

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

Financial Report for 1999-2000 Fiscal Year

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My dear brothers and sisters:

For the past several years now, we have asked those within our diocese to consider the principle of stewardship as they weighed sharing their time, talent and treasure with others. The generous response of so many of you to our annual Thanks Giving Appeal and other parish and diocesan needs has been heartwarming. Your gifts have truly blessed our diocesan church and kept it strong and vibrant throughout our 12 counties.

This special insert, in which we highlight the financial status of the diocese and many of its various programs, is intended to demonstrate our financial accountability as stewards of diocesan resources, and represents highlights of the diocese's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the members of our Stewardship Council, and to the pastoral leaders within the diocese who work so hard to ensure that our resources are used in the most efficient and appropriate manner. And, of course, we are greatly indebted to the warm, caring individuals who so generously support our diocese.

I encourage you to take time to look over the enclosed information, hoping that it gives you a greater understanding of our diocesan church and how it works to help all of those within. As always, I continue to pray for each of you, and thank God for so richly blessing our loving diocese.

With every good wish, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark

Bishop of Rochester

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