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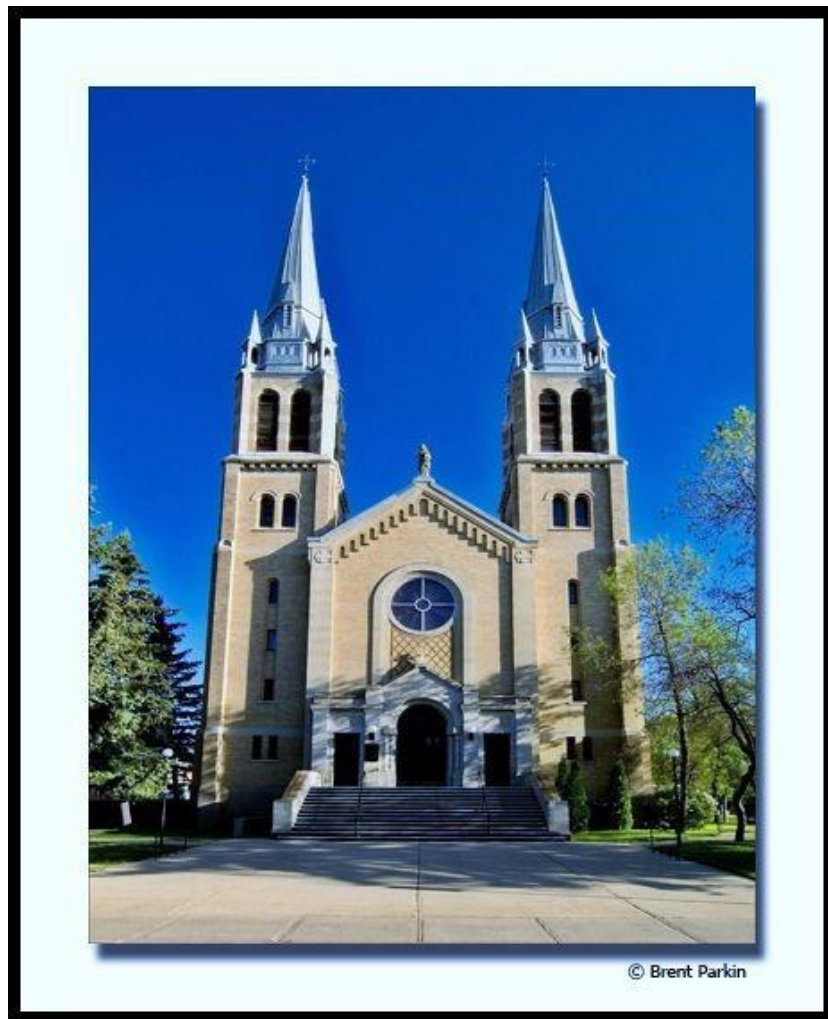
HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 20, 2022

Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina
Rev. Danilo Rafael, Administrator/Rector
Rev. Scott Lewis, S.J., Sunday Ministry
Rev. Mr. Barry Wood, Assisting Deacon



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish, under the Patronage of Our Lady, are called to be a caring church, proclaiming and celebrating our faith with all who seek a relationship with Christ.

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**SSVP – Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

A G E N D A

Annual General Meeting Holy Rosary Cathedral Parish March 20, 2022

1. Opening Prayer Rev. Danilo Rafael
Rector/Administrator
2. Welcome and Comments Samira McCarthy
Pastoral Council Chair
3. Finance Council Report Paul Malone, *Co-chair*
John Hoffman, *Accountant*
4. Representatives from the various committees/groups will be on hand to answer questions on their reports, which are in the AGM booklet.
 - a. Building and Grounds Ray Plosker
 - b. Knights of Columbus Raul Roduta
 - c. Liturgy/Deanery Bradley Hanowski
 - d. Social Justice Bernadette Kutarna
 - e. Society of St. Vincent de Paul Carol Schimnosky
 - f. Music Ministry Evanne Wilhelm
 - g. Ecumenical Gillian Brodie
 - h. Couples for Christ Josephine Ong
5. Pastor's Comments Rev. Danilo Rafael
6. Closing Prayer Rev. Danilo Rafael

