

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
A Roman Catholic Christian Community.*

*We come together at our Lord's invitation to worship  
God, celebrate the sacraments, and deepen our faith.  
We strive to be thankful, generous and welcoming. We  
are sent forth to help advance God's Kingdom on earth  
by proclaiming the gospel and serving others.*

**Formation for Eucharistic Worship,  
Formation for Confident Witnesses,  
Formation for Service to Marriage and Families.**

These are the three pastoral priorities established by our Archdiocese for the coming years. The beauty of these priorities is two-fold. **One.** They center on the crux of who we are as Catholic Christians. The Eucharist as the source and the summit of our faith. Forming Christian disciples who will witness and share our faith with others. Supporting our families, the cornerstones of our society, and our Catholic Church. **Two.** Each individual parish within the Archdiocese, is invited to implement these priorities in the manner that best suits the needs and situation within our unique parish communities. We at OLPH, have a super group of parishioners, who are actively engaged in implementing innovative ideas and growing the many ministries, already flourishing in our parish community.

Make no mistake my friends. We are presently doing splendid ministry in a diverse number of areas within our parish and the greater community. In 2024 through **parish sacrificial giving (PSG)** we supported two of our key inner-city parishes, with funding to support the programming that all parishes need to flourish. As well, we supported the magnificent work that Inner City Pastoral Ministries provides for those most in need, day in and day out, year after year. Between the Nook and St. Vincent de Paul, we support all creeds and cultures, locally, Provincially, and in the North. Those who lack that which is inherent to the dignity of the human person, food, clothing, and shelter. Our Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League continue to be a life blood within our parish, from a charitable works perspective, and as key members of the many ministries that abound in our parish community. Their outreach to other community service groups has greatly enhanced the communal nature, of the Scriptural call to for care for the widow and the orphan. **Together We Serve**, The Archdiocesan charities that all parishes support, once again surpassed our financial targets both at OLPH and at St. Francis of Assisi in Tofield.

We are blessed to have a very solid faith formation group (GIFT) Growing in Faith Together, offering many opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation. We have a several Bible Study, Book Study, prayer groups, as well as an active Alpha and RCIA program, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and Chosen. Chosen is a partnership with Archbishop Jordan High school, which provides our teens with an opportunity to become Catholic, and or complete their sacraments of Initiation. We have embarked on a journey where we desire to grow a culture that embraces the concept of a "Compassionate Parish." Yes, we should always be compassionate, but this is an intentional focus on doing what needs to be done to intentionally live the concept of compassion, that our Lord modeled for us.

We celebrate Mass twice daily in the parish with Reconciliation offered after each of these Masses. We celebrate five Sunday Masses and one at our vibrant mission parish, St. Francis, in Tofield. We celebrate Mass at least twice monthly at each of our eight seniors assisted living and care centers. We have clergy visiting each of our ten schools on a weekly basis. I am proud and grateful for the wonderful collaborative relationships we have with our schools, students, and staff. We continue to marry, bury, and baptise in large numbers, with great parish/volunteer teams making this possible. Our sacramental preparation program, which runs several times per year for each sacrament, is in my view second to none in this Archdiocese. St. Francis in Tofield have really come into their own and are flourishing as a mission of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. All the above-mentioned activities are able to happen because of the year-round commitment of our Parish Pastoral Council. Parish Finance Council, Parish Liturgy Council and now our Pastoral Priorities committee. Fr. Mario, Fr. Chad, Deacon Lynn, are standouts in their service, and our parish Team and the clergy are all in unison, when it comes to the life of a remarkably busy and large parish. I am incredibly grateful to be the pastor of what I believe is the flagship parish in our Archdiocese. Yes, I am biased, but we are doing much, and we are doing it well. There is a Holy Spirit inspired atmosphere in our parish community. Thank you for your grace-filled support in 2024. We are off and running in 2025.

- Fr. Jim

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OLPH PARISONERS!**

Parish Financial Council is pleased to report that thanks to the generous donations of the dedicated parishioners of OLPH and the financial prudence of the parish administration, in 2024 our revenues have once again exceeded our operating expenses. We ended the year with a \$361,201 operating surplus which we were able to add to our building fund. As budgeted, ongoing maintenance projects and the upgrade to the AV system were funded from our 2024 income while the cost of the major capital expenditure for the new roof was paid from our building fund. After paying for the roofing project and adding the 2024 surplus to the building fund along with the \$162,248 parishioners donated directly to the fund we have approximately \$3,793,000 in our building fund at the end of 2024.

