

July 10, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am pleased to continue the practice of sharing with you the annual financial statements of the Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie for the year ended December 31, 2022. These statements have been independently audited by our certified public accountants and as specified in Canon Law, reviewed by the members of the Diocesan Finance Council.

This annual report is just one element of the accountability and transparency which the Diocese strives to practice on a continuing basis. In constructing our operating budget and monitoring our expenditures, I would assure you that our diocesan staff is committed to the prudent management of the financial resources which you have entrusted to us.

The facts and figures contained in this report represent more than an indication that what we do with our finances is right and proper in terms of accounting standards. The report also serves as concrete evidence of your generous support--primarily through the Catholic Services Appeal--of our Gospel mission and your concern for the needs of others. The vital ministries and programs that are carried out here at the Diocesan level including Catholic education, Catholic Charities, clergy and religious personnel services, vocations, and communications most certainly are dependent upon your generosity.

The annual report indicates that our current financial position is stable. There was a restatement of our 2021 financial statement that resulted in a positive change to our income statement and an increase to our investment balances. Unfortunately, the return on investment in 2022 were down approximately 20% and increases in interest rates have resulted in additional expense on our debt payments related to the Diocese of Erie's Survivors Reparation Fund.

Asking God's blessings on you and with deep appreciation for your continued support of the Diocese of Erie, I remain.

Sincerely yours in Christ, + Lawrence T. Persico The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie

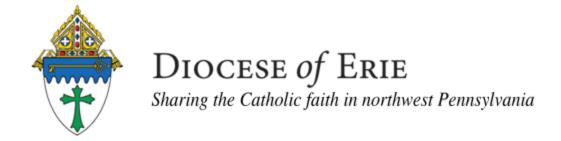
Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie Central Administrative Offices

2022 Financial Report Highlights

- The financial statements of the Central Administrative Offices (CAO) of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie have once again been independently audited. The report of the independent auditor—MPB, LLP—stated that as of December 31, 2022, those statements presented fairly the financial position of the CAO and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended.
- Those audited statements include only the services and programs which are provided through the Central Administrative Offices. The CAO serves parishes, schools, and other diocesan entities by providing program, financial and administrative support. However, its audited statements do not include the separate activities of the parishes, schools, cemeteries, or other distinct operating entities such as The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania, The Catholic Deposit & Loan Fund, or Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. and its affiliates.
- For 2022, the CAO reported a decrease in net assets of \$8.7 million. A restatement of our 2021 financial statement resulted in a positive change to our income statement and an increase to our investment balances. Comparisons to 2022 are to the restated 2021 balances. The decrease to our net assets were due to a loss on investments (\$8.0 million) and an increase in our health insurance expense of (\$.74 million).
- For the year, operating revenue increased to \$21.6 million.
- Total expenses were up about \$400,000 from the prior year. This increase was due to an increase in health insurance claims of \$736,500 and interest expense of \$204,000, This increase was offset by decreases in legal fees of \$564,000.

- Expenses for all ministries and programs of the CAO are included in the annual operating budget which is approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. Actual vs. budgeted expenses are then monitored monthly throughout the year. For 2022, the operating budget (net of legal fees) was slightly negative due to higher interest expense related to the line of credit.
- Total assets decreased by \$11.3 million to \$59.7 million after the restatement of 2021. The primary reason for the decrease were net realized/unrealized gains on investments for the year.
- There was a decrease in liabilities of \$2.5 million to \$43.6 million. \$1.2 million was related to a favorable pension adjustment and \$1.6 million related to the decrease in the investment value held by others.
- The Diocesan Finance Council meets throughout the year on a quarterly basis. It serves as the primary advisory body to the Bishop of Erie in the area of financial administration. In addition to approving the annual budget and reviewing the annual accounting report, canon law requires that the Council be consulted on acts of extraordinary financial administration such as the purchase or sale of real estate, the borrowing of large amounts, and major new construction projects.
- The Office of Financial Services has the responsibility of supporting and assisting the bishop in the stewardship of the temporal resources needed to carry out the mission of the Diocese. It fulfills this responsibility by seeing that the resources of the Central Administrative Offices as well as those of the parishes, schools, and diocesan-affiliated entities are administered in a prudent manner and in accord with church law. It also includes onsite evaluations of the financial practices of parishes and elementary schools in order to ensure that their assets are properly safeguarded, that proper internal controls are in place, and that there is compliance with diocesan policies.
- Should you have any questions concerning the financial report, please contact the Office of Financial Services at 814-824-1180 or Finance@eriercd.org. I also invite you to visit our website for additional information at www.eriercd.org/finance.asp

James A. Hubert Chief Financial Officer



Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie Central Administrative Offices Erie, Pennsylvania

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Central Administrative Offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie (Diocese), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Diocese as of December 31, 2022, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Diocese and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Restatement of Financial Statements

We draw attention to Note P to the financial statements, which describes that the 2021 financial statements that we originally reported on May 5, 2022 have been amended, and the matter that gives rise to the amendment of the financial statements.

