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## LETTER FROM FR. CHAD

Dear Friends,

It has been a blessing to serve at Mary, Queen of Peace for more than four years! I'm grateful to Jesus and Archbishop Etienne for continuing to entrust me with this ministry.



As I've written about in previous years, one of the missions for a parish that is defined in Church Canon Law "is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth." Of the many things we do here at MQP, this has been and must continue to be a primary focus. In this edition of the Annual Report, you'll read about some of the many ways that we are continuing to do this for children, teens, and young adults at MQP.

Another one of the defined missions of a parish "is to make every effort...so that the message of the Gospel comes" to all those living in the parish boundaries. Our ongoing partnership with Evangelical Catholic (EC) has borne good fruit this past year, including vibrant and successful Mission Nights, in addition to ongoing Reach More training groups.

Perhaps you're wondering about that word "Evangelical," and how it applies to you as an MQP parishioner. Our speaker at the Mission Nights encouraged us to think of the word "Evangelical," not with any connotation, but with its literal meaning: "one who shares the Good News" (that is, the Gospel of Jesus Christ). Each one of us at MQP must continue to work at sharing the "Good News" in ways that are appropriate to our vocation, personality, gifts, and the circumstances of our life. Not just because it's "required" by Canon Law. But, even more so, because Jesus asks, invites, and counts on us to do so. He is sending each one of us to specific places, people, and moments each day. And He's counting on us to be "Evangelical"—to share His "Good News" in those places and to those people. One of the primary reasons MQP exists is to help you feel equipped to share Jesus' "Good News," wherever He sends you.

As you read through this MQP Annual Report, you'll find examples of how the mission that Jesus calls us to as a parish has been lived out in the past year. It's only possible through an entire parish coming together to fulfill the mission God has for each one of us individually—and as the whole Body of Christ. THANK YOU to the many parish staff, ministers, volunteers, and all of you for your generosity in so many ways—both seen and unseen: prayers, time, work, and financial contributions. Your ongoing support of all the ministries and apostolates at MQP has an eternal impact at the parish, in Sammamish, and beyond!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

*Fr. Chad Green*



### MQP STATS 2022 - 2023

Registered Households: **1,674**

Parish Members: **5,035**

Parish Members in Parish Ministries: **634**

Liturgical Ministers: **195**

Music Ministers: **85**

Children in Faith Formation Pre-School—K: **32**

Children in 1-5 Faith Formation: **97**

Teens in Middle School & High School: **50**

Baptisms: **34**

Professions of Faith: **3**

First Eucharist: **70**

Confirmations: **40**

Marriages: **3**

Funerals & Memorials: **21**

## WHAT IS A SISTER PARISH?

### **Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral**

#### **Tamale, Ghana**

- **The seat of Archbishop Philip Naameh.**
- **Established 1950.**



The sister parish relationship between Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sammamish, Washington, and Our Lady of the Annunciation in Tamale, Ghana, is a testament to the transformative power of faith, friendship, and global community. Despite the vast geographical and cultural differences that separate these two parishes, their connection is deeply rooted in their shared Catholic faith and a commitment to unity.

Mary, Queen of Peace and Our Lady of the Annunciation are worlds apart in terms of their surroundings. Yet, these differences have not hindered the bond between them.

At the heart of this sister parish relationship is the desire to foster mutual understanding, support, and spiritual growth. Both parishes celebrate the same liturgical calendar, observe key Catholic feasts and seasons, and hold the Eucharist as central to their faith. Our shared commitment to outreach, charity, and faith formation reflects the universal values of the Catholic Church, transcending borders and bringing communities together.

This remarkable sister parish relationship found its genesis in a transformative visit by Fr. Kevin to Tamale in 2012. This inspirational connection continues to flourish, exemplifying the beautiful potential for unity within the global Catholic family.

## BUCKETS OF COMPASSION

In 2023, Mary Queen of Peace parishioners continued their 15-year effort to bring clean, local water to waterless villages, schools, and health clinics in northern Ghana. Donations at our annual Buckets of Compassion event this year raised almost \$24,000!

