



Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

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Dear Parishioners,

My apologies for presenting the **2015 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** (overleaf) so very late in the year! Our computers were attacked by malware and all documents on the desktop were corrupted and lost. Still, I want to begin with a HUGE **thank you** to all for your strong and on-going support. It has been a real joy serving Fatima's faith community for almost 8 years now, and am determined to keep going with greater zeal and commitment.

The report we are presenting is again a **positive one**, showing a satisfactory end-of-the-year bank balance, mainly due, to your generous offerings. We are very grateful to our very efficient *Business Manager* who manages wisely all parish funds with prudence and efficiency. Our *Parish Secretary* too, together with other behind-the-scenes volunteers, all contributed – with efficiency and charm – to this positive outcome.

We are sad to have lost [in 2015] the faithful, graceful, long ministry of our beloved **Deacon Pat Matthews**. We did our best to celebrate his **retirement and 35 years of ministry to the parish** in August, but unfortunately his health was not good that time. Yet he is ever so grateful, though, for our prayers and good wishes. He is regularly in touch with us. Fatima was, is and will always be close to his heart. Once again we heartily say to him: **thank you very much Deacon Pat**.

As we look back at the past 12 months we are pleased to have faced and overcome so many **challenges**. Our aging building, fittings and fixtures are a constant head-ache especially in the winter months. Thankfully, this past winter was not extreme, but had its challenges just the same. After completing the **roof repairs** we completed in good time the replacing of the **heating furnace**, and other brick work and new fixtures that were badly needed in the boiler room. Thanks to the combined efforts of our *Custodian* and our *Property Manager* the boiler room has been cleaned and painted; the replacement of minor equipment and other maintenance works will keep us busy in the coming weeks. Upgrading the hall's facilities was an expensive but needed exercise; we hope that more maintenance and upgrading in the hall will be done during the summer months.

We are still hoping to get our share from the Archdiocesan **Family of Faith Campaign**. *But unless parishioners honor their pledges regularly and faithfully, no funds will come our way!* These funds are needed to complete what is planned, namely: replacing the **elevator**; installing an **air-conditioning** system in the church; the **steps outside the front of the church** [and the ones leading to the rectory] are in bad shape and need replacing; as well as the replacing or upgrading of the **three main doors of the church**. We believe we can do it with your support!

To my associate pastor, **Fr. Dominic Borg OCD**, and to **various priests** who from time to time grace us by their ministry, my sincere thanks. Grateful thanks to the *Knights of Columbus*, the *Legion of Mary*, the *Social Committee*, the *Lord's Flock*, the *St. Vincent de Paul*, the *Seniors Activity Club*, the *Teaching Teams* [Confirmation & First Communion classes, R.C.I.A., Children's Liturgy] and all Church and Sacristy volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to serve our faith community. May God bless and reward all of us as we look ahead to 2017 – the year of the **Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions**.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Fr. Victor Mallia, OCD

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