



Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

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Dear Parishioners,

It is with great relief that I present the **2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** [overleaf] as we continue to journey together this **FATIMA APPARITIONS CENTENARY YEAR!** This is a special year for the parish, during which we believe our beloved Mother Mary is showering on us many blessings and graces as we strive to translate the Fatima message into our day to day living.

I want to extend a massive **thank you** to all parishioners for your unfailing and persevering support to this our *family-of-faith!* It is now almost 9 years since I was appointed to see to the needs of this Fatima faith community. Honestly, it's been a real joy all the way, and with your continued support I pledge my determined commitment to keep doing this until I'm asked to move on to other pastures.

For, yet another year, we present you with a **positive financial report**, indicating a smaller, but satisfactory, end-of-the-year balance. This is mainly due to your generous, on-going support. Grateful also to our very efficient *Business Manager* and the parish's *Finance Council* who, wisely, managed our funds with prudence and efficiency. Our *Parish Secretary* too has been busy keeping parish records updated and parishioners' needs checked. These and other volunteers all contributed, with dedication and availability, to this positive outcome.

The year 2016 was challenging in many ways. It was the first full year without the faithful ministry of our beloved **Deacon Pat Matthews**. We keep regular contact with him and keep him updated with news of what is going on in the parish. Fatima is still and will always be close to his heart. Because of this, **Fr. Dominic Borg's** ministry in the parish is more visible and we have regained the regular services of **Fr. Russ Sampson SFM**.

Way back in September, when the weather was getting cooler, we tested the newly installed **furnace** and it did not let us down! We did have to upgrade some other fixtures, pumps and pipes, by way of maintenance in the boiler room. The main project was the replacing of the **church doors** and ancillary fixtures and the **front steps & railings** to the church which were literally *crumbling*. Thanks to our efficient *Custodian* the paint job on these was quickly completed. He was also instrumental in the installation of the church's **air-conditioning system** and further upgrading of facilities in the hall during the summer months. On the initiative of our *Property Manager* various badly needed maintenance works were completed; others are earmarked for future completion. The constant maintenance of our 'aging' property has proved to be an expensive but needed exercise. We hope this will not stop our plans to set up a **Centenary Memorial** marking the 100 years of the Fatima Apparitions.

Thanks to parishioners subscribed in the Archdiocesan **Family of Faith Campaign** the parish received its first share of the funds. Please do keep your pledges coming in until fully honored, as this would guarantee an annual income to the parish funds. Apart from the above mentioned **Centenary Memorial**, funds are still needed to replace the **elevator**, the changing of steps and landscaping of **the rectory entrance** which will include a **ramp** to the rectory for seniors and wheel-chair users. All this we can complete with your on-going and generous support!

To my associate priest, **Fr. Dominic Borg**, and to **other priests** who bless us by their ministry: heartfelt and sincere thanks. 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 *Teams of Catechists* [Confirmation, First Communion, R.C.I.A., Children's Liturgy], the *Couples For Christ*, the *Church and Sacristy* volunteers, who all give so much of their time serving our community: to you all my prayerful thanks. God bless all of us as we move ahead in this year of the **Fatima Apparitions Centenary**.

Sincerely yours,

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