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rector/Administrator.....Rev. Danilo Rafael
Pastoral TeamDeacon Barry Wood
ChairpersonSamira McCarthy
Robert Chapple.....Past Chairperson
EcumenismGillian Brodie
CWL/LiturgyShannon Chapple
FinanceJim Hall
Liturgy/Deanery.....Bradley Hanowski
Social Justice/Dev. & Peace.....Bernadette Kutarna
Knights of ColumbusG.K. Raul Roduta
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....Carol Schimnosky

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rector/Administrator.....Rev. Danilo Rafael
Co-chairpersonsPaul Malone & Jim Hall
AccountantJohn Hoffman
MembersRobert Chapple
.....John Dipple
.....Ann Gagnon
.....Samira McCarthy
.....Terry Novecosky
.....Ray Plosker

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

ChairpersonRay Plosker
MembersPaul Adekogbe
.....Robert Chapple
.....Brian Harris
.....Greg Loziak
.....Jim Nichols
.....Mark Scott

HOLY ROSARY MINISTRIES

Couples for ChristJosephine Ong
Children's LiturgyMiri Schiller
Liturgy.....Joanne Skidmore
Music MinistryEvanne Wilhelm

Comments from the Chair of the Pastoral Council

March 20, 2022

The year 2021 will be remembered as something of a roller-coaster.

The spring and summer brought relief from the restrictions of the pandemic, as Covid-19 seemed to be retreating after months of creating havoc with our physical, mental, and social lives. September saw the return of the Regina Symphony Orchestra performances in our church, the cathedral choir back in the loft, our Sunday Masses averaging 100 parishioners in attendance at each one. There were gatherings once more for weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Then another lock-down came in December.

However, our resilience saw us through the ups and downs, as you will see in the reports from our various parish sectors. The Building and Grounds committee, mainly through the generosity of volunteers, continued its management of construction and maintenance projects to ensure we are kept safe, secure, and warm in our church and that this 110-year-old structure remains standing. The Pastoral and Finance Councils continued to meet regularly, masked and distanced in the auditorium, to make sure Fr. Dan had the help he needed to administer the work and finances of the parish.

Last spring, Fr. Dan and the Councils agreed to allow the Cathedral Neighbourhood organization to erect a Community Fridge on our parking lot. This fills an important need in the area and keeps us all aware of the needs of others. On that same theme, our very active Social Justice representative, Bernadette, has managed to raise more than half of what is required to reunite a Syrian refugee family with siblings and parents in Regina. The money came from outright donations and various fund-raising projects: yard work, odd jobs, picking up recyclables, charging for parking on HRC lots during Roughrider games. Her efforts are ongoing.

And most importantly, our loyal parishioners, whether attending Mass or staying cautious at home, continued with their generous donations so we could pay our bills and keep the lights on.

We also had to deal with a significant change. We were sorry to see Tanya Bergen leave her position as Director of Music at the end of July, after five years of diligence, loyalty, and wonderful musicianship. Her creativity was most evident through the first year and a half of the pandemic, as she continued to enhance our liturgies and services without the help of a choir. Her final gift to us was organizing and helping in the major cleaning of our pipe organ, an over-due necessity in maintaining this treasured instrument. Over 3100 pipes (yes - 3100+!) had to be removed and cleaned of bat-dung and dirt, which had been gathering for more than 25 years, and each one re-tuned. The work, which took three weeks in July and a team that included a Casavant technician

from Calgary, cost \$26K. Thanks to a few donors, one of whom donated most of what was needed, the bill was paid. The job need not be done for another 25 years!

We are most grateful to Tanya for her service at HRC and wish her well in the next chapter of her professional life.

After a diligent search, we hired Evanne Wilhelm to take over Tanya's position. She brings with her years of experience as a choral director and music teacher in the schools. Her main challenge at the moment is attracting singers to the main choir, which had shrunk in numbers because of the pandemic. She sees an important part of her ministry as tapping into the various musical talents among our parishioners and highlighting the cathedral as the mother church of the archdiocese. To that effect, she will be inviting choirs from the Catholic high schools to sing on occasion at our Masses in order to introduce young people to the cathedral. Her vision and creativity will serve us well.

A highlight of the year was our celebrating, without fanfare, Fr. Dan's 35th anniversary of ordination into the priesthood. Though unable to "party" because of the pandemic, parishioners had a chance to show their affection and gratitude to Fr. Dan by presenting him with a handsome cheque. If all is well this coming summer, we might still organize that long-promised BBQ.

