



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ANNUAL REPORT 2011

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Parishioners

4059 registered parishioners
893 in attendance at our annual October 2011 weekend census
1,443 households receive envelopes
1,214 donate through envelopes
345 Parish Pay contributors

Baptisms

81 infants were welcomed into our faith community in 2010.

RCIA

20 adults were baptized or welcomed into full communion at the Easter Vigil.

Marriages

39 couples chose Xavier as the community within which to be married.

Family Faith

In 2010-11 we had 52 Families with 72 students ranging from pre-K through 12th grade participate in our religious education programs. Currently, in 2011-12, we have 35 Families and 64 students.

Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

Goal: \$59,800
Parishioners Contribution: \$54,393
Number of Parishioners Participating: 190

Pastoral Council 2010 - 2011

Sandy Mattingly, Chair
Patricia Dahl, Vice-Chair
Jim Fox Ed Poliandro
Phil Gutierrez Peter Ranello
Jim Hartman Anne Sheridan

Parish Trustees

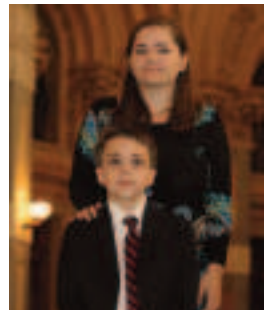
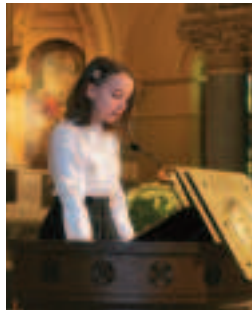
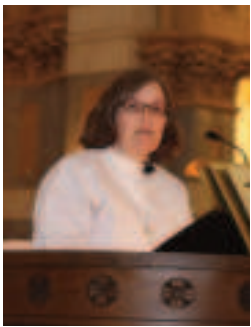
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Jim Martinez

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A LETTER FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present this Annual Report to you for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011. It represents our commitment to fiscal transparency and the responsible stewardship of the resources provided so graciously by you, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to our parish even in these difficult economic times. The Statements of Support for the Parish and Outreach Mission summarize the major sources of revenues and expenditures for the last two years and our budget for this year. We have included pie charts showing the sources of cash received and disbursed for the past year.

We recently completed a revision to the 10-year parish finance plan. The primary goal of our plan is to eliminate operating deficits while ensuring the long term continuation of all of our existing programs. We foresee declining operating deficits over the next eight years. In October, as part of our plan, we elected to make an early payback of \$600,000 of our \$6 million restoration loan due in large part to the success of our Capital Campaign. This will decrease the loan period from 15 to 13 years and save \$539,000 in interest costs. Last year we also finalized a long term interior maintenance plan for the church that will help maintain our newly restored interior for years to come. The budget for this maintenance plan is included in the finance plan.

Last year we had an operating deficit of \$205,519. Although we planned to operate at a deficit, it was larger than budgeted due to higher expenses in Maintenance & Operations, Administrative Support, and Outreach Mission coupled with a decline in our major source of income, our Sunday Collections. Last year our Sunday Collections of \$517,227 declined \$17,171 or 3.2%, their lowest level in four years. Over the last four years the Sunday Collections have increased by only .3% annually while our total expenses increased 4.4% annually during the same period.

We can no longer rely on the 17th Street rental stream as a cushion for our operating deficit as this income is now primarily dedicated to pay the loan payments on our \$6 million restoration loan. Although we expect to see small increases in other income next year, from votive shrines & candles and weddings now that the church renovation is completed, we still need your increased support. We especially need your contribution to the Sunday Collection, to fund the continuing ministries of the parish and eliminate the operating deficits. We ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donation, if you can. By way of example, if each parishioner attending on an average Sunday increased by \$3 the amount they give each week, we could eliminate this year's projected \$120,000 deficit. We recognize that the current economic climate is very poor, and that many of us are struggling and may not be able to increase our giving at all, but perhaps there are others who are doing better and can contribute more than an additional \$3 each week.

We acknowledge the trust placed in us by the pastor and the parish and commit ourselves to remain true to that trust and to always maintain credibility with the parish, the larger Church, and society. We thank you once again for your support and for the sacrifices you make on behalf of this wonderful parish of ours even in these most difficult economic times.

The Parish Finance Committee

James B. Martinez, Jr., CPA
Chair, Parish Trustee

Joseph Bell, Esq.
Joseph Donovan, AIA
Diarmuid Kelleher, CPA

Emil Rufolo, CPA
Xavier Parish Accountant

Steve A. Schoepke
Michael Shanabrook, Esq.
Timothy O'Connor, Esq.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

As I looked at all the many photos from September 1, 2010, to August 31, 2011, covering this Annual Report, it was truly hard to select just what to include. The photos underscored another rich, vibrant, spirit-filled year at St. Francis Xavier, my 5th as pastor.

In addition to our annual events, such as the Ministry Fair, Blessing of the Animals, Lessons and Carols, Children's Christmas Pageant, the Mission Mass, L-STEP graduations, the RCIA Program, our Triduum Celebrations, First Communion, and Confirmation, there were quite a few special happenings.