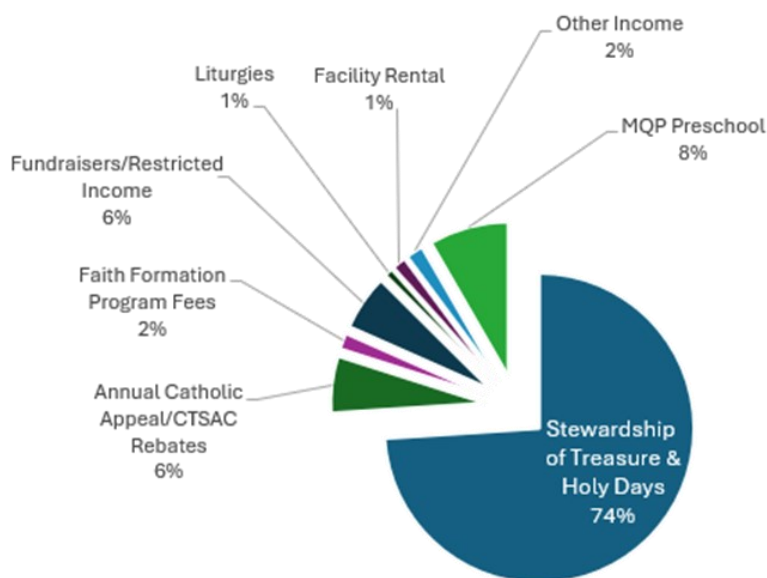
Those donations will fund at least 4 wells, which will: improve health of all villagers; increase the infant and child survival rate; enable girls to get an education (as they don't have to walk hours for water each day); and provide women with more hours of the day to use caring for their families and perhaps starting a small business to provide income for their family.

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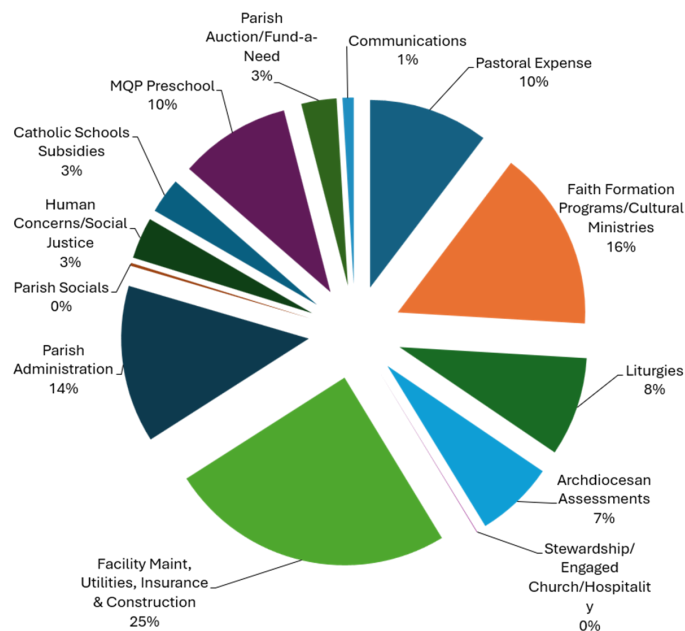
	BUDGET	ACTUALS
	2022-2023	2022-2023
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Stewardship & Holy Days	\$1,580,700	\$1,526,701
Annual Appeal /CTSAC Rebate	\$40,000	\$122,685
Faith Formation Program Fees	\$55,550	\$35,371
Fundraisers/Restricted Income	\$31,000	\$120,107
Liturgies	\$14,160	\$18,718
Facility Rental	\$24,100	\$30,354
Other Revenue	\$20,476	\$37,767
MQP Preschool	\$196,320	\$172,300
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,962,306</b>	<b>\$2,064,003</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Pastoral Expenses	\$94,554	\$93,092
Liturgies	\$159,809	\$146,825
Faith Formation/Cultural Ministries	\$272,151	\$231,045
Stewardship/Engaged Church/Hospitality	\$10,000	\$41,929
Communications	\$67,255	\$67,454
Facilities	\$425,865	\$434,871
Human Concerns/Social Justice	\$68,517	\$74,471
Parish Socials & Celebrations	\$8,850	\$10,450
Parish Administration	\$454,134	\$449,965
Fundraising	\$8,000	\$57,577
Archdiocese Assessments	\$133,889	\$133,639
Catholic School Subsidies	\$51,100	\$52,300
MQP Preschool	\$188,247	\$168,554
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,942,371</b>	<b>\$1,962,172</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$19,935</b>	<b>\$101,831</b>

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## Parish Revenue



## Parish Expenditures



## PARISH OUTREACH

As a parish, a great deal of our efforts and monetary gifts are directed to helping others. In fiscal year 2022-23 parishioners contributed \$174,898 to the following:

- St. Vincent de Paul Conference
- Rice Bowl
- Catholic Home Missions
- Easter Baskets
- The Holy Land, Peter's Pence
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Community Services
- Buckets of Compassion
- Warm for Winter

We provide gifts to those in need through our

In addition, the parish shares 5% of our Stewardship of Treasure, and dedicated the fund-a-need portion of our auction proceeds, \$41,680, to our local St. Vincent de Paul. Our Human Concerns Charitable Giving Committee distributed \$64,087 to many organizations including:

- Issaquah Community Services
- Tent City IV
- The New Bethlehem Day Center and Shelter
- Providence Marianwood Foundation
- NPH (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos)
- Mary's Place
- Eastside Friends of Seniors
- Eastside Baby Corner
- Issaquah Food Bank
- Catholic Relief Services
- St. Thomas More Newman Center