There are not enough words to thank all the men and women of this parish who give of their time and expertise to keep us together as a community, whether it be to serve at Mass as lectors or eucharistic ministers or singers or ushers, to remove the snow so we can enter the church safely, to put up lights or attend to the boilers or keep the church clean. And there are those who serve on the Councils, those who take care of technological matters in the office, those who never hesitate to help with whatever issues need resolving -- so many whom we sometimes take for granted. Our parish is richly blessed with its generous volunteers.

Barring another surge of the pandemic, the RSO will perform in the cathedral from March through May, the choir will return to the loft at the start of Lent, and we might see more parishioners at our liturgies. Let us hope and pray that the roller-coaster comes to a halt in 2022 and we return to stable ground.

Samira B. McCarthy
Chairperson, Pastoral Council

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2021

Statement 1

	2021		2020	
	Building Fund	Operating Fund	Combined	Combined
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 55,940	\$ 32,950	\$ 88,890	\$ 113,222
Interparochial Sharing Fund	447,388	-	447,388	242,376
Accounts receivable	-	6,017	6,017	17,023
Prepaid expenses	-	60,707	60,707	30,561
	503,328	99,674	603,002	403,182
FIXED ASSETS				
Office		112,285	112,285	112,285
Photocopier (net amortization \$743.)		6,689	6,689	
		118,974	118,974	112,285
	\$ 503,328	\$ 218,648	\$ 721,976	\$ 515,467
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable		\$ 31,947	\$ 31,947	\$ 14,269
Deferred revenue				
Accessibility Grant	\$ 81,374			
Restricted donation	100,000			
	181,374	31,947	213,321	14,269
LONG TERM LIABILITY				
Diocesan assessment payable		99,000	99,000	106,232
IN TRUST				
Organ scholarship fund		9,689	9,689	8,733
Other		2,704	2,704	4,216
		12,393	12,393	12,949
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE (Stmnt 2)	321,954	75,308	397,262	382,017
	\$ 503,328	\$ 218,648	\$ 721,976	\$ 515,467

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Statement 2

2022 Budget	2021					2020
	Building Fund	Operating Fund	Combined	Operating Budget	Combined	
REVENUE						
\$ 360,000						
158,374	\$ -	\$ 325,133	\$ 325,133	\$ 352,000	\$	\$ 321,681
-	84,345	-	84,345	85,000	\$	54,809
8,070	3,000	-	3,000	-	\$	-
-	-	8,515	8,515	2,300	\$	5,547
3,000	-	-	-	-	\$	3,645
39,050	-	22,759	22,759	20,000	\$	43,946
\$ 568,494	\$ 87,345	\$ 390,610	\$ 477,955	\$ 464,700	\$	\$ 464,443
EXPENSES						
Committees						
43,475	-	31,974	31,974	43,250	\$	34,674
37,725	-	38,268	38,268	40,400	\$	36,339
800	-	377	377	1,200	\$	1,323
3,025	-	907	907	7,025	\$	7,328
200	-	-	-	-	\$	-
200	-	-	-	100	\$	7
-	-	-	-	-	\$	-
123,480	-	117,806	117,806	134,214	\$	127,873
56,300	-	53,367	53,367	54,000	\$	71,252
23,650	-	22,460	22,460	22,325	\$	21,637
2,200	-	3,819	3,819	1,500	\$	1,428
-	-	-	-	-	\$	-
4,000	-	3,561	3,561	8,500	\$	7,805
70,000	-	40,413	40,413	40,000	\$	33,586
13,000	-	11,380	11,380	12,000	\$	10,977
34,100	-	29,367	29,367	40,000	\$	38,323
158,374	87,345	-	87,345	85,000	\$	71,811
570,529	87,345	353,699	441,044	464,514	\$	464,363
(2,035)	-	36,911	36,911	186	\$	80
	-	38,397	38,397	-	\$	38,317
	NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR		\$ 75,308	\$ 75,308	\$	\$ 38,397
BUILDING FUND RESERVE						
\$ 158,374	\$ 87,345			60000		
129,000	109,011	Sched 4		74850		
29,374	(21,666)			-14850		
321,954	343,620			343620		
\$ 351,328	\$ 321,954			328770		

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<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
<u>Operating Budget</u>		<u>Bldg Fund ACTUAL</u>	<u>Operating ACTUAL</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
	Other Donations				Schedule 1
\$ 200	CWL		\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 3,000
100	K of C		200		
6,000	Memorial Cross/Donations		5,400	1,000	1,195
650	Initial Offering		690	600	760
1,000	ANCOP		1,610	200	247
120	Other		115	500	345
<u>\$ 8,070</u>			<u>\$ 8,515</u>	<u>\$ 2,300</u>	<u>\$ 5,547</u>
	Other Income				
\$ 4,000	Bulletin Advertising	\$ 4,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,300	
3,000	Vigil Lights	3,429	2,000	3,416	
22,000	Church Rental	10,750	20,000	10,550	
6,000	Hall Rental	11,223	8,000	8,925	
4,000	Parking Lot	4,400	4,000	3,850	
-	Fundraising- Oktoberfest	-	200	250	
50	Other	1	200	298	
<u>\$ 39,050</u>		<u>\$ 34,203</u>	<u>\$ 35,400</u>	<u>\$ 30,589</u>	
	Building Fund Donations				Schedule 3
\$ 44,500	Building Fund Envelopes	\$ 32,243	\$ 38,000	\$ 20,171	
15,000	Second Collection	7,424	28,600	15,950	
-	K of C donation	360	-	680	
7,500	Interparochial Fund Interest	5,012	8,400	8,008	
10,000	Cathedral Preservation Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	
81,374	Gov't of Can - Accessibility Grant				
	Organ Repair	27,955			
	Fundraiser - Oktoberfest	1,351			
<u>\$ 158,374</u>		<u>\$ 84,345</u>	<u>\$ 85,000</u>	<u>\$ 54,809</u>	
	Building Fund Expenses				
\$ 2,000	Tower Windows	\$ 11,353	\$ 13,750	\$ 120	
-	Outside Lights	12,865	-	-	
-	Organ Cleaning	26,291	-	-	
-	Foundation Cracks	-	-	4,755	
-	Repair/Replace Flat Roof	1,165	-	110,810	
	Security Camera System	800			
122,000	Work place accessibility				
5,000	Relamping.	-	11,100	-	
-	Sacristy Stairs	56,537	50,000	2,722	
<u>\$ 129,000</u>		<u>\$ 109,011</u>	<u>\$ 74,850</u>	<u>\$ 118,407</u>	

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

Note: Diocesan Collections	2021		2020	
		Target		Target
Archbishop's Appeal	\$ 49,520	\$ 55,119	\$ 49,505	\$ 60,658
TRC	30,725			
TRC - Pew donations & loose	1,362			
Development & Peace	1,621		1,846	
Papal Charities	645		280	
Need of the Church in the Holy Land	1,199		620	
Education of Seminarians	1,010		250	
Catholic Missions in Canada	465		405	
Needs of the Church in Canada	415		373	
Propagation of Faith/Mission Sunday	935		520	
	\$ 87,897		\$ 53,799	

The Rebuilding Our Church Capital Campaign

2021 was a challenging year for the Campaign.

We worked as usual until June; then, the news of the unmarked graves at the Residential School in Kamloops was released, followed by similar news from Cowessess and other Residential School sites. This, combined with a strong public calling that the Church prioritize funding for Residential School Survivors and reconciliation/healing initiatives, resulted in our second suspension of new donor meetings since the pandemic hit in 2020.

In order to assist our archdiocese with Indigenous reconciliation, we added a “Healing and Reconciliation Opportunity” to the Campaign. Our team contacted those who had already donated or pledged to the campaign to let them know that if they chose, they could redirect a percentage of (or top-up) their campaign gifts to the archdiocese’s TRC Healing Response Fund.*

In the meantime, our Campaign Cabinet worked on behind-the-scenes planning, as well as on preparation for when the time would be right to restart conversations with potential donors about the campaign. Our hope is that these conversations can begin sometime after the Indigenous Delegation to Rome.

Meanwhile, the Project Steering Committee and Working Group have been planning intensely also. We are hopeful that the funds received so far will help with the most urgent restorations to our beloved cathedral.

We ask for your continued prayers for the success of this project and for engagement and generosity in our parish and all through our archdiocese.

