

***First Fruits***  
***St. Scholastica Catholic Church***  
***Lecanto, Florida***  
***July 2009 – June 2010***

November 6, 2010

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The St. Scholastica parish community is uniquely blessed each week as families and friends come together to celebrate the Mass and through the Eucharist offer thanksgiving and praise to our Almighty Father. It is through each and every one of us that the gifts of time, talent and treasure are offered and come to fruition. It is through these gifts that we give God the best in each of us.

The following is St. Scholastica's Annual Report. It is a snapshot of our parish life for 2009-2010. Last year we were faced with sober decisions about our parish finances. You responded then and have continued to respond through the past 12 months. Due to your outpouring of support through time, talent, treasure and understanding, the current parish finances are stronger.

Our thanks go out to each and every one of you for your contributions to our parish. We are blessed to have such a committed group of parishioners. Thank you.

St. Scholastica Catholic Church  
 Finance Council 2010-2011

Laura Brigantic (Chair)	Linda Abels	Cathi Bondar (Ex Officio)	Jan Brownhill
Frank Dombkowski	Ray Chirayath	Bill Dittmore (Secretary)	Larry Jamieson
Dale Merrill (Vice Chair)	Maria Fe Santiago		

***The People That We Serve ...***

**Parish Population**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2000</b>
Registered Families	1445	913
Registered Individuals	3368	2376
New Families Registered	69	205

**Sacraments Celebrated**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2000</b>
Infant / Child / Adult Baptisms	9	35
Adults Received into Full Communion	3	6
First Holy Communion	20	48
Confirmation	35	50
Marriages / Convalidations	0	14
Funeral Liturgies	20	23

***Report updated Nov 12, 2010. Thanks for your feedback!***

## *How We Serve ...*

### **Faith Formation, Education and Evangelization**

- Junior and Senior High School Youth Ministry
- Parish School of Religious Education/CCD
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children (RCIC)
- Scripture Study

### **Groups and Organizations**

- Council of Catholic Women
- Knights of Columbus Council 14485

### **Human Concerns**

- Outreach to Those in Need (Food Pantry, Christmas Gifts)
- Pastoral Care to the Homebound and Nursing Home Residents
- Ministry to Citrus County Detention Center
- Respect Life Ministry
- Parish Nurse Ministry

### **Liturgy**

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Greeters
- Musicians, Choir, Cantors
- Readers
- Sacristans
- Ushers

### **Parish Administration**

- Council of Parish Ministries
- Finance Council
- Maintenance of Building and Grounds
- Stewardship Committee
- Money Counters
- Office Staff and Volunteers
- Planning Committee for the Future Parish Center

### **Prayer and Devotion**

- Body of Christ Prayer Group
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Prayer Line
- Vocations Awareness
- Christ Renews His Parish

### **Service Ministries**

- Altar Linens
- Art & Environment
- Cleaning of the Church

### **Sacramental Preparation**

- Baptism of Infants
- First Penance
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation
- Marriage

**Resources for Serving ...**

**Receipts and Expenses**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

**Receipts**

Offertory / Debt Reduction	\$611,786
Annual Pastoral Appeal (January - December 2009)	78,256
Future Parish Center	71,388
Catholic Education	21,854
Miscellaneous Income(Votive Candles, Bulletin)	20,742
Mission Church Collections	18,065
Interest Income	17,046
Repairs/Maintenance	9,034
Diocesan Collections	8,356
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$856,527</b>

**Expenses**

Salaries	\$241,398
Capital Exp / Future Parish Center (Permits, Site Work)	110,556
Insurance / Employee Benefits	98,814
Pope John Paul II Catholic School	96,799
Annual Pastoral Appeal (January - December 2009)	87,404
Miscellaneous Parish Expenses (Utilities, Advertising, Hospitality)	46,356
Interest on Outstanding Loans	38,212
Faith Formation Expenses (Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Retreats, Continuing Education, Publications)	28,992
Office Expenses	30,166
Liturgical Expenses	30,082
Mortgages - Church / Rectory	27,218
Repairs & Maintenance	16,907
Rectory Expenses	11,966
Automobile Expenses	11,940
Capital Expenses - Rectory	939
Capital Expenses - Church	486
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$878,235</b>

*(Please note that expenses are higher than revenues due to the outlay of Capital Expenses for the Parish Center.)*

**Operating and Reserve Accounts**

Checking and Unrestricted Savings	\$131,501
Savings for Future Parish Center	\$1,032,534
Outstanding Loans	
Church	\$822,734
Rectory	127,988

Land (Interest Free Loan)	60,100
<i>Balances as of the close of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 2010</i>	
<b>Outreach to the Local Community</b>	
Poor Box Donations Received	\$4541
Thanksgiving/Ash Wednesday Collected for Daystar	4327
Disbursements to Daystar Life Center	9827
Pregnancy & Life Center Special Collection	1740
Other Donations Disbursed	337
<b>Outreach to Mission Appeals</b>	<b>18,188</b>
Annual Mission Co-op; Earthquake Assistance in Haiti; Theo's Work in Haiti	
<b>Outreach to the Universal Church</b>	<b>\$7,286</b>
Retired Religious, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land	

***"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:8 – 10***

#### **Year in Review**

- Citrus Deanery Planning Process Completed
- Parish Mission with Father Bill Halbing
- Established Stewardship Council - Rose Samson, Chairman
- Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes & Assisted Living
- Super Bowl of Caring / Donations to Daystar Life Center
- High School Youth and Chaperones attended NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri)
- Parish Sponsored Blood Drives
- Realigned Finance Council with Diocesan Decree - Laura Brigantic, Chairman
- St. Jude Medal Awarded to Walter and Julia Whitney by Bishop Lynch
- Living Eucharist Initiative Concluded With Call to Serve the Community

...just to name a few of the many activities during the year!

***Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace; one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.***

***(Ephesians 4:1 – 6)***