Our opinion is not modified with respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Diocese's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Diocese's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Diocese's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Diocese's 2021 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated May 5, 2022. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived as amended.

MEGill, Power, Bell + Associates, LLP

McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP Erie, Pennsylvania April 24, 2023



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2022		2021 (As Restated - Note P)		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note A) Cash and Cash Equivalents Held for Others (Note A)	\$	9,922,926 566,462	\$	10,352,191 492,637	
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		10,489,388		10,844,828	
Accounts, Notes and Loans Receivable, Net (Note A and B) Prepaid Insurance and Other Expenses Investments at Fair Value (Note M) Investments Held for Related Affiliates (Note F) Other Investments, at Cost Property and Equipment, Net (Note A and D)		4,867,941 538,035 34,754,164 6,590,472 264,668 2,207,515		5,128,805 535,321 43,876,363 8,232,347 264,668 2,085,580	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	59,712,183	\$	70,967,912	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Line of Credit (Note E) Insurance Claims Payable and Accrued (Note A) Deferred Revenues (Note A) Funds Held for Others Funds Held for Related Affiliates (Note F) Pension and Postretirement Benefits Liability (Note K) TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,632,451 20,603,617 1,681,121 1,102,202 566,462 6,590,472 11,471,346	\$	1,673,997 20,603,617 1,391,507 1,125,980 492,637 8,232,347 12,672,807	
NET ASSETS Without Donor Restrictions (Note A and H) Operations and Program Support Designated Designated - Priests' Retirement Deficiency Funds Functioning as Endowments		(17,487,416) 16,797,660 (13,501,247) 15,027,350		(16,831,479) 18,038,822 (14,809,732) 19,434,397	
TOTAL NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		836,347		5,832,008	
With Donor Restrictions (Note A and H)		15,228,165		18,943,012	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		16,064,512		24,775,020	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	59,712,183	\$	70,967,912	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Wit			
REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	Operations and Program Support	Designated	Funds Functioning as Endowments	Total Without Donor Restrictions
Catholic Services Appeal - Designated for Operations	\$ -	\$ 4,198,243	\$ -	\$ 4,198,243
Catholic Services Appeal - Used in Operations	4,198,243	(4,198,243)	-	· 2/130/ = 10
Diocesan Assessments	1,637,000	3,581,335	-	5,218,335
Insurance Programs Revenue	-	8,820,653	-	8,820,653
Program Service Fees	374,656	441,205	-	815,861
Department Revenues	551,028	, -	-	551,028
Interest and Dividend Income (Loss), Net	(18,486)	164,818	317,854	464,186
Contributions and Bequests	700,838	89,421	134,582	924,841
Contributed Services	35,298	, -	, -	35,298
Other Revenue	20,695	2,010	=	22,705
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	880,448	112,395		992,843
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND				
OTHER SUPPORT	8,379,720	13,211,837	452,436	22,043,993
EXPENSES AND LOSSES				
Pastoral Services	1,202,886	-	-	1,202,886
Clergy Services	428,354	893,598	22,630	1,344,582
Vocation	694,547	-	-	694,547
Educational Services	1,884,998	2,481,749	537,287	4,904,034
Communications	649,639	42,760	-	692,399
Catholic Charities	1,044,560	-	-	1,044,560
Tribunal Office	196,067	-	-	196,067
Catholic Foundation Allocations	349,996	-	-	349,996
Financial Services	837,220	-	-	837,220
Facilities Management	905,976	-	242,252	1,148,228
Insurance Programs	-	9,737,948	-	9,737,948
Interest Expense	552,235	233	(11,733)	540,735
Claims and Legal Expenses Related to the				
Grand Jury Investigation	404,208	-	-	404,208
Other Expenses	174,283	(5,000)	32,183	201,466
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,324,969	13,151,288	822,619	23,298,876
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES) AND	(045.040)	60.540	(070.100)	(4.254.000)
NET UNRECOGNIZED PENSION COSTS	(945,249)	60,549	(370,183)	(1,254,883)

