

St. Ignatius Church Annual Report

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good;
yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.*
St. Teresa of Avila

This moving quote illustrates the role that each of us, as Christians, has been given to carry out the work of Christ in our world today. But we are not alone. The parish is a gathering of people who nurture and encourage one another, providing opportunities to serve God and each other everyday.

St. Ignatius Parish strives to provide what our parishioners need to live as disciples of Christ. In turn, parishioners have responded generously—giving freely of their time, talent and financial resources to serve the parish and the community at large.

In this report, we provide a glimpse of the many activities at St. Ignatius in the past fiscal year. As members of the parish, we encourage you to find ways to be involved and to share your gifts as stewards of God's church.

What's New?

Our parish is dynamic and ever-changing. Last year, we bid a fond farewell to Frs. Tom Piquado and Robert McDevitt and welcomed two new associates, Fr. Ron Sanfilippo and Fr. James Blaettler. We also welcomed a new Director of Liturgy, Don Crean.

Several new initiatives and programs were launched over the year:

- Last fall, a **High School Program** for our parish teens was started. It includes special Masses, social get-togethers and community service projects.
- A group of new moms formed the **St. Ignatius Babies**, which meets for a playgroup, offers babysitting and provides meals for new parents.

- **The Gabriel Project** was introduced, providing spiritual and material support to women in crisis pregnancies.
- **St. Ignatius in the Neighborhoods** brought neighbors together for receptions in parishioners' homes throughout the City.
- **Landings** was introduced to welcome Catholics who have been inactive but want to return to an active practice of their faith.
- A **Young Adults Group** formed to address the social and spiritual needs of 21-35 year olds.

Liturgy & Sacrament

Liturgy is the heart of parish life at St. Ignatius. Liturgy provides opportunities to celebrate, as a parish family, special times in our lives and the life of the community.

In this past year, we joined the USF community in welcoming their new president, Fr. Stephen A. Privett, S.J. at his inaugural Mass. The Sacred Heart Chapel and the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin were dedicated following their renovation. On the Feast of the Pentecost, our liturgies focused on hospitality and our call to warmly welcome both friends and visitors to our parish.

Many sacraments were celebrated during the year:

- 85 infants, children and adults were baptized;
- 51 received First Communion;
- 75 were confirmed;
- 74 couples were married
- 17 people were fully initiated into the Church through RCIA.



Community Life

This year, the Pastoral Council focused on themes of welcoming, hospitality and building a strong parish community. They wanted to be proactive in assuring that each of the parish's 1,800 families and its visitors find the parish to be a welcoming place.

To achieve this, the Community Life Committee was formed to oversee numerous activities, including Sunday Hospitality, welcoming new parishioners, developing a Parish Directory, linking parishioner needs with those willing to help, and various special events. St. Ignatius in the Neighborhoods was also launched. The goal of each program is to warmly welcome visitors and to help our members make a personal connection with their faith community.

Adult Spirituality & Formation

Throughout the year, the parish offered many bible studies, workshops and retreats. A very popular offering was a discussion of Ronald Rolheiser's book, *The Holy Longing*, which drew more than 25 people each week. The parish also continued its tradition of Mornings of Reflection during Advent and for the Triduum in Lent. In the Spring, Ursula Caspary Frankel led a workshop that explored our giftedness and our call to stewardship.

The Millennium Bus Trips continued and grew in popularity. Following the theme of California Missions, groups traveled to missions in Santa Clara, San Rafael, Sonoma and Carmel. In the words of a participant, "It's like a retreat on wheels."

For Children & Families

Children's Faith Formation continued to grow—last year more than 220 children from preschool to eighth grade participated in classes. In addition, Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 Mass grew to nearly 50 children and is now offered year-around. More than 35 parents, USF students and other adults share their time and talents as catechists and aides to make this one of our most successful programs.

Recognizing the importance of parents in the faith development of their children, parent workshops were offered throughout the year. During Advent, Jeanne Hunt, a nationally known speaker, provided to parents and teachers three workshops on celebrating the Advent and Christmas seasons. In December, Fr. Robert McDevitt shared with parents how to incorporate Ignatian Spirituality into their busy lives. In the Spring, Steve Saso gave a lively program on *Talking to Kids About Responsible Sexuality*.

Our Financial Resources

St. Ignatius Parish accomplishes what it does because of your generosity. Your financial support allows the parish to provide high quality liturgies, to embrace new initiatives, to employ staff to coordinate programs and support volunteers, and to maintain and upgrade our beautiful building.

The key to our success is the Annual Commitment Program. Last year, 575 parishioners made a financial commitment to the parish—letting us know the amount they plan to give as their regular offering. With this knowledge, the parish can plan and budget appropriately.

We also received special donations during the year. The Del Santo Family's gift supported the renovation of the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin. Parishioners and friends made special donations to renovate the Sacred Heart Chapel. The parish also received two bequests for the future renovation of the St. Joseph Altar and the Pastoral Endowment Fund.

Social Outreach & Justice

St. Ignatius Parish continued to actively pursue ways to serve the local and global community through direct service and advocacy. A few highlights include:

- The Shelter Meal program grew to include 500 volunteers serving 3,800 meals to homeless men throughout the winter months. The group also began a program to provide monthly meals to the Hamilton Family Center shelters.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society initiated monthly *Drive Up, Drop Off Saturdays* to increase clothing donations for the Vincentian Desk, which serves the City's homeless.
- The parish strengthened its relationship with Sacred Heart School through improved tutoring, a Career Day, fire safety education and by participating in a "Clean Up Day."
- The parish started a "sister parish" relationship with San Antonio Parish in Soyapango, El Salvador. To establish the relationship, a

delegation of parishioners visited El Salvador in March and assisted with earthquake relief and San Antonio Parish's pastor visited St. Ignatius in May.

- Parishioners initiated a food drive in the church every third Sunday.
- Educational lectures with Bay Area experts were held to discuss election issues, the death penalty, gun control, welfare reform and the link between the environment and our faith.

St. Ignatius Parish lived out its call to financial stewardship by committing 7% of parish income to the Financial Outreach Fund. This fund totalled \$58,000 and was used to support 32 organizations that serve the poor and promote social justice. Recipients included the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, School of the Americas Watch, Dolores Street Community Services, Habitat for Humanity, Together in the Mission of Education (TIME), and Sacred Heart Elementary School.

Operating Financial Statement

	Actual 2001 (7/1/00-6/30/01)	Budgeted 2002 (7/1/01-6/30/01)
Operating Revenue		
Collection & Seasonal Gifts	\$ 902,150 ¹	\$1,008,500
Other Gifts	109,175	87,000
Sacramental Offerings	92,151	103,250
Parish Programs & Services	51,834	53,300
Investment Income	0 ²	80,000
Total Revenue	\$1,155,311	\$1,332,050
Operating Expenses		
Administration	\$ 411,728	\$ 408,626
Parish Programs & Services	392,417	415,838
Liturgy & Music	209,742	240,957
Physical Plant	173,701	210,353
Archbishop's Annual Appeal ³	0	30,000
Total Expenses	\$1,187,588	\$1,305,774

Notes:

- 1) Collection increased by 22% over last year, much due to a 55% increase in DirectCheck income.
- 2) Investment Income for fiscal year 2001 was reinvested.
- 3) 2001 AAA assessment was covered by donations to the Campaign for Catholic Education. In anticipation of a shortfall of donations in 2002, we have budgeted \$30,000 to cover our assessment.