

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

Financial Report for 2001-2002 Fiscal Year

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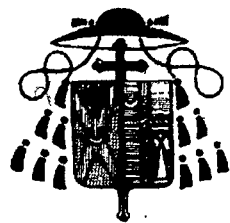
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My dear brothers and sisters:

There is no doubt that the past year has brought great pain and sorrow to our Church. The issue of clerical sexual misconduct has caused many of our faithful to question the actions, or inactions, of church leaders. I fully understand and appreciate those concerns, and can only assure you that our diocese remains fully committed to protecting our young and vulnerable from the criminal actions of those who would abuse their respect and trust.

Trust is an integral part of any healthy relationship. It is my fondest hope that those within our diocesan community will continue to place their trust in me and other leaders within our local church. I am deeply appreciative of, and heartened by, the continued expressions of faith and hope that so many have shared with me as this issue has been discussed. I am thankful that our efforts to handle this in a responsible manner have been recognized, and I give my assurances that we will continue to act in that same manner.

Trust and accountability extend beyond the moral to the financial as well. It is in that light, in recognizing the importance of maintaining the trust of our faithful and our accountability for managing their generous gifts, that I am pleased to share once again our annual financial report. Notable within this report is a presentation of costs incurred related to sexual abuse cases since the inception of our sexual abuse policy in 1993.

I encourage you to take time to review the material on the following pages. It will provide you a greater understanding of the ministries of the Diocese of Rochester and how the caring and generous people of our diocese make them possible.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of our Stewardship Council, listed on the last page of this report, and to our pastoral leaders who dedicate themselves to assuring that our resources are used wisely and efficiently.

Thank you again for your generous support of our local church. Please know that I continue to pray for each of you and thank God for so richly blessing our diocese.

With every best wish, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

God's Love Endures Forever

