

*Immaculate  
Conception*

**ANNUAL  
PASTORAL & FINANCIAL REPORT  
2012-2013**

## LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and Joy to each of you and your families! We have a community rich in talents and in faith, making it very easy for me to lead the life of a happy Pastor!

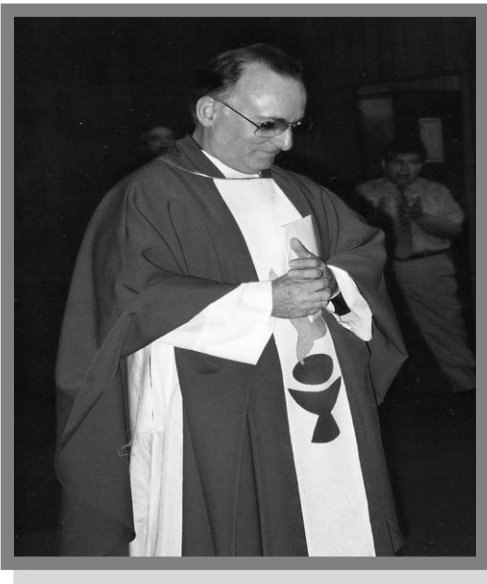
One of the responsibilities I have is to report back to you about the progress we make on a yearly basis. Because of the general busyness of things, I have not been able to do that in a consistent and comprehensive way. This report is an attempt to present to you a picture of the Pastoral and Financial health of the parish during the last fiscal year. As you can see we have been very active pastorally. Many significant goals have been reached. New people and new ministries have been integrated into the parish.

The one significant area of concern is our financial picture. We are too far in the red. We need, therefore, to cut expenditures and to increase income. We have to find ways of doing this for the long term good of the parish, and we will because we have always faced our problems and come up with solutions.

We must never forget that the pastoral vitality of this parish will eventually solve this fiscal issue. It is, in the end, a question of Faith in God and in our community as a Christian witness in Astoria.

In Christ,  
Monsignor Ferrarese

## REMEMBERING FATHER JORGE QUEIJA



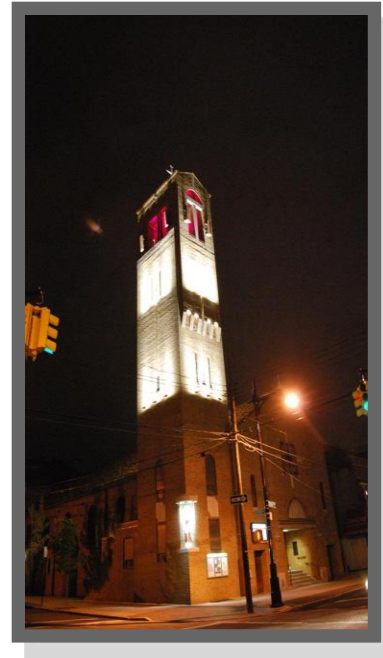
In September 2012 Fr. Jorge Queija died and was buried with full honors befitting a priest who has loyally served the Church for 47 years of his life. While any death is cause for reflection, the death of a priest holds a special place in our thoughts.

One can only imagine the number of people that Fr. Jorge ministered to during those 47 years which spanned his service in Spain, in Venezuela and in our Diocese. Conservatively, he probably touched the lives of tens of thousands of people especially when you factor in the many crowds he preached to and the many students he taught.

He is greatly missed—rest in peace Fr. Jorge.

## TOWER FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Members of the parish were first introduced to the tower restoration project in early 2011 and understanding the gravity of the situation, their pledge generosity enabled the project to go forward. We are now mid-way in our pledge collection process and want to thank our fellow parishioners for all they have done and will continue to do in the future. Fulfillment of the pledged monies are extremely important to satisfying the obligations associated with its restoration and as we maintain this structure for generations to come. The tower light shines beautifully upon our parish church and its people.



## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Sacramental Statistics

- Baptisms—83
- First Communion—92
- Confirmations—52
- Weddings—12
- Funerals—99

### Ministerial Statistics

- CCD Registrations—300
- School Enrollments—276
- Sick Calls—32
- Parishioners in Nursing Homes—30
- Homebound Parishioners—38
- Registered Families—1,545

### New Ministries

- Dorothy Day Social Action Group
- St. Cecilia Consortium
- Immaculate Conception Urban Professionals
- Young Catholic Families
- Grupo Mariano Hispano
- Bethany Consolation Ministry
- Adult Faith Formation Spanish Community

### Special Occasions

- Ordination of Elkin Tamayo as permanent Deacon and his assignment to Immaculate Conception
- Ordination of Jason Espinal as transitional Deacon who is continuing his studies to become a priest

## YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)

### School Honorable Mentions

- Instituted Just the Two of Us Program
- Introduced Common Core Curriculum
- Class of '63 hosted 50th Alumni Reunion
- 3 Major Fundraisers raised over \$30k
- Every classroom has Internet Access & SmartTechnology; Nursery has a SmartTable

### Capital Improvements

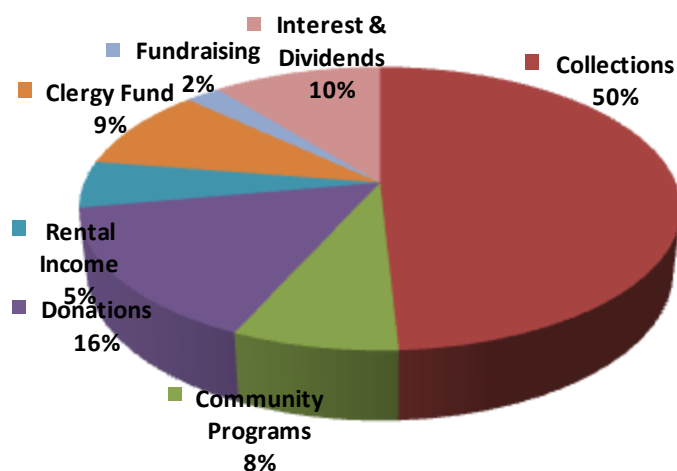
- Redesigned parking lot usages and installed electronic gates
- Installed new signage throughout property
- Redesigned portion of lower Church to accommodate homeless shelter

### Important Events

- Parish Pilgrimage—In the Footsteps of St. Paul (Greece & Turkey)
- World Youth Day—Brazil
- Year of Faith—Vatican II Mini Course
- Parish Lenten Mission—Fr. Kevin Cronin
- Christianity and Secularism Lecture Series
- Simbang Gabi Mass with Bishop DiMarzio
- Acts of the Apostles Bible Study
- The Challenges of Faith Film Festival
- Parish Pastoral Plan Issues New 2013-2014 Objectives

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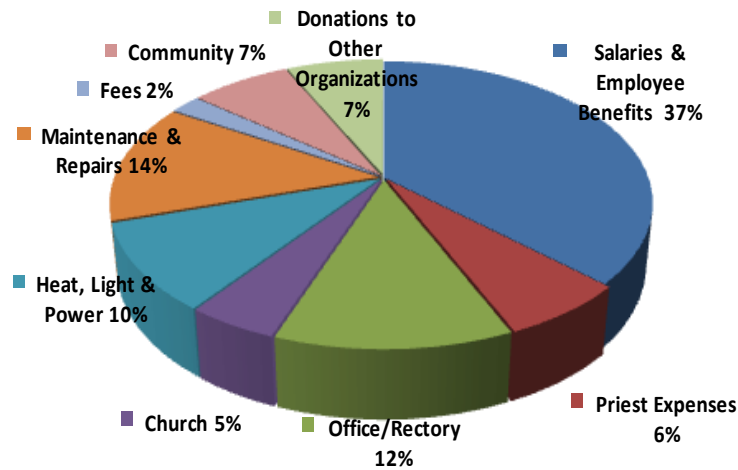
## 2012-2013 PARISH FINANCES INCOME



