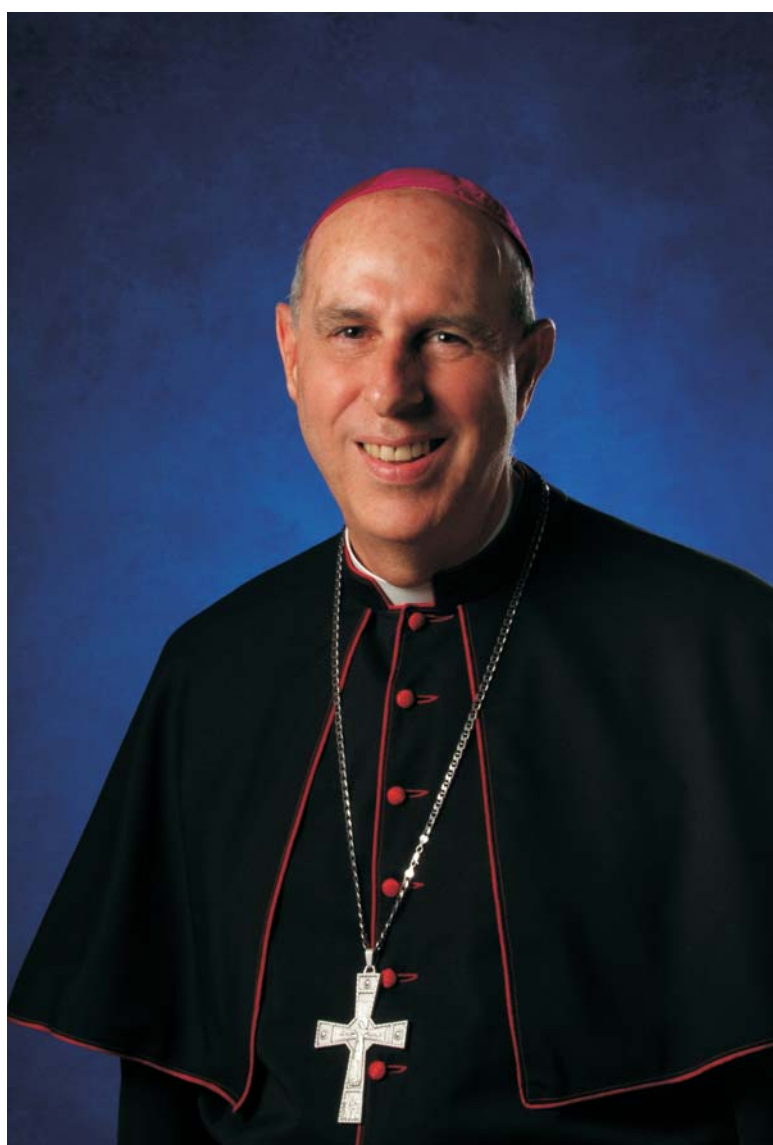


# Stewardship Report



July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007



*Dear Sisters and Brothers:*

*May the peace of the Lord be with you!*

*I am very pleased to present you with our 2006-2007 diocesan stewardship report. Above all else, I thank you who have contributed so generously to our ministry here in the Diocese of Honolulu. Whether the funds came from the assessment of each parish or directly from you to the Diocese, we are grateful to all of you for making possible our service to the Gospel and the community.*

*When you share your hard-earned resources with the Church, you express your communion with your brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese by funding services that reach out to those in need through our Office of Social Ministries or Catholic Charities Hawaii. You support the clergy who serve you now and those who served so faithfully in the past who are now retired and our seminarians who will serve you in the future. You help us proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in our parishes, our religious education programs, and our Catholic schools. It is in your name that we develop youth leaders to enliven our Church now and to assure its vitality in the future.*

*We thank the Lord that he has allowed us to do so much and to touch so many lives. Yet we know that there are still many more needs to meet. With your faithful and generous stewardship, I am confident that the Lord will continue to provide us with the resources we need to give witness to Jesus.*

