

Accountability: To you and to our mission

Dear Friends,
MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS

This Sunday's Gospel is a parable filled with great wisdom. Through this parable, Jesus makes clear that in receiving God's gifts, we also accept some responsibilities. Indeed, God expects us to use our talents, skills and material blessings in ways that give honor to the One who is the source of all of these gifts.



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Essentially, God bestows us with many gifts and we, in turn, use these gifts to give him glory. In the very next verses in St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that the best way we please and honor God is by helping our fellow human beings who are suffering in some way.

When we use our gifts in ways that please and honor God, he blesses us even more and thus provides us with even greater opportunities and responsibilities to care for others who are in need. In my experience, it is impossible to outdo the generosity of God.

The world offers us many opportunities to experience intense pleasures that, in the end, leave us empty and craving for more. When we honor God by caring for others, we experience a deep and enduring joy and help make the world a better place.

At the conclusion of the Mass each week, we are sent on mission to proclaim the Gospel (good news) to others — not so much by

what we say in words, but more by what we communicate with our actions. Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and make disciples. In other words, they were to announce the joy of the Gospel revealed to them by God through his son, Jesus Christ. We might be tempted to think that the mission to make disciples only applied to the apostles and the early church.

We should be edified and encouraged by the example of those early disciples, who succeeded in a relatively short time to transform an unbelieving world with the truth and beauty of the Gospel. They did this at a time when there were no automobiles or airplanes and none of the tools for mass communication that are available to us today.

Those first disciples spread the Gospel of Jesus through personal relationships and face-to-face interactions. They did this without advertising campaigns and modern techniques for marketing and branding. They did it by sharing the incredible story of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. They convinced the world of their time by witnessing to the joy that the risen Jesus had brought to their lives.

Statistically, Christianity is the largest religious group in the world, numbering about 2.3 billion. Almost half (approximately 1 billion) of all Christians are Catholics. This is the fruit of the zeal and passion with which our spiritual ancestors lived their Catholic faith.

Our culture and society appear to be changing at a dramatic pace. In our nation today, the fastest growing demographic pertaining to religious affiliation is the so-called "nones" — those who do not identify as part of any organized religion.