 n Donor rictions		Totals 2022	(As	Totals s Restated - Note P) 2021
\$ -	\$	4,198,243	\$	4,205,754
-		-		-
-		5,218,335		5,211,205
-		8,820,653		8,760,450
-		815,861		799,175
-		551,028		544,657
291,200		755,386		778,947
280,549		1,205,390		563,897
-		35,298		34,196
-		22,705		43,296
 (992,843)		-		-
(421,094)		21,622,899		20,941,577
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-		1,202,886		1,079,103
-		1,344,582		1,434,064
-		694,547		729,774
-		4,904,034		4,844,349
-		692,399		670,850
-		1,044,560		1,058,355
-		196,067		191,064
-		349,996		349,996
_		837,220		1,063,967
_		1,148,228		1,131,699
_		9,737,948		9,001,438
_		540,735		336,737
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_		404,208		968,034
-		201,466		40,434
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-		23,298,876		22,899,864
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(421,094)		(1,675,977)		(1,958,287)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

	With			
	Operations and Program Support	Designated	Funds Functioning as Endowments	Total Without Donor Restrictions
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS				
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments Change in Net Unrecognized Pension Costs	(47,034)	(931,340) 989,498	(3,751,902)	(4,730,276) 989,498
Change in 1vet Officeognized Pension Costs		707,470		707,470
TOTAL OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(47,034)	58,158	(3,751,902)	(3,740,778)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(992,283)	118,707	(4,122,085)	(4,995,661)
NET ASSET INTERNAL TRANSFERS	336,346	(51,384)	(284,962)	-
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(16,831,479)	3,229,090	19,434,397	5,832,008
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ (17,487,416)	\$ 3,296,413	\$ 15,027,350	\$ 836,347

With Donor Restrictions	Totals 2022	Totals (As Restated - Note P) 2021
(3,293,753)	(8,024,029) 989,498	4,654,288 2,106,167
(3,293,753)	(7,034,531)	6,760,455
(3,714,847)	(8,710,508)	4,802,168
-	-	-
18,943,012	24,775,020	19,972,852
\$ 15,228,165	\$ 16,064,512	\$ 24,775,020

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		2022	•	2021 s Restated - Note P)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Change in Net Assets	\$	(8,710,508)	\$	4,802,168
Items not Requiring (Providing) Cash		057.001		242.124
Depreciation		256,031		242,134
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments Changes in Pension and Post Retirement Benefits Liability		8,024,029 (1,201,461)		(4,654,288) (2,255,622)
Changes in		(1,201,401)		(2,233,022)
Assessment and Catholic Services Appeal Accounts				
Receivable, Other Receivables and Loans		199,911		27,495
Prepaid Insurance and Other Expenses		(2,714)		(10,863)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses, Including		(, ,		(, ,
Insurance Claims		248,068		(1,260,343)
Deferred Revenues		(23,778)		206,519
Funds Held for Others		73,825		(77,784)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(1,136,597)		(2,980,584)
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of Property and Equipment		(377,966)		(291,604)
Purchase of Investments		(20,325,850)		(14,550,408)
Proceeds from Disposition of Investments		23,065,895		13,274,700
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)				
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		2,362,079		(1,567,312)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Note Receivable - Parish and School - Net Principal		60.052		125 602
Repayments (Loans Made) Net Additions (Withdrawals)		60,953		135,692
from Investments Held for Others		(1,641,875)		840,372
		(1)011)010)		010,072
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)				
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(1,580,922)		976,064
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND				
CASH EQUIVALENTS		(355,440)		(3,571,832)
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS,		10.044.000		1 4 41 6 660
BEGINNING OF YEAR		10,844,828		14,416,660
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS,				
END OF YEAR	\$	10,489,388	\$	10,844,828
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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION Cash Paid for Interest	\$	540,735	\$	336,737
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The Central Administrative Offices (CAO) of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie (the Diocese) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission and principal activities are to oversee the parishes, schools and other entities of the Diocese under the supervision of the Bishop's office and staff. The Diocese encompasses thirteen counties in Northwest Pennsylvania. The operations of the Diocese support the programs and activities of these parishes, schools and other entities. Additionally, the Diocese administers the parishes and other affiliates participation in the Diocese's self-insured group health and property/casualty insurance programs.

The financial statements do not include the separate activities of the Diocesan parishes, schools, cemeteries, service agencies, nursing homes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc., the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Erie, the Catholic Deposit and Loan Fund of Northwest Pennsylvania, Inc., or any institution owned and operated by religious orders of men or women. The aforementioned activities are distinct operating entities, maintain separate accounts, and perform their own services and programs.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, gains, losses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Diocese considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, cash equivalents consisted primarily of money market accounts with brokers.

At December 31, 2022, the Diocese cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately \$957,000.