Our parishioner Matthew Phelps dedicated our organ on Columbus Day with a special concert. Also in October, Jesuit author Monty Williams offered a program on *Attention and the Spiritual Life*. In February we sponsored the 7th Annual Inter-Religious Prayer Service, featuring Jesuit theologian and author Roger Haight. In March Jesuit author James Martin joined us for a discussion of his various works.

The weekend of November 21st is memorable because we introduced our first colorful bulletin. It featured photos of Sergio Militello's organ concert. Also in concert throughout the year, we had our erstwhile music ministers, Larry Rosania, Joe Simmons, and Michael Ward, as well the Peragallo family who provided us with a concert and lesson about our new organ. Our parishioners and cantors Anna & Alan Ostroff performed the *My Way* concert with music of Frank Sinatra, followed a few weeks later by Xavier Company's performance of *Whom Shall I Send?*

On World AIDS Day, December 1st, parishioner and Maryknoll priest Don Doherty presided at a Memorial Mass and on May 6th Bishop Joseph Sullivan of Brooklyn joined us for the 18th Anniversary LGBT Ministries Mass.

We were particularly honored in the Spring to receive recognition for our Church's renovation and restoration with prestigious awards from both the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Victorian Society. Thomas Fenniman our parish architect was also selected by his peers to receive the prestigious American Institute of Architects (AIA) Faith & Form Award for his work on our Church. In June, we launched our campaign to raise money for our 15th Street Curb-Cut, which became a reality in what is now this current fiscal year.

These are just a few highlights from the many wonderful events and celebrations that take place during a single year at SFX. Naturally, to continue to fund these many programs and activities we need your support. Our parish Finance Committee, who so faithfully and expertly helps me to oversee our budget, income and expenses, all agree that we cannot cut expenses without cutting services, ministries and events. We would then, however, no longer be the same parish, a parish with a challenging Mission Statement and history of real inclusivity, supporting the poor and marginalized.

What is necessary to sustain our parish is that all parishioners pitch in and commit to just a bit more by way of weekly offerings. There is really no special magic in multiples of \$5. To offer \$6 or \$7 instead of \$5 or to offer \$13 instead of \$10 or \$27 or \$28 instead of \$25 would truly help us eliminate our operating deficit. Please consider a dollar or two or three extra in your weekly giving. We will all benefit so very much.

May our loving God continue to bless you and our parish.

Fr. Joe

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Year ending August 31st

	Budget 2011/12	Actual 2010/11	Actual 2009/10
Support			
Regular Collections	\$635,200	\$578,483	\$582,040
Holiday Collections	\$ 96,000	\$ 91,654	\$ 78,397
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$731,200	\$670,137	\$660,437
Donations and Bequests	\$ 16,000	\$ 24,999	\$ 23,071
Mission Collections and Poor Box	\$ 62,500	\$ 68,315	\$ 62,587
Mission Donations and Grants ^a	\$145,000	\$173,158	\$134,456
Investment Income	\$ 10,000	\$ 16,491	\$ 24,329
17th Street Rental Income	\$721,257	\$703,699	\$686,324
Other Income ^b	\$157,500	\$127,321	\$ 90,646
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$1,843,457	\$1,784,120	\$1,681,849
Expenses			
Salary & Benefits	\$ 518,888	\$ 507,851	\$ 417,957
Administrative Support ^c	\$ 119,000	\$ 127,315	\$132,763
Maintenance & Operations ^d	\$ 179,000	\$ 215,202	\$ 175,245
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 106,700	\$ 96,995	\$ 99,641
Restoration Loan ^e	\$ 581,682	\$ 581,682	\$ 484,700
Music Ministry	\$ 130,704	\$ 127,717	\$ 140,833
Outreach Mission	\$ 217,740	\$ 249,019	\$ 214,264
Religious Education	\$ 74,072	\$ 64,641	\$ 58,412
Other Programs	\$ 34,000	\$ 19,127	\$ 34,504
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,961,786	\$1,989,639	\$1,758,320
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	(\$ 118,329)	(\$ 205,519)	(\$ 76,470)

Certain prior-year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current-year presentation.

^aIncludes \$36,492 in 2010/11 for the purchase and installation of a refrigerator that was capitalized on the Parish Balance Sheet.

^bIncludes monies from votive shrines & candles, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and religious education.

^cIncludes office support and administrative expenses.

^dIncludes maintenance, utilities, and insurance expenses.

^e15-year \$6M Loan for restoration closed on 9/30/09 with annual payments of \$581,682 starting on 11/01/09.