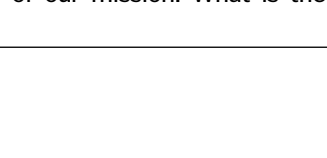
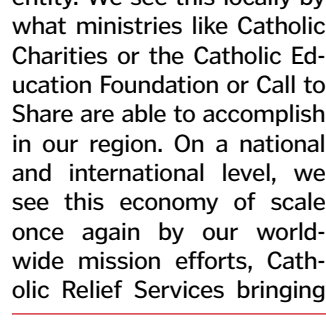
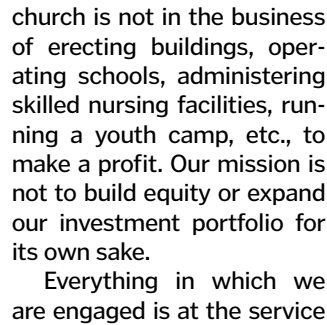
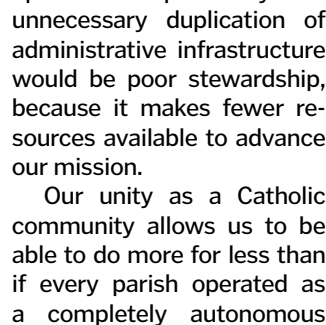
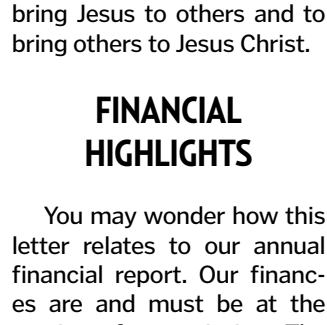
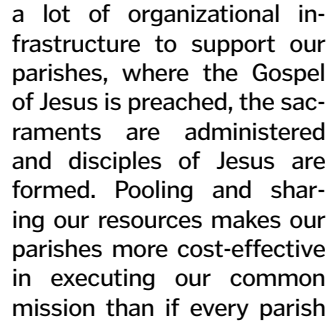
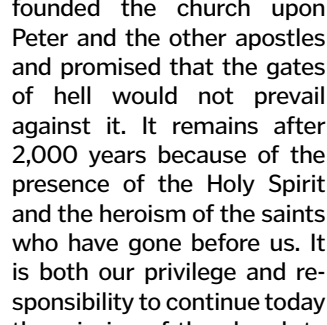
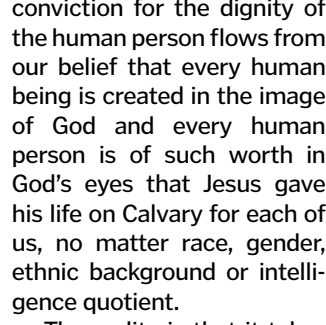
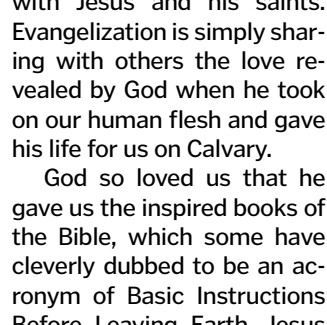
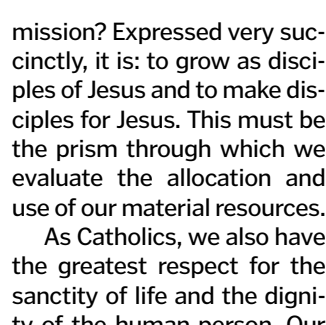
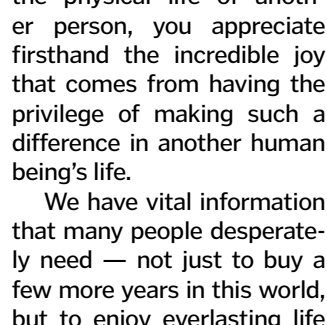
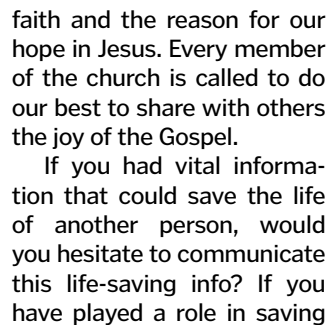
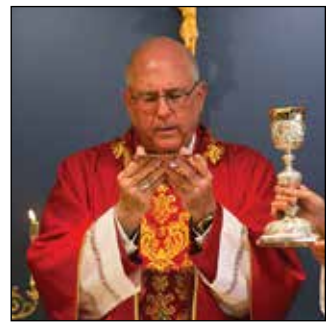
Even in northeast Kansas, in our cities and towns, there are an increasing number of individuals who do not know Jesus Christ. Many of our neighbors and co-workers, members of our families and our friends, may know something about the historical figure of Jesus, but they do not know him as both friend and savior.

In recent years, the opinion of many Americans on how to experience authentic happiness and find true joy has changed. The shared belief of previous generations that the purpose and meaning of life was striving to do God's will by loving your family and friends, by helping those in need and by striving to live a virtuous life has been replaced for many with a combination of self-centered goals that include a combination of career advancement, the acquisition of more and more material things and the enjoyment of creature comforts.

Though Americans enjoy the highest standard of living of any society in the history of the world and have almost an unlimited amount of entertainment options at their fingertips, we have record numbers of people struggling with depression, boredom and loneliness. As Catholics, we have a duty to show by our example the true path to abundant life in this world and everlasting happiness in the world to come.

The very fact that you are reading this article means there is a high probability that you not only know Jesus but are working on deepening your friendship with him. All of us enjoy and treasure the gift of our Catholic faith, because someone shared it with us — perhaps a parent, a spouse, a friend, a co-worker or neighbor.

Each of us who have this pearl of great price, the gift of friendship with Jesus and fellowship in his church, have a responsibility to share this gift with others. We are not to bury our gift and keep it to ourselves. We do not have to be an expert in the Scriptures or have the Catechism of the Catholic Church memorized to have a meaningful conversation with someone else about the gift of our Catholic



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disaster relief all over the globe, the care for retired religious etc.

I believe in financial transparency. Each year, we attempt to present the financial picture of the archdiocese in great detail as well as the comparative results from the previous year. There is nothing the church possesses that is not the fruit of a sacrificial gift by one of its members. I take seriously our obligation to work to gain the maximum impact for our mission from every dollar donated.