Investments and Investment Return

Investments in equity securities having a readily determinable fair value and all debt securities are carried at fair value. Other investments are valued at the lower of cost (or fair value at the time of donation, if acquired by contribution) or fair value.

Investment return includes dividend, interest and other investment income; realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments carried at fair value; and realized gains and losses on other investments, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

Investment return that is initially restricted by donor stipulation and for which the restriction will be satisfied in the same year is included in net assets without donor restrictions. Other investment return is reflected in the statements of activities with or without donor restrictions based upon the existence and nature of any donor or legally imposed restrictions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Diocese maintains pooled investment accounts for its endowments and other organizations' investments. Investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses from securities in the pooled investment accounts are allocated to the individual endowments based on fair value of the interest of each endowment to the total fair value of the pooled investments accounts, as adjusted for additions to or deductions from those accounts.

Accounts, Notes and Loans Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount of consideration from parishes and other Diocesan organizations, of which the Diocese has an unconditional right to receive. The Diocese provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the organization.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged to expense using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset.

The estimated useful lives for each major depreciable classification of property and equipment are as follows:

Building 40 years
Building Improvements 15 years
Vehicles, Office Equipment and Furniture 5 - 7 years

Long-Lived Asset Impairment

The Diocese evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value of long-lived assets whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If a long-lived asset is tested for recoverability and the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, the asset cost is adjusted to fair value and an impairment loss is recognized as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds it fair value. No asset impairment was recognized during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Guarantees

The Diocese is a guarantor of a loan to an institution which falls under its jurisdiction. The guarantee term is approximately 10 years. Should the Diocese be obligated to perform under the guarantee arrangement, the Diocese may seek reimbursement from the affiliate of amounts expended under the guarantee.

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the total outstanding balance on the guaranteed loan was approximately \$5.1 million and \$5.3 million, respectively. To the best of the Diocese's knowledge, payments on the obligation have been made by the institution in accordance with the loan agreement. There were no known defaults or delinquencies. Therefore, the Diocese did not record a liability under guarantee agreements at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions are available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The Diocesan Finance Council has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for an operating reserve and board-designated endowments.

Net assets with donor restrictions are subject to donor restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

Contributions

Contributions are provided to the Diocese either with or without restrictions placed on the gift by the donor. Revenues and net assets are separately reported to reflect the nature of those gifts – with or without donor restrictions. The value recorded for each contribution is recognized as follows:

Value Recognized
Not recognized until the gift becomes unconditional, <i>i.e.</i> the donor-imposed barrier is met
Fair value
Estimated fair value
Net realizable value
Initially reported at fair value determined using the discounted present value of estimated future cash flows technique

In addition to the amount initially recognized, revenue for unconditional gifts to be collected in future years is also recognized each year as the present-value discount is amortized using the level-yield method.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

When a donor stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Absent explicit donor stipulations for the period of time that long-lived assets must be held, expirations of restrictions for gifts of land, buildings, equipment and other long-lived assets are reported when those assets are placed in service.

Gifts having donor stipulations which are satisfied in the period the gift is received are reported as revenue and net assets without donor restrictions.

Self-Insurance

The Financial Services Office of the Diocese manages insurance programs on behalf of parishes and other institutions within the Diocese through a combination of self-insurance retentions, participation in a liability risk retention group with other Dioceses, and the purchase of excess insurance coverage above the self-insured limits.

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Diocese was self-insured on property claims up to \$350,000. The Diocese was also self-insured for theft/employee dishonesty claims up to \$200,000 per occurrence, and for third-party liability claims up to \$350,000 per occurrence, with an aggregate loss limit of \$750,000.

Losses are recorded as expense when incurred. The Diocese records a liability as of December 31 for claims outstanding and payable, including losses incurred but not reported. Such liabilities are necessarily based on estimates and, while the Diocese believes the amount is adequate, the ultimate liability may be in excess of or less than the amounts provided. The methods for making such estimates and for establishing the resulting liability are continually reviewed, and any adjustments are reflected in the financial statements. The recorded liability for outstanding claims is \$1,169,955 and \$931,943 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The Diocese is also self-insured in providing group health insurance for its priests and the lay employees of the parishes, schools and Diocese. These risks are subject to stop loss insurance purchased by the Diocese from Highmark Casualty Insurance Company. The insurance has a specific deductible of \$170,000 per covered person and a maximum aggregate annual deductible of \$8.8 million. Claims are administered by Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The recorded liability for outstanding claims is \$511,166 and \$459,564 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Contributed Nonfinancial Services

Contributions of nonfinancial assets consist of management functions performed by members of the clergy within various religious communities in the Diocese. The services provided are recognized as revenue at their estimated fair value only when the services received create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills possessed by the individuals providing the service and the service would typically need to be purchased if not donated. These services are recorded as revenues and are charged to the appropriate program benefited. The revenues recorded for these services were \$35,298 and \$34,196 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Deferred Revenues

Revenue from fees for insurance assessments is deferred and recognized over the periods to which the fees relate.