Finance Council and Fr Jim have established a budget for 2025 that includes some minor upgrades to our ageing building such as new flooring in the office area and modification to the heating control system plus a significant expenditure on new flooring in the sanctuary. The budget also includes funds to hire a consultant to plan for the possible foyer expansion to tie into the proposed seniors housing complex. We are fortunate to have a very healthy building fund but a foyer expansion could easily see the fund reduced by over \$2,000,000.




**Ron Ross**  
Parish Finance Council Chairman

<b>SUMMARY OF PAST REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>				
	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>
Revenue before Estate Donations	1,921,880	1,767,169	1,647,537	1,596,461
Estate Donations	96,690		35,000	69,025
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,018,571</b>	<b>1,767,169</b>	<b>1,682,537</b>	<b>1,665,486</b>
Operating Expenses	1,657,370	1,352,474	1,231,131	1,209,260
Retained Earnings Surplus	361,201	414,695	451,406	456,226
Retained Earnings less Estate Donations	264,510	414,695	416,406	387,201

<b>Summary of Parish Statistics</b>				
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
RCIA	8	5	3	4
Baptisms	135	126	148	104
First Communions	158	174	164	174
Confirmations	110	197	113	92
Weddings	13	17	18	10
Funerals	56	49	53	42

Registered Families (n)	6088	6816	6744	6621
Tax Receipts Issued	1500	1460	1436	1211
% of Parishioners with Donation Statistics	24.64%	21.42%	21.29%	18.29%

**Thank you for your generous contributions that help make this possible and may God bless you.**

Yours in Christ,  <b>Rev J. Corrigan</b> Pastor	 <b>Ron Ross, Chair</b> Parish Finance Council	 <b>Uduak Akpan, Chair</b> Parish Pastoral Council
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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish 2024 Statement of Financial Stewardship

### Notes on the Financial Statements

	Budget 2025	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>Operating revenue</b>			
Ordinary Receipts (a)	\$1,400,000	\$1,375,225	\$1,307,626
Hall/Parking Lot Rent (b)	\$45,000	\$50,470	\$54,910
Refugee Family		\$1,140	\$1,340
Interest (Variable) (c)	\$160,000	\$163,896	\$129,262
Ministry Revenue (d)	\$130,000	\$137,736	\$113,020
Grants, Trusts	\$30,000	\$49,511	\$16,617
Miscellaneous		\$12,397	\$8,696
Estate Donations		\$96,690	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,765,000</b>	<b>\$1,887,065</b>	<b>\$1,631,472</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>			
Building Faith Income		\$4,176	
Together We Serve	\$130,000	\$127,330	\$135,698
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$131,506</b>	<b>\$135,698</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,895,000</b>	<b>\$2,018,571</b>	<b>\$1,767,169</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$800	\$870	\$1,320
Aumotive/Mileage/Ins	\$12,000	\$11,897	\$9,883
Liturgical Church Supplies	\$23,000	\$22,429	\$16,132
Collection Envelopes	\$3,000	\$2,807	\$3,223
Household/RectoryExp	\$14,000	\$13,543	\$10,968
Insurance	\$84,000	\$81,086	\$85,081
Bank Fees	\$6,000	\$8,919	\$7,504
Janitorial Supplies	\$26,574	\$26,574	\$17,644
Office Supplies	\$35,000	\$31,454	\$29,099
IT Support/Hardware (e)	\$28,000	\$23,327	\$23,266
Property Taxes	\$2,800	\$2,689	\$2,426
Maintenance (f)	\$50,000	\$90,318	\$39,397
Salaries, Benefits (g)	\$532,078	\$502,208	\$430,871
Subscriptions/Software Lic	\$22,000	\$21,710	\$21,279
Telephone	\$7,500	\$6,192	\$7,993
Utilities	\$90,000	\$84,358	\$130,032
Misc./pastors discretion		\$3,952	\$3,375
Cathedraticum (h)	\$280,000	\$267,916	\$258,535
Professional Fees (m)		\$28,609	
Ministry Expenses *(d)	\$145,000	\$140,448	\$115,916
<b>Subtotal Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,361,752</b>	<b>\$1,371,307</b>	<b>\$1,213,943</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Parish Sacrificial Giving (i)	\$28,000	\$27,500	\$2,125
Together We Serve (j)	\$130,000	\$126,473	\$134,767
New Equipment, Furniture, Fixtures, Updates (k)	\$63,500	\$132,090	\$1,639
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$221,500</b>	<b>\$286,063</b>	<b>\$138,531</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,583,252</b>	<b>\$1,657,370</b>	<b>\$1,352,474</b>
<b>Operating surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$311,748</b>	<b>\$361,201</b>	<b>\$414,695</b>
<b>Building Fund (l)</b>	<b>Budget 2025</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>
Previous Year End Balance	\$3,793,045	\$4,193,827	\$3,637,117
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$311,748	\$361,201	\$414,695
Donations/Revenue	\$150,000	\$162,248	\$142,015
Expenses (m)	-\$350,000	-\$924,230	\$0
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$3,904,793</b>	<b>\$3,793,045</b>	<b>\$4,193,827</b>