Overall, our financial position remains strong. You will notice that for the past two years we have had expenses exceed revenues. In large part, this is due to planned spending of income recognized in previous years, such as distributions from the Private Appeal for Catholic High Schools or enhancements to the administration of our health care plan, in part necessitated by the Affordable Care Act.

Some were not planned, such as expenses related to the closure of Immaculata High School in Leavenworth. Fortunately, because of prudent financial management over the long term, we have adequate reserves to absorb the occasional unanticipated event.

Another aspect of good stewardship is looking forward and addressing large capital and pastoral needs that cannot be funded through the normal operating budget. The archdiocese is currently studying the possibility of an all-parish capital campaign that would significantly benefit parishes, fund fully our priest retirement plan, build an independent living retirement residence for priests, create an endowment to help cover the cost for the formation of seminarians, make the necessary capital investment into Villa St. Francis — our skilled nursing facility — demolish or repurpose buildings necessitated by the past consolidation of parishes in some areas of the archdiocese, make Savior Pastor Center handicap accessible, etc.

By the end of 2017, I plan to make a decision on whether or not to conduct a campaign, as well as determine the precise scope of the campaign.

CONCLUSION

The parable of the talents illustrates God's expectations that we use wisely the gifts he has entrusted to us as a church and individuals. It also makes clear the worst thing we can do in God's eyes is to bury his gifts. Jesus reminds us that the ultimate financial report we will have to provide is to the Lord.

Gratefully yours in Jesus,
 the Lord of Life,

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS OPERATING EXPENSES FOR 2016 AND 2017