Income Taxes

The Diocese is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of supporting the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in Note L. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Certain costs have been allocated among the program, management and general, and fundraising categories based on the nature of activities, time of employees involved, and other methods.

Comparative Financial Information

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Diocesan financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, from which the summarized information was derived.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2021 financial statements to conform to the 2022 financial statement presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the change in net assets.

NOTE B ACCOUNTS, NOTES AND LOANS RECEIVABLE

Receivables at December 31 consisted of the following:

	2022		2021	
Assessments and Diocesan Appeal	\$	2,549,056	\$	2,636,414
Loans and Notes - Deposit and Loan Fund		70,486		56,417
Note Receivable - Parish and School		4,132,573		4,193,526
Other Receivables and Loans		588,391		651,013
Less: Allowance for Estimated Uncollectible		7,340,506		7,537,370
Accounts Receivable		(2,472,565)		(2,408,565)
	\$	4,867,941	\$	5,128,805

Assessments relate primarily to parishes and other Diocesan affiliates for insurance, priests' retirement, schools and Diocesan programs and operations. Due to the history of collectability, most of the Diocesan receivables are considered to be long term.

NOTE C INTEREST IN ASSETS HELD AT THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Diocese transferred assets to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania (Foundation) and retained beneficial interest in those assets. The original amount transferred was \$750,000. The Diocese is to receive an annual distribution determined annually by the Foundation's board of directors and undistributed earnings will be retained. The principle may be distributed. The Diocese has granted variance power to the Foundation. The fair value of the retained beneficial interest, included in the statements of financial position within investments held at fair value, was \$653,333 and \$815,053 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

NOTE D PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31 consists of:

	2022		2021	
Land	\$	200,633	\$	200,633
Buildings		3,542,886		3,542,886
Building Improvements		4,191,797		3,903,161
Vehicles, Office Equipment and Furniture		722,034		693,270
		8,657,350		8,339,950
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(6,449,835)		(6,254,370)
	\$	2,207,515	\$	2,085,580

NOTE E NOTE PAYABLE TO BANK

The Diocese has an \$11,250,000 revolving line of credit expiring in February 2024. This line is collateralized by the Diocese's investments and other assets held at the institution. Interest rate for this line varies with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus 1.45% (5.41% at December 31, 2022), and is payable monthly. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, there was \$9,382,701 borrowed against this line. The line of credit has \$700,000 as an offset for a letter of credit outstanding for the self-insured status for workers' compensation. If nothing is drawn on the letter of credit, the available line of credit is \$10,550,000.

Additionally, the Diocese has a separate line of credit with another institution. This is an \$11,250,000 revolving line of credit expiring in February 2024. This line is collateralized by the Diocese's investments and other assets held at the institution. Interest rate for this line varies with the SOFR plus 1.45% (5.57% at December 31, 2022), and is payable monthly. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, there was \$11,220,916 borrowed against this line.

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NOTE F FUNDS HELD FOR RELATED AFFILIATES AND OTHER RELATED AFFILLATE TRANSACTIONS

The Endowment Care Fund of the Erie Diocesan Cemeteries (Cemeteries) is under the custody of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, which oversees its investments and all financial transactions. These funds are accounted for as liabilities on the statements of financial position of the Diocese, while the Diocese holds the assets and administers the funds.

The balance of funds held for the Cemeteries at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	2022		2021	
Erie Diocesan Cemeteries	\$	6,590,472	\$	8,232,347

The Diocese is compensated for the investment and accounting services provided to all affiliates. Total support and revenue received from each organization during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows, and are included in the program service fees and department revenues on the statements of activities:

	2022		2021	
Erie Diocesan Cemeteries	\$	105,000	\$	100,000
Catholic Charities		16,800		16,220
Catholic Foundation		29,656		40,000
Catholic Deposit and Loan Fund of NWPA		95,000		90,000
STAR Foundation		58,000		58,000
				_
	\$	304,456	\$	304,220

The Diocese also collects contributions from its parishes to be remitted to other charitable organizations. These balances are carried as a liability on the statements of financial position until remitted. Cash and cash equivalents held for others on the statements of financial position consist of these collections and cash received from related affiliates to be invested.

