

Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

2019 Annual Report Highlights



October 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

With this financial report, I share with you a few parting thoughts on the year just past. No one could have anticipated the impact of Covid-19, but we have been struggling to find our way forward, even in the midst of crisis.

So far, we have managed to carry on financially across our parishes and Archdiocese, but not without serious effects on our communities of faithful. The Covid restrictions have reduced our capacity to gather as worshipping communities, at least as we were used to. Nevertheless, we do now have some upward swing in the numbers of faithful attending our masses.

As you can imagine and understand, this has had an effect on our finances and even more importantly, the full impact is yet to come or to be fully felt. That's for the future.

I want to thank all of you for your fidelity to our local Archdiocese and for your commitment to your parishes. It has been a great journey of faith and hope for me to be the Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth. As I look forward to retirement in a few weeks, I do so with gratitude to God and with thanksgiving in my heart for all of you.

I thank the Finance Office staff for all their good work and pray that they will continue to be of assistance to Archbishop Dunn, as he prepares to assume full responsibility for the Archdiocese.

May the Spirit of God be your guide and may the future be faced with courage and freedom.

Thank you and God bless everyone.

Sincerely, †Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth



Archbishop Mancini at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery Mass with the Knights of Columbus in 2019.

The Archdiocese is responsible for the maintenance of three diocesan cemeteries with graves for over 72,000 loved ones.

In 2021, a new Columbarium, in Holy Cross Cemetery, will be built to accommodate changing needs of families.

COLLECTIONS and FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2019 Equip the Saints diocesan collections. Money raised directly supported the Assembly of the People of God, Steubenville Atlantic, ministry of Care and Companionship, youth and adult faith formation and leadership training for clergy and laity.

The Archdiocese sends 20% of funds raised by the parishes, through Equip the Saints collections, back to the parish to be spent on Mission, Community and Formation initiatives.

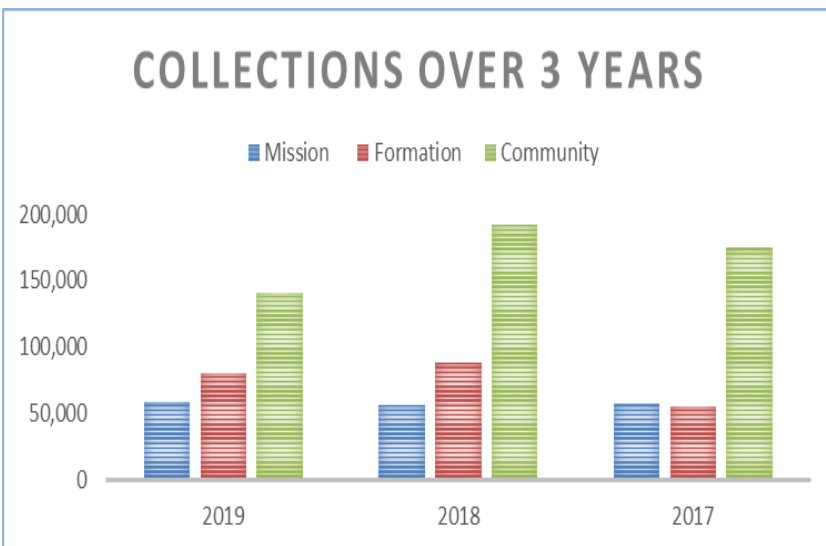
National Diocesan Collections	
	Raised in 2019
Development and Peace	62,074
Papal Charities	28,762
Pro-Life	20,376
Holy Lands	72,759
Total	463,257



Steubenville Atlantic 2019 Prayer Ministry volunteers. This annual youth conference is organized and funded by the Archdiocese. 494 people from 7 diocese participated in this conference in 2019.



Archbishop Dunn speaking at the Archbishops Dinner in 2019. Funds raised from the Dinner went to support infirmed and Retired Priests which cost over \$428,000 in 2019.



The **Mission, Formation and Community collections** in 2019 were used to help offset the cost of Adult Faith Formation, in areas like the EQUIP Program, The Assembly of the People of God and the Catechists Retreat. Infirm and Retired Priests and Communication expenses are also supported by these collections. Diocesan services like the Marriage Tribunal and Catholic Cemeteries were assisted by these funds as well.

SUPPORT TO PARISHES and PEOPLE

There are many departments within the Archdiocesan Offices and all are tasked with assisting the Parishes in their mission. Here are some departments and what they do.

- ◆ The Archdiocesan **Archivist** assists parishes in record keeping and the public seeking information.
- ◆ The **Business office** assists in navigating financial, insurance and building matters along with training for bookkeepers and volunteers.
- ◆ Employment matters and Responsible Ministry Coordination comes from our **Human Resources** dept.
- ◆ The **Marriage Tribunal** assists those looking for marriage annulments.
- ◆ The **Cemeteries** department not only runs the 3 diocesan cemeteries but also guides the parish cemeteries in following laws and record keeping.
- ◆ The **Daily Bread Outreach** program at St. Mary's Cathedral continues to serve the poor during COVID.
- ◆ The Bishop and Chancellor work to support the mission of the church in their work at the **Chancery**.
- ◆ We have staff working with students in various universities supporting **University Chaplaincy**.
- ◆ We have 5 chaplains in **Hospital Chaplaincy** that visit the sick in our hospitals.
- ◆ The **Pastoral Life & New Evangelization** office organizes Steubenville Atlantic, the EQUIP Adult Faith Formation Program along with other parish assistance to live out the mission of the church.
- ◆ The **Communications** Office disburses information to the parishes and produces a quarterly Journal helping to bring education information to parishioners.
- ◆ The **Ministry of Care & Companionship** does Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteer training.
- ◆ We have a **Vocations** director at the diocese who works with those considering various religious vocations.



On the Feast of the Assumption 2019, at St. Mary's Cathedral, the pilgrims who walked the Way of Stella Maris pilgrimage placed stones at the foot of the cross marking the end of their pilgrimage.

Hello Everyone,

2019 was a year of monumental changes for our Diocese, both structurally and physically.

65 existing parishes and 25 missions merged into 20 new Parishes based on the Stronger Together theme. Our Archbishop decreed this to happen on January 1st, 2020. Preparations began in early 2019 to support Parishes and provide guidance as we met with parish leaders.

If specific hurdles to a successful merger were identified in a Parish, the Diocese worked to provide a solution.

A consistent accounting system was planned to take effect on January 1, 2020 in all the newly merged Parishes. The Diocesan Business Office developed the structure and assisted Parishes with the implementation. This will provide consistent financial reporting and measures throughout the Dioceses. 2020 will see the Diocese continuing to support this initiative.

In June 2019, the Diocesan offices moved from a long-time location on Grafton Street to Brunswick Street in Halifax.

2019 was a financial strength building year for the Dioceses. We had an Operating Surplus and were able to put a little away for a rainy day.

At the time I am writing this, we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic which I think you will agree, more than qualifies as a rainy day. Because our Diocese is financially stable, we are in a position to assist Parishes through this difficult time.

Stay safe and God Bless You! *John Kennedy, CPA, CMA, Financial Administrator*

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