Michelle Sanche and John Dipple
Rebuilding Our Church Campaign Co-chairs

***2022 Note:** Almost half of the campaign donors did choose to top up or redirect, and Archbishop Don and the Truth and Reconciliation Committee were able to announce a significant archdiocesan commitment to healing initiatives:
<https://archregina.sk.ca/news/2022/02/02/archdiocese-regina-truth-and-reconciliation-healing-initiatives>

Report for 2022 AGM - Building and Grounds Committee

Committee Members:

Fr. Dan

Paul Adekogbe

Rob Chapple

Brian Harris

Greg Loziak

Jim Nichols

Raymond Plosker (Chair)

Mark Scott

Along with overseeing the routine snow clearing, lawn cutting, draining of the parking lot after rains, replacing burned out lights, etc., the Building and Grounds Committee was active with the following:

- Brian's and Ray's efforts, on behalf of the parish, to apply for a Workplace Accessibility Grant from the federal government for just over \$80,000 was successful! This is for wheelchair lifts to the lower altar area and also up to the sacristy level. The work also includes automatic door operators and renovations to the washroom behind the sacristy to make it wheelchair accessible.
- The east exterior stair was finally replaced in spring/summer. We have been trying to "baby" the new concrete by not placing ice melt salts on it, using sand instead.
- Jim is ready to install the 8 new windows into the west tower. The east side has been completed. Windows are being painted, so when the weather turns nicer, we can get a good start on this not-so-small endeavour.
- Rob has been a liaison person with the community fridge folks. Greg put a lot of effort into obtaining donated material and installation for the electrical supply and coordinated the installation with minimal disruption to the parking lot.
- Shrubs close to the building and old tree roots were removed from the west side of the building. Late in the fall, the ground was reshaped to provide a slope away from the building, and a layer of yellow clay was packed in next to the foundation. We will install concrete pavers in the spring and plant some grass seed. To water the grass, a new water line will be run to provide an outside tap on that side of the building.
- Walters Mechanical provided some much-needed maintenance on the boilers and were there over several days troubleshooting and installing new gas valves. Temperatures were pretty cool in the church, but we didn't have any burst pipes. Jim oversaw that effort.

- We continue to pick away at risk management recommendations. New energy-efficient LED lights were installed around the exterior of the building to keep entrances and grounds lit up. They are on photosensors, so there is no more going around the building, turning on and off exterior lights. The main entrance globe lights on the building were put on timers and new brighter, efficient LED bulbs in those.
- Jim and Rob tried but were unsuccessful in dealing with the large wasp nest at the high-level roof. Access is the biggest hurdle as the nest is 55 feet up from the ground. Plan B is to try from the attic while temperatures are still cool.
- We have attempted to resolve ongoing issues with heating in the rectory. Things seem to have improved a bit this year. We'll keep plugging away at that and other plumbing issues that come up from time to time in the rectory.
- Rob installed a CCTV camera system with help from others. This is to assist with reviewing alarm situations that occur.
- Conrado, our maintenance personnel, took another job opportunity around mid-year, so we are currently without a permanent maintenance person. Jim and Rob have been more involved than usual with snow and lights. Carla has been doing a super job of keeping up with the routine cleaning.

Thanks to all the time and effort put in by the Building and Grounds Committee members over the past year, as always.

Capital Projects Planned for 2022

Planning for a capital project in 2022 will focus on the Workplace Accessibility Grant work. This has to be detailed, tendered, and installed. We hope this can be done before next Christmas (no promises).

The total estimated for capital projects for 2022 is \$124,374, of which \$81,374 is from the federal government grant.

Ray Plosker
Chair Building and Grounds

Annual Report for The Knights of Columbus Council 4704

For the year July 1/2020-June30/2022

Membership -----144
Life Member ----- 1
Inactive----- 5
Honorary----- 8
Total----- 14
144-14 -----130

130 (these are the members for whom the council paid dues to the chapter)

The election was held July 12/2021; GK (Grand Knight) ELECTED was Willy Dela Santa but did not assume office because he moved to British Columbia. I, as the Deputy GK took the position as Grand Knight. Nebo Traces became the Deputy GK. Tyler Wolfe, Past GK is our Financial Secretary.

The biggest problem of the council at present is the collection of membership dues, as this keeps the council active. As of October, billing letters were sent to all members, and only 40% of the general membership have settled their accounts.

Council Activities

1. Help during the Mass; assist the elderly, collect donations, and greet parishioners.
2. Planned to have pancake brunch but was cancelled due to pandemic.
3. Assisted Salvation Army's Fund-raising Christmas kettle at Northgate mall Nov 18/2021.
4. Christmas Lantern Fund Raising -- sold five lanterns @ \$100 each; profit went to fund other projects, like the Light a tree this Christmas in December.
5. Helped put up the Christmas lights on the trees outside the cathedral.
6. Helped put up the Christmas trees and manger inside the cathedral.

The council is still struggling to encourage membership participation to support the council in its activities for the church and community. With the full support and encouragement from our Chaplain, Rev Danilo Rafael, we hope and pray that our council will survive and get back on its feet again.

Raul Roduta
GK, council 4704

Report of the Liturgy Committee for the AGM 2022

March 20, 2022

The Liturgy Committee at Holy Rosary Cathedral includes:

- Joanne Skidmore
- Shannon Chapple
- Bradley Hanowski

Music ministry is also an essential part of the liturgy, with Evanne Wilhelm as director.

In many ways, 2021 was a typical liturgical year at Holy Rosary Cathedral:

- New Year's Day Mass with Archbishop Donald Bolen.
- Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2021.
- Advent and Christmas 2021.

However, COVID-19 again made it quite atypical:

- Attendance is still being restricted.
- Physical distancing, recording of attendees, and extra sanitation procedures.
- Limitations to the number of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, and choir members.

Later in 2022, things could possibly return to pre-pandemic conditions, such as:

- Two Lectors at every Mass.
- Both the bread and the cup being distributed.

My special thanks to Joanne Skidmore for her tireless work for Holy Rosary:

- Organizing the Lectors and EMHC schedule every three months.
- Sending out the new schedule and lists of volunteers after they have been prepared.
- Reminding the scheduled Lectors and EMHC of their weekly commitments.
- Arranging special meetings to prepare for Lent and Advent liturgies.

Thank you, Joanne!

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Hanowski

**The Canadian Catholic Organization for
Development and Peace/Caritas Canada (D&P)
Social Justice, Refugee Sponsorship
March 2022**

D&P/Caritas Canada

D&P is now gearing up for the Share Lent Campaign, culminating with Solidarity Sunday, which is the 5th Sunday in Lent, when a collection will be taken up for the international work of D&P.

Social Justice

A gathering of people took place in November between the Sunday morning Masses, where people had a chance to talk about Catholic Social Justice and what it means. Terry Hochban, who held the chair in the last few years, and her team have done a great deal of work in updating the documents, informing the parish about various issues, and being a presence in the community for issues that Regina has been dealing with. Thank you to Terry!

Refugee Sponsorship

With the support of the parish, fundraising started in April 2021 to bring a family of four to Regina. This family consists of a couple and two very small children. The application went in the fall, and now we are waiting. We pray the wait will be as short as possible. A deep gratitude to the parishioners who spearheaded the Oktoberfest and chose to split the proceeds with the refugee sponsorship. Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to our Sarcan drop and go. This has been augmented by amazing community people who regularly call for recyclables to be picked up and those to do the drop and go themselves. A huge thank you to those in our community who donated funds and hazardous waste for another fundraiser! Thank you to the generous folks who stood outside in the parking lot to raise funds by Rider Game Day parking! Even though we were unsuccessful at getting charitable receipt support, some parishioners just donated. A grateful thank you to you! Sarcan, Rider Game parking, hazardous waste, and other fundraisers will continue.

We will begin planning a parish-wide yard sale for May. Stay tuned!

Blessings and peace to all!
Bernadette Kutarna
on behalf of all who are supporting
D&P, Social Justice and Refugee Sponsorship

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint Josephine Bakhita Conference
2021 Annual Report

The ongoing challenges of the pandemic saw us again, this year, refrain from doing home visits except in unavoidable circumstances. Telephone conversations and/or brief, direct contact have proven to be acceptable methods of interviewing potential clients.

In point form are areas of assistance given:

- ◆ Assistance with school supplies
- ◆ Groceries
- ◆ Utility and water bill payment
- ◆ Travel expenses
- ◆ Gas card/tank fill-up re getting to a new job in Saskatoon
- ◆ Prescription costs help
- ◆ Community fridge commitment of \$100 per month
- ◆ Christmas hampers helped 61 individuals.

We were fortunate to welcome a new member, Noel, a U of R student from Winnipeg who was part of SSVP in Winnipeg. We also had a wonderful presentation by Ann Perry, the Executive Director of Circle Project. Her address opened our eyes to the work of the Circle Project being done in a very quiet, meaningful manner.

Our Christmas Hamper project included manning a table at the main entrance of the Cathedral for three consecutive Sundays at each of the Masses. This proved beneficial as the donations increased from just over \$500 in 2020 to \$1355 in 2021.