NOTE G DEFERRED COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

The Diocese has an unfunded deferred compensation agreement with its former Chief Financial Officer that provides, upon disability or retirement, 30% of his final salary in equal monthly benefits for life. The present value of total estimated deferred compensation is being accrued using the straight-line method. The individual is currently drawing on this agreement. The total deferred compensation liability was \$264,000 and \$307,000 for years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the statements of financial position.

NOTE H NET ASSETS

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Unrestricted net assets at December 31 include the following:

Operations and Program Support – Includes the revenues and expenses associated with the principal functions of the Diocese.

Net assets without restrictions also include the land, buildings and improvements of St. Mark Catholic Center, the priests' retirement home, and the Bishop's residence.

Beginning in 2019, all Catholic Services Appeal monies given to the Diocese were internally designated to be utilized for operation purposes and not to fund any legal or other litigatory expenses. The Diocese's policy is to release these funds from designated to operations in the year expended. The total amount of designated revenues earned and released during 2022 and 2021 was \$4,198,243 and \$4,205,754, respectively.

Designated – These net assets are currently expendable for designated purposes. These include Designated – Priests' Retirement Deficiency.

Funds Functioning as Endowments – Includes long-term investments developed from gifts and the Bishop's designations. Earnings are utilized at the Bishop's discretion.

The net assets without donor restrictions of the Diocese as of December 31 consist of the following:

	 2022	2021 (As Restated - Note P)		
OPERATIONS AND PROGRAM SUPPORT	\$ (17,487,416)	\$	(16,831,479)	
DESIGNATED				
Self-Insurance - Property and Casualty	4,449,252		5,514,696	
Group Health	5,422,508		6,207,061	
Unemployment Compensation	1,666,160		1,304,700	
Regional Support Programs	218,532		259,032	
Catholic School Assistance	2,999,263		2,721,760	
Capital Stewardship Campaign	160,831		158,328	
Pastoral Services	1,881,114		1,873,245	
	16,797,660		18,038,822	
DESIGNATED - PRIESTS' RETIREMENT DEFICIENCY	 (13,501,247)		(14,809,732)	
TOTAL DESIGNATED	 3,296,413		3,229,090	
FUNDS FUNCTIONING AS ENDOWMENTS				
Tuition Assistance - Elementary	1,085,511		1,307,808	
Charitable Endowment Fund	2,617,448		3,431,577	
Religious Education Endowment Fund	4,875,779		6,176,375	
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	2,825,088		4,070,043	
Priests' Retirement Home Endowment Fund	1,397,589		1,773,123	
Clergy Continuing Education Fund	623,069		731,778	
Mission Endowment Fund	785,941		994,906	
Ministry Support Funds	816,925		948,787	
	15,027,350		19,434,397	
	\$ 836,347	\$	5,832,008	

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions at December 31 are restricted for the following purposes or periods:

	 2022	 2021		
Subject to Expenditure for Specified Purpose				
Priestly Formation and Ministry Development	\$ 5,834,646	\$ 7,730,159		
Charitable Programs - Other	1,497,899	1,452,069		
Educational Assistance Programs	465,485	497,623		
Evangelization	22,721	22,721		
Communication Programs	157,331	251,451		
Clergy Health and Retirement	 263,956	205,961		
	 8,242,038	10,159,984		
Subject to Diocese Endowment Spending Policy and Appropriation				
Priestly Formation and Ministry Development	6,958,328	8,750,012		
Mass Intentions and Parish Needs	 27,799	33,016		
	 6,986,127	8,783,028		
	\$ 15,228,165	\$ 18,943,012		

Net Assets Released From Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

	 2022	2021		
Priestly Formation and Ministry Development	\$ 691,223	\$	883,854	
Charitable Programs - Other	66,996		337,456	
Educational Assistance Programs	34,624		59,121	
Communication Programs	100,000		100,000	
Clergy Health and Retirement	 100,000		102,000	
	\$ 992,843	\$	1,482,431	

NOTE I ENDOWMENT

The Diocesan endowment consists of approximately thirteen individual funds established for a variety of purposes. The endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the governing body to function as endowments (board-designated endowment funds). As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), net assets associated with endowment funds, including board-designated endowment funds, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The current relevant law for the investment and distribution of restricted endowment and trust funds in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is PA Act 141 (Act 141). Act 141 requires an organization to adopt and follow a "total return" investment policy to seek the best total return on the principal whether from capital appreciation, earnings, or both. If Act 141 is applicable and elected by an organization, the board is required to make an annual "spending" election of between 2% and 7% of the value of endowment assets. For purposes of this provision, the value of the trust principal is the fair market value of the trust assets averaged over the past three or more years. In addition to the use of Act 141 for donor-restricted endowment funds, the Bishop and Diocesan Finance Council use Act 141 as a framework for its unrestricted board-designated endowment funds.