To give, please go to: [www.mqp.org/give](http://www.mqp.org/give)

## YOUNG ADULTS HIKING TO HOLINESS



## BUILDING THE YOUNG CHURCH ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

In the summer, our young adults group participated in our first "Hike and Mass" event. We hiked Poo Poo Point in Issaquah on an early morning. At the top of the mountain, Fr. Chad celebrated Mass. We were able to evangelize in a profound way, to witness to the other hikers what we center our lives around, Jesus Christ. One of our young adults who often goes on hikes shared, *"But this time it was really, really different. I never had a Mass on top of a mountain before. I definitely felt happy, uplifted, joyful, especially to be with other young adults."*

The young adults' ministry is centered around the Eucharist. We start our monthly "Adoration, Confession and Fellowship" gatherings with Eucharistic Adoration. We seek to grow in relationship with Jesus first, then we enjoy the fruits of that love with one another. Our events have included open gym volleyball, a spikeball competition, painting with Bob Ross, baking pretzels and volunteer opportunities.

As young adults in a secular world who are striving to grow in holiness as disciples of Christ, it can be discouraging feeling like one's living their faith alone. People seek communion, they want to connect and that's exactly what we offer, a place to be uplifted in your faith while having fun with people your own age.

~ **Anne Sweeney, Young Adults Coordinator**  
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## CGS NURTURES YOUR CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

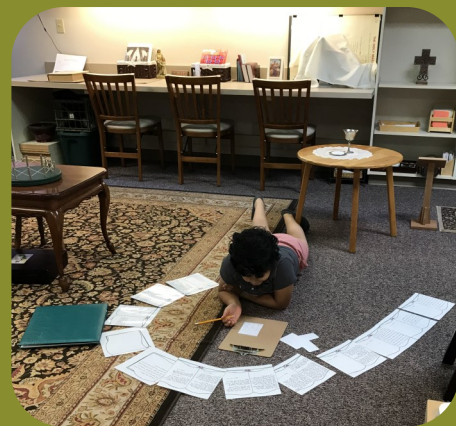
We are entering into our third year of CGS at MQP. This fall, we opened a dedicated Level III atrium in the St. Joseph Room where we honor the independence of the 9-12 year-old child. The history of salvation focusing on the plan of God as a plan of communion, a plan which links all people together through God's love delight the older child. The emphasis is on our response to this unfolding generosity of God and recognition of the responsibilities that come with receiving God's great gifts and seeing oneself as a collaborator with God.

The Lozano family have boys in Level II and Level III. They are grateful for your generosity in making this happen!

"The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been a fantastic way to keep my kids involved and engaged with our faith. It gives us common ground for discussion and learning. They are always looking forward to their next lesson." (Santiago & Maria Lozano)

It is an absolute joy to watch the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of the children, catechists, and volunteers. "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do" (Luke 17:10). God is so wonderfully good.

~ **Maria Notturmo, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**  
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## NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the past year, we have been focused on nurturing our faith through innovative and inspiring liturgies, programs and experiences, and preparing our parish for the future.

Our parish population that exemplifies global diversity. We have honored Our Lady of Velankanni from India, celebrated the cherished Simbang Gabi from the Philippines, and paid homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe from Mexico. These celebrations have not only strengthened our bonds with fellow believers but have also deepened our understanding of the global reach of our faith.

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Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is flourishing with three active Atria, providing children with a rich spiritual foundation. Additionally, both our Sacramental Prep and Family Faith Formation programs have experienced growth, demonstrating a heightened commitment to nurturing the spiritual development of our members.

The Youth Ministry and Young Adult programs have thrived. Their developing programs have ensured that the younger generations are equipped with the knowledge and support to flourish in their faith.

We are committed to creating a welcoming and uplifting environment for all who come to worship and grow in faith. The installation of the new Skylight this past July was a significant achievement. Together, these notable accomplishments have strengthened our church community and allowed us to continue our mission of sharing God's love with the world!

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT MQP

Consider Simplified Giving. Once enrolled in Simplified Giving, your donations are automatically withdrawn from your checking account or charged to your credit card. Donations may be scheduled once or twice a month; quarterly, semi-annually or annually. You can enroll online at [www.mqp.org/give](http://www.mqp.org/give) or just call the Parish Office 425.391.1178 ext 111 or email [bookkeeper@mqp.org](mailto:bookkeeper@mqp.org).

Many employers match funds, or have a giving program. Check with your employer. Some local companies have very specific rules regarding matching gifts. We are ready to help to make sure specific programs that meet your employer's rules can be supported and will provide documentation as needed.

Consider a memorial gift to Mary, Queen of Peace or St. Vincent de Paul when planning your will.

Share your time and talent with our faith formation programs. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, middle school and senior high programs are all in need of new volunteers this fall.

Most importantly, keep the whole community in your prayer- that we continue to find new ways each to share our faith with the wider community!

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