree in a particular subject area are welcome to apply as instructors. Instruction continues to be delivered via Zoom.
- E. **Holy Resurrection Monastery.** See written report. Dr. Zekios highlighted items from the written report. Discussion was held concerning a discrepancy in monastery property lines. A process is in place to remedy this situation with neighboring properties.

VI. OPERATIONAL REPORTS.

- A. **Chancellor.** Welcome to new delegates Lisa Franks and Fr. Basil Furgeson. Congratulations to Fr. Andrew Clements on the birth of his 9th grandchild Raphael. Fr. Paul was blessed to teach in Romania for 10 days and to attend the Holy Land pilgrimage with His Eminence and over 30 pilgrims. The Burbank property sale is proceeding well. If all goes as planned, the closing should be completed by the end of July for \$1.2 million. Renovations at the new chancery location are going well. The chancery office should be fully operational in the coming weeks. There is one pastoral opening located in Minot, North Dakota. Two canonical investigations into clergy matters were recently completed, resulting in one person defrocked, while the other case was closed with no change in status. Clergy care should be at the top of our agenda within the diocese. Greater effort to discover the needs of clergy before it leads to severe difficulties. Lay Engagement Initiative group continues. A pastoral school within the diocese is being pursued, allowing for education and formation leading to potential ordination without having to leave the geographical area of the diocese. Fr. Paul invited Justin Tatooles to offer an update on PSP compliance: In 2023, 20% of parishes are non-compliant. 90% is the goal set by the Holy Synod. Deans will follow up with non-compliant parishes.
- B. **Metropolitan Council.** See written report.
- C. **Communications.** See written report.
- D. **Treasurer & Finance Committee.** See written report. Some discussion on parish stewardship check deposit process. As the chancery administration is being restructured, Rob has taken on the time-consuming duties of depositing checks. Fr. Kuchta commended Rob for taking on these duties in the interim. Also addressed bond issues regarding beneficiary. Fr. Sawchak suggested Diocesan Youth Coordinator should be present for future council meetings. Fr. Paul stated that position and future expectations are being reviewed.

Lunch Break: 12:30-1:15pm in the dining hall.

VII. DEANERY REPORTS.

- A. **Chicago.** See written report. Deanery Summer Youth Camp: July 5-8.
- B. **Cleveland.** See written report.
- C. **Indianapolis.** See written report.

D. Kansas City. See written report. Still waiting to hear about sale of church and rectory in Desloge, MO.

E. Michigan. See written report.

F. Minneapolis. See written report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Archangel Michael Property Sale – addressed in above discussions and reports.

B. Diocesan Chancery Move – addressed in above discussions and reports.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

None.

X. DATE OF NEXT DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING.

October 2-4, in conjunction with Diocesan Assembly at Burr Ridge, and November 30-December 1, 2023.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn (Van Sickle/Zekios). The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm with the singing of “It is truly meet” and a blessing by His Eminence.

*Respectfully submitted,
Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Diocesan Secretary*

Midwest Family Ministry

Report to the Diocesan Council, May 29, 2023

Since our meeting last December, which I missed due to Covid, the family ministry has pursued one potential new project. I was blessed by His Eminence to submit a grant application to Lilly Endowment's Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative in February. If we receive this grant, it would fund the establishment of an in-person family camping ministry in five locations across the diocese opening gradually over a five year period. Mat. Michelle Jannakos has agreed to take on the part time position of director of this program, should it come to fruition, while I would serve in an oversight and support role. We will hear if we receive the grant sometime this summer. For your information, I have copied the announcement of grant below, and attached the Executive Summary of our proposal.

Announcement:

Through the Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative, Lilly Endowment seeks to help interested parents and caregivers share their faith and values with their children. Eligible charitable organizations located in the United States may submit proposals to create new or enhance existing programs that advance one or both of the following objectives:

- Supporting congregations (especially pastors, children and youth ministry staff and congregational volunteer leaders) and other Christian organizations by developing and providing resources, programs and educational opportunities that will create and/or strengthen ministries to help interested parents and caregivers share their Christian faith and values with their children.
- Supporting Christian parents and caregivers by developing and providing resources and programs to help them learn, adapt and embrace time-honored practices to share their Christian faith and values with their children.

Eligible organizations were able to submit proposals for up to \$1.25 million that may be used for up to a five-year period to plan and implement their programs. The Endowment anticipates awarding approximately 60 grants to charitable organizations that submit the most promising and compelling proposals.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Fr. Jacob N. Van Sickle

Executive Summary

OCA Diocese of the Midwest Grant Application

The Diocese of the Midwest is the largest diocese of the Orthodox Church in America by number of parishes, serving 5,198 adult members and 1,744 children spread over 74 parishes, missions, and chapels in eleven states. Historically, our roots are in Slavic Orthodoxy, but at present we are a multi-ethnic Orthodox jurisdiction including many converts. In 2017, the Diocese adopted as its mission statement “Equipping the saints for ministry: uniting the faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest to discover, live, and share the life in Christ.” In furtherance of this mission, the diocese in recent years established new programs that support the work of its parishes in several key areas, including certifications for deacons and catechists, fundraising for charitable work, and musicianship training for parish choirs.

One program, launched in 2018, was an online family ministry—a website to provide resources for parents trying to raise their children in the faith. We would like to broaden this family ministry into the real world. With the help of this grant, we would be able to launch several annual Orthodox Family Camp retreats throughout our Diocese, located strategically to be accessible to as many of our parishes as possible. We believe that family camps are an ideal way for our diocese to minister to families. In contrast to more typical children’s camps, family camp calls the whole family into retreat, providing time for families to reconnect away from the pressures of ordinary life. Children see their parents engage with the faith. In separate programming, parents are given the opportunity to reflect upon their faith and responsibilities, sharing their struggles with one another, while children grow in faith and form bonds of friendship with Orthodox peers.

There is already a pan-Orthodox family camp put on by the Greek Orthodox cathedral in Minneapolis in Maple Lake, MN. This camp is within a 3-hour drive of ten of our parishes. Some of our families from the Twin Cities already attend, and our local clergy there endorse it. They have a 20-year history of building upon experience and the feedback they solicit annually from the parents who attend. We have been in contact with them as we developed this proposal, and they are open to collaboration. Our first step will be to send our representatives to observe this camp in October of 2023 and establish relationships with those who run it. Their experience and expertise will help us to launch camps in other regions, and we can formalize a partnership on the basis of which we will begin promoting that camp more widely to our parishes through communications and scholarships.

In 2024, in addition to supporting the camp in Maple Lake, we will offer a new family camp at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, WI. This location conveniently serves 21 of our parishes in Chicagoland and Eastern Wisconsin. We have held conferences at this facility, so it is familiar, and we know it is well-equipped to handle a family camp. After soliciting feedback from attendees and learning from the many mistakes we will undoubtedly make putting on this first new camp, we will work to improve our existing offerings and establish another new camp in each of the following years of the grant. With strategic placement, we estimate that we will be able to serve at least 90% of the families in our parishes with five camps.

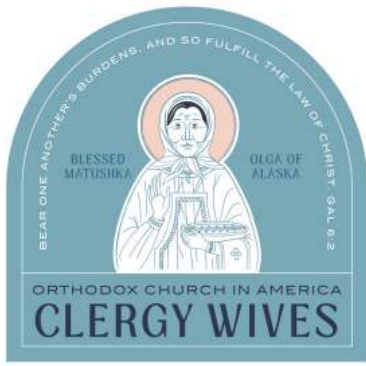
Diocese of the Midwest



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CLERGY WIVES ADVISORY GROUP

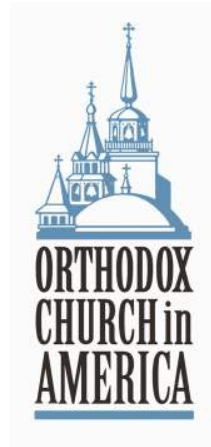
PROGRAMS



Clergy Wives Advisory Group

***Programs & Projects for:**

- Active & Retired Clergy Wives
- Clergy Widows
- OCA & other jurisdictions
- Online only



***Quarterly Zoom Retreat, Saturday's, 1–3pm ET:**

- February 4th—Lenten Nutrition
- May 20th—Forgiveness
- August—TBD
- November—TBD

***Quarterly Online Clergy Wives Newsletter**

***Clergy Wives Prayer List**

***Clergy Wife Prayer Cards**

***Online OCA Clergy Wives Directory**

***Thriving in Ministry Clergy Wives Groups**

For more info contact: clergywives@oca.org

OPL Programs

1

Clergy Wives Advisory Group

- Offering Programs for Clergy Wives & Widows
 - Contact: clergywives@oca.org
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2

Thriving in Ministry (TiM)

- Small Groups for Clergy & Clergy Wives
 - Contact: secretary@thrivingorthodox.org
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3

Synaxis

- Online Zoom Retreat for Clergy
 - Contact: synaxis@oca.org
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4

National Clergy Retreat

- In-Person Event for Bishops & Priests
- Contact: synaxis@oca.org

Diocese of the Midwest, Diocesan Council, June 2nd, 2023

Clergy Wives Advisory Group Report

The OCA's clergy wives advisory group (CWAG) serves the entire clergy wives population and offers various programs and activities to clergy wives and widows. CWAG functions under the guidance of Bishop Gerasim of the South (OCA Office of Pastoral Life's liaison hierarch) and Fr. Nicholas Solak (the chair of OCA's Office of Pastoral Life).

Clergy wives – matushka, presbytera, popadija, protinitsa, preotesa, pani, panimatka, diaconissa, widows of clergy - all the wives of clergymen

CWAG group meets twice a month to plan activities and events.