In accordance with Act 141, the Diocese considers the following factors in making a determination to spend or accumulate donor-restricted and board-designated endowment funds:

- 1. Duration and preservation of the fund
- 2. Purposes of the Diocese and the fund
- 3. General economic conditions
- 4. Possible effect of inflation and deflation
- 5. Expected total return from investment income and appreciation or depreciation of investments
- 6. Other resources of the Diocese
- 7. Investment policies of the Diocese

Endowment by Net Asset Class

The composition of net assets by type of endowment fund at December 31, 2022 and 2021 was:

	2022									
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total							
Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds Diocesan-Designated Endowment Funds	\$ - 15,027,350	\$ 12,314,809 -	\$ 12,314,809 15,027,350							
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 15,027,350	\$ 12,314,809	\$ 27,342,159							
	(4	2021 As Restated - Note l	P)							
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total							
Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds Diocesan-Designated Endowment Funds	\$ - 19,434,397	\$ 16,239,307 	\$ 16,239,307 19,434,397							
Total Endowment Funds	\$ 19,434,397	\$ 16,239,307	\$ 35,673,704							

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Endowment Reconciliation

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31 were:

,		2022	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 19,434,397	\$ 16,239,307	\$ 35,673,704
Investment Return Investment Income, Net of Fees Net Depreciation	317,854 (3,751,902)	266,353 (3,164,708)	584,207 (6,916,610)
Total Investment Return	(3,434,048)	(2,898,355)	(6,332,403)
Contributions Appropriation of Endowment Assets for Expenditure	134,582 (822,619)	60,522 (1,086,665)	195,104 (1,909,284)
Transfers Endowment Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 15,027,350	\$ 12,314,809 2021	\$ 27,342,159
	(A	As Restated - Note P)
	Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 17,579,395	\$ 14,901,404	\$ 32,480,799
Investment Return Investment Income, Net of Fees Net Appreciation	338,559 2,352,373	302,482 2,007,185	641,041 4,359,558
Total Investment Return	2,690,932	2,309,667	5,000,599
Contributions Appropriation of Endowment Assets for Expenditure	189,833 (845,401)	74,128 (1,045,892)	263,961 (1,891,293)
Transfers	(180,362)		(180,362)

Funds With Deficiencies

From time-to-time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level the Diocese is required to retain as a fund of perpetual duration pursuant to donor stipulation. There were no such deficiencies as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Diocese has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs and other items supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted endowment funds the Diocese must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods, as well as those of board-designated endowment funds. Under the Diocesan policies, the primary objective of the endowment assets is the long-term growth of principal with generation of income, without an undue exposure to risk. Assets are invested in a manner that is intended to achieve results that meet or exceed appropriate market indices, which are monitored by the Diocesan Finance Council throughout the year. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Diocese relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both current yield (investment income such as dividends and interest) and capital appreciation (both realized and unrealized). The Diocese targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Diocese has a policy (the spending policy) of appropriating for expenditures each year. The effective spending policy rate was 5% for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. In establishing this policy, the Diocese considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Diocese expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow. This is consistent with the Diocesan objective to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term, as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

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NOTE J LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of December 31, 2022 and 2021, comprise the following:

	2022			2021		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	9,922,926	\$	10,352,191		
Accounts Receivable Due in Next 12 Months	Ψ	968,484	Ψ	1,128,156		
Payout on Donor-Restricted Endowments for Use						
Over Next 12 Months		779,161		739,674		
Payout on Quazi-Endowments for Use Over Next						
12 Months		976,343		923,258		
Investments not Encumbered by Donor or Board						
Restrictions		4,763,317		5,763,622		
Total Financial Assets	\$	17,410,231	\$	18,906,901		

The Diocese's endowment funds consist of donor-restricted endowments and funds designated by the Diocesan Finance Council as endowments. Donor-restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditure. Income from donor-restricted endowments is restricted for specific purposes, with the exception of the amounts available for general use.

The board-designated endowment of \$15,027,350 is subject to an annual spending rate of 2 to 7 percent as described in Note I. Although the Diocese does not intend to spend from this board-designated endowment (other than amounts appropriated for general expenditure as part of the Diocesan Finance Council's annual budget approval and appropriation), these amounts could be made available if necessary. To help manage unanticipated liquidity needs, the Diocese has access to its lines of credit, which it could draw upon. See Note D for further information.

The Diocese manages its liquidity and reserves following three guiding principles: operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability, maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term operating needs, and maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term obligations will be discharged. The Diocese evaluates its future cash flows and monitors its liquidity and reserves regularly.