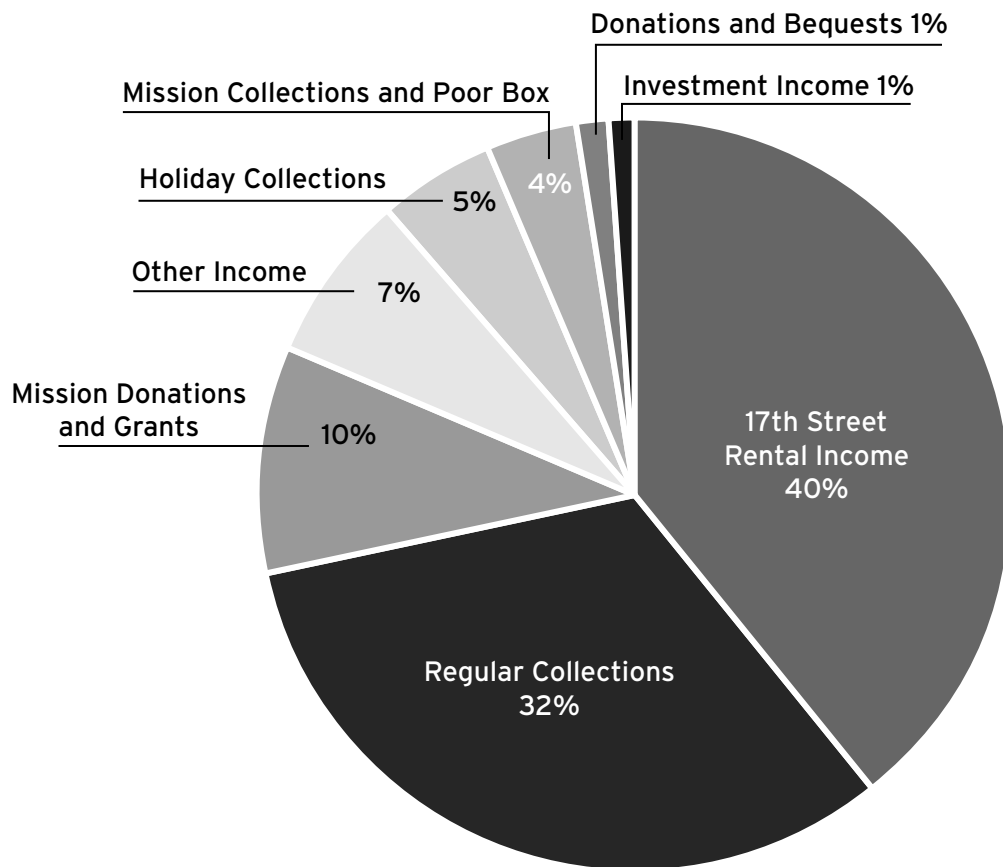
Additional Notes:

- Support does not include restoration contributions of \$632,995 and \$843,097 in 10/11 and 09/10 respectively.
- Rental income from the 17th Street school property is primarily dedicated for payments on the \$6M Restoration Loan. These funds were also used to pay the parish's goal of \$30,604 and \$33,020 in 10/11 and 09/10 respectively for the Archdiocese Bicentennial Campaign.
- Expenses do not include Capital Campaign expenses of \$1,457 and \$115,746 in 10/11 and 09/10 respectively.
- Expenses do not include church restoration expenditures of \$1,749,578 and \$6,987,165 in 10/11 and 09/10 respectively.
- Expenses do not include an insurance reimbursement of \$168,878 received in 10/11.
- As of August 31, 2011, the parish had cash balances and investments as follows:

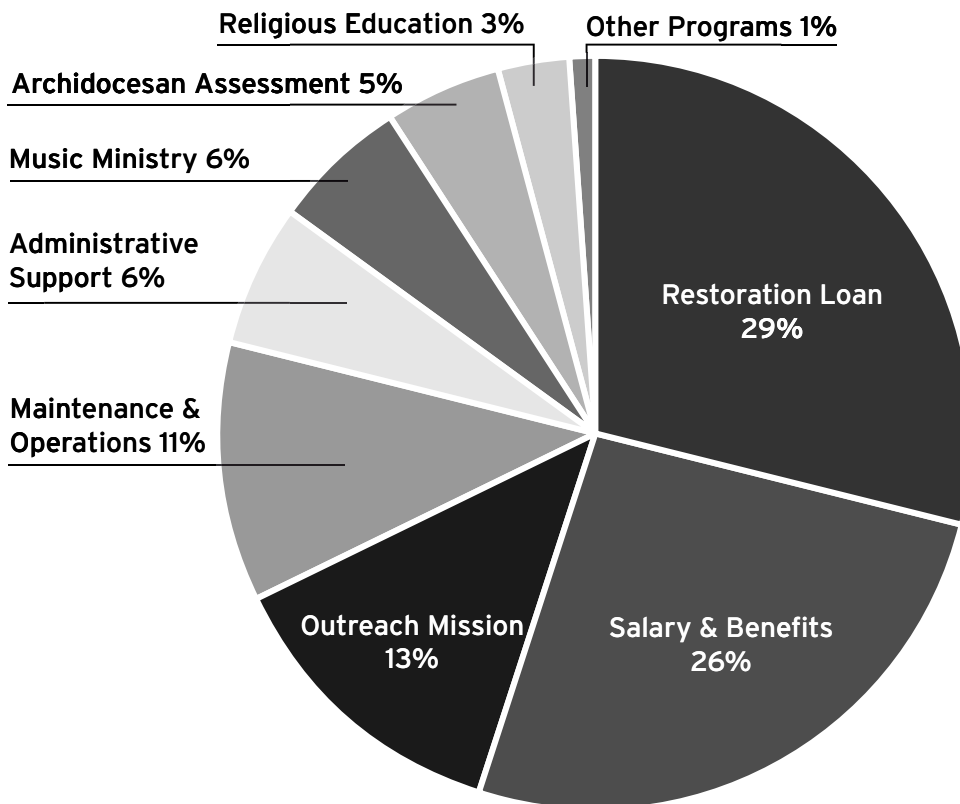
Cash and Money Market Funds	\$1,300,616
Restoration Fund	\$ 438,881
- As of August 31, 2011, the parish had the following obligations:

Restoration Loan	\$5,472,293
Remaining Restoration Expenditures	\$ 300,000
Archdiocese Collections	\$ 16,107
Vendors and Service Providers	\$ 59,731
Parish Organizations	\$ 17,482
- As of October 15, 2011, the parish has collected \$2,015,205 out of the \$2,990,925 pledged in the Capital Campaign.

SUPPORT = \$1,784,120



EXPENSES = \$1,989,639



OUTREACH MISSION: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR IN REVIEW

WELCOME TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

56,947 meals were served this past year, including 13,193 to seniors and 50 to children. The average weekly attendance increased from 960 to 1,095. This represents a 14% increase in the overall number of meals served (on top of a 9.7% increase last year) and a nearly 16% increase in the number of meals served to seniors. It also highlights the sad reality that families with children, a population not seen downstairs in a decade, must now seek out soup kitchens to feed themselves.

FOOD PANTRIES

Served families representing 4,390 people, including 1,171 children and 721 seniors (a 21% increase in the number of seniors), and distributed 178 Thanksgiving baskets (including turkeys) to guests.

HURTADO SHELTER

More than 5,000 men and 30 women were welcomed as guests in our facility that is open 7 nights a week and accommodates 15 guests per night in the winter and 18 in the summer. On August 31, 2011, the shelter had been open for 516 consecutive nights.

LIFE-SKILLS TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

22 participants graduated from L-STEP over the course of two semesters, a 120% increase from the previous year.

ALL SAINTS CLOTHING ROOM

The Clothing Room distributed toiletries and clothing to 1,353 individuals.

GO GREEN!

We continue to exercise our eco-consciousness and incorporate environmentally friendly products, supplies and equipment wherever possible. See below for more info.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 was a banner year for Xavier Mission!

As part of our Go Green! Campaign, the Mission applied for a \$70,129 grant from the USDA to replace our four aging, inefficient refrigerator and freezer units with one energy-efficient combination walk-in fridge/freezer. We were one of only 39 programs across the entire United States chosen to receive funding. Our new unit was successfully installed in mid-August and is functioning like a dream. We also received a \$10,000 grant from the Hyde & Watson Foundation to purchase new energy-efficient convection ovens. In collaboration with Xavier High School, we installed energy-efficient hand dryers in the Hurtado Hall bathrooms, replacing paper towels. In conjunction with ConEd, we took part in a program to replace old lighting fixtures in our offices with energy-efficient lighting fixtures, including light sensors in the new church bathrooms.

Xavier Mission redefined its goals and mission, and our commitment to them, with the unveiling of a new Mission Statement that better reflects the work we do in our community. We also created a beautiful new logo that expresses our identity as a faith-based social outreach program. We thank the Mission Steering Committee and Nancy Fava for their work on these projects.

This past year also saw the successful completion of our L-STEP Working Group, a collaborative of volunteers working together to define the mission, goals and process of our Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program. The final product was a comprehensive manual describing the entire program, including a mission statement, goals & objectives, and measurable outcomes, as well as the creation of volunteer and participant recruitment brochures. We also launched the extremely successful "Sponsor a Participant Program" in the spring, which raised enough money to cover the costs of all of our L-STEP participants for the semester. Additionally, the Beck Institute for Religion and Poverty at Fordham University designed a research project to measure the effectiveness of L-STEP and other programs like it. The first phase of the project will be completed in December 2011.

With the help of our AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, Ida Beal, Xavier took the lead in resurrecting the Chelsea-Westside Neighborhood Network, a collaborative of neighborhood outreach programs coming together to share information, best practices and support. The re-established Network has already successfully collaborated on several grants for new projects.

For our efforts to provide food and assistance to disenfranchised New Yorkers, to adopt environmental sustainability into our programs, and to go beyond food to include legal, health, and benefits services to our guests, Xavier Mission received the 2011 Agency Excellence Award from the Food Bank for New York City. The Agency Excellence Award is presented to only one of the Food Bank's 1,100 member agencies each year. We are extremely honored and proud to be the recipient of this award and we thank the Food Bank for its acknowledgment of the efforts of our amazing volunteers.

Xavier Mission continued its successful partnerships with numerous organizations to provide quality services to the guests of our programs. Highlights of these partnerships include the Thanksgiving Food Drive and meal service in conjunction with Xavier and Loyola High Schools and the St. Francis Food Pantries and Shelters, and the Day of Dignity event with Islamic Relief USA. Our ongoing partnerships with NYU Law School REACH and Chiropractic for Humanity help to ensure that our guests receive much more than food—they receive assistance with legal and housing issues, entitlement benefits and tax refunds, and the healing touch of chiropractic care.

We offer our deepest gratitude to our thousands of volunteers and hundreds of donors who make this work possible. You are the realization of God's love on earth and are truly an inspiration for us all. Thank You!!



CHALLENGES IN THE YEAR AHEAD

We are particularly concerned about the impending budget decisions that will be decided by the SuperCommittee of Congressional delegates. All food and nutrition programs, including funding for our own programs as well as funding for crucial assistance programs such as SNAP/Food Stamps, are in danger of being targeted for cuts. While our numbers have skyrocketed over the past few years, our federal funding has already begun to suffer cuts. Further decreases to our programs or to our guests' benefits will be disastrous and will further widen the ever-increasing gulf between very rich and very poor in this country.

In addition to financial issues, we are still concerned about our shelter and others like it. The Department of Homeless Services' restructuring of the Emergency Shelter Network has been detrimental to the homeless population of New York City—specifically the men served by our shelter and others in the faith-based network. We continue to be active in the ongoing dialogue with DHS, exploring new methods for dealing with the issue of homelessness in our city, a problem which has hit an all-time high over the last year.

As always, we ask for your continued gifts of time, talent and treasure to ensure the continuance of our programs. This year especially, we also ask for the gift of your voice raised in solidarity and support with the poor, homeless and hungry in our city.

"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

Lilla Watson & aboriginal activist groups, Australia

Cassandra Agredo
Director, Xavier Mission

XAVIER MISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The work of Xavier Mission would not be possible without the generosity and sacrifice of many goodhearted individuals. In addition to the gifts of time and energy, we rely on the financial support of many individuals and philanthropic organizations. The following is a list of our donor and grantor organizations and those institutions that send groups of volunteers. While we cannot list them here, we also give thanks for the thousands of individuals who gave of their time, efforts and finances to support our work.

FOUNDATIONS, CHARITIES, CORPORATIONS, INSTITUTIONS

Arcus Foundation	Lisa & Walter Elvers Fund via New York Community Trust
Bank of America	NYU Community Fund
Canisius College	Rockefeller Group
Double R. Foundation	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center	The Steven Colbert Americone Dream Fund
Estee Lauder Companies	via Costal Community Foundation of SC
Food Bank for New York City	TJX Foundation
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	United Way of New York City
Goodsearch	USDA Food & Nutrition Service
Hyde & Watson Foundation	W. O'Neil Foundation
The Inner Circle, Inc.	Workers of United Education Program
JPMorgan Chase Foundation	Xavier High School
Leonard & Evelyn Lauder Foundation	

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—Emergency Food and Shelter Program
New York City Department of Homeless Services
New York City Human Resources Administration—Emergency Food Assistance Program
New York State Department of Health—Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program
USDA Food and Nutrition Service—The Emergency Food Assistance Program

IN-KIND GOODS & SERVICES

Nick Accardi	Fordham University—Ram Van Office	Macy's
Ascension Lutheran Church	Frank Gargiulo & Sons, Inc.	Notre Dame High School
Beck Institute on Religion & Poverty at Fordham University	Hats 4 the Homeless	Nutley High School
Chiropractors for Humanity	Hispanic AIDS Forum	NYC Coalition Against Hunger
City Harvest	Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness & Housing	NYU Law School REACH Program
Connecting to Advantages	Islamic Relief	David Penunuri
Driscoll Foods	Knights of York	Porto Rico Importing Co.
Fairway Market	Sam Leonardi	Nancy Wenner, HBO
Nancy Fava	Lisa Kokoski	Urban Pathways
Food Bank for New York City	Loyola High School	Dave Vota, Vota Electric & Construction
		Xavier High School