**2012-2013 PARISH FINANCES**  
**INCOME (continued)**

|  |                    |
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| <u>Collections</u>                           |                    |
| Sunday                                       | \$449,455          |
| Christmas & Easter                           | 24,939             |
| All Other                                    | 36,316             |
| <b>Total Collections</b>                     | <b>\$510,710</b>   |
| <u>Community Programs</u>                    |                    |
| Religious Education                          | \$ 19,730          |
| Youth Program/Activity                       | 14,435             |
| Community/Adult Program                      | 44,148             |
| <b>Total Community Programs</b>              | <b>\$ 78,313</b>   |
| <u>Donations</u>                             |                    |
| Candles                                      | \$ 83,809          |
| Poor Boxes / St. Vincent dePaul              | 21,216             |
| Other Donations                              | 47,771             |
| Other Extraordinary Income                   | 7,750              |
| <b>Total Donations</b>                       | <b>\$160,546</b>   |
| <u>Rental Income</u>                         |                    |
| Income from Rented Property                  | \$ 23,924          |
| Rent Income—Clergy/Religious                 | 31,314             |
| <b>Total Rental Income</b>                   | <b>\$55,238</b>    |
| <b>Clergy Fund (Funerals/Weddings etc.)</b>  | <b>\$98,187</b>    |
| <b>Fundraising (Societies Contributions)</b> | <b>\$23,149</b>    |
| <b>Interest &amp; Dividends</b>              | <b>\$112,409</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                          | <b>\$1,038,552</b> |

## 2012-2013 PARISH FINANCES EXPENSES



### Salaries & Employee Benefits

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Salaries                                      | \$407,868        |
| Benefits                                      | 55,025           |
| <b>Total Salaries &amp; Employee Benefits</b> | <b>\$462,893</b> |

### Priest Expenses

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pension, Medical, etc.       | \$80,878        |
| Retired Priests              | 1,000           |
| <b>Total Priest Expenses</b> | <b>\$81,878</b> |

### Office/Rectory

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Food, Laundry & Supplies    | \$51,854         |
| Insurance                   | 42,997           |
| Printing                    | 30,887           |
| Telephone                   | 5,852            |
| Furniture & Fixtures        | 4,286            |
| Misc. Expenses              | 15,566           |
| <b>Total Office/Rectory</b> | <b>\$151,442</b> |

### Church

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Altar Supplies                    | \$ 25,599        |
| Choir Books/Pamphlets /Newspapers | 21,709           |
| Tablet Expense                    | 10,571           |
| <b>Total Church</b>               | <b>\$ 57,879</b> |

**2012-2013 PARISH FINANCES**  
**EXPENSES (continued)**

Heat, Light & Power

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Heating                              | \$ 65,367        |
| Electric/Water                       | 59,169           |
| <b>Total Heat, Light &amp; Power</b> | <b>\$124,536</b> |

Maintenance & Repairs

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Contracted Maintenance                                       | \$ 46,941        |
| Ordinary Repairs (Church/Rectory/Others)                     | 26,685           |
| Major Repairs & Renovations - Church                         | 50,814           |
| Major Repairs & Renovation - Rectory                         | 6,269            |
| Major Repairs & Renovation- Other (Convent, School,<br>etc.) | 39,925           |
| <b>Total Maintenance/Repairs</b>                             | <b>\$170,634</b> |

Fees

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Accountant Fees          | \$ 13,300       |
| Professional Fees        | 8,727           |
| Other Miscellaneous Fees | 5,067           |
| <b>Total Fees</b>        | <b>\$27,094</b> |

Community

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Religious Education    | \$ 8,276        |
| Youth                  | 14,825          |
| Community Programs     | 66,388          |
| Miscellaneous          | 300             |
| <b>Total Community</b> | <b>\$89,789</b> |

Donations to Other Organizations

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Donations to Charities                        | \$24,316        |
| Diocesan Assessment                           | 52,900          |
| St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund                  | 10,000          |
| <b>Total Donations to Other Organizations</b> | <b>\$87,216</b> |

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      | <b>\$1,253,361</b> |
| <b>Shortfall to Parish</b> | <b>\$214,809</b>   |

## **Immaculate Conception Church**

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### **Mission Statement**

We, the parish of Immaculate Conception in Astoria, are a diverse family united in our faith in Jesus Christ, and the Church He established. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community reflective of Gospel values rooted in love, faith and prayer. We are committed to living the Gospel by:

- Nourishing the spiritual lives of one another;
- Serving those in need; and
- Welcoming all the children of God.

Following the example of Mary, our patroness, we hope to grow in peace and unity, strengthen the bonds which unite us and proclaim the kingdom of God in all that we do.