

**Fourth Quarter Commission Reports – Stewardship of God’s Household
April 1, 2010–June 30, 2010 of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010**

Immaculate Conception parishioners are “vibrant expressions of the presence of the Risen Christ” by being people who are grateful for their God-given gifts, and by expressing their gratitude in prayer and service to others. Our Parish has seven staff members, two councils and six commissions to help support and meet the needs of our community. We ask you to read the successes below and prayerfully consider giving of your Time, Talent and Treasure.

Parish Pastoral Council – Chair: Larry Cuba

- ❖ Interviewed prospective 2010-2011 Parish Pastoral Council members.
- ❖ Charles Haskins, a UNCW Senior Business Major, assisting Council in interviewing and completing the Ministry Position Descriptions.

Stewardship Commission – Chair: George Mullen

Bishop’s Annual Appeal

- ❖ Recruited 2 new members at the May Commission Fair.

Welcome/Orientation/Registration Committee

- ❖ Held 2 Welcome/Orientation/Registration Events (Registered 15 new parishioners).
- ❖ Recruited 2 new members at the May Commission Fair.

Safe Environment Team

- ❖ Recruited 2 new members at the May Commission Fair.

Treasury Counters

- ❖ Trained and instituted 1 new team leader.

Office Receptionists

- ❖ Recruited and trained 4 new office receptionists.
- ❖ Implemented new procedures when handling calls and/or walk-ins needing assistance.

Liturgical Commission – Chair: Ginny Bovelsky

- ❖ Recruited 4 new Liturgical Ministers:
 - EMHC/Liturgies: 1
 - EMHC/Sick & Homebound: 1
 - Art & Environment: 1
 - Musicians: 2
- ❖ Beautified our Easter Environment through parishioners' flower contributions, parishioner-made banner that stood near our large crucifix, and parishioner-made Easter quilt banner.
- ❖ Children's Choir finished the year by singing at the 11:30am liturgy on the 4th Sunday of Easter, singing throughout the school year for a total of four weekend liturgies, and participating in both the "Something Wonderful" Christmas program and "Godspell: In Concert".
- ❖ Trained 19 of 22 Ushers at Annual Training sessions; new Guidelines and EMHC guide books were distributed. Updated procedures have been implemented.
- ❖ Served 29 sick/homebound people through the EMHC/Sick Homebound Ministry during the 4th quarter of the year. 23 individuals are currently being served.
- ❖ Purchased (through parishioner Memorial Fund) and organized musicians' binders to be used specifically for Christmas and Holy Week liturgies.
- ❖ Participated in training for and development of Commission's Annual Goals and Objectives.
- ❖ Participated in developing position descriptions for liturgical minister coordinators and volunteers.

Faith Formation Commission – Co-Chairs: Carol Cholette, Marie Marshall

Whole Community Catechesis (WCC)

- ❖ Hosted May Gathering with approximately 150 people of all ages sharing their knowledge of our faith, our church and the De Sales Center.
- ❖ Presentation of the St. Mary Gospel Choir followed by refreshments and social time.
- ❖ Hosted adult program on end of life issues with approximately 40 adults in attendance.

Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study for Engaged Couples (FOCCUS)

- ❖ Facilitated 1 engaged couple marrying at ICC.
- ❖ Recruited 1 new couple to serve as facilitators, replacing one couple who left the parish.

Marriage Preparation

- ❖ Hosted a 1 day Marriage Prep workshop in June for approximately 20 couples preparing for marriage in the Raleigh Diocese.

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Small Faith Communities

- ❖ Facilitated organization of all small faith groups into specific ministries to foster their growth and visibility in the parish.
- ❖ Transferred leadership of Lenten groups to new coordinator, Teresa Townend.

De Sales Spirituality Group (morning)

- ❖ Completed *Volume Six, Salesian Perspectives* during monthly meetings.
- ❖ In conjunction with evening group, conducted publicity campaign for 28th National Salesian Conference, including registration sign-ups in the Church Gathering Area.
- ❖ Increased membership by one to 14 total.

De Sales Spirituality Group (evening)

- ❖ Discussed next years plan for the group. Will read and discuss the *Salesian Perspectives* that apply to the fourth part of *The Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales.
- ❖ Finished study and discussion of *The Six Fundamental Themes of Salesian Spirituality*.
- ❖ De Sales Conference August 7th - members who were attending the conference agreed to help where needed.

Scripture Discussion Group (Wednesday morning)

- ❖ Continued to compare Passion Narratives presented in each Gospel and Resurrection Stories in the Gospels.
- ❖ Studied Luke’s Acts of the Apostles.

Youth Ministry (TYM and JYM)

- ❖ Celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 17 of our youth.
- ❖ Hosted an Adult vs. Youth Kickball Game and Pizza party with over 60 people in attendance.
- ❖ Attended the week long mission program, Home Works, with 7 youth and 2 chaperones.

Children & Youth Faith Formation (CFF)

- ❖ Held registration for Faith Formation for 2010-2011.
- ❖ Continued to provide childcare during the 9:30 & 11:30 Liturgies.
- ❖ Prepared our younger children for the Easter season with reading of stories and craft projects.
- ❖ Prepared 28 of our youth for First Eucharist which included a family retreat afternoon.
- ❖ Reviewed the year and what we learned ex. prayers, commandments, stations of the cross.

Baptism Preparation

- ❖ Baptized 3 children.