Events are:

Quarterly Online Zoom Retreat (Saturdays, 1-3pm ET)

Quarterly Online Newsletter (both in English and in Spanish)

Clergy Widows Online Retreat

Call for Clergy Wives Prayer List

Partnership with Thriving in Ministry (peer-learning group)

Communication via our diocesan point people and share news from each diocese

Diocesan Point People

Protinitsa Michelle Jannakos (michellejannakos@gmail.com)

Matushka Miho Ealy (pelagia1021@gmail.com)

St. Andrew of Crete Music Ministry
June 2023

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Since our last Diocesan Council report, our committee continues to meet regularly via zoom. Our activities have included:

1. Kansas City Deanery Music Gathering/mini workshop
2. Choir workshop in Green Bay, WI
3. Paschal Virtual Youth Video - would like to continue with other Feasts
4. Ongoing Conductor Mentorships

We continue to plan for:

1. November workshop in Dayton, OH. – hoping to make this an annual event
2. Late August Webinars -Zoom Meetings for Youth Music Education
 - a. Forming youth choirs/ pedagogy
 - b. Integrating youth in full liturgical life of the parish
3. Posting music with recordings to aid in rehearsals (including 2-3 part music)
4. Posting short video mini-lessons – vocal, conducting technique

As always, please contact us to help with any musical needs that parishes, choirs and conductors may have, as well as supplying/updating contact information for parish conductors and musicians for our database.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Jannakos



Holy Resurrection Monastery

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May 29, 2023

Your Eminence and Diocesan Council Members,

Thank you for your support of the monastery and for reaching out. There are a few differences from the last report.

Liturgical

Daily services continue as usual: Matins, Hours, Vespers, etc. Sometimes a local person will attend, but the monastery is too far and out of the way for most people. Divine Liturgy has not been served at the monastery since August of 2022 and that is difficult.

Financial

The economy has lowered donations. Grants received in the past were not available this year or drastically decreased. Mother focuses on paying the bills, heating or AC, and food. She is grateful to His Eminence and the Diocese for continuing to pay property and auto insurance premiums. With increased fuel costs, Mother remains mindful of its use. Still no health insurance.

Candles

Candle orders have been steady. There was a dramatic increase in March of 210# sold, but the order rate has returned to 100 to 130# per month. A couple of new parishes have begun ordering on a regular basis. The steady increase is helpful.

Property

The irregularities concerning the property have not been resolved. That is a major concern. Mother continues to make improvements and care for the everything.

Guests

The latest is the many Orthodox inquirers are visiting the monastery. Many have never been in an Orthodox Church before and have discovered Orthodoxy online. They are welcomed, brought to the Church where we pray, and they are introduced further to Orthodoxy. They are offered hospitality, some of their questions answered, introductory materials given, and the whereabouts of the parishes. To give you an idea of the distances they are travelling: one lady came from Camdenton which is near Lake of the Ozarks, an hour North of the Monastery; and a family came from Summersville which is

1-1/2 hours Southwest of the Monastery. Some are Protestant and others Roman Catholic. They 18-50 years in age, single or married with families, and are finding the Monastery via OCA.org or internet search of Orthodox in Missouri.

Overnight guests

There have been many guests during Lent and after Pascha. Those visits were arranged so that monastic observance would not be impeded. Mother is now in a break.

Vocations

This is in God's hands. As before, many of the women who have contacted Mother are in the twilight of their lives or have mental health instability. Those women need to refrain from pursuing monastic life or find a larger, healthy monastery that can absorb and care for them.

A couple of younger women have contacted the monastery. One will visit this Summer, and the other did what many of the younger generation do: they are exuberant and then ghost. Friends out in the world have similar experiences. Possibly this is a result of the narcissistic culture, the impersonal nature of digital communication, and underdevelopment of interpersonal skills.

Future

- Increased monthly pledges. It would be helpful not to worry month to month about this and also be able to obtain health insurance. There is a donation portal on the website and an option to for a one-time or monthly gift.
- Property irregularities need to be resolved.
- Increased candle sales.
- **Holy Resurrection Monastery again requests to be listed on the DOMOCA website. Only the parishes are listed.**

Report of Diocesan Metropolitan Council Representatives

Since the prior report submitted last December, the Metropolitan Council met virtually for its spring session on March 14 and 16, with special meetings on February 3 and May 4.

Metropolitan's Report: His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon noted the conveniences of residing in Virginia and within the Archdiocese of Washington. He announced the membership of the Synodal Pension committee appointed by the Holy Synod: Archbishop Daniel (chair), Archbishop Michael, Archbishop Mark; Pension Board members Fr. John Dresko, Matushka Mary Buletza-Breton, Mary Ann Bobulsky; and Metropolitan Council members Fr. John Baker, David Lane and Joshua Godbold.

The **Property Committee** engaged the services of a commercial real estate broker, RIPCO Real Estate LLC, confirmed through a special meeting of the MC on February 3 to sell the Westwood property in Syosset. The new efforts will target commercial (developer) prospects, but the sale efforts will not exclude those seeking a residential use purchase. There is no commercial zoning in the municipality. A reasonable expectation for closure, given this sales plan, is reported to be 9 to 18 months. A significant obstacle to a sale is the extremely high tax assessment of \$12M (the listed selling price is \$5.2M), which would result in taxes to a non-exempt buyer of \$263,000 per year; the OCA doesn't pay the full tax rate and is therefore said to be without standing for a dispute. A tax grievance has been filed and the OCA is expecting expenses for legal and professional services.

The Preconciliar Commission received only two feasible bids for the **21st All American Council**: the Hyatt Regency at Chicago O'Hare (Rosemont) and Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix Arizona. The consensus favored the Phoenix recommendation; a subsequent special session authorized the contract with the Arizona Grand Resort, scheduled for July 14-18, 2025.

Resolutions approved included (1) designating an unrestricted bequest of \$50,000 received from the estate of Al Foundos for youth activities, broadly defined, with the right to reverse the decision, although not planning or intending to do so (2) returning a \$120,000 grant intended for St. Catherine's Representation Church in Moscow for an iconostasis project, at the request of the dean of St. Catherine's. The OCA administration and legal counsel determined that there is currently no way to send funds to Russia in light of sanctions. The funds will be returned to Chenega Corporation, an Alaskan Native corporation.

OCA Pension Plan: Much of the second day's business involved discussions of the Pension Plan and the Pension Board's response to questions from the MC Pension

Committee. Archbishop Daniel in his report to Metropolitan Tikhon and the Metropolitan Council identified the specific mandate for the Synodal Pension Committee is to “explore issues surrounding compliance and plan structure.” This includes (1) review of the mandate for certain employees (and the employers) to participate in the Plan, (2) ascertain where the Church stands on compliance, (3) review updated actuarial analysis to determine the impact of recent Plan changes and market conditions on the Plan’s status, (4) begin looking to the Plan’s future and consider what Plan structure would be most beneficial to the Church and clergy, and (5) explore ways to reduce, over time, the existing net pension liability.

Additionally, the Metropolitan Council’s Pension Committee exists to facilitate communications between the Pension Board and the Metropolitan Council. Per a resolution approved at the Fall 2022 MC session, “The function of the Pension Committee is to review the recommendations of the Pension Board, analyze the recommendations, and make a report to the Metropolitan Council. The Pension Board shall make a report with recommendations to the Pension Committee no later than 30 days prior to the regular session of the Metropolitan Council where the recommendations will be considered.”

Financially, the OCA has a balanced budget for 2023 (with use of unrestricted reserves), considering the reduced contributions from the Dioceses (including the Midwest) that are invoiced at a rate greater than 34%. Despite unrealized losses on investments in 2022, overall, the endowment is well "above water", that is, greater than the net invested capital. Overall, the investment accounts were down a collective 15%, versus the 20% decline of the S&P 500 in 2022. Revenue collection in 2022 was 97% of expectation, with expenses at 93% of budget, giving a modest increase in unrestricted net assets, without having to draw on unrestricted reserves as budgeted. The All American Council was within budget, resulting in a modest net income of \$2,405. The AAC overspent on youth activities, but this was offset by using the contingency funds budgeted. The OCA is engaging a firm to prepare and apply for an Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), with an estimated credit of \$189,000, net of fees, for the years 2020-2021. This is different from and in addition to what was obtained through the Paycheck Protection Plan loan forgiveness.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Graban
Fr. John Baker
May 25, 2023



DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Office is responsible for the press releases and publications on the diocesan website. Additionally, this office assists with other diocesan publications and correspondence at the discretion of the Diocesan Hierarchy.

In four and a half months DOMOCA.ORG has welcomed just under 20,000 visitors, with content being viewed over 52,000 times from people all over the world. During this period, 60 posts have been once again making the diocesan website a leader in content for the OCA.

The [DOM COMS](#) Department utilizes two social media platforms: Facebook and Twitter. These two platforms are used to highlight posts that have been made on our website. These platforms also give a chance for individuals and parishes to react to what is posted by liking, sharing, or commenting on posts. This also provides valuable feedback into what posts are being enjoyed the most by our audience. Liturgical posts and hierarchical visits continue to be the most popular posts.

SOCIAL MEDIA REACTIONS

The numbers reflect reactions and shares for the first seventeen days of May

Clergy Awards Announcement	60	Annual Clergy Convocation	21
DOM Parish Donates \$10,000	41	Chancellor in Romania	14
110th Anniversary Celebrated in Lorain, OH	40	Metropolitan Leonty remembered	13
Archbishop of Chicago Celebrates Fourth Sunday	31	Clergy Wives Retreat on May 20	6
Celebration for the Great Martyr George	24	Special Diocesan Assembly	0

DOMOCA.ORG continues to be leader for diocesan news in the Orthodox Church in America posting more articles and content than the national website and all other diocesan websites.

PRIEST ALEXANDER KORANDA

Director of Communications

DOMOCA.ORG POSTS

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY 17	TOTAL
26	10	15	13	10	60



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All-time highlights

All-time stats

Views	408,225
Visitors	138,925
Posts	1,449
Comments	0

Most popular time

Best day
Tuesday
18% of views
Best hour
2:00 PM
7% of views

Most popular day

Day
April 23
2022
Views
4.4K
1% of views

Latest post

Clergy Wives Retreat on May 20

Published May 15, 2023

Views	Likes	Comments
34	0	0



Most popular post in the past year

STATEMENT OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DANIEL OF CHICAGO AND T...

Published Mar 14, 2023

Views	Likes	Comments
11.2K	0	0



Months and Years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	1,053	6,501	20,350	11,616	11,220	9,945	4,852	5,797	5,307	8,510	6,331	7,728	99,210
2021	14,063	7,865	8,475	7,329	14,248	6,711	6,027	6,968	14,819	10,085	6,342	5,632	108,564
2022	6,601	7,769	17,257	27,705	12,415	8,770	11,721	13,314	10,632	12,269	10,286	8,813	147,552
2023	12,022	10,078	13,954	9,985	6,858								52,897

Average per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Overall
2020	1,053	224	656	387	362	332	157	187	177	275	211	249	295
2021	454	281	273	244	460	224	194	225	494	325	211	182	297
2022	213	277	557	924	400	292	378	429	354	396	343	284	404
2023	388	360	450	333	423								388



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Top Posts for 365 days ending 2023-05-17 (Summarized)

[7 Days](#) | [30 Days](#) | [Quarter](#) | **[Year](#)** | [All time](#)

May 17, 2022 to Today

Title	Views
Welcome	36,452
Home page / Archives	8,194
STATEMENT OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DANIEL OF CHICAGO AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST ON THE ...	3,805
News	3,448
Parishes	2,293
From the Bishop	2,002
HOLY SYNOD ELECTS BISHOP DANIEL AS BISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST	1,977
Administration	1,497
Pilgrimage to Holy Land announced for 2023	1,411
Clergy	1,378

Top Posts for all days ending 2023-05-17 (Summarized)

[7 Days](#) | [30 Days](#) | [Quarter](#) | [Year](#) | **[All time](#)**

All Time

Title	Views
Welcome	107,663
Home page / Archives	24,936
Coronavirus Resource Page	9,166
News	9,149
Chancery Notes	8,488
Parishes	7,654
From the Bishop	6,692
In Memoriam: Archpriest Anastasy Richter	6,050
Clergy	4,487
In Memoriam: Mr. John Sutko	4,296
In Memoriam: The Most Reverend PAUL Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest	4,189



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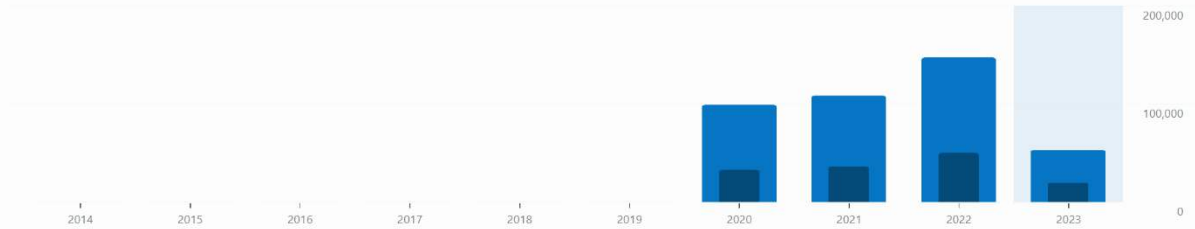
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52,938

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Views

Welcome	14,772
STATEMENT OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DANIEL OF CHICAGO AND THE DIOCESE ...	3,805
Home page / Archives	3,181
News	2,076
Diocese of the Midwest Releases New APP	911
Parishes	902
New Parish Received into the Diocese of the Midwest	767
From the Bishop	643
Administration	607
Diocesan Seminarians Ordained on Holy Theophany	569

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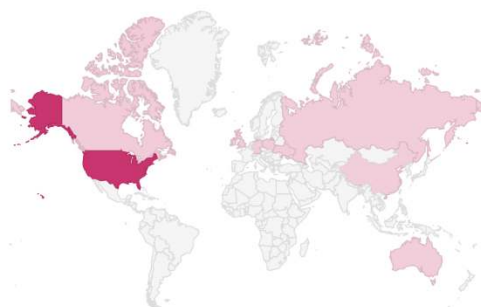
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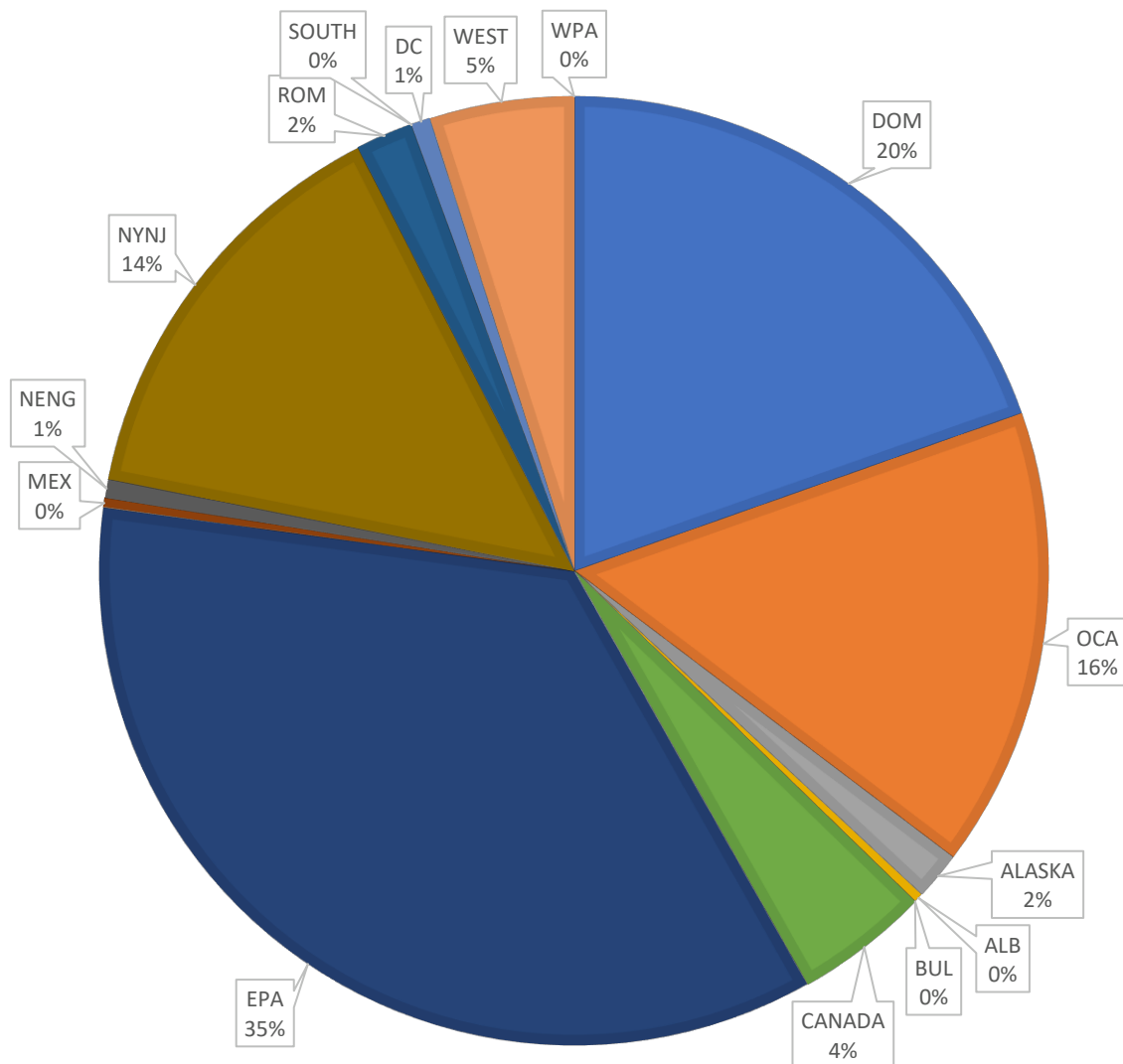
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Ukraine	231
Ireland	230
Russia	168
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China	121
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Germany	63
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Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
Convocation Income		13,800.00	-13,800.00
Diocesan Assembly Income		13,500.00	-13,500.00
Other Contributions	2,600.00		2,600.00
Outreach Income			
Alaska-Mexico Appeal	3,000.00		3,000.00
Late Vocations	13,267.09	12,000.00	1,267.09
Total Outreach Income	16,267.09	12,000.00	4,267.09
Restricted Income - Monastery	100.00	1,200.00	-1,100.00
Special Contributions		22,900.00	-22,900.00
Temp Restricted Income			
Missions	750.00		750.00
Mother Maria Paris Ministry	1,576.00		1,576.00
Scholarships			
Deanery Fundraisers		2,000.00	-2,000.00
Support our Seminarians Appeal	13,634.00	13,700.00	-66.00
Total Scholarships	13,634.00	15,700.00	-2,066.00
Ukraine Relief	5,842.00		5,842.00
Total Temp Restricted Income	21,802.00	15,700.00	6,102.00
Tithe Income	1,067,833.23	1,071,087.50	-3,254.27
Uncategorized Income		500.00	-500.00
Total Income	\$1,108,602.32	\$1,150,687.50	\$ -42,085.18
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,108,602.32	\$1,150,687.50	\$ -42,085.18
Expenses			
Archbishop Funeral Expenses	28,456.81		28,456.81
Bishop's Death Benefit Exp	14,400.00		14,400.00
Bishop's Enthronement	28,687.84		28,687.84
Enthronement banquet tickets	-4,180.00		-4,180.00
Total Bishop's Enthronement	24,507.84		24,507.84
Clergy and Parish Resource Exp			
Hospitality	2,930.48	6,000.00	-3,069.52
Liturgical Supplies		3,000.00	-3,000.00
Total Clergy and Parish Resource Exp	2,930.48	9,000.00	-6,069.52
Communications			
Advertising	150.00		150.00
Printing & Reproduction	168.41	100.00	68.41
Total Communications	318.41	100.00	218.41
Diocesan Assembly Expense	1,355.43		1,355.43
Diocesan Assembly		13,500.00	-13,500.00
Total Diocesan Assembly Expense	1,355.43	13,500.00	-12,144.57
Diocesan Chancery Office			

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Seminars & Meetings		13,800.00	-13,800.00
Total Diocesan Chancery Office		13,800.00	-13,800.00
Family/Youth Ministry		8,000.00	-8,000.00
Gifts	232.39		232.39
Hardship Gifts	5,000.00		5,000.00
Health Insurance			
Bishop	993.50	5,000.00	-4,006.50
Secretariat	15,225.00	15,225.00	0.00
Total Health Insurance	16,218.50	20,225.00	-4,006.50
Insurance			
Auto	3,271.75	4,500.00	-1,228.25
Liability	3,315.50	2,000.00	1,315.50
NVM Insurance	5,882.00		5,882.00
Total Liability	9,197.50	2,000.00	7,197.50
Life			
Diocesan Keyperson		4,000.00	-4,000.00
Total Life		4,000.00	-4,000.00
Property	7,744.50	9,200.00	-1,455.50
Total Insurance	20,213.75	19,700.00	513.75
Moving Expense	1,218.22		1,218.22
OCA Expenses			
OCA Tithe	451,355.66	407,013.25	44,342.41
Total OCA Expenses	451,355.66	407,013.25	44,342.41
Office Expense			
Background Checks	2,301.01	2,000.00	301.01
Bank Service Charges	180.00	200.04	-20.04
Bank Stripe Fees	277.17		277.17
Total Bank Service Charges	457.17	200.04	257.13
Debts Forgiven	4,835.80		4,835.80
Dues & Subscriptions		420.00	-420.00
Internet Service Provider	1,573.55	1,600.00	-26.45
Licenses & Fees	14.00	250.00	-236.00
Miscellaneous	-42.99	1,000.00	-1,042.99
Office Supplies	1,086.15	3,000.00	-1,913.85
Postage and Shipping	330.34	1,000.00	-669.66
Psychological Evaluations	4,100.00	2,500.00	1,600.00
Software Expense	576.28		576.28
Telephone	2,857.25	9,000.00	-6,142.75
Total Office Expense	18,088.56	20,970.04	-2,881.48
Payroll Expenses			
Workers' Comp	1,706.25	1,300.00	406.25

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Total Payroll Expenses	1,706.25	1,300.00	406.25
Professional Fees			
Accounting	6,650.00	6,500.00	150.00
Counseling	1,700.00	1,500.00	200.00
External Audit		10,000.00	-10,000.00
Family Website Support		1,200.00	-1,200.00
Investment Fund Management Fees	3,721.64	2,600.00	1,121.64
Legal		1,200.00	-1,200.00
Payroll Preparation		500.00	-500.00
Professional Fees- Other	2,300.00		2,300.00
Website Support	4,438.44	8,420.00	-3,981.56
Total Professional Fees	18,810.08	31,920.00	-13,109.92
Program Expense			
Alaska-Mexico Appeal	2,000.00		2,000.00
Candles		1,500.00	-1,500.00
Charity	1,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00
Ukraine Relief	7,517.00		7,517.00
Total Charity	8,517.00	1,500.00	7,017.00
Convocations		13,800.00	-13,800.00
Donation to Episcopal Assembly		1,500.00	-1,500.00
Late Vocations	13,518.60	12,000.00	1,518.60
Mission Development	7,000.04	5,000.00	2,000.04
Mission Grants	21,400.00	46,800.00	-25,400.00
Monastery Ministry	6,100.00		6,100.00
Mother Maria of Paris Ministry	45,350.00		45,350.00
Music Ministry	3,513.93		3,513.93
Seminarian Scholarships			
Budgeted Portion	19,500.03	30,000.00	-10,499.97
Fundraisers Portion	10,178.40	13,700.00	-3,521.60
Scholarships- Other		2,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Seminarian Scholarships	29,678.43	45,700.00	-16,021.57
Total Program Expense	137,078.00	127,800.00	9,278.00
Rectory Allowance	3,000.00	12,000.00	-9,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance			
Burbank Rectory Repairs		9,000.00	-9,000.00
Labor	1,968.00	3,600.00	-1,632.00
Maintenance	5,573.87	200.00	5,373.87
Maintenance Reserve		5,000.00	-5,000.00
Repairs	1,189.37	500.00	689.37
Supplies	8.86	1,500.00	-1,491.14
Total Repairs and Maintenance	8,740.10	19,800.00	-11,059.90
Salaries & Wages			

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Bishop			
Life Insurance		4,000.00	-4,000.00
Pension - DMW	12,898.13	12,784.56	113.57
Salary	108,825.89	79,845.65	28,980.24
Social Security	8,325.17	7,944.19	380.98
Total Bishop	130,049.19	104,574.40	25,474.79
Bishop's Keleunik			
Pension - DMW	-142.60		-142.60
Salary	14,402.50	21,000.00	-6,597.50
Total Bishop's Keleunik	14,259.90	21,000.00	-6,740.10
Bookkeeper		8,190.00	-8,190.00
Salary	5,348.35		5,348.35
Social Security	409.15		409.15
Total Bookkeeper	5,757.50	8,190.00	-2,432.50
Chancellor			
Pension - DMW	4,938.17	2,993.95	1,944.22
Salary	42,157.20	29,939.54	12,217.66
Social Security	3,225.03	2,290.37	934.66
Total Chancellor	50,320.40	35,223.86	15,096.54
Secretariat			
Pension - DMW	5,541.00	4,784.64	756.36
Salary	55,409.88	47,846.42	7,563.46
Social Security	4,238.85	3,660.25	578.60
Total Secretariat	65,189.73	56,291.31	8,898.42
Total Salaries & Wages	265,576.72	225,279.57	40,297.15
Service Contracts	2,783.80	4,810.00	-2,026.20
Special Projects Fund			
Cemetery Maintenance Expense	100,012.06		100,012.06
Total Special Projects Fund	100,012.06		100,012.06
Stipends			
Communications Director			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Communications Director	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Deans			
Chicago			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Chicago	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Cleveland			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Cleveland	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Indianapolis			

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

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	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Stipend	5,250.00	4,200.00	1,050.00
Total Indianapolis	5,250.00	4,200.00	1,050.00
Kansas City			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Kansas City	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Michigan			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Michigan	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Minneapolis			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Minneapolis	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Deans	26,250.00	25,200.00	1,050.00
Late Vocations Coordinator			
Stipend	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Total Late Vocations Coordinator	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Secretary			
Stipend	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Total Secretary	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Treasurer			
Stipend	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Total Treasurer	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Youth Coordinator			
Stipend	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Total Youth Coordinator	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Total Stipends	51,450.00	50,400.00	1,050.00
Travel			
AAC	3,003.39		3,003.39
Auditors	1,570.67	2,500.00	-929.33
Automobile Expense	603.17	1,200.00	-596.83
Bishop	12,864.42	18,000.00	-5,135.58
Bishop's Keleinik	177.66	2,000.00	-1,822.34
Chancellor	3,115.61	2,000.00	1,115.61
Deanery	120.00		120.00
Deans		1,200.00	-1,200.00
Diocesan/Bishop's Council	19,007.65	24,000.00	-4,992.35
Late Vocations	696.00	500.00	196.00
Metropolitan Council	1,882.74	1,000.00	882.74
Secretariat	1,490.31	600.00	890.31
Total Travel	44,531.62	53,000.00	-8,468.38
Utilities			
Electric	1,035.32	2,400.00	-1,364.68

Diocese of the Midwest - OCA

Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2022 - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Gas	1,355.64	1,600.00	-244.36
Water & Sewer	223.18	500.00	-276.82
Total Utilities	2,614.14	4,500.00	-1,885.86
Total Expenses	\$1,220,598.82	\$1,043,117.86	\$177,480.96
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -111,996.50	\$107,569.64	\$ -219,566.14
Other Income			
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets			
Long-Term	-281.99		-281.99
Short-Term	-926.13		-926.13
Total Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-1,208.12		-1,208.12
MS Investment Income			
Dividend Income	14,534.27		14,534.27
F/X taxes on investments	-46.17		-46.17
Total Dividend Income	14,488.10		14,488.10
Interest Income	30.57		30.57
Total MS Investment Income	14,518.67		14,518.67
Total Other Income	\$13,310.55	\$0.00	\$13,310.55
Other Expenses			
Bishop's Discretionary Fund		1,200.00	-1,200.00
Depreciation Expense			
Depreciation- Buildings	1,510.14	251.69	1,258.45
Depreciation- Computers	3,109.36	2,803.32	306.04
Depreciation- Equipment	1,118.28	1,118.28	0.00
Depreciation- Furniture	963.09	889.85	73.24
Depreciation- LHI	3,611.15	2,147.40	1,463.75
Depreciation- Vehicles	3,750.50	3,750.50	0.00
Total Depreciation Expense	14,062.52	10,961.04	3,101.48
Fines & Penalties	749.20		749.20
Interest Expense	43.01		43.01
Taxes and Licenses		250.00	-250.00
Total Other Expenses	\$14,854.73	\$12,411.04	\$2,443.69
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -1,544.18	\$ -12,411.04	\$10,866.86
NET INCOME	\$ -113,540.68	\$95,158.60	\$ -208,699.28

Diocese of the Midwest

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank of America Checking- (8445)	301,433.02
Checking Accounts- Restricted	
Archangel Michael Checking- (6674)	90,810.84
MMP Checking - (9966)	20,559.67
Total Checking Accounts- Restricted	111,370.51
Portfolio Investments	
MS 8772 Inv Advisory Fund	0.00
Exch Tr & Closed End Funds	42,363.45
MS Liquid Asset Fund	105,428.35
Mutual Funds	167,589.57
Stocks	181,943.52
Total MS 8772 Inv Advisory Fund	497,324.89
MS 8774 Basic Sec Income Fund	
MS Liquid Asset Fund	84.68
Mutual Funds	246,702.93
Total MS 8774 Basic Sec Income Fund	246,787.61
Total Portfolio Investments	744,112.50
Savings Bonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	20,736.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	20,736.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	20,736.00
Total Savings Bonds	62,208.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$1,219,124.03
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable Parishes	122,262.32
Total Accounts Receivable	\$122,262.32
Other Current Assets	
Investment in OCCIF	200,000.00
Prepaid Expenses	25,087.03
Total Other Current Assets	\$225,087.03
Total Current Assets	\$1,566,473.38
Fixed Assets	
Automobiles	
Accum Depreciation- Vehicles	-15,002.00
Vehicles	18,752.48
Total Automobiles	3,750.48