Category	Fees/other income		Archbishop's Call to Share		Assessments		Cathedralium/Investment Income		Total	Year over year change	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017		\$	%
CONVERSION											
At the heart of the church's ministry is facilitating for its members an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.											
Vicar for Clergy and Clergy Support Programs											
Savior Pastoral Center	707,397	820,308	50,000	146,000	250,000	260,000	660,601	768,746	\$660,601	\$768,746	16%
Christ Peace House of Prayer			50,000	60,000			1129,471	1,194,080	50,000	60,000	20%
Totus Tuus		9,000	7,500	8,661			17,061	17,661	1,500	1,661	135%
Liturgy and Sacramental Life	(770)	870	159,070	166,448			10,161	10,168	10,161	10,168	0%
Office of Hispanic Ministry	16,133	10,900	350,082	379,214			366,216	390,114	23,898	7%	
Emporia-Hispanic Ministry			20,000	25,000			20,000	25,000	5,000	25%	
Campus Ministry:											
Donnelly College KCK			45,000	45,000			45,000	45,000	0	0%	
St. Lawrence Center-KU Lawrence			130,000	130,000			130,000	130,000	0	0%	
DiDede Center-Emporia			79,000	84,000			79,000	84,000	5,000	6%	
Catholic Center-Washburn Topeka	15,000	10,000	76,000	76,000			76,000	76,000	0	0%	
Catholic Center-Haskell Lawrence	35,683	40,178	56,000	61,000			71,000	71,000	0	0%	
Other			10,000	30,650			34,307	5,000	79,990	75,828	(4%)
Total Conversion	773,443	891,256	1,032,653	1,211,973	250,000	260,000	816,982	741,518	\$2,873,078	\$3,104,746	8%
EVANGELIZATION											
The mission that Jesus gave to the church was to go and make disciples of all nations. The church can never be content with itself as it is currently constituted. We must always be guided by a missionary impulse to share the gift of our faith with others.											
Evangel. & Catholic Formation-Youth, Ranch & Camps	1,410,287	1,481,224	398,084	401,247			1,808,371	\$1,882,471	1,808,371	\$1,882,471	4%
Rural Youth Outreach Programs		7,950			117,810	149,892	125,760	175,756	125,760	175,756	40%
Urban Youth Outreach Programs		10,668		9,819	103,702	127,683	114,370	137,502	114,370	137,502	20%
Urban Youth Outreach Capital Needs					50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0%
Evangelization		4,375	205,744	225,540			210,119	228,944	210,119	228,944	9%
Digital Resource Center		10,132	49,827	64,887			77,061	94,714	77,061	94,714	23%
Propagation of the Faith		3,573		6,906			5,573	6,906	5,573	6,906	93%
Native American Evangelization Fund			3,600	3,600			3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	0%
Other	28,621	31,587		40,000			29,621	72,787	29,621	72,787	146%
Total Evangelization	1,475,606	1,608,632	674,357	715,273	271,512	327,575	1,000	1,200	\$2,422,475	\$2,652,679	10%
EDUCATION											
An essential component of the church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples, as well as the continuing formation of all its members.											
Safe Environment		114					233,248	287,005	\$233,396	\$287,718	23%
Leaven Newspaper	1124,417	1,078,713					1124,417	1,078,713	1124,417	1,078,713	(4%)
Archdiocesan Education Office	355,700	367,850	117,659	209,201			473,559	577,051	103,693	22%	
Perfect Wings Program	9,748	12,640	77,316	80,771			87,664	93,411	6,347	7%	
Children's Catechesis				59,331				59,331		59,331	(3%)
Vocations	56,176	45,034	139,498	143,854			1079,395	1,172,666	195,674	188,888	(9%)
Seminarians					1,079,395	1,172,666			1,079,395	1,172,666	9%
Permanent Diaconate Office and Program	9,954	8,047	271,284	287,675			281,238	295,722	14,484	5%	
Continuing Education for Priests					236,422	102,364			236,422	102,364	(57%)
Marriage and Family Life	62,401	48,107	271,287	277,754			333,688	325,861	(7,827)	(2%)	
Communications	25,000	13,000	75,000	75,000			149,738	131,534	(18,204)	(12%)	
School of Faith - Grant			277,000	327,000			277,000	327,000	50,000	18%	
High School Tuition Assistance			225,000	225,000			225,000	225,000	0	0%	
Catholic Education Foundation			270,000	300,000			270,000	300,000	30,000	11%	
Bishop Ward Operations Assistance			125,000	125,000			125,000	125,000	0	0%	
Ward H.S. Capital Improvements			100,000	100,000			100,000	100,000	0	0%	
Donnelly College Scholarships			200,000	200,000			200,000	200,000	0	0%	
Donnelly College Capital Needs			200,000	200,000			200,000	200,000	0	0%	
Elizabeth Ann Seton Tuition Assistance			451,001	416,118			451,001	416,118	(34,883)	(8%)	
Other	32,177	247,205	15,000				94,954	287,541	192,587	203%	
Total Education	1,675,720	1,820,711	1,864,043	2,110,585	2,266,818	2,191,148	350,763	370,875	\$6,137,344	\$6,493,319	6%
OUTREACH: Serving Those in Need											
The church is called to make the love of Jesus real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable and those on the peripheries.											
Archdiocesan Tribunal	17,420	18,530					257,592	254,695	\$275,012	\$275,225	(1%)
My House Initiative	12,249	16,327	91,926	94,004			104,176	110,331	104,176	110,331	6%
Social Justice			87,100	95,697			87,000	95,697	87,000	95,697	10%
Special Needs	3,699	19,976	99,874	172,129			103,573	186,105	82,532	80%	
Pro Life	20,070	28,112	198,412	182,882			218,481	210,994	(7,488)	(3%)	
Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas		80,000	400,000	450,000	526,543	500,631	926,543	1,030,631	104,088	11%	
Villa St. Francis-Geriatric Assistance	200,000	100,000	190,000	170,000			390,000	270,000	(120,000)	(31%)	
El Centro - Kansas City			40,000	40,000			40,000	40,000	0	0%	
El Centro-Topoka			40,000	40,000			40,000	40,000	0	0%	
Other	98,841	72,073	25,040	1,750			207,980	175,323	(32,657)	(16%)	
Total Outreach	352,279	329,018	1,172,351	1,246,462	526,543	500,631	341,692	356,195	\$2,392,865	\$2,432,306	2%
STEWARDSHIP											
Catholic spirituality begins with profound gratitude resulting from the realization that everything, including life itself, is God's gift. Thus, the question for every Christian is: What is God calling me to do with all that has been entrusted to me?											
Stewardship/Development & Other Appeals	125,255	78,118	265,000	311,499		34,233	360,200	358,306	\$750,455	\$782,156	4%
Private Appeal Distributions	2,281,018	1,638,271					2,281,018	1,638,271	(642,747)	(28%)	
Cor Christi Grants and fees	502,941	757,382					502,941	757,382	254,441	51%	
School/Parish Emergency Fund			92,875	81,564			92,875	81,564	(11,311)	(12%)	
Urban Core Operations Support			335,198	241,498							