

Some Questions & Answers About Pastoral Center Services

Question:

Why does the Diocese use graphs as the format for presenting the annual statement?

Answer:

Because it is helpful to display via graphic presentation the income and expenses used for ministry programs, rather than the complete audited statement from Price Waterhouse. This presentation is easier to read in summary form; for example, the third graph explains how each dollar of income is expended. If you would like a complete copy of the Price Waterhouse audited report, send your name and address to: Mr. John S. McAnany, Office of Pastoral Planning and Management-Finance, Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Question:

What is the decision-making process of how money is allocated in the Diocese?

Answer:

The decision-making process for the allocation and expenditure of funds in the Diocese is:

1. Representatives from the Bishop's Financial Advisory Board, the lay and clergy leadership from the Annual Appeal and Division Directors study and review diocesan needs, the results of the Annual Appeal and economic conditions. They then make the recommendation(s) to Bishop Clark as to the goal for the following year's Annual Appeal.
2. The Department Directors submit their program proposals for the coming year to their respective Division Director. After the Division Directors have reviewed all the Diocesan Departments goals and program statements, they are submitted to the Ministerial Review Committee.
3. The Ministerial Review Committee scrutinizes in detail these programs and the accompanying budget requests.
4. After thorough review of these programs, the MRC forwards its recommendations to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.
5. The Diocesan Pastoral Council evaluates the Diocesan Ministerial Plan along with its Supporting Budget at its spring meeting and then makes its recommendation(s) to Bishop Clark.
6. Bishop Clark reviews the recommendations from the Diocesan Pastoral Council and makes any changes or modifications that he believes are appropriate. After Bishop Clark has finished his review, he approves the Diocesan Ministerial Plan with its Supporting Budget.

Question:

What was the overall financial position of the Diocese of Rochester for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1983.

Answer:

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1983, the Diocese of Rochester experienced a surplus of \$24,000.

Question:

What can this surplus be attributed to?

Answer:

The surplus was the result of the generosity of the people of the Diocese in supporting the Bishop's Programs through the Thanks Giving Appeal.

Question:

The Diocese of Rochester received substantial funds over and above the diocesan goal of \$2,550,000 for the Second Annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal (1982-1983). Do the Parishes receive any of the cash overage?

Answer:

Yes, as a result of the Second Annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal, each parish going over its goal received 80% of its overage. The total overage returned to parishes in the Diocese

amounted to \$355,000. As a result of the first and second Annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeals, the Diocese has returned a total of \$1,030,000 in overage to the parishes.

Question:

How does this Fiscal Year's activity compare with the past experience of the Diocese?

Answer:

For the four Fiscal Years preceding June 30, 1983, the Diocese experienced in 1979, a deficit of \$260,000; in 1980, a deficit of \$26,000; in 1981, a surplus of \$109,000; and in 1982, a surplus of \$296,000.

Question:

In referring to the pie diagram highlighting how each dollar is spent, what items of expense comprise Pastoral subsidies?

Answer:

The Pastoral Subsidy category includes funds transferred to partially supplement ministries directed by groups other than those at the Pastoral Center — such as Campus Ministries, Urban Services, the Ecumenical Commission and the diocesan contribution to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the N.Y.S. Catholic Conference. Subsidies in support of Catholic Charities and Camp Stella Maris's are also reflected in this category.

Question:

Does the income reported on the graphs for Fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 reflect any special collection gifts forwarded by the parish to the Diocese such as Catholic Relief, Black and Native American Collection and Campaign for Human Development?

Answer:

Yes, under the income classification "Allocations From Affiliates", only that portion of a Special Collection which has been designated by the ultimate beneficiary to remain at the Diocese has been reflected as income.

Question:

Where is the balance forwarded after the local allocation?

Answer:

All the remaining funds are transmitted on a timely basis to the special collections designated beneficiary, usually on the national level.

Question:

Are all of the funds for which the Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester has direct control and accountability audited on an annual basis?

Answer:

Yes. At the end of each Fiscal Year, all funds for which the Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester has direct control and accountability are audited by the international accounting firm of Price Waterhouse.

Question:

Do the graphic presentations reflect any custodial or restricted fund balances: such as those of Catholic Charities Inc., Priests' Pension Fund, Unemployment Insurance Fund, Priest Disability Fund and Self Insurance Fund?

Answer:

No. The graphs present only the operational activity of the Diocese of Rochester and do not reflect any custodial or restricted funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1983.