

September 5, 2021

Friends,

Despite a global pandemic, our community began and grew this past year to over 286 households! Our first-anniversary celebration on July 25th with Bishop Guglielmone was well-planned and a wonderful occasion to commemorate our "year of infancy and firsts": the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Cory and Megan Johnson; Christmas and Triduum; the Baptisms of Isabel, Abriella, Natalia and Brynlee; the funeral of Bob Merritt †; the inauguration of family-based faith formation, fellowship outings, movie nights, and faith enrichment programs; and various outreach efforts.

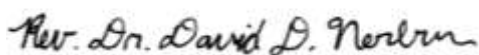
From our first Annual Report, you will notice that we had \$125,112 in saved revenue this year. This amount is a good start for our "infant" community, and the surplus reflects initial "grassroots" efforts. However, we should keep in mind that we own no land or buildings, and our rent payment is modest to Seton School for utilities compared to renting commercial real estate in the area. In addition, the Bishop is generously supporting our community by absorbing salaries & benefits, foregoing the collection of assessments, and not requiring us to participate in second collections that parishes are obliged to do.

To continue on the bright path to becoming an official parish in the Diocese of Charleston, we will begin the following things this year:


- Conduct a feasibility study for building the space we need to be able to come together daily—and not just outside Seton School's business hours—for worship, fellowship, service, and study. *The Bishop has encouraged us to perform this assessment and has provided us with the resources of the Diocesan Stewardship Office to help make it happen.*
- Move the 11 am Sunday Mass to a larger facility to continue to welcome more people. *We will add a choir to this Mass.*
- Increase activities and fellowship. *For example, a "parish" mission, forming a Knights of Columbus Council, growing the men's and women's groups, exploring further outreach initiatives, etc.*
- Greater collaboration with Seton School. *One of their student groups will begin setting up chairs and benches for our weekend Masses. Seton has invited us to help oversee lunch/recess and other daily matters to lighten the teachers' load and transmit some of that fatherly & motherly wisdom.*
- Discover more ways to give financially. *We are exploring stewardship envelopes and online giving.*

While we have not begun a capital campaign yet, there is no question that we need to raise significant capital to have a future. And although it's unlikely that we will be imitating the new parish of St. Clare's on Daniel Island by building a \$22 million church, we should begin to reflect upon the words of Warren Buffet, "*Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.*"

Please prayerfully consider an increase in your weekly offertory giving and in the monthly capital/rent collection so that as Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati once said, we can go "verso l'alto" – towards the heights!



Father David Nerburn
Administrator

	<u>ANNUAL REPORT</u>			
	Catholic Community at Carolina Forest			
	July 26, 2020 – June 30, 2021			
Income				
	Offertory Regular	\$160,786		
	Rent/Building	\$11,041		
	Other	\$2,182		
	Donations	\$11,700		
	Fundraising	\$1,990		
	Total Income			<u>\$187,699</u>
Expense				
	Priest Living/Assistance Expense	\$12,651		
	Liturgical/Music Expense	\$29,141		
	Operating Expenses	\$5,292		
	Outreach/Faith Formation Expense	\$7,704		
	Rent Expense – Seton	\$7,800		
	Total Expense			<u>\$62,587</u>
	Net Income			<u>\$125,112</u>
Expenses CCCF will incur in future				
	Salary – Admin/Clerical (PT position)	\$14,400	(7/1/21 – 6/30/22)	
	Deacon Expenses	\$2,000	(7/1/21 – 6/30/22)	
	Carolina Forest Rec Center Rental	\$21,000	(10/1/21)	
	Maintenance (set up/clean up)	\$6,500	(10/1/21)	
	Priest Salary/Benefits (@100%)	\$69,899	TBD	
	Salary – Religious Ed (PT position)	\$28,800	TBD	
	Diocesan Assessment of Offertory (Reg. & Rent)	\$17,183	TBD	
	Net Additional Expenses			<u>\$159,782</u>
	Income without Subsidies			<u>-\$34,670</u>