NOTE K PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

Lay Employees 401(k) Retirement Plan

The Diocese has a defined contribution pension plan covering certain employees of parishes, schools, offices, and agencies of the Diocese. The Diocese provides a contribution of 6% of compensation for all employees of the Diocese who are participants in the plan. The total pension plan expenses for these plans were \$148,746 and \$154,033 for 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Defined Benefit Plan and Priest Postretirement Benefits

The Diocese has a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering all Diocesan priests who meet the eligibility requirements. The Diocesan funding policy is to make the minimum annual contribution that is required by applicable regulations, plus such amounts as the Diocese may determine to be appropriate from time to time. The Diocese expects to contribute the necessary funding requirements to the plan in 2023.

The Diocese has a noncontributory defined benefit postretirement health care plan covering retired priests who meet the eligibility requirements. The Diocese funds benefits on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. It is an unfunded plan.

The Diocese uses a December 31 measurement date for the plans. Information about the plans' funded status follows:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
	 2022		2021	2022			2021	
Projected Benefit Obligation Fair Value of Plan Assets	\$ (15,781,903) 7,279,950	\$	(18,365,787) 9,284,890	\$	2,969,393 -	\$	(3,591,910)	
Funded Status	\$ (8,501,953)	\$	(9,080,897)	\$	2,969,393	\$	(3,591,910)	

Liabilities recognized in the statements of financial position:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
		2022 2021		2022		2021		
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Liabilities	\$	(8,501,953)	\$	(9,080,897)	\$	2,969,393	\$	(3,591,910)

As of August 1, 2022, the monthly pension benefit payments increased from \$1,550 to \$1,575.

Amounts recognized in change in net assets not yet recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost consist of:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
	 2022		2021		2022		2021	
Net Loss (Gain) Plan Amendment Increased	\$ (305,244)	\$	(1,784,102)	\$	(658,636)	\$	(232,742)	
Benefit Payments Prior Service Cost	 246,220 (271,838)		174,817 (264,140)		- -		- -	
	\$ (330,862)	\$	(1,873,425)	\$	(658,636)	\$	(232,742)	

The accumulated benefit obligation for the defined benefit pension plan and the post-retirement health care plan was \$18,751,296 and \$21,957,697 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Information for pension plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets:

	December 31				
	 2022		2021		
Benefit Obligation	\$ 15,781,903	\$	18,365,787		
Accumulated Benefit Obligation	\$ 15,781,903	\$	18,365,787		
Fair Value of Plan Assets	\$ 7,279,950	\$	9,284,890		

Other significant balances and costs are:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
	 2022		2021	2022		2021		
Employer Contributions	\$ 729,881	\$	759,824	\$	-	\$	_	
Benefits Paid	\$ (1,081,647)	\$	(1,079,637)	\$	(124,567)	\$	230,813	
Net Periodic Benefit Costs	\$ 481,799	\$	664,760	\$	160,686	\$	176,422	

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in change in net assets:

	Pension Benefits			Other Benefits			
		2022		2021	2022		2021
Amounts Arising During the Period:							
Service Cost	\$	147,065	\$	152,797	\$ 74,082	\$	82,729
Interest Cost		440,537		416,372	86,604		84,415
Expected Return on Plan Assets		(576,490)		(503,284)	-		-
Net Loss		11,112		65,885	160,686		167,144
Amounts Reclassified as Components							
of Net Periodic Benefit Cost of							
the Period:							
Net Loss		198,849		334,735	-		9,278
Net Prior Service Cost		271,838		264,140	-		-

The estimated net loss and prior service cost for the defined benefit pension plan that will be amortized into net periodic benefit costs over the next fiscal year are \$176,586 and \$267,248, respectively. The estimated net loss and prior service credit for the other defined benefit postretirement plan that will be amortized into net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year is \$0 and \$0, respectively.

Significant assumptions include:

	Pension Be	nefits	Other Ber	nefits
<u>-</u>	2022	2022 2021		2021
Weighted-Average Assumptions Used to Determine Benefit Obligations:				
Discount Rate Weighted-Average Assumptions Used	5.00%	2.50%	5.00%	2.50%
to Determine Benefit Costs:				
Discount Rate	2.50%	2.25%	2.50%	2.25%
Expected Return on Plan Assets	6.75%	6.75%	N/A	N/A

For measurement purposes, a 3.00% annual rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed for 2022 and 2021.

The Diocese's expected long-term return on plan assets assumption is based on a periodic review and modeling of the plan's asset allocation and liability structure over a long-term horizon. Expectations of returns for each asset class are the