

St. Ignatius Church Annual Report



July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

St. Ignatius Church is a growing community—both in numbers and in the ways we serve each other and those around us. This annual report will highlight some of the ways we have grown in response to our call by God to “serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

Stewardship is embodied by four fundamental principles: praying, nurturing, sharing and giving. In this report, we will look at the accomplishments of our parish in light of these principles. We hope you feel proud of all we have achieved and that you will be active participants in this community of faith.

Praying with Grateful Hearts

Jesus said: “Pray always and do not lose heart.”

— Luke 18:1

Prayer is expressed both individually and as a group, through our liturgies, the sacraments and in small group settings. Our special liturgical celebrations in the past year included a new tradition of a Sunday celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola; a beautiful memorial vigil in November to remember the Jesuits and their co-workers assassinated in San Salvador ten years ago; a dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day in December; and a service of evening prayer on New Year’s Eve to conclude the millennium.

St. Ignatius Church celebrated many sacraments with its parishioners and friends:

- 83 adults, children and infants were baptized;
- 55 received First Communion;
- 79 were confirmed;

- 73 couples were married.

Participation in our liturgies and celebrations is at an all time high. More than 110 adults and 40 youth serve as liturgical ministers and 37 participate in our choirs. In addition approximately 50 children and 15 teachers participated in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 Mass.

Nurturing our Family

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

— 1 Peter 3:8

Just as we care for our own families, St. Ignatius strives to support and develop its parish family. This year we welcomed 275 new parish families, bringing our total to nearly 1,650. To help this large family get to know each other better, the Welcoming and Hospitality Committees continued their traditions of welcoming each new member with a phone call and coordinating a hospitality hour after the 9:30 Mass. As relationships develop between parishioners, we will become a greater source of support and encouragement to each other.

To help nurture the faith of our parish family, St. Ignatius offered numerous programs for both adults and children. Renew, Christian Life Communities, and several scripture study groups met throughout the year to explore their faith and share their experiences. The Children’s Faith Formation program grew to 187 children, who met weekly, deepening their understanding of Catholicism. Dan Faloon and more than thirty-five parents, USF students and others have developed this program into one which is

widely recognized as one of the best in the area.

Sharing our Giftedness

There are different gifts but the same spirit; different services but the same Lord; different activities but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

— 1 Cor 12: 4-7

The members of St. Ignatius Parish can always be counted on to share their gifts of time and talent. The parish’s Social Ministries program provided many opportunities for our members to make a difference through direct service and social justice advocacy. Direct service highlights include more than 60 parishioners serving at St. Anthony’s Dining Room; the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul chapter providing clothing, food and other assistance to hundreds of people in need; the Shelter Meal program, providing 2,500 meals to the homeless; and the Ministry to Nursing Homes program working with about 15 people who regularly visit the elderly in local facilities.

It was not enough to serve those in need through charitable acts, however. Members of St. Ignatius actively advocated on issues important to Catholics and inspired by catholic social teaching. A number of parishioners and staff travelled to Sacramento to lobby our state government on issues such as welfare reform, housing and pro-life issues on Catholic Lobby Day. The parish has also been involved with the Jubilee 2000 movement to forgive international

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debt and has worked hard to educate the parish about the Fair Trade Coffee movement.

Giving Back to God the First Fruits of our Labors

For everything is from you, and we only give you what we have received from you.

— 1 Chronicles 29:14-16

Just as we are called to share our gifts of time and talent, St. Ignatius Parish and its parishioners generously shared their financial resources. Last year, 525 parish families participated in the Annual Commitment Program by making a written commitment of support to the parish. These commitments and other gifts from parishioners and friends comprised

73% of total parish income. The generosity of our parishioners led to a 24% increase in collection income last year! Because our parishioners share their resources so generously, the parish is able to continue to offer a wide variety of programs and services, and is able to respond to unexpected needs.

Another important component of good stewardship at St. Ignatius is our Financial Outreach Program. Two years ago, the Pastoral Council made a decision to share a percentage of the parish income (6% last year) with organizations that serve the poor and promote social justice. Last year, we gave \$49,627 to 41 organizations including St. Vincent de Paul Society, Compass Community Services, Larkin Street Youth

Center, SafeHouse, La Casa de las Madres, Mount St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, Together in the Mission of Education, Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in April. (This year we will give 7%. For more information about the Fund or to make recipient suggestions, contact Julia Dowd at 422 5901.)

Last year, St. Ignatius embarked on a special campaign on behalf of the Archdiocese to raise funds for Catholic education. The response from our parishioners was overwhelming- more than \$610,000 was raised! These gifts will help the Archdiocese increase scholarship funding for children in Catholic schools and \$240,000 will be used to begin an endowment for religious education at our own parish.

Operating Financial Statement

	Actual 2000 <small>(7/1/99-6/30/00)</small>	Budgeted 2001 <small>(7/1/00-6/30/01)</small>
Operating Revenue		
Collection & Seasonal Gifts	\$ 765,534 ¹	\$ 870,500
Other Income	140,274 ²	93,000
Sacramental Offerings	84,771	84,700
Parish Programs & Services	58,954	48,000
Investment Income	0 ³	60,000
Total Revenue	\$1,049,533	\$1,156,200
Operating Expenses		
Administration	\$ 353,825	396,869
Parish Programs & Services	312,861	362,317
Liturgy & Music	182,799	209,383
Physical Plant	179,558	181,393
Archbishop's Annual Appeal	7,229	0 ⁴
Total Expenses	\$1,036,272	\$1,149,962
Income after expenses	\$ 13,261	\$ 6,238

Financial Statement Notes:

1. The *DirectCheck* Program has been very successful. Last year, 167 people participated and their support accounts for a full 21% of collection income. *DirectCheck* income increased 87% over 1999, which accounts, in large part, for the 24% increase in total collection income.
2. St. Ignatius received more than \$50,000 in bequests last year, which were designated to the Pastoral Endowment Fund.
3. Investment income for fiscal year 2000 was reinvested.
4. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal for this fiscal year was included in the Campaign for Catholic Education proceeds.