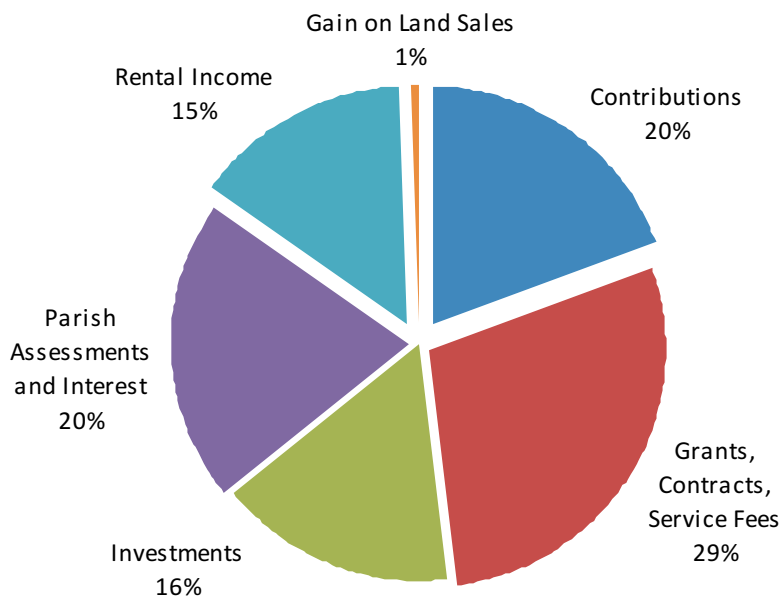
*God bless you for your witness and for your generosity!*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*+ Larry Silva*

*Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu*

# Sources of Revenue



Category	Amount
Contributions . . . . .	\$3,004,401
Grants, Contracts, Service Fees . . . . .	\$4,417,556
Investments . . . . .	\$2,455,290
Parish Assessments and Interest. . . . .	\$3,189,586
Rental Income . . . . .	\$2,241,922
Gain on Land Sales. . . . .	\$94,089
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$15,402,844</b>

## Terms

**Contributions** Consists of food items for the Hawaii Island Food Bank operated by the diocese, a residence donated to the diocese and other monetary donations to various departments.

**Grants, Contracts, Service Fees** Primarily contract fees for Social Ministry Office contracts administered by the diocese. Also includes revenues for various departmental fees such as Hawaii Catholic Schools fees, Hawaii Catholic Herald subscriptions and advertising, Department of Religious Education workshops, etc.

**Investments** Includes earnings on diocesan investment accounts and short-term cash management efforts.

**Parish Assessments and Interest** Assessments represent approximately 8.7% of total parish revenues for support of diocesan operations. Interest is amount paid on loans to parishes from the diocese.

**Rental Income** Represents rental income on all diocesan owned property held for investment or income purposes.

**Gain on Land Sale** Gains on sale of fee interest in properties owned by the diocese.

## National Collections (Year ended June 30, 2007)

Latin America. . . . .	\$33,952
Black & Indian Missions . . . . .	\$20,534
Catholic Relief Services . . . . .	\$66,596
Holy Land . . . . .	\$68,484
Catholic Communication . . . . .	\$19,571
Holy Father (Peter's Pence). . . . .	\$54,457
Catholic University . . . . .	\$35,459
Campaign for Human Development. . . . .	\$57,530
Rice Bowl. . . . .	\$46,785
Propogation of the Faith . . . . .	\$57,666
Religious Retirement . . . . .	\$65,193
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$526,227</b>



*Educating*

## 'No other mission like it'

Talking by phone to the superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools Dr. Carmen Himenes about the upcoming school year, you can feel her enthusiasm buzzing through the line. Filled with great hope and big plans, she likened herself to any teacher preparing with renewed excitement to tackle the new challenges of the first day of classes.

"It is a wonderful experience to be part of Catholic education today in the formation of our children," she said. "There is no other mission like it."

Himenes said that the mission of her office melds well with Bishop Silva's vision for Catholic education. She said that the bishop is a strong supporter of Catholic schools and is interested in their work and success.

She said that, in his first year, Bishop Silva has "reached out to pastors and principals" and has visited most of Ha-

waii's Catholic high schools and many of the elementary schools.

