



**Parish Town Hall Meeting
Audience Questions and Answers
Saturday, March 3rd, 2018**

*Questions and comments are in response to presentations from
Janet Archibald and Lori Klafehn*

- 1) What was the professional appraisal amount for St. Salome?
Answer: \$280,000
What were the proceeds from the sale?
Answer: \$280,000

- 2) Were all funerals celebrated for active parishioners?
Answer: The majority of funerals are for parishioners, some of whom were active and many of whom found it necessary to move into assisted living or remain at home. We welcome all requests.

- 3) **Comment:** There was an article printed in the Rochester Business Journal about private schools.
Question: Why was SKS not included in the list of schools mentioned in the article?
Answer: Reference to article written by Mike Costanza is a Rochester-area freelance writer.
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- 4) Will the collection taken at the Fellowship of St. Alban masses go to Saint Kateri Parish?
Answer: The Fellowship of St. Alban is a separate entity from Saint Kateri Parish. The collections do not go to Saint Kateri Parish.

- 5) **Comment:** Parishioners are asked to contribute an envelope for \$20 to cover Catholic Courier expenses. Yet the cost is reported as \$12 per subscription.
Question: Why the difference?
Answer: Going forward, the actual cost per subscription will be printed on the envelope. Additional donations will help cover the cost of sending the Catholic Courier to our Catholic friends and neighbors in the Town of Irondequoit.

- 6) **Comment:** The \$30 price for the DOR commemorative book seems low. The value seems more. Hopefully folks will contribute more if they appreciate the value.
Answer: Thank you!

- 7) **Comment:** Thank you PC and FC for your service.
Question: It seems like you are always over budgeting for collections. Will you lower it?
Answer: Yes.

- 8) Why are contracted services over budget?
Answer: Contracted Services include Cleaning Services and Employment Agency Services (musicians, substitute teachers and classroom aids, part-time resources). These costs fluctuate monthly and should be slightly lower during the second half of the fiscal year.
- 9) Is there a charge for funerals?
Answer: Yes, the charge for a funeral is \$300, which covers the cost of music and parish services.
- 10) **Comment:** The CMA budget is not always transparent.
Questions: Where does all the money go? How much goes to SKS?
Answer:
2016-2017 CMA ALLOCATIONS
Serving people in need through Catholic Charities
 Support for the 10 regional offices/agencies throughout our 12 counties
Educating our young in the Catholic Faith
 Supporting Catholic schools, campus ministry, sacramental preparation, young adult and youth ministry programs
Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions
 Information Technology, Hospital and Jail Chaplaincy, Pastoral Planning, Tribunal, Communications, Stewardship, Finance/Audit, Legal Services, Liturgical, Urban, Rural, and Multicultural Services, subsidies and programs
Supporting Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders & Vocations
 Priest and Deacon personnel, lay ecclesial ministers, formation, continuing education, sabbaticals, St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry
Funding the Ministries of our Pope and Bishop
 Vatican Ministries, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, NYS Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Matano's Office, the Presbyteral Council, and the Stewardship Council
Funding Operations & Support Services
 Facilities, utilities, telephones, insurance, maintenance, capital improvements
Supporting the CMA Campaign
 Staff, printed materials, video production, data processing and postage
TOTAL \$6,350,000
- 11) Is the Ambassador Program included in CMA?
Answer: The Ambassador Program is not included in CMA. It is funded by the Catholic School that receives the new enrollment.
- 12) Who is on the DOR CMA committee? What are the backgrounds of the committee members?
Answer: Please contact the Diocese for this information
- 13) Is the St. Alban Fellowship budget separate from Saint Kateri Parish?
Answer: The Fellowship of St. Alban is a separate entity from Saint Kateri Parish. St. Alban has its own budget managed by its own treasurer. Fr. Evan Simington supports Saint Kateri Parish 75% and St. Alban 25%.

- 14) Will the proceeds from the St. Salome sale be invested in the Stable Patrimony account?
Answer: Yes, the net proceeds after expenses from the sale of Saint Salome were invested in the Stable patrimony account.
- 15) Is the budget for Collections set in July?
Answer: Yes, July is the first month of the fiscal year.
- 16) **Comment:** Glad to see special events such as pasta dinners back in plans for Parish. Feels absence of such events is partly responsible for decreased attendance at Mass.
- 17) **Comment:** Regarding attendance reductions – We must have some type of registry to know which people are truly active in Parish events.
- 18) Any plans for a summer festival?
Answer: The parish is planning monthly dinners. The Pasta Dinner is April 28, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Newcomb Friendship Center at 2732 Culver Road, Rochester NY 14622. If there are volunteers willing to plan and hold other dinners (i.e. Italian Night, German Night, Polish Night), please call the office to volunteer. Additional community building events are also in the planning stages for Pentecost and in the fall.
- 19) Will we be able to write a check to purchase raffle tickets?
Answer: Payment for the purchase of raffle tickets may be made with cash, checks, and debit or credit cards. Neither the General Municipal Law nor Commission rules authorizes the sale of raffle tickets through the mail.
- 20) What is the final date for CMA pledges?
Answer: Your pledge to the annual appeal is tax deductible and can be paid through May 31st.
- 21) Is any money budgeted for a CMA shortfall?
Answer: Although our goal is to achieve the CMA financial goal of \$220,508, the parish budgeted \$25,000 in case of a CMA shortfall. The parish also set an aggressive goal of attaining 1500 participants.
- 22) Is there any place where 2nd collections to help with disaster situations are recorded?
Answer: Second collections are recorded by family in the ConnectNow system. The total collection is deposited into the parish operating account and a liability is recorded on the parish balance sheet. The liability is relieved within 30 days when a check is written to the intended recipient.
- 23) **Card submitted:** What is the average weekly or monthly expense SKT incurs which is charged back to SKT-LMC?
Answer: Monthly Finance and Administration expenses are based on actual activity. The amount varies from month to month.