#### Revenue:

**(a) Ordinary receipts** - Sunday Giving/Christmas, Easter  
- Our main source of revenue and essential for the day to day expenses of running the parish.  
- Donations can be made by using Parish envelopes or by Pre-Authorized Debit or Credit Card

**(b) Hall/Parking Lot Revenue**  
- Revenue is generated through parish hall/meeting room rentals and parking lot rental to Alberta Health Services.

**(c) Interest payments** - Returns paid on our cash deposits.

**(d) Ministry revenue** - Ministry revenues from Funerals, Weddings and registrations for Sacrament programs such as, Confirmation, First Communion/Reconciliation, as well as VBS, Faith Formation and other programming.

#### Expenses:

**(d) Ministry Expense** - Expenses consist of all cost associated with Ministry, Sacrament and Faith Formation groups:

- Funeral	\$48,193
- Sacramental Prep	\$ 3,186
- Vacation Bible School	\$ 5,782
- Music (Books, Licensing)	\$ 6,937
- Christmas Book Program	\$12,143
- Pastoral Priorities	\$ 6,365
- Honorariums	\$17,250
- All others	\$40,590

#### (e) IT Support/Hardware

- 2024: We changed our IT Support model which has reduced our annual cost.

- 2025: Replace Server, Switch, Firewall

#### (f) Building Repairs and Maintenance, ie:

- Incidental plumbing, electrical, structure repairs

#### (g) Salaries: Salaries, Benefits, Stipends

- 2025 budget includes allowances for salary increases and the possibility of an additional staff member

#### (h) Cathedraticum/Dues

- 20% of ordinary receipts.

- Cathedraticum assessment is used to pay for the various offices in the Archdiocese that serve the Archbishop and the parishioners.

#### (i) Parish Sacrificial Giving

- PPC has been allocating 2% of Ordinary Receipts to Parish Sacrificial Giving.

#### (j) Together We Serve

- OLPH was one of 41 Parishes in the diocese to meet their goal.

#### (k) New Equipment, Furniture, Fixtures

- 2024 Upgrades

- A/V Upgrades: (Completed) \$ 132,090

- 2025 Upgrades

- Accessible Washrooms downstairs \$10,000

- Office area flooring replacement \$35,000

- Office Lamp replacements \$ 2,500

- BMS VAV Controllers replacement \$15,000

- AV Booth Flooring \$ 1,000

#### (l) Capital Expenses

- 2024: Capital Projects

- Roof Replacement: (Completed) \$ 924,230

- 2025 Capital Projects

- Sanctuary Flooring: \$ 250,000

- Foyer Expansion Planning \$ 100,000

**(m)** The Affordable Senior's Housing project is in the early planning stages, however, in anticipation that it move forward, the Parish will be extending the Foyer out to the West to meet with the corridor of the first Apartment building. This expansion has the potential of costing \$2M.  
- Professional Fees: \$28,609

**(n)** We are reviewing the Registered Families in the database and have "archived" families who do not live within our catchment area, have moved away or are deceased. This resulted in a more accurate number of registered families.