He has a growing collection of school "cards, hats and flags" to prove it, she said.

"Bishop Silva wants the institutions to be financially viable, but his main concern is that they are Catholic in essence and in experience," Himenes said. "He has made it very clear to schools that they are Catholic, with the mission of the local church at heart."

The Catholic school should also be "animated by communion and community," forging the faith of a community, she said.

Schools also should be "imbued with a world view throughout its curriculum." The "spirit of Catholicism" should "permeate the entire curriculum" and be directed to the growth of the whole person.



*Welcoming*

## A parish with heart

It was with good reason that Catholic author Paul Wilkes, in his book "Excellent Catholic Parishes," picked St. John Vianney Parish in the Enchanted Lake area of Kailua as one of the nation's best parishes. Attend a Mass there and it's easy to see — the parish has heart.

It now has a newly renovated church in which to experience the welcome of the parish family in quiet and spacious air-conditioned comfort. With the doors closed to the noise of busy Keolu Drive, all you hear is the soothing gurgle of water cascading through the new marble baptismal font.

Bernice Brissette, a charter member of the parish, describes her "new" church as "warm and peaceful."

"At first I didn't know what to expect, but when you walked into it with the glass, the gardens, it was just won-

derful," she said.

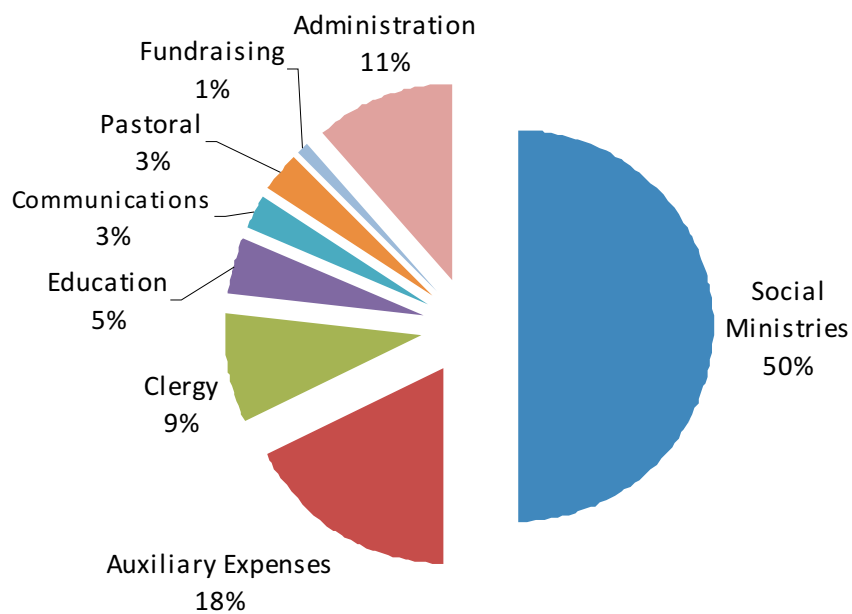
"You don't feel like a stranger here," Brissette said. "If you are here, you belong to us. You never come out of church without talking to someone. Here someone will always smile at you."

As if to prove that "heart" is the bedrock of the parish community, construction workers took a large naturally heart-shaped hunk of coral found in the rubble of the old rock wall that fronted the church and embedded it prominently into the new wall behind the baptismal font.

The late parish administrator Barbara Akeo had said that the workers, even though many were not Catholic, took great care in the building, sensing the sacredness of the structure.

They knew this was a project of the heart, she said.

# Uses of Our Resources



Category	Amount
Social Ministries . . . . .	\$7,763,206
Auxiliary Expenses . . . . .	\$2,741,573
Clergy . . . . .	\$1,360,964
Education . . . . .	\$758,804
Communications . . . . .	\$430,548
Pastoral . . . . .	\$492,929
Fundraising . . . . .	\$189,017
Administration . . . . .	\$1,758,747
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$15,495,788</b>

## Terms

**Social Ministries** Includes diocesan support of Catholic Charities Hawaii, operation of Care-A-Van, Mobile Care, Hawaii Island Food Bank and other programs on the Big Island and parish social ministry services on Oahu and Maui.

