



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

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Brooklyn, New York 11215

August 17, 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Today, I report to you, the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens, on the finances of the Central Funds of the Diocese of Brooklyn as of the end of the last fiscal year. The report for the fiscal year which ended August 31, 2016 (Fiscal Year 2015-16) was prepared by our accounting office under the supervision of the Diocesan Comptroller. The financial report was audited by the firm of Grant Thornton L.L.P., in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. This report was also reviewed and accepted by the Diocesan Finance Council.

In the spirit of Stewardship, it is my continued pledge to be fully transparent in the reporting of our income and expenses. Your past and ongoing generosity allows the Diocese to provide important pastoral programs and services that transcend the boundaries of each parish in Brooklyn and Queens. We are committed to the highest ethical, legal, and fiscal standards in the administration of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Please take some time to review the report in full on our Diocesan website: www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org. Under New York State law, the Diocese of Brooklyn is a corporation separate and distinct from parishes, which are separate corporations. The assets and liabilities of the parishes, and other religious corporations operating within the territory of the Diocese, are not included in this report.

During Fiscal Year 2015-2016, \$14.3 million supported pastoral services. Pastoral services include Faith Formation, Evangelization Programs, and Seminary education. Diocesan Assistance includes funding for Catholic Charities, Catholic Academies, scholarships, and direct support to parishes and Catholic schools in need. Administrative costs include the operation of buildings such as the Immaculate Conception Center and our administrative offices. The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal was a success, particularly in light of the continued economic struggle of so many of our parishes and their parishioners. The success of the Appeal results solely from the generosity and faith of the people of Brooklyn and Queens.

With an assurance of my continued remembrance of you and your families in prayer and in celebration of the Eucharist, and asking you to remember the Diocese of Brooklyn in your prayers, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn