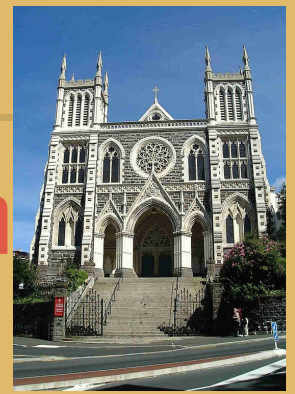




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HARATUA 2021



Catholic Diocese of Dunedin Te Hahi Katorika o Otepoti

Bishop Michael

Last year we were all affected by the restrictions that COVID 19 prevention forced upon us. The parishes and schools in our Diocese had to adapt very quickly as lockdowns meant major changes to the ways things were done. If nothing else our response to COVID has shown that we are flexible and able to adapt quickly where it is needed. The experience of last year has made me very appreciative that at the moment I am free to travel to parishes for Confirmation ceremonies. This is a joyful part of my ministry as Bishop when I can receive those candidates coming forward for confirmation and join with the community in celebrating our faith in God.

A pandemic must be one of the major challenges that humanity can face. Science provides the tools to combat illness through inventions such as vaccines and we give thanks for the God-given talents of scientists that uses knowledge for the good of humanity. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference is encouraging all people to get vaccinated so that each of us can contribute to the protection of the population especially those who are most vulnerable.

In March, the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care held public hearings and Cardinal John Dew made a formal apology to survivors of abuse within the Church. In his apology he admitted that great harm had been done by abuse and that the Church is committed to listening and learning from survivors of abuse. This is a painful time for the Church, for her people and for her leaders. At times we may be tempted to ignore the hurts that have taken place but they have to be acknowledged. We do have a positive opportunity to follow the Gospel and act with justice and care for the injured. Join with me in praying that this crisis will result in a Church that is more humble, able to live with more integrity and most importantly be closer to Christ.

+Michael Dooley



PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification.

Amen.

DIOCESAN FINANCE REPORT

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

A copy of the 2019 and 2020 audited annual accounts are now on the diocesan webpage at <https://www.cdd.org.nz/finance>. Because the annual accounts include depreciation and property valuations. They can provide a somewhat unrealistic picture of the diocese's financial situation. For example, in 2019 property values (primarily our schools) increased by 43.4 million and in 2020 with the addition of St Kevin's College to our balance sheet they increased again by \$21 million. It would be a mistake to imagine that we have made a huge profit, as this isn't actually money available for the diocese to operate. A cashflow report provides a more realistic picture.

CASHFLOW

Branch	Income	Expenditure	Profit (Loss)
Admin/General	681,067	496,191	184,876
Chaplaincies & Caring Foundation	149,892	132,457	17,435
Formation	69,416	122,317	(52,901)
Grants	20,000	70,000	(50,000)
Special Collections	23,631	11,727	11,904
Communication	2,234	12,168	(9,934)
Holy Cross	574,909	717,528	(142,619)
Moran Building	195,446	78,967	116,479
Pastoral Centre	32,235	67,102	(34,867)
TOTAL	1,748,830	1,708,457	40,374

NOT INCLUDED

I have not included the integrated schools and policy one branches of our accounts in this report. Policy One is money we receive from the government to maintain our 24 primary and 4 secondary schools. Integrated schools has income from attendance dues and expenses in terms of mortgage repayments and insurance costs. It also includes the cost of running the education office and income from education donations. In the accounts above some of the income received by chancery comes from overheads charged against these two aspects of the diocese's operation.

FINANCE REPORT CONTINUED

Positive Movement

The good news illustrated in the 2020 Finance report is that we continue to operate with a small surplus (\$40, 374). This means that accounts held in the Catholic Development Fund are slowly freed up, being available for parish projects or able to be invested. As has been explained in previous reports we have borrowed money from ourselves over the years (from parish savings and tagged diocesan savings) and we are now paying parishes etc back. When taken together - all parish and diocesan accounts put together - all approximately \$2.5 Million in credit. When this money is invested it provides a return for the diocese and helps fund diocesan ministry and outreach.

Notes:

- a. Holy Cross expenditure includes work of approximately \$100,000 that enabled St Mary's Church to be subdivided from Holy Cross.
- b. Moran Building is fully tenanted. Tenants were offered rent relief during the Covid-19 lockdown.
- c. Pastoral Centre. New tenants were introduced to the building in October. Renovations to levels 3 and 5 to enable this to occur came as a cost of \$88,000.
- d. The diocese did not charge parishes a levy for April and May because of the Covid-19 lockdown.

CARING FOUNDATION

Each year we have a Caring Foundation Appeal. A number of parishioners also make generous contributions to the Caring Foundation throughout the year. This year the Caring Foundation Collection will be taken up on Sunday, August the 8th. Envelopes will be provided.

The income from this investment assists with various aspects of the Pastoral Outreach of our diocese. This year the investment income received from the Caring Foundation will be used to support our rural communities. There will be more about this in next month's newsletter.

PRISON MINISTRY

We are very pleased to have the vacancy for a Chaplain at Otago Prison filled in March this year. Sue, a Dunedin parishioner, is currently completing a Chaplaincy course through the University of Otago, is training in Ignatian Spiritual Direction and has also now completed a course in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Sue is an ideal person for the position. She has fitted in very well and her visits and spiritual support to those in prison is greatly valued.

MOTHER PROVINCIAL

On Wednesday 12 May, the Little Sisters of the Poor were happy to welcome their new provincial superior for her first visit to Dunedin. Sr. Angela Bernard and her assistant Sr. Rose Margaret both of whom are stationed in Sydney, had been watching the news carefully to see when they could fly over the ditch for their inaugural visit to the two communities in New Zealand. Once the bubble was announced, they wasted no time in booking a flight for Auckland where they spent 3 weeks before heading south.

Sr. Angela is a native of Scotland and was thrilled to find herself in ‘the Edinburgh of the South’. The residents and sisters gave her a very Scottish welcome. Bishop Michael was pleased to meet the new Provincial Superior after celebrating Mass on 13 May and expressed his gratitude for the presence of the community in the diocese.



God bless,
Sr. Maria



DUNEDIN CONCERT TO SUPPORT THE MYANMAR PEOPLE

DIVERSITY | UNITY | HOPE

SOLIDARITY MYANMAR

DUNEDIN TOWN HALL
THURSDAY 27 MAY | SHOW STARTS 7:30PM

TICKETS \$30, STUDENTS \$20 | ONLINE TICKETS: WWW.TICKETMASTER.CO.NZ
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM REGENT THEATRE M-F 9AM-5:30PM, SAT 10:30AM-1PM, TOWN HALL DOOR SALES ON 27 MAY

DUNEDIN JAZZ CLUB | TINY RUINS/HOLLIE FULLBROOK
JAZZERS DAVID EGGLETON & THE WILD CARDS | MARLIN'S DREAMING
HE WAKA KOTUIA | THE EDMOND BROTHERS | DJ GILLY
CHIN ARTISTS | VAN HLEI SUNG WITH DUNEDIN MYANMAR COMMUNITY

Sending aroha and raising funds to support the democracy movement in Myanmar
All proceeds to Mutual Aid Myanmar | www.mutualaidmyanmar.org

SUPPORTERS: National Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies, University of Waikato, Waikato Club Services Centre, Justice Peace & Service Action/New Zealand, Australia Research Ltd, Strawberry Island, Amnesty NZ, Office of Ethnic Affairs, Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council, Mayor of Dunedin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Waikato Free.

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The Solidarity Myanmar concert aims to amplify the voices of people in Myanmar, raise awareness of the crisis and gather koha/donations to support the people in Myanmar’s democracy movement. A number of artists have offered their time and talents in support and the local Myanmar community will be involved in expressing their culture at this time of suffering for the country.

Tickets are available from the Regent Theatre M-F 9am-5pm Sat 10:30am-1pm, online from ticketmaster. Also Town Hall door sales on 27 May.

It’s a unique show, full of heart and a great way to support the people of Myanmar.

<https://www.mutualaidmyanmar.org>