VOLUNTEERS

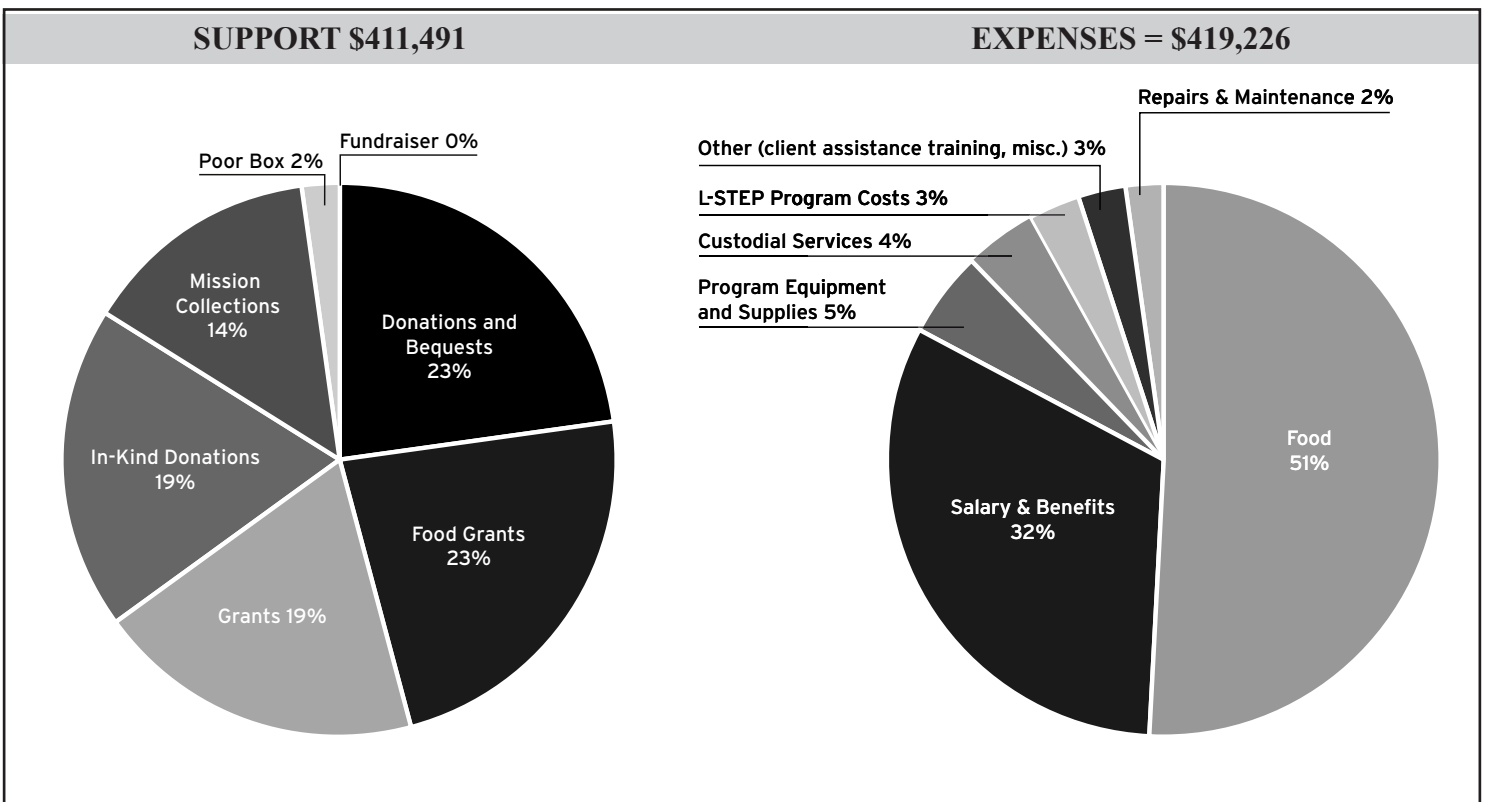
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Alpha Sigma Nu	Mercy College	St. John's Prep
Athelite Player Development	Mt. Sinai JCC Service Committee	St. John's University
Avande	Mu Chapter - Beta Alpha Psi	St. Joseph College
Bishop Loughlin High School	Multicultural Unity	St. Peter's/St. Joe's
Canisius College	New York Cares	Seafarers
Colby College	NYC Coalition Against Hunger AmeriCorps	Singles for Service
Covenant House	NY Metropolitan Alumni Chapter	Soul Mastery Foundation of New York
Creative Artist Agency Task Force	New York State of Mind Meetup	Students for Global Health, City College
CW Post Newman Group	New York University	Third Order Carmelites
Evenings & Weekends NYC	NYU Circle K	Townsend Harris High School
Forefront Church	Notre Dame High School	United Nations International School (UNIS)
Friends Seminary	Park 51 Community Center	United Way
Georgetown University Alumni	PCIN Youth Group	Winston Prep
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	Peace & Diversity Academy	Xavier High School
J Corps	Proclivity Systems	Xavier Mission L-Step Program
The Juilliard School	Rotaract Club at the UN	Yale Alumni Association
LaSalle Academy	Rotary Metro NYC Team	Young Women's Leadership School
Leon Goldstein High School	St. Francis Xavier Family Faith	

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
OUTREACH MISSION
Year ending August 31st**

	Budget 2011/12	Actual 20010/11	Actual 2009/10
Support			
Mission Collections	\$ 53,000	\$ 58,627	\$ 53,617
Grants	\$ 25,000	\$ 77,992	\$ 28,250
Donations & Bequests	\$ 90,000	\$ 95,166	\$ 98,787
Fundraiser	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,125
Poor Box & Other	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,688	\$ 9,789
Food Grants ^a	\$ 80,000	\$ 87,662	\$ 104,984
In-Kind Donations ^b	\$ 75,500	\$ 76,186	\$ 73,031
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$ 333,500	\$411,491	\$ 375,584
Expenses			
Salary & Benefits	\$ 124,225	\$ 134,372	\$ 139,449
Custodial Services	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,386	\$ 17,450
Food	\$ 179,250	\$ 211,701	\$ 193,984
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 11,300	\$ 21,286	\$ 5,357
L-STEP Program	\$ 7,250	\$ 11,940	\$ 4,596
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 14,200	\$ 9,555	\$ 23,653
Other	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,986	\$ 13,165
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 365,675	\$ 419,226	\$ 397,654
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	(\$ 32,175)	(\$ 7,635)	(\$ 22,070)

^aFood Grants are non-cash credits that are not included in the Parish Statement of Support.