Our group continues to be ceaselessly grateful for the continued support of the parishioners of Holy Rosary. "Thank you" hardly seems a sufficient response for the financial help of our parishioners.

Submitted by
Carol Schimnosky
Secretary/Treasurer

2021 Report from the Director of Music

This past Spring, the Holy Rosary Cathedral Music Ministry began its transition from a successful 5-year term under the leadership of Director Tanya Bergen to me. In June of 2021, I was hired and officially became Director of Music at Holy Rosary Cathedral on August 1, 2021. I was able to move into my new role with the kind and gracious help of many of the people of the parish. I would like to specifically recognize the assistance of Samira McCarthy, Ana Harris, Father Danilo Rafael, and Tanya Bergen.

Throughout August, I made efforts to attend all three Mass times on Sundays to begin meeting the many music volunteers and parishioners. Recruitment advertising for the 11 AM Choir was delivered to the church, university, and Regina Catholic Schools via email, bulletin, posters, announcements, word of mouth, and in-person meetings throughout August and September. I was even fortunate enough to be welcomed for visits (and sometimes rehearsals) in people's homes on some occasions! **Our regular weekly choir for the 11 AM Mass still needs to build new membership in all areas, particularly men's voices. Please strongly consider how you can sing or play with us if you have a gift for music that you may not be using currently! All levels of experience are welcome! If you know someone musical, maybe the nudge they need from the Holy Spirit could come through you!** Holy Rosary Music Ministry offers a wide array of musical traditions and styles; chant, classical, contemporary, or multicultural music can be heard throughout Mass times on Sundays. As we continue to know, love, and serve the Lord through music, let us be thankful and mindful of the blessings of our diversity. Let us seek to engage with and encourage musicians & volunteers among Holy Rosary Cathedral parishioners, for the present & the future.

The search for candidates to take on the role of church organist also concluded during the Summer, but with a non-typical result. Regina had several talented organists that could assist us, and it was most appealing for them to share their work on the organ with each other in a flexible schedule. Holy Rosary's first-ever Organist Rota was then conceived! As the music director, I work with each organist to set the schedule and select the music you hear each week. We welcomed the talented Barbara Zerr as a regular organist throughout the Summer. By Fall, a rotation was established between Barbara Zerr and two other organists whose musical talents were already part of our parish family, Bernadette Kutarna and Andrew Polasek (a former Organ Scholar). Each of our organists spends multiple hours preparing liturgical music as well as the many beautiful preludes and postludes that leave us marveling at their technical facility on such a vast instrument. They are all to be commended for their thorough care and preparation of Mass music.

Our 2021-2022 Organ Scholar position was awarded to Jessica (Jessy) Stroeder. Jessy is well on her way to becoming a very fine church organist and has proved an exceptional scholar thus far. She has played for a wedding, learned all our Mass parts, and already played an entire service herself! She will continue to play for us and explore some choral conducting of our choir and organists into the Spring of 2022. Our organ scholar program is available to two scholars, and unfortunately, our 2nd position has remained vacant. Piano students that are good at practicing independently and have reached an approximate Grade 8 level in piano are ideal candidates for organ lessons. A slightly younger student or anyone with a lower piano level interested in playing the organ should be encouraged to enroll in organ lessons and eventually enter the scholar program. We do not offer organ lessons through the Cathedral, but we are in contact with many experienced teachers currently training our organ scholars and organists. Please let us know if you would like more information on becoming an organist, and we can point you in the right direction!

As the Summer of 2021 ended, Covid 19 Restrictions were easing across the province, with higher vaccine rates and lower-case rates recorded. The choir was able to return to rehearsals in September. On Sept 15th, 2021, I hosted a Music Ministry Open House to thank, meet, and socialize with all music volunteers at all Mass times and encourage our musicians to come and sing together in a joint choir for Christmas and Easter liturgies. September also brought our hosting the Archdiocese of Regina's first Mass to celebrate the launch of Pope Francis' path to the "Synod on Synodality" in 2023, with music being led by co-cantors, April Polasek and myself, and Barbara Zerr on organ.