**Auxiliary Expenses** Primarily subsidies and interest to parishes. Also includes professional fees, property expenses, depreciation and post-retirement expense accruals.

**Clergy** Costs include seminarian education expense, living and medical expenses for retired clergy, ethnic ministries, and priest retreats and continuing education.

**Education** Hawaii Catholic Schools Office and the diocesan Department of Religious Education.

**Communications** Costs for publication and distribution of the Hawaii Catholic Herald.

**Pastoral** Consists of the Office of Worship and the Office for Welcoming Parishes.

**Fundraising** Diocesan Development Office expenses.

**Administration** Diocesan administration includes the offices of the bishop, vicar general, chancellor, Tribunal, finance, strategic planning, diocesan services and St. Stephen Diocesan Center.



## An open invitation

In Hawaii approximately two-thirds of Catholics don't attend church on a regular basis.

They may have left because of marrying someone of another faith, divorcing, problems within their parish, misunderstandings or disagreements on Catholic positions, or because they no longer felt connected.

As a way to encourage these non-practicing Catholics to return to the church, the Catholics Returning Home program was initiated here in 2004, as part of the diocesan Office of Welcoming Parish.

It's a process of six consecutive weekly meetings led by a team of lay people. Participants also have a chance to speak with a priest one-on-one. The sessions stress dialogue, "listening with compassion," openness and reconciliation. Everything is kept confidential.

"It's a gentle way of welcoming them back," said Steve Odo, who with his wife Caroline began Catholics Returning Home in Hawaii.

The program has been run at eight

parishes since 2005. Four Oahu parishes are currently hosting Returning Home sessions and two more will hold sessions this year.

Steve and Caroline Odo are themselves returning Catholics.

The Odos had been very active at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Pearl City before disagreements with parish administration led them to the evangelical Protestant New Hope Christian Fellowship five years ago.

In 2002, when a good friend Judy Winner was dying, Steve and Caroline went to visit her in the hospital. They were amazed to see 30 people in her ICU room praying the rosary.

About a month before Winner died, the Odos were driving home from visiting her and Caroline asked, "If we were in this situation, what would we do? What church would we go to?" They both agreed it was the Catholic Church.

They later learned that Winner had been praying for their return. Soon after, the Odos went back to Our Lady of Good Counsel.



## You are a priest forever

There is a moment during the ordination of a priest when his brother presbyters line up to lay their hands silently on his head. That moment seemed to go on forever at the Co-Cathedral of St.

Theresa, as 67 priests walked around the altar to face, one-by-one, their three newest brothers kneeling in the sanctuary.

Some lightly, some stiffly, some tenderly, all solemnly, the hands were placed on the three bowed heads by men whose own identities were forever changed by the same gesture years earlier, sanctifying a fraternal bond the lay congregation could witness with awed respect, but not share.

That interlude was one of the highpoints of Hawaii's first triple ordination in 15 years. That evening Bishop Larry Silva elevated Peter Miti, Cletus Mooya and Dong Min Paul Li as "priests forever" in a joyous two-hour multicultural celebration attended by an assembly so large it spilled into the drizzly night outside.

The ordinations were even more distinctive because the men came from

far-off foreign countries — Li, 32, from China, and Miti, 36, and Mooya, 34, from Zambia in south central Africa — to serve the Diocese of Honolulu.

The liturgy began as the large multi-parish choir sang "There is One Lord," a new Scripture-based composition by Robert Mondoy proclaiming the diversity of gifts of the Body of Christ, and a procession of 28 deacons, 67 priests, the three candidates, Bishop Silva, plus eight Knights of Columbus and an assortment of acolytes and ministers entered the church.

After all had taken their places, Bishop Silva, a thick green and yellow lei around his neck, gave his opening greeting. "What joy, what gladness, what thanksgiving fills our hearts today," he said.

"I testify they have been found worthy," announced vicar of clergy Father Gary Secor to Bishop Silva on behalf of the three.

The bishop's verbal consent was followed by the congregation's approval by applause.