^bIn-Kind Donations are non-cash credits that are not included in the Parish Statement of Support.



OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP

Simply put, our parish community reaps the rewards of your time, talent and treasure in action. It is God working through you that makes this community such a dynamic, inclusive and loving parish. Without you, quite frankly, this place doesn't run. We take care of our home, relationships and work and in turn we benefit from doing so. So, too, we tend to our spiritual home. The Spirit's call to offer all that we are, do and have is heard time and time again. Let us call on that same Spirit to inspire us to put our time, talent and treasure in action.

TIME AND TALENT IN ACTION:

- Parishioner registration increased by 544 people in the last two years
- Website overhauled creating greater visual interest and a more robust site www.sfxavier.org
- 2 new ministries added to our already varied and active ministry landscape
- Cross-ministerial collaboration initiated in program planning for ministries
- New signage created for 16th Street entrance with greater visibility for pedestrian traffic
- Ties strengthened with neighboring institutions: the New School, Open House New York, Glucksman Ireland House, NYU
- Renovation and Restoration Awards
 - o Faith & Form: The Interfaith Journal on Religion, Art and Architecture "Renovation Merit" award
 - o New York Landmarks Conservancy, Lucy G. Moses Award (also selected as host site of these "Preservation Oscars")
 - o Victorian Society Preservation Award
- Church's unique spiritual, architectural, historical and cultural contribution to NYC promoted in various media
- Annual Lenten Carbon Fast in conjunction with the parish's Peace & Justice Committee
- New online giving merchant, Faith Direct, secured to provide substantial savings for our parish
- Feature-length documentary in process with over 50 parishioners involved
- New church tour guide, often requested, is in the works. Available 2012

TREASURE IN ACTION:

- 43% increase of on-line donors to parish and Xavier Mission
- 95% of our Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal Goal fulfilled (an increase of over 25% from previous year)
- Fundraising effort for Xavier Mission resulted in unprecedented response for L-STEP and Thanksgiving donations.
- 100% of Corpus Christi Curb Cut fund goal met
- Weekly offertory and special collections, though down 3.2% this year, remained a respectable effort during this economic climate
- 120% of our Capital Campaign goal was pledged
 - o Donors Participating - 603
 - o Pledges Received- \$2.99M
 - o Monies Collected- \$2.02M
 - o Percentage of Pledges Collected- 67%
 - o Pledges Fulfilled- 339 *

* Includes pledges fulfilled and one-time gift(s)

OTHER STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

Our new commemorative wall will be integrated into the east side of our new sacristy in 2012. The wall will include well over 500 names honoring or memorializing loved ones of those whose treasure was invested in the preservation of our stunning church building. The completion of this commemorative wall will make good on the promises of both our exterior and interior renovation and restoration campaigns. Also, a commemorative book will be designed to include the names of all those who contributed to this effort.

Finally, we are extremely grateful for your participation in our community and hope and pray for your continued generosity and a desire to increase your involvement (Time, Talent and Treasure) in a way that is personally and spiritually significant.

In an era when many historic religious properties are suffering from deferred maintenance, declining congregations, and urgent construction needs, St. Francis Xavier has persevered to increase its membership, continue and expand its charitable mission and make investments in its glorious building. Elements of the building are restored and so is the ability to appreciate them—a splendid outcome.

-From the NY Landmarks Conservancy Moses Award program

Patrick Brewis
Director of Stewardship



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

There are many ways to support the dynamic ministries of the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Each method of giving ensures the future of our parish and may provide you with tax benefits. The information below will help you decide how best to support the parish.

REGISTER

You're already a member, you just need to register. If you haven't already registered, you may do so on-line www.sfxavier.org or by picking up a registration form at the 15th St. reception desk.

FAITH DIRECT

Go Green and support the parish on-line, even while you are away on business or pleasure.

Visit our website, www.sfxavier.org and click on the FAITH DIRECT icon or go directly to www.faithdirect.net and enter parish code: NY406. You can decide upon your weekly offering, special collections, flower offering, one-time gifts, etc. The automatic payments will be taken monthly from your choice of credit card or checking. Plus, you have on-line access to donor statements for tax purposes.

SECURITIES

By giving appreciated securities that you have owned for more than a year, your charitable deduction is the fair market value of the securities on the date of the gift. Such gifts provide income tax savings and eliminate the capital gains tax liability.

GIFTS BY WILL

The parish can be remembered in your Will. Suggested wording for such bequests is: I give the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ % of my estate) to the Church of St. Francis Xavier, 55 West 15th Street New York, NY 10011 for its general purposes (or for something more specific of your choosing). Call Patrick Brewis for further information and the necessary Federal ID.

GIFTS OF RETIREMENT PLANS

Consider naming the Church of St. Francis Xavier, 55 West 15th Street New York, NY 10011 as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary in your retirement plan, IRA or 401(k). It's easy, requires no attorneys or fee, and is tax advantageous. Call Patrick Brewis for further information and the necessary Federal ID.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

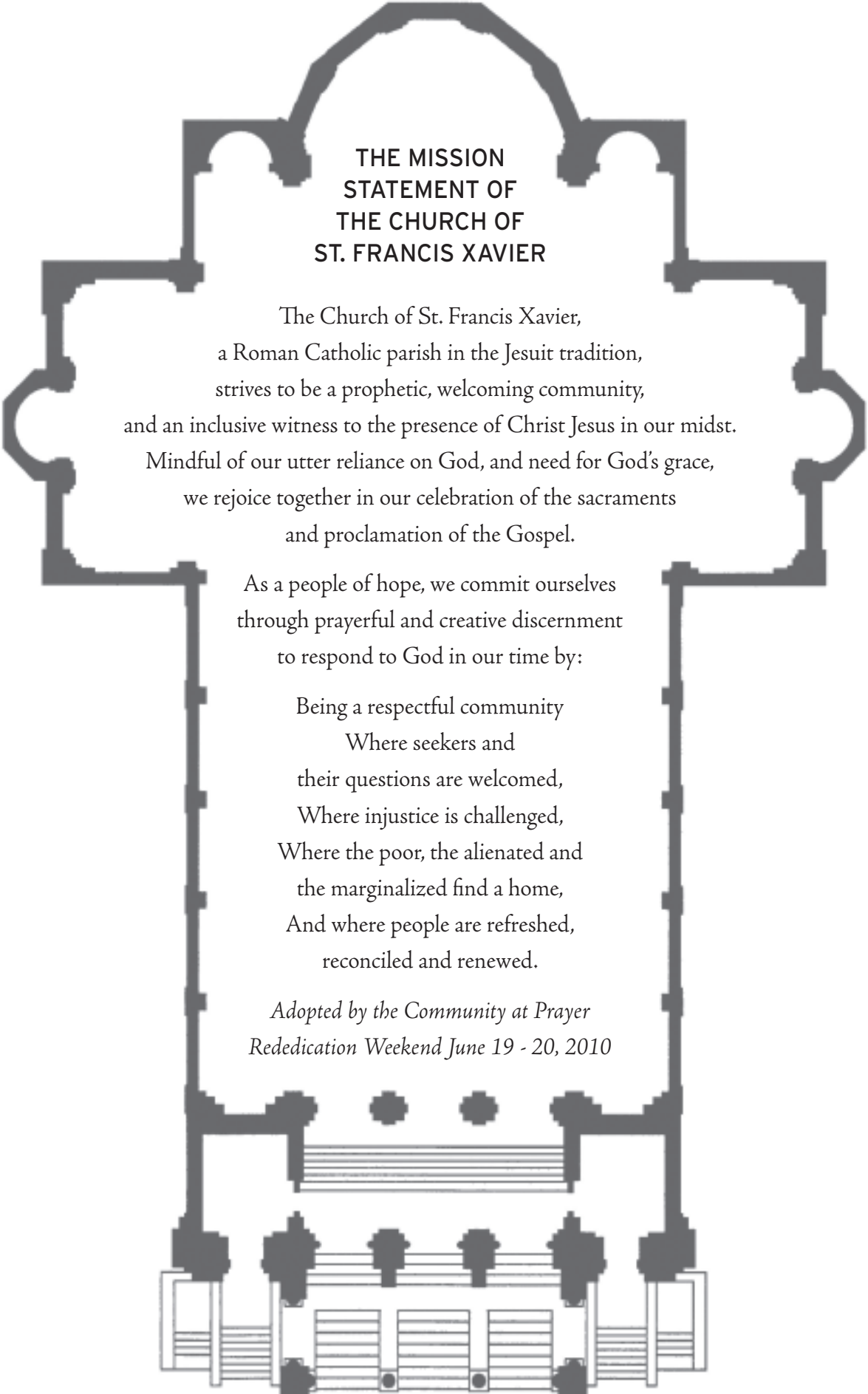
Though our extensive renovation and restoration of the church's interior is complete, contributions or pledges are still being accepted to this monumental project. All gifts will help to pay down the loan. Simply go to www.sfxavier.org and click on the Restoration Fund icon.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM

Donors who itemize their tax returns receive an income tax charitable deduction. If you make your donation by check, please make the check payable to the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

TIME & TALENT

All of our ministries, services and Xavier Mission programs are primarily staffed by parishioners, so we encourage your participation. If you would like to offer your time and talent to Xavier Mission, please contact Cassandra Agredo, Director, at 212-627-2100 x 208 or cagredo@sfxavier.org; for any of the many ministries in the parish contact Patrick Brewis, Director of Stewardship at 212-627-2100 x 205 or patrick.brewis@sfxavier.org.



THE MISSION
STATEMENT OF
THE CHURCH OF
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

The Church of St. Francis Xavier,
a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition,
strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community,
and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst.
Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace,
we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments
and proclamation of the Gospel.

As a people of hope, we commit ourselves
through prayerful and creative discernment
to respond to God in our time by:

Being a respectful community
Where seekers and
their questions are welcomed,
Where injustice is challenged,
Where the poor, the alienated and
the marginalized find a home,
And where people are refreshed,
reconciled and renewed.

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