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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your unwavering support for our journey as St. Barbara Parish during the last year. Your generosity is a sign of the living hope we all prayed for on Ascension Sunday with the words attributed to St. Paul: “May the eyes of your heart be enlightened to know what is the hope that belongs to his call...” (Eph. 1:18). Our eyes and our hope are set on enhancing our liturgy, strengthening our faith formation, and serving the wider community as mission disciples in the Gospel tradition of St. Francis and St. Clare.

We see in the lives of all the saints that when facing losses and setbacks, hope becomes the energy to face them, learn, and grow. The financial report accompanying this letter indicates we finished the 2022-2023 fiscal year with a significant loss. While attributable in part to unanticipated staff changes and to the purchase of cars for me and Father Henri, our shortfall points to larger challenges. First, better aligning our pastoral goals with our budget will require hard choices based on a more realistic assessment of our limitations and strengths. Secondly, meeting our goals will require a larger circle of engaged parishioners ready to live their baptismal call in collaboration with the friar community, the pastoral and finance councils, and our dedicated staff.

Here we can draw on the hope ignited by Pope Francis in our journey as church called Synod. As I write this, final preparations are underway in Rome for the gathering of Bishops who will continue the discernment of our discipleship as a global church. Local needs are at the heart of this discernment, which calls each one of us to see the radiant face of Christ in conversation and action with others, especially with those different from ourselves.

That Christ is indeed leading us to something new was made vivid to me in a recent Sunday liturgy, during which a newly baptized child was hoisted up for all to see - dripping wet and freshly anointed. I thought of Jesus, fresh from his own baptism, unrolling the scroll in his hometown synagogue “with the eyes of all fixed upon him” (Luke 4:20). Facing many who were blinded by fear to the wideness of God’s mercy, he summoned a new community. Like Mary and Joseph, these disciples were to nurture the Word of Life and set out again as instruments of reconciliation to a world torn by division. In their doubt and fear, the risen Christ would meet them on the road, as he meets us, as the wellspring of hope and love.

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan Lackie

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Pastor



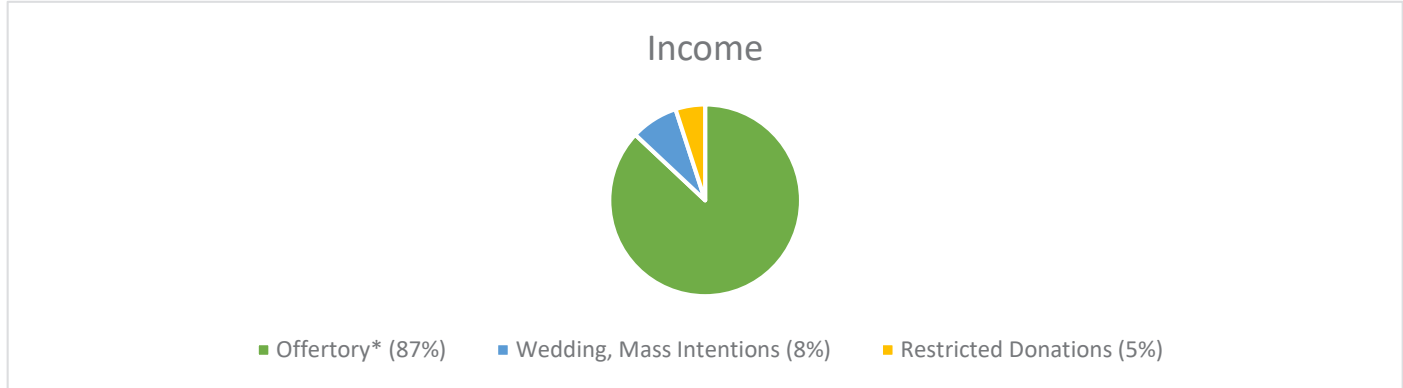
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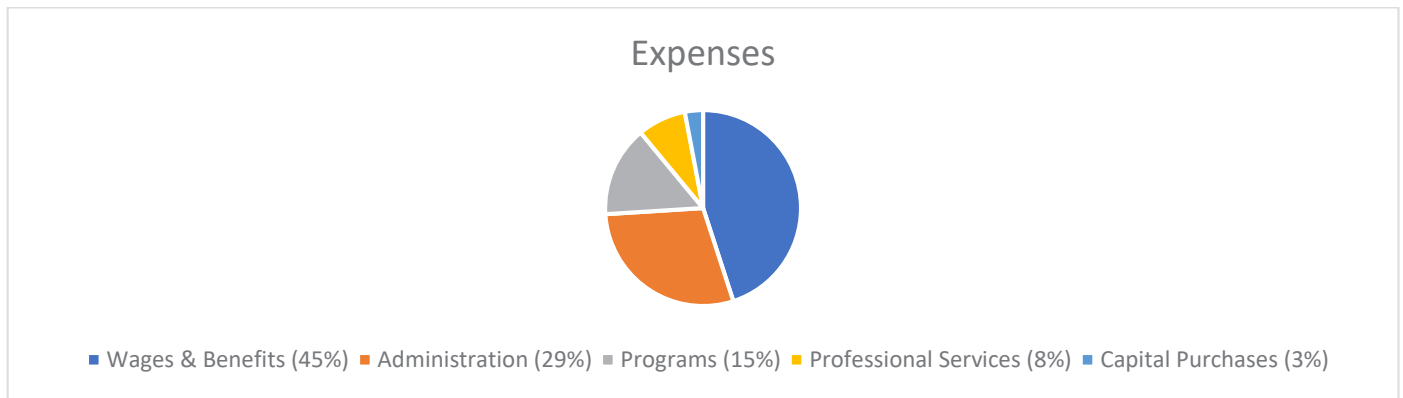
2022-2023 Fiscal Year Financial Report

OVERVIEW

As we adjust to the post pandemic environment and focus on increased community outreach, a shortfall in anticipated income combined with higher than budgeted expenses, primarily the purchase of cars for the Pastor and Associate Pastor and a change in staff resulted in an operational loss. The loss was covered by a withdrawal from the reserve account.



*Offertory includes weekend Masses, Easter, Christmas, and Holy Days.



Administrative expenses include facilities, insurance, repairs, and maintenance.
 Programming includes parish programs, events, and Archdiocesan assessment.
 Professional services include 9 am Mass live stream, and parish community development.
 Capital purchases: cars for Pastor and Associate Pastor; upgrade of office equipment.

***Stewardship reports from previous years are available on the Saint Barbara Parish website.
 Detailed information regarding Income, Expenses and Balance Sheet can be obtained from the Pastor.***

Following is a recap of the last three fiscal year summaries:

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Income	\$822,041	\$999,008	\$987,660
Expenses	\$942,293	\$949,975	\$1,122,179
Operational Surplus/Deficit	(\$120,252)	\$49,033 ¹	(\$134,519)
Parish Reserve Account ²	\$1,156,088	\$1,096,667	\$1,063,394

¹ Operational surplus came from a higher than typical rebate from Together in Mission.

² The parish reserve account is held in the ADLA (Archdiocese of Los Angeles) pooled investment account. Net investment return for the fiscal year ending on June 30th, 2023, was \$56,727.