2021 culminated with a delightful end to Advent and launched into the Christmas Season with a joint choir for Midnight Mass. Over 35 music ministry members from across our Sunday Mass times came together on Christmas Eve. The Cathedral was filled with joyful chant, choral singing, classically trained vocal solos, organ solos, guitars, piano, and most importantly – energetic and prayerful participation through song from the many people who attended! The Archdiocese of Regina continues to support the participation at Mass for the sick and vulnerable throughout the pandemic, so we were also joined virtually by the thousand viewers (YES! Over a thousand!) on Livestream recording posted to YouTube, thanks to the efforts of the video production team from the Archdiocese. We are looking forward to our next opportunity to come together, and plans for Holy Week 2022 are underway.

I have enjoyed working with many people working so hard to create beautiful music for our worship at the Cathedral. To the choir members of Holy Rosary, I cannot express enough how grateful I am for your dedication, willingness, and kindness. You have welcomed me with open arms, and I look forward to facing musical challenges together in the time to come!

I would like to recognize and publicly thank the many talented volunteers and musicians who give so generously of their time and talent to prepare and lead music at Holy Rosary Cathedral:

Organists: Barbara Zerr, Bernadette Kutarna, Andrew Polasek.

Cantors: Tim Labelle, Angela Montano, Emily Malone, Joan Pratchler, April Polasek, Tava Burton, Gina Quon, Marguerite Canales, Patrice Krueger, Karen Frandsen, Ryan Riopay.

11 AM Choir Members: Anya Schiller, Shauntell Craig-Penner, Gina Quon, Gillian Brodie, Karen Frandsen, Patrice Krueger, Pat MacKay, Samira McCarthy, Marguerite Canales, Brad Hanowski, Carolyn McKinnon, Pat Porter, Jessica Stroeder, Andrew Polasek, Bernadette Kutarna.

7 PM Mass Music Leaders: Nebo Traces & Ning David and group "Strings & Voices", Junamar and group "The Voice Choir", Nova Bautista-Hunter & Chelo Ravasco, and group "Melodies to the Lord."

Thank you to the many parishioners who take the time to express words of appreciation & feedback to our musicians – this means so much to us as we endeavour to create meaningful worship through music, no matter what challenges our world may face. A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners, priests, musicians, administrative staff, and staff of the Archdiocese of Regina for their continued support of Cathedral music.

Submitted by: Evanne Wilhelm, Director of Music

Ecumenical Report for the Annual General Meeting

March 2022

2022 began with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which we could not celebrate in our usual way because of the continuation of the Covid pandemic restrictions on gatherings. However, this annual event was well covered by zoom meetings from the Ecumenical Commission for Saskatoon. In particular, the Bible Study entitled “Abide in My Love” (reflections on the words of Jesus in St. John’s Gospel 6:9-11) was well worthwhile.

This month, a series of Ecumenical Stewardship webinars are planned under the heading of Sacred Spaces. – topics covered include the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. Titles include “From Maintenance to Mission,” Sharing Sacred Spaces – facilities and ministries,” and “Loving our Neighbours.” This should be an interesting series of talks.

I had almost finished this report when war broke out in Ukraine. Because I participate in ecumenical activities here in Regina, I know much more about Ukraine than I would have otherwise. I have attended two church services led by Ukrainian Catholics in the past few years. I also heard Bishop Bayda from Saskatoon speak at a conference in 2015 at St. Basil’s Church, where representatives of the Ecumenical Commission were made very welcome.

I was delighted to learn that Lakeview United Church here in Regina has organized a Multi-Faith Prayer Vigil, both in-person and online, for the people of Ukraine on March 10.

Hopefully, due to the provincial lifting of most restrictions for gatherings here in Saskatchewan, I will have much more to report at next year’s AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Brodie
Ecumenical Representative

Couples For Christ (CFC)

CFC is a charismatic Catholic life, marriage, and family ministry recognized by the Vatican as a private international association of the faithful. Rooted in the Sacraments, we strive to build a church of the home and the poor through our family ministries, advocacies, and programs.

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic we faced in 2021, CFC stays positive and continues its faith journey with online prayer assemblies, teaching and programs, and attending Masses physically.

CFC volunteer work continued and was involved in Holy Rosary Cathedral in several ways:

- CFC – Singles for Christ (SFC) service every 3rd Sunday 7 pm Mass.
 - Consistent service as greeters and collectors
 - Served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Served as lectors
- CFC – Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD) volunteered as lectors at 11 am or 7 pm Mass.
- CFC ANCOP – “Give Love” Christmas Concert Fundraising with proceeds shared equally between ANCOP and Holy Rosary Cathedral.

In Christ,
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