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Buildings/ Property	
Accum Depreciation- Buildings	-3,271.97
Buildings	60,405.74
Total Buildings/ Property	57,133.77
Computer Equipment	
Accum Depreciation- Computers	-11,635.70
Computers	15,546.83
Total Computer Equipment	3,911.13
Equipment & Machinery	
Accum Depreciation- Equipment	-4,473.12
Equipment	7,827.99
Total Equipment & Machinery	3,354.87
Furniture and Fixtures	
Accum Depreciation- Furn & Fix	-3,375.61
Furniture & Fixtures	7,107.86
Total Furniture and Fixtures	3,732.25
Leasehold improvement	
Accum Depreciation- LHI	-9,099.06
Leasehold Improvements	76,355.75
Total Leasehold improvement	67,256.69
Total Fixed Assets	\$139,139.19
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,705,612.57
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	78,643.97
Total Accounts Payable	\$78,643.97
Credit Cards	
Business Credit Card- 9080	8,805.35
Total Credit Cards	\$8,805.35
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
IN Withholding	2,250.93
OH Local Tax	915.24
Total Payroll Liabilities	3,166.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$3,166.17
Total Current Liabilities	\$90,615.49
Total Liabilities	\$90,615.49

Diocese of the Midwest

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Equity	
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	
Arch Michael Church- Restricted Assets	90,810.84
MMP- Restricted Assets	20,559.67
Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets	111,370.51
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
ArchBp Scholarship Reserve	16,185.37
Auto Reserve	27,395.46
General Operating Reserve	55,420.29
Legal Reserve	55,704.65
Maintenance Reserve	49,969.11
Mission Funds Reserve	95,591.24
Monastery Reserve	8,970.26
Special Visit Reserve	5,519.18
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	314,755.56
Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	
Series EE Bond X2887816EE	10,736.00
Series EE Bond X2887817EE	10,736.00
Series EE Bond X2887818EE	10,736.00
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on SvgBonds	32,208.00
Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	
MS 8772 Inv Adv (Port Fund)	0.00
8772 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8772 Exc & Closed End Funds	31,318.12
8772 MutualFunds	626.65
8772 Stock	105,745.49
Total 8772 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	137,690.26
8772 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8772 Exc & Closed End Funds	-376.37
8772 Mutual funds	-17,886.62
8772 Stock	-758.68
Total 8772 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	-19,021.67
Total MS 8772 Inv Adv (Port Fund)	118,668.59
MS 8774 Basic Sec (Inc Fund)	0.00
8774 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	
8774 Mutual Funds	24,494.79
Total 8774 LT Gain (Loss) on Invest	24,494.79
8774 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	0.00
8774 Mutual Funds	-124.57
Total 8774 ST Gain (Loss) on Invest	-124.57

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Total MS 8774 Basic Sec (Inc Fund)	24,370.22
Total Unreal Gain (Loss) on Invest	143,038.81
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,127,164.88
Net Income	-113,540.68
Total Equity	\$1,614,997.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,705,612.57

**DIOCESAN MISSION / PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATUS FOR 2023**

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney: Yearly Summary									
	Portfolio Fund	Income Fund	Total of Both Funds						
12/31/99	\$76,901.68	\$36,314.89	\$113,216.57		Transfer of Funds to Mission Projects Fund : \$25,997.54				
12/31/00	\$55,941.71	\$35,833.37	\$91,775.08		11/28/17: \$21,672.45 Transferred from Fund 8772 to new Morgan Stanley				
12/31/01	\$48,666.52	\$39,127.56	\$87,794.08		Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477				
12/31/02	\$29,910.32	\$35,685.27	\$65,595.59		11/28/17: \$4,325.06 Transferred from Fund 8774 to new Morgan Stanley				
12/31/03	\$40,302.91	\$46,454.48	\$86,757.39		Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477				
12/31/04	\$65,577.59	\$94,944.45	\$160,522.04		Transfer of Funds to Mission Projects Fund: \$15,561.05				
12/31/05	\$73,368.45	\$106,883.52	\$180,251.97		12/29/2017: \$8,839.05 Transferred from Fund 8772 to new Morgan				
12/31/06	\$80,468.45	\$138,634.24	\$219,102.69		Stanley Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477				
12/31/07	\$122,947.79	\$170,513.99	\$293,461.78		1/3/18: \$6,722.00 Transferred from Fund 8774 to new Morgan Stanley				
12/31/08	\$80,842.09	\$110,129.02	\$190,971.11		Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.				
12/31/09	\$108,519.41	\$147,874.94	\$256,394.35		TOTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MISSION PROJECTS FUND : \$23,000				
12/31/10	\$129,492.41	\$166,087.12	\$295,579.53		8/23/2019: \$4,700 Transferred from Fund 8772 to new Morgan				
12/31/11	\$129,973.68	\$159,986.27	\$289,959.95		Stanley Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477				
12/31/12	\$150,262.53	\$184,556.53	\$334,819.06		8/23/19: \$18,300 Transferred from Fund 8774 to new Morgan Stanley				
12/31/13	\$194,762.29	\$218,837.99	\$413,600.28		Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.				
12/31/14	\$202,298.31	\$232,521.19	\$434,819.50		TOTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MISSION PROJECTS FUND : \$40,000				
12/31/15	\$203,932.30	\$224,293.69	\$428,225.99		12/20/19: \$20,000 Transferred from Fund 8772 to new Morgan				
12/31/16	\$220,307.63	\$241,771.14	\$462,078.77		Stanley Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477				
12/31/17	\$224,772.14	\$280,620.39	\$505,392.53		12/20/19: \$20,000 Transferred from Fund 8774 to new Morgan Stanley				
12/31/18	\$205,054.17	\$280,654.37	\$485,708.54		Fund: Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.				
12/31/19	\$235,229.27	\$268,097.59	\$503,326.86		TOTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MISSION PROJECTS FUND : \$46,500				
12/31/20	\$246,237.53	\$284,508.56	\$530,746.09		1/25/21: \$39,500 Transferred from Fund 8772 to Morgan Stanley Fund:				
					Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.				
12/31/21	\$234,030.96	\$291,536.85	\$525,567.81		1/25/21: \$7,000 Transferred from Fund 8774 to Morgan Stanley Fund:				
					Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.				
12/31/22	\$182,569.33	\$246,787.61	\$429,356.94		TOTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MISSION PROJECTS FUND : \$36,515.00				
	Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney: Monthly Summary				7/6/21: \$22,515 Transferred from Fund 8772 to Morgan Stanley Fund:				
					Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.				
	Portfolio Fund	Income Fund	Total of Both Funds		7/6/21: \$14,000 Transferred from Fund 8774 to Morgan Stanley Fund:				
	8772	8774			Mission Projects Fund No. 1477.0				
1/31/23	\$198,408.35	\$259,732.80	\$458,141.15						
2/28/23	\$194,355.20	\$252,186.32	\$446,541.52						
3/31/23	\$201,701.28	\$256,126.18	\$457,827.46						
4/30/23	\$204,438.83	\$258,726.71	\$463,165.54						
5/31/23			\$0.00						
6/30/23			\$0.00						
7/31/23			\$0.00						
8/31/23			\$0.00						
9/30/23			\$0.00						
10/31/23			\$0.00						
11/30/23			\$0.00						
12/31/23			\$0.00						
Gain/Loss	\$21,869.50	\$11,939.10	\$33,808.60						

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2023 Morgan Stanley Investment Accounts (Yellow Highlighted: Cash) (Green Highlighted: Diversified Funds)											
	9341 Maint. Reserve	9340 Special Visit Reserve Fund	1477 Mission Projects Fund Opened November 2017	5841 Archbishop Life Insurance Fund (Formerly OCA Reserve Fund)	5835 Auto Reserve Fund	5820 Bishop Job Mem Scholar Fund	5800 Legal Reserve Fund	5403 Gen. Operating Reserve Fund	7406 Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund (Created 11/2020, Closed 3/29/22)	7463 New Monastery New 11/2020	TOTALS
12/31/16	\$ 5,000.01	\$ 6,000.01		\$ 73,125.34	\$ 21,303.71	\$ 12,177.8	\$ 37,000.04	\$ 12,227.17			\$ 166,834.05
12/31/17	\$ 39,053.88	\$ 5,825.91	\$ 34,837.12	\$ 53,103.88	\$ 21,306.99	\$ 12,208.24	\$ 37,254.23	\$ 12,229.33			\$ 215,819.58
12/31/18	\$ 38,928.87	\$ 5,658.17	\$ 41,582.51	\$ 32,153.93	\$ 8,843.21	\$ 11,151.33	\$ 34,021.07	\$ 12,245.05			\$ 184,584.14
12/31/19	\$ 38,798.48	\$ 5,489.50	\$ 104,605.54	\$ 32,190.93	\$ 8,853.39	\$ 13,739.08	\$ 42,687.23	\$ 12,259.13			\$ 258,623.28
12/31/20	\$ 48,629.33	\$ 5,315.22	\$ 219,524.94	\$ 13,798.56	\$ 40,724.47	\$ 16,026.55	\$ 62,756.35	\$ 88,122.76	\$ 100,000.44		\$ 594,898.62
12/31/21	\$ 53,634.41	\$ 5,315.75	\$ 300,568.01	\$ 20,800.24	\$ 23,857.83	\$ 19,159.22	\$ 79,616.23	\$ 44,465.55	\$ 100,010.44	\$ 16,870.68	\$ 664,298.46
12/31/22	\$ 49,969.11	\$ 5,519.18	\$ 95,591.24	-	\$ 27,395.46	\$ 16,185.37	\$ 55,704.65	\$ 55,420.29	-	\$ 8,970.26	\$ 314,755.56

1/31/23	\$ 53,345.47	\$ 5,684.82	\$ 95,592.06		\$ 28,959.77	\$ 17,237.58	\$ 62,828.64	\$ 58,610.31		\$ 9,647.17	\$ 331,905.82
2/28/23	\$ 51,717.34	\$ 5,508.02	\$ 95,592.79		\$ 28,077.43	\$ 16,959.17	\$ 63,629.69	\$ 56,766.28		\$ 9,345.40	\$ 327,596.12
3/31/23	\$ 53,124.90	\$ 5,595.81	\$ 95,593.60		\$ 28,662.39	\$ 17,657.66	\$ 65,128.57	\$ 58,006.59		\$ 9,640.81	\$ 333,410.33
4/30/23	\$ 58,784.44	\$ 5,697.55	\$ 98,594.40		\$ 34,070.74	\$ 17,885.90	\$ 62,918.64	\$ 58,817.25		\$ 9,791.88	\$ 346,560.80
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9/30/23											\$ -
10/31/23											\$ -
11/30/23											\$ -
12/31/23											\$ -
Gain/Loss	\$ 8,815.33	\$ 76.63	\$ 2.36		\$ 1,266.93	\$ 1,472.29	\$ 9,423.92	\$ 2,586.30		\$ 670.55	\$ 18,654.77

3/28/17: (\$39,048.84 amount) Fidelity Maintenance Reserve Fund closed out and remaining \$34,223.67 transferred to this Morgan Stanley Maintenance Reserve Fund
3/7/17: (\$53,127.02 amount) \$20,000 withdrawn from the OCA Reserve Fund and Deposited into the Bank of America Checking MM Account to cover expenses
5/11/17: (\$100,003.40) withdrawn from this Morgan Stanley Account for the Minneapolis Deanery and closed out at the direction of Bishop Paul and the Mpls Dean. Funds were transferred into the Bank of America Account on 5/12/17 for Distribution to the Minneapolis Deanery. The Diocese was only holding these funds in escrow for the Minneapolis Deanery until they decided what they wanted to do with the funds.
7/18/17: The remaining Balance of \$0.27 in Mpls. Deanery Fund was transferred to Acc. 5403 Gen Operating Fund for final Closeout
11/28/2017: \$21,672.45 transferred from the Diocesan parish / Mission Development Fund 128772 into New Mission Projects Fund (\$25,997.54 Total)
11/28/2017: \$ 4,325.06 transferred from the Diocesan parish / Mission Development Fund 128774 into New Mission Projects Fund (\$25,997.54 Total)
12/29/2017: \$8,839.05 transferred from the Diocesan parish / Mission Development Fund 128772 into Mission Projects Fund (\$15,561.05 Total)
1/3/2018: \$6,722.00 transferred from the Diocesan parish / Mission Development Fund 128774 into Mission Projects Fund (\$15,561.05 Total)
1/3/2018: \$17,469.06 transferred out of Auto Reserve Fund to BOA to pay for new Ford Focus for Bishop Paul
6/4/2018: \$21,000 transferred out of OCA Reserve Fund to BOA to pay to cover checking account shortfall
12/17/2018: \$5,000 transferred out of Bank of America Account and deposited into Auto Reserve Fund per 2018 Budget
8/23/2019: \$ 4,700 transferred from the Diocesan Mission / Parish Endowment Portfolio Fund 128772 into New Mission Projects Fund (\$23,00 Total)

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8/23/2019: \$18,300 transferred from the Diocesan Mission / Parish Endowment Income Fund 128774 into New Mission Projects Fund (\$23,000 Total)
12/20/2019: \$20,000 transferred from the Diocesan Mission / Parish Endowment Portfolio Fund 128772 into New Mission Projects Fund (\$40,000 Total)
12/20/2019: \$20,000 transferred from the Diocesan Mission / Parish Endowment Income Fund 128774 into New Mission Projects Fund (\$40,000 Total)
1/3/2020: \$5,000 transferred out of Bank of America Account and deposited into Auto Reserve Fund per 2019 Budget
1/9/2020: \$5,000 transferred out of Bank of America Account and deposited into Maintenance Reserve Fund per 2019 Budget
5/18/2020: \$43,664 of the Payroll Protection Fund Loan received from the Bank of America (CARES Act) from the BOA checking account was withdrawn from the checking account and deposited in the General Operating Reserve Fund to hold if (until) the funds are required to pay salaries per terms of the loan.
5/18/2020: \$150,000 (total amount: \$50K in 2019 and \$100K in 2020) from the gifts received from Greater Horizons was withdrawn from the BOA checking account and deposited in the Mission Projects Reserve Fund to be held until needed for distribution per the terms of the gift donor.
5/21/2020: \$50,000 from the gift received of the \$100K amount from Greater Horizons was withdrawn from the Mission Projects Reserve Fund and deposited in the Bank of America Checking account for disbursement to clergy/individuals experiencing financial hardship per the terms of the gift donor.
6/11/2020: \$25,000 from the gift received of the the \$50k amount from Greater Horizons was withdrawn from the Mission Projects Reserve Fund and deposited into the Bank of America Main Checking account and then transferred to the MMCM checking account on 6/12/2020 per the motion of the Diocesan Council on 6/2/2020 to be used per the terms of the gift donor.
8/5/2020: Diocesan Council approved the closing of the OCA Reserve Fund and transferring the remaining \$32,193.92 balance to the General Operating Reserve Fund. As a result, the General Operating Reserve Fund was increased by \$32,193.92 to \$88,119.82. The OCA Reserve Fund was renamed the Archbishop Life Insurance Fund
8/6/2020: The Finance Committee agreed to deposit \$13,798.10 into the Archbishop Life Insurance Fund (Formerly the OCA Reserve Fund). The \$13,798.10 consists of the budgeted amounts for the Archbishop's Life Insurance Policy from the 2018, 2019 and 2020 approved budgets. 50% of this amount goes to the named beneficiary of the Archbishop and Diocese of the Midwest is
9/28/2020: \$22,000 from the gift received of the \$100K amount from Greater Horizons was withdrawn from the Mission Projects Reserve Fund and deposited in the Bank of America Checking account for disbursement to clergy/individuals experiencing financial hardship per the terms of the gift donor.
10/13/2020: \$2,000 from the gift received of the \$100K amount from Greater Horizons was withdrawn from the Mission Projects Reserve Fund and deposited in the Bank of America Checking account for disbursement to the Diocese of Mexico for clergy experiencing financial hardship per the terms of the gift donor.
10/28/2020: \$5,000 from the gift received of the \$100K amount from Greater Horizons was withdrawn from the Mission Projects Reserve Fund and deposited in the Bank of America Checking
12/02/2020: \$37,000 transferred from the Diocesan Mission / Parish Endowment Portfolio Fund 128774 into New Mission Projects Fund
12/16/2020: \$5,000 Transferred from the Bank of America Checking Account to the Maintenance Reserve Fund per the 2020 Budget
12/16/2020: \$5,000 Transferred from the Bank of America Checking Account to the Automobile Reserve Fund per the 2020 Budget
12/16/2020: \$100,000 Transferred from the Bank of America Checking Account to the Perpetual Care Fund for the Buckner Cemetery. This is the donation received from the Cecil & Elizabeth Browning Trust Fund that was dated 8/11/1988 which set up the funding for the Perpetual Care Fund for the Cemetery.
1/25/2021: \$7,000 and \$39,500 from the Mission /Parish Development Fund (Morgan Stanley Funds 8774 and 8772 respectively), for a total of \$46,500, was transferred into the Mission Projects Fund, Fund No. 1477. Note: \$46,000 of the total in the Mission Projects Fund is the remaining balance of the \$150,000 in Grant Money Received from Greater Horizons.
7/6/2021: \$14,000 and \$22,515 transferred from the Mission /Parish Development Fund (Morgan Stanley Funds 8774 and 8772 respectively), for a total of \$36,515.00, was transferred into the Mission Projects Fund, Fund No. 1477. Note: \$46,000 of the total in the Mission Projects Fund is the remaining balance of the \$150,000 in Grant Money Received from Greater Horizons.
7/15/2021: The \$43,664 of PPP loan money received in May of 2020 was transferred out of the General Operating Reserve Fund back into the main Bank of America Checking Account ending in 8445.
7/16/2021: \$5,000 was transferred from the New Monastery Fund to the Bank of America main checking account ending in 8445 as a reimbursement to the checking account for a \$5,000.00
7/27/2021: \$5,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Maintenance Reserve Fund per the 2021 Budget Line Item
7/27/2021: \$7,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Archbishops Life Insurance Policy per the 2021 Budget Line Item
7/27/2021: \$5,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Auto Reserve Fund Fund per the 2021 Budget Line Item

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11/30/2021: \$2,000 was transferred from the Mission Projects Reserve Fund and deposited in the Bank of America Checking account as part of the Honorarium to priest who spoke at the 2021 Diocesan Assembly who is experiencing financial hardship per the terms of the gift donor.
3/29/2022: \$100,012.06, the remaining balance in the Perpetual Care fund was transferred to the caretakers of the cemetery via wire transfer. This effectively closes out this fund account
4/4/2022: \$5,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Maintenance Reserve Fund per the 2022 Budget Line Item
4/4/2022: \$5,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Auto Reserve Fund Fund per the 2022 Budget Line Item
4/4/2022: \$8,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Archbishops Life Insurance Policy per the 2022 Budget Line Item
7/27/2022: \$14,400 was transferred from Archbishop Life Insurance Policy (Fund # 5841) to Bank of America Checking account to reimburse checking account for the \$14,400 check issued to Archbishop Paul's sister, Agatha, as a beneficiary of Archbishop's Life Insurance Policy
8/8/2022: \$5,000 was transferred from the Mission Projects Fund (Fund # 1447) as part of the Greater Horizon Grant to a hardship case to the Bank of America Checking account to reimburse the checking account for the \$5,000 check issued.
8/8/2022: \$6,000 was transferred from the New Monastery Fund Fund (Fund # 7463) to the Bank of America Checking account to reimburse the checking account for the \$6,000 check issued to the Monastery for repair/replacement of the Air Conditioning Unit.
9/1/2022: \$200,000.00 from the Mission Projects Fund to the Orthodox Capital Improvement Fund as an investment: 3% return earned for the next 5 years
9/1/2022: Remaining balance from the Bishops Life Insurance Policy (No. 5841) was transferred to the General Operating Reserve Fund (No. 5403) effectively closing out the Life Insurance
4/17/2023: \$3,000.00 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Mission Projects fund (1477) which represented the 6 months of interest earned on the \$200,000.00 investment we made with OCCIF
4/17/2023: \$5,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Maintenance Reserve Fund (9341) per the 2023 Budget Line Item
4/17/2023: \$5,000 was transferred from the Main Checking Acc to the Auto Reserve Fund (5835) per the 2023 Budget Line Item

Chicago Dean's Report to the Bishop's Council and Diocesan Council: June 1 & 2, 2023

Clergy assignments and news:

-Fr. John Kennerk and his family moved to Chicago, coming from Canton, OH to begin his assignment at Christ the Savior Parish in Chicago just as Great Lent was beginning. Things there seem to be going smoothly.

-Fr. Joseph Whittaker, a new graduate of St. Tikhon Seminary will have his first service this coming weekend for the Great Feast of Pentecost at St. Nicholas Church in Kenosha, WI. The parish did about \$10k worth of work to update the parish rectory to make it more livable for his wife and 5 children. Fr. Thomas Mueller and Dn. Jan Farral have done a wonderful job serving the parish in the interim. Fr. Joseph will need to develop a parish stewardship program and continue outreach efforts. Under Fr. Mueller's guidance a number of people have been Chrismated and Baptized. His service in Kenosha has been done in addition to his Orthodox outreach efforts in Waukesha and Plymouth, WI.

-Fr. Nikolai Lochmatow has been serving St. George Cathedral for about a year and according to the original plan/agreement, he may be received into the OCA soon.

-Fr. Joseph Kopka had a cervical lamination (i.e. surgery on his neck) in January. He suffered with blood clots, weakness, extreme pain and other issues related to physical therapy. His recovery has been very difficult and is taking longer than the original six to eight weeks. Fr. John Segvich has done an excellent job in serving St. Joseph and the parish has extended spiritual, emotional and financial support to Fr. Kopka and his family during this difficult time.

-The Chicago Deanery had a full schedule of Sunday Vespers services during Great Lent. Services were well attended by laity and quite a few clergy. Homilies were focused on Old Testament revelations of Christ and His Passion.

-We had a nice Paschal Family dinner on May 7. It was attended by 15 clergy with their families and it was a wonderful opportunity for those who attended to get reacquainted with one another.

-St. Nicholas Church in McHenry, IL a ROCOR parish populated by Ukrainians, Russians and some Americans which is being served by a Ukrainian pastor sought release from the ROCOR and was received by Archbishop Daniel on St. Thomas Sunday. My understanding is that the release from the ROCOR and subsequent move to the OCA were amicable and supported by Archbishop Peter of Cleveland. I have spoken and corresponded with the pastor, the Mitered Archpriest Volodymyr Kovalchuk. I was invited to concelebrate a Liturgy that took place on May 20 with Fr. Alexander Koranda, Fr. Nikolai Lochmatow and Deacon Paul Garklavs, however I was unable to attend that service due to a conflict in my schedule. This ecclesial change has received favorable coverage from our local newspaper, the Northwest Herald. They hit the front page with a picture and article with one additional photo. I am very happy to do whatever can be done to welcome this newest parish in our deanery and Diocese. At the same time I have to admit that this will be rather difficult due to my poor Russian and Ukrainian skills. Fr. Volodymyr's English is very limited and presents a special challenge. I welcome any suggestions to how we might best integrate the parish and its pastor into the Deanery.

Respectfully submitted,

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta, Chicago Dean

Cleveland Deanery Report

June 1, 2023

Transitions

Fr Aaron Rutz to Holy Assumption, Canton beginning April 1. Previously, he had been serving as a chaplain—offering home care in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Father Aaron is a son of Holy Trinity in Parma, having been chrismated eight years ago by Father Alexander Garklavs. This is his first parish assignment.

Fr Peter Tomas to Holy Assumption, Marblehead beginning May 1. Fr Peter, who is originally from Slovakia, was received by Vesting on Lazarus Saturday at Holy Trinity Cathedral and received, along with his Matushka, Michelle, from the Greek Catholic Church. This is his first parish assignment in the OCA. Many thanks to Fr John Adamcio for his dedicated service as Interim Pastor since December 1 of 2022.

Memory Eternal

There was a Bright Week funeral service for Matushka Carol Steffaro on Friday. The burial was at Ellwood City on Bright Saturday. Father John Steffaro is a former Rector of St John's in Campbell as well a former Dean of the Cleveland Deanery.

Hospitalized

Fr Emil Hutnyan has been in and out several times for some radiation treatment on his hand and some subsequent infections.

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers was held at our own Holy Trinity on March 5. A decent crowd was in attendance and Bishop Andrei of the Romanian Episcopate presided and preached.

Parish Development

The tenth annual Parish Development Forum will be held at Holy Trinity in Parma on 13 through 15 July. All are invited to register. Joe Kormos and Father Stephen Frase help organize it each year.

St Vladimir's Camp

Session 1 (Younger / Tween Age 8-12): **July 2 - 8**

Session 2 (Junior Olympics aka Sports Week Age 10-17): **July 9-15**

Session 3 (Teen Kids / Age 13-18): **July 16-22**

Frs Jan Cizmar and Christopher Moore will serve as Chaplains for Sessions 1 and 3 respectively.

Clergy Family Picnic

To be held on August 26 beginning at noon at St Vladimir's Camp. A quick deanery Meeting will be held also.

Fr Andrew Clements
May 30, 2023

INDIANAPOLIS DEANERY

St. John the Forerunner (Indianapolis, IN)

At St. John the Forerunner we have had a joyous Festal season. We had a parish hog roast in May to continue the Paschal season. We have had several infant baptisms with more coming. Sunday school has concluded for the summer and things will slow down a bit with parish families taking vacation trips. As has become our practice, we will have a summer book study. This year we will be reading Fr. Stephen Freeman's new book, Face to Face Knowing God Beyond our Shame.

Fr. Zachariah Trent

St. Stephen the First Martyr (Lima, OH)

St. Stephen the First Martyr Mission in Lima, Ohio is a well-established mission with a young congregation. On a typical [Sunday](#), we have around fifty to sixty people attending. Almost half of that number is made up of children under twelve years old. We have been slowly growing with four baptisms and eight Chrismations in the past two years. We currently have two catechumens and several seekers. We own our own building and are working to pay off the mortgage on the rectory next door where Fr. Joshua lives – and where we have our fellowship space for coffee hour. Fr. Joshua works part time at the local Catholic hospital as a chaplain and office manager. This summer, we will celebrate our patron saint by having an Akathist service for St. Stephen (the translation of his relics) on the evening of [Tuesday](#), Aug. 1st at 6pm followed by a pitch-in fasting meal.

Fr. Joshua Coolman

Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church (Cincinnati, OH)

Our parish continues to experience healthy growth patterns, with many inquirers preparing to soon become catechumens. We have had far more Baptisms and Chrismations than in previous years. The parish also has four new Ukrainian families who have fled war-torn Ukraine. We are now preparing for our Summer Workshops and Summer Bible Study. Every summer, we sponsor about a dozen children and teens to the Antiochian Village. In an exciting development, we are preparing for a pan-Orthodox meeting here in Cincinnati, to hopefully inaugurate a FOCUS Cincinnati group for the tri-state area. And we are hoping to host a Deanery-wide retreat in our parish in the Fall.

Fr. Steven Kostoff

Kansas City Deanery Report to the Diocesan Council June 2, 2023

Priests

1. Fr. Timothy Sawchak, Holy Trinity—Overland Park, KS
2. Fr. Christopher Rowe, Holy Trinity—Overland Park, KS
3. Fr. James Dank, St John of Kronstadt—Lincoln, NE
4. Fr. Michael Kuzara, Joy of All Who Sorrow—Joplin, MO
5. Fr. Basil Ferguson, St. Thomas Church—Springfield, MO
6. Fr. Joel Wilson, Annunciation—St. James, MO
7. Fr. Ephraim Tauck, Theotokos “Unexpected Joy”—Ash Grove, MO
8. Fr. Nicholas Finley, Nativity of the Virgin Mary—Madison, IL
9. Fr. Matthew McDonald, Archangel Michael—St. Louis, MO
10. Fr. Michael Medis, St. Nicholas—Lawrence, KS
11. Fr. Justin Mathews, Holy Trinity—Overland Park, KS

Deacons

1. Hierodeacon Theodore (Niklasson)
2. Deacon Brent Beasley, Holy Trinity—Overland Park, KS
3. Deacon James Mullin, Theotokos “Unexpected Joy”—Ash Grove, MO

Retired Clergy

1. Fr. Peter Bodnar
 2. Fr. John Pawelchak
 3. Fr. John Zabinko
 4. Fr. Moses Berry
 5. Fr. Christopher Philips
- **Annunciation—St. James, MO (Fr. Joel Wilson):** Archbishop Daniel and Deanery clergy were at Annunciation for their feast on March 25. His Eminence then served the Sunday Liturgy at **Archangel Michael Church in St. Louis, MO** on March 26.
 - **St. Raphael Mission—Quincy, IL (served by Fr. Germogen Tucker)** Fr. John Pawelchak had been serving in Quincy twice a month, but now serves 3 Sundays a month in Royalton.
 - **Protection of the Virgin Mary—Royalton, IL (served by Fr. John Pawelchak)**
 - We are hopeful that the rectory and church in Desloge, MO will be sold by the end of this year.

Michigan Deanery Report June 2023

The Michigan Deanery Celebrated a one-year memorial for His Eminence Archbishop Paul at his graveside at Dormition Monastery, on Monday, April 24th. It was a cold but beautiful day as we sang Christ is Risen! Archbishop Paul's sister Agatha was present at the Deanery memorial, and she was very grateful for the prayers and loving support. After the service we ate lunch at the monastery, hosted by Mother Gabriella and the sisters.

Sts. Peter and Paul, Fr. Paul Albert is planning on retiring in December 2023. Preparation plans are in the works of making the salary/benefits package for the next priest. Discussing what to do with interim time from Fr. Paul's retirement and the new priest installation in the summer of 2024. Orthodox Detroit Outreach is continuing serving at least 90 meals every Sunday, with the participation of area churches helping prepare the meals to go. Kitchen and dining area in the center still in process of completion to once again open up for "in dining" meals, hopefully by this Fall of 2023.

Holy Ascension, Fr Joshua Frigerio and the parish are in the process of building a new Church building. The Architectural plans are still on going, and soon to be approved in order to begin the fund-raising campaign.

St. Marks, Fr John Baker is currently working with 20 catechumens, he had 6 baptisms at Pascha and will have 4 baptisms at Pentecost.

Holy Transfiguration, Fr. Michael Butler reported in the last 6 months Sunday church attendance is up 20%, to an average 190 people. In that time he received 18 people by Baptism /Chrismation; 7 weddings scheduled this year. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will be at their Feast Day, celebrating their 35th Anniversary.

Holy Trinity, Fr. Lev Kopistiansky, reported that they are continuing their work with Zoe for Life, helping expecting mothers. Working with Focus Detroit, giving clothing/food out to homeless at the 6 mile and Woodward area. Continued Involvement with O.D.O. helping pack lunches for those in need. Fr. Lev is scheduled for hip surgery in June, will be off for 3-6 weeks. The Fall Concert for the Orthodox Churches is being planned and prepared by Matushka Vicki.

St Demetrius, Fr. Dusan Koprivica struggled through Christmas and Great Lent with a bad back, made it through to Pascha. Cancelled his back surgery in May. Parish hosted CLUBLIFE (40 Adults with special needs) with a game night/karaoke/pizza party. Planning on our 65th Anniversary, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will celebrate with us in November. Due to the issues concerning the Diocese Secretary, we are still awaiting a Diocese audit concerning the deposited assessment checks that were not credited to our account as being paid, and to balance our arrears account with the diocese.

All the parishes did not have their new board members sworn in in a timely manner due to waiting on the return forms with the Archbishop's approval, in a timely period. Parishes were patient, but were unaware of the circumstances at the office of the Diocese. Priests were informed at the convocation in May.

Archpriest Fr. Dusan Koprivica

Michigan Deanery, Midwest Diocese, OCA

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Parish Update May 26, 2023
Michigan Deanery

Christ is Ascended. From earth to heaven.

Thanks be to God, for the joy of serving this past 8 years, over which time I have helped to minister and guide the faithful at this our inner-city missionary setting. The hope that Abp. Paul had expressed at the beginning of this work together was to see if we could repurpose this struggling inner-city church towards missionary witness and ministry.

There have been many challenges. To name a few:
The “stigma” of an unsafe setting hampers parish growth.
Too few to maintain an over-extended crumbling campus.
Lack of funds to support a parish priest and the rising expenses of an operating budget.
Discouragement and burnout of the few committed faithful.... etc.

We have consistently preached, taught, and shared a vision throughout this 8-year period:

That we are first and foremost a Eucharistic/Sacramental Orthodox Christian presence in the inner city; whose mission is to actively witness the Faith through serving Christ in our neighbors in need.

That we are committed to provide opportunities for the greater Orthodox Church parishes in Detroit to serve and grow as missionaries, serving Christ in the poor.

That our setting is where the need is great, and therefore our motivation to continue this work.

That we would only be able to continue this work with the prayers, monetary help and involvement of the Michigan Deanery and Midwest Diocese.

That Saints Peter and Paul/Detroit could be seen as a missionary extension of the surrounding Orthodox parishes.

By the grace of God, we received a sizeable donation in 2018 which allowed us to completely repair and reseal the entire church proper exterior. 50 years of inadequate structural care had caused considerable water infiltration into the Nave. Because we were able to address this when we did, we avoided the potential irreparable possibility of mold issues.

We discerned together to sell the community center, a 100-year-old two story hall next door to the church, along with two empty lots which was our Community Garden. The Detroit-based not-for-profit foundation which bought this building (Dresner Foundation) is currently involved in its multi-million-dollar renovation. God willing, by 2024 our next-door community center will reopen, providing a setting for many not-for-profit ministries to share space, free of charge, which will include our parish.

With the proceeds of the community center sale, we are now renovating a new kitchen space/dining area in our Church Campus. This part of the campus is becoming our Missionary Center interface with the community. It presently includes a large food pantry, clothing closet, weekly prepared food distribution, etc. We also have partnered with a large neighborhood charter school, and plan regular activities serving the needs of the Spanish-speaking neighbors.

The dedicated small group of our core members, along with the help of many missionaries from other surrounding parishes, continues to help us sustain a spiritual and practical momentum. Together we have helped support our Seminarian Phillip Dage at St. Tikhon Seminary, who has this past month completed his second year. Phillip and Veronica will be wed at Saints Peter and Paul mid-June of this year. God willing, and with the blessing of Archbishop Daniel, we look forward to Phillip being assigned rector at SSPP in 2024.

Personally, as I am now preparing to retire soon, there are a few things I wish to share. I thank God for the joy that has come through this challenging work. I thank God for the fervent prayers and help of the Diocese bishops (both +Abp. Paul and Abp. Daniel), the Deanery parishes and faithful, all of whom have been an indispensable part of our survival and sustenance.

I am still encouraged. My 'gut' feeling is that the next 3-5 years will see even more spiritual opportunity for witness and growth. I make a plea to my brothers and sisters to please continue to faithfully help us. I believe that in the last 8 years we have helped till and enrich the soil here. The "harvest" may not presently be at hand, but it is coming. The harvest is great, although most of it will await us in the kingdom which is to come; what (I believe) awaits us in this world will bring great joy to the faithful who take part in this work. One sows-another reaps...we keep praying that the Lord will provide for us more to labor for His harvest.

Until then, we still need your help. I would ask that the Diocese and Deanery continue to financially assist the Saints Peter and Paul parish community in supporting what it takes to sustain a pastor here to keep the missionary momentum going for the next 3-5 years. The little band of parishioners and local missionaries have been generous in helping support pastoral stipend needs. Our continuing prayer is for enough parish growth to eventually shoulder this responsibility fully.

We have seen in the past few years that when the diocesan assessment recently increased, our deanery parishes' help correspondingly diminished. We would ask that our Bishop, Diocesan Council and Deanery would creatively address the means through which you might continue to financially help us supplement the pastoral stipend necessary for this next crucial period of 3-5 years.

In closing, please accept our thanks for what you all have done thus far. I hope that through these updates you will share in our joy and hopefulness. Your continuing "investment" in the development of our Missionary Center in the inner city of Detroit will, by God's providence and grace, be an investment for the future work and witness of this blessed diocese.

I remain,
Sincerely in Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd,

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Dean's Report on the Minneapolis Deanery
Meeting of the Diocesan Council, Friday, June 2, 2023

Highlights of the last year:

1. In February –About 35 faithful, including clergy and laity from the OCA, Antiochian, and Serbian jurisdictions drawn from the communities of Fargo, ND, Minot ND, Bismarck, ND, Bemidji, MN, Chisholm, MN, and St Cloud, MN, met for a two-day 'Summit' under the theme: 'The Dakotas: A Field Ripe for Harvest? Crafting a Strategic Vision for Evangelizing the Dakotas,' in the nave of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, in Fargo, ND, Archbishop Daniel presiding. Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Paul Jannakos, was also present.

A committee of eight faithful, clergy and lay, was formed to prioritize and address the areas of ministry identified in the plenary sessions. In response to an appeal to consider ministry to the Native American tribes in North Dakota by a Native American catechumen from the Bismarck Antiochian Mission, Archbishop Daniel is working with Fr Athanasius, priest-in-charge of the Bismarck Mission, to arrange a meeting of elders, tentatively scheduled around June 10.

Shortly after the Summit, Archbishop Daniel established the 'Dakotas Mission District' within the Minneapolis Deanery, to facilitate efforts to evangelize this 'land-in-between' the two main Orthodox centers in Winnipeg and Mpls, with its own distinctive ethos and personality.

Currently, the structure of a clergy 'collegium' is 'under construction.' Their initial task is to arrange a meeting via zoom to select a 'president' and the venue for the first face to face meeting. The collegium consists of the clergy (both priests and deacons) in both the Dakotas and in northern and western Minnesota. Their purpose will be to provide mutual support by meeting face to face once or twice a year, joined once a year by the Dean, and by the Archbishop as well, to vent, to assess, to diagnose, and to strategize.

We would like to establish a Mission Fund for our newly established DMD, to which faithful from throughout the Deanery (and Diocese) could contribute to serve the financial needs of evangelism in this region. That task will be given to the DMD Clergy Collegium once its structure has been solidified.

I believe that this 'Dakotas Mission District' needs at least two priests, and at least one or two more if we expand our field of vision to include Bemidji and the region around St Cloud.

2. Another evangelical initiative in the Dakotas is the establishment of a 'chapel' in Pierre, SD, attached to St Herman's in South Mpls.

3. Here, let me only mention – I do not see us competent to initiate any action at this point – the situation of St Mary's in Cornucopia, near Bayfield and Ashland, WI, about an hour from Duluth where there is a Greek parish and a Serbian. This area in northern Wisconsin is a popular tourist area. St Mary's was established decades ago, together with St Mary's in Mpls and Holy Trinity in Clayton, WI. The parish has dwindled to only a few. It holds services on the fourth/fifth Sunday of any summer month of five Sundays. It is served by the priest of Holy Assumption in Lublin. This area, too, could be another field waiting to be evangelized.