

St. Charles Borromeo Church

2014 Annual Parish Giving Campaign

Dear Parish Family of St. Charles Borromeo Church,

As we come to the close of 2013, the St. Charles parish community continues to experience growth and increasing personal commitment in all areas of parish life. As you know, we operate and maintain the care of the church with an “all-volunteer” effort. We want to thank all of you for your gifts of **time, talent and treasure** and encourage those of you who are interested in volunteering to please join one of our committees, lay ministries or assist in one of the many Parish Spiritual and Social events (please see list on page 3).

Currently, the parish is running at a deficit for both our operating budget and extraordinary operations. Thus, as we plan for 2014, we are asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your annual contribution to St Charles. The minimum amount needed to cover the annual operating expenses at St. Charles Borromeo is approximately \$400,000. We understand that the economic environment is challenging, so we are asking those of you who are in a position to do so, if you could increase your 2014 pledge by 10%. Your pledge is a commitment to give consistently which allows us to carefully plan and to make responsible decisions for the parish operating budget. Every pledge, no matter how large or small, is critical to our ability to minister to and grow our parish community. Your pledge can be set up as a weekly, monthly or annual donation. To pledge, please complete the attached pledge form and return it by year-end, or pledge online at www.Stcharlesbklyn.org . Please see the following page for a breakdown of our funds sources and uses.

In 2009, we launched our first ever Parish Giving Campaign with goals of increasing awareness of the cost to operate the parish, financial transparency and growing parishioner’s personal stewardship at St. Charles. During that campaign 90 of the 260 parish households made a pledge and the parish saw its weekly Sunday collections increase approximately 25%. Our goal for our 2014 Parish Giving Campaign is to increase the number of parish households that pledge so that we meet our target of a \$400,000 church operating budget. Since we have rolled out our online giving via WeShare, we are pleased to update you that 40 parishioners have enrolled.

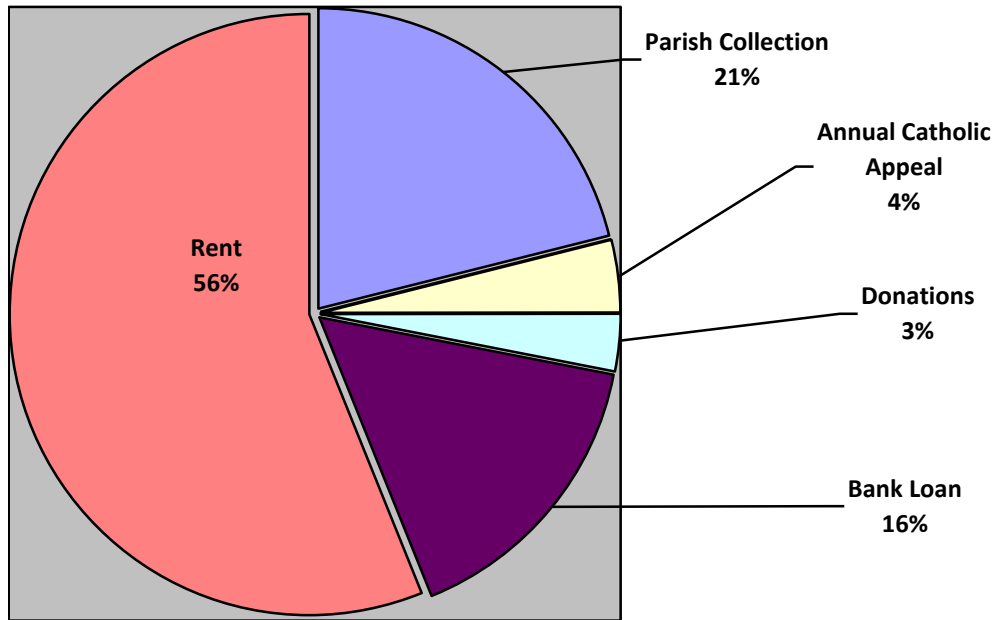
The renovation of the Parish House/Rectory is near completion. Once completed, we look forward to hosting open houses for all parishioners and local community to tour the facilities. Please remember that the parish has successfully leased the school and rectory. The lease income is being used to fund the renovation. In an effort to cover the full cost of the renovation, we had to secure a loan for \$190,000 to cover the deficit and will pay it down as soon as possible. We will also be using the lease income to start a Parish Capital Fund that will be used to fund future repairs and maintenance of the church. We have received an initial estimate of \$3-5mm to repair the church roof, gutters, windows, doors etc.

We, as parishioners, are the stewards of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. We are blessed to be a part of a loving and caring congregation. Our ongoing personal stewardship is critical to both grow and maintain our faith community at St. Charles.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Board of Trustee Members, Parish Council and the Finance Committee

Revenue Sources



Expenses