Outreach Commission – Chair: Position Open

Good Samaritan Ministry

- ❖ Provided \$930 for 22 requests for assistance.
- ❖ Referred to other community agencies and/or Federal Point Help Center - 11 (Non-Parishioners).
- ❖ Assisted directly by Immaculate Conception - 11 (7 Parishioners, 4 Non-Parishioners):
 - Rent/Mortgage Assistance: 2 (1 Parishioner, 1 Non-Parishioners)
 - Food and Clothing Assistance: 2 (Parishioners)
 - Medical Assistance: 2 (Parishioners)
 - Gas/Miscellaneous: 5 (2 Parishioners, 3 Non-Parishioners)

Federal Point Help Center

- ❖ Assisted 263 households (530 individuals) mainly with food but also rent, gas and utilities when funds were available.
- ❖ Recruited 4 new volunteers who are awaiting training in August or September.
- ❖ Preparing for upcoming annual fund raiser.

Bread of Life Ministry

- ❖ Served 455 individuals on Saturdays at Grace Methodist Church in downtown Wilmington
- ❖ Distributed food and clothing to 259 households on Wednesdays

Island Cottage (From Island Cottage to the following:)

- ❖ Donated \$2,000 to Federal Point Help Center.
- ❖ Assisted 22 families (individuals) from the Help Center with clothes and/or household items.
- ❖ Donated items for play to Coastal Christian High School.
- ❖ Donated personal hygiene items to Help Center for clients.
- ❖ Donated to other ministries : Good Sheppard, Adult Literacy Program, Goodwill, Children of Pender County.

Meals on Wheels Ministry

- ❖ Cooked and delivered 26 meals to homebound recipients.

Hispanic Outreach Ministry

- ❖ Provided \$300 to Smart Start for Sonia Royes at Catholic Charities to purchase car seats at discounted cost of \$20 each.
- ❖ Recruited 4 people who volunteered to assist Hispanic Outreach in either the school supply drive or Angel Gift Giving project.

Facilities Commission – Chair: Charlie DaVolio

- ❖ Managed necessary facility maintenance, repair and landscaping projects.

**Parish Report – Stewardship of God’s Household
July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010 of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010**

We are grateful for your continued support of our Parish and of your trust in our stewardship of your offerings. The willingness of the parish staff, the ministry leadership and you to contribute your Time, Talent and Treasure has helped us to work diligently to manage costs and to stay within our parish budget and plan. We ask that you please continue to consistently contribute to Immaculate Conception to enable us to meet our budgeted expenses.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

The EFT program was implemented to benefit both the parish and the parishioners. For parishioners, EFT is a service which allows for your stewardship commitment to be planned and fulfilled on a consistent basis. For the parish, it assists in planning and offers a more efficient administration of resources. EFT is secure, simple and flexible.

Please prayerfully consider joining the 78 households (7.5% of 1,040 Total Parish Registered Households) now using EFT. We urge you to sign up! Forms are available in the Gathering Area.

TREASURE...Year to Date ACTUAL July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Parish Income: Offertory Income (money received from 1st collection), Priest Welfare & Retirement collection, Grants, Donations, Bulletin Rebate & Interest on Savings

Actual: Year to Date July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010..... **\$881,138**

Budget: Year to Date July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010..... **\$903,350**

Operating Spending/Expenses: (Includes Debt Principal and Interest; Excludes Non-Operating Expenditures)

Actual: Year to Date July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010..... **\$886,272**

Budget: Year to Date July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010..... **\$903,350**

Contributions donated from the parish to charities through the Diocese and National Collections:

Priest Welfare & Retirement:

Actual: Year to Date July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010..... **\$23,993**

Assessment: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010..... **\$40,722**

Diocesan Bishops provide financial and housing support for retired diocesan and religious order priests in accord with the gospel. Many of our priests retire after 40 or 50 years of active ministry, far exceeding the typical years worked in most professions. Because our priests are paid a modest stipend during their active ministry, their corresponding Social Security benefit upon retirement is extremely small compared to workers with similar years of service. This fund provides additional resources for these priests. Our parish is staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, who receive a portion of these funds for their retirement. The cost of this financial support is allocated amongst all parishes of the diocese. Parishes meet this required goal through 2nd collections, paying any remaining balance from its operating budget.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal..... **\$2,202**

Approved by the U.S. bishops in 1997 and launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church where it is weak in the United States and its territories, where resources are thin and priests are few. Grantees include 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses in Appalachia, the South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states, Alaska and the islands of the Pacific and the Caribbean. The Appeal also supports about 25 organizations and religious communities engaged in home mission work. The appeal funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers and ministry with ethnic groups, especially Hispanics.

Holy Land Shrine..... **\$1,685**

Collected funds for support of the sacred places, educational and charitable institutions in the Holy Land through Good Friday collection, and educates young men for the Missions of the Custody of the Holy Land in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Cyprus, Rhodes, Israel and Egypt.

Catholic Communications Campaign..... **\$1,945**

The essential mission of the “CCC” is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made following recommendations by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Communications Committee. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communications projects.

Peter’s Pence..... **\$2,190**

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the most needs throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless and voiceless; but also sustains those who suffer.

Black and Indian Missions..... **\$1,975**

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 116 year old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church’s concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection. The name has been changed to accommodate the new Catholic Home Missions Collection.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Annual Appeal..... **\$10,000**

This collection is an investment in the Gospel through your partnership with the family of Saint Francis de Sales. It is taken up everywhere that the Oblates minister and is a lifeline for them. It funds their seminary training, mission and retreat work, social justice efforts through DeSales Service Works, the support of their sick and retired, as well as many ministries that continue the Lord’s work. (*Note: \$7,280 was donated through a designated second collection at the weekend liturgies, \$1,520 was donated through the use of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and \$1,200 was donated by ICC through the Outreach Ministry)

Thank you for your continued stewardship and support of our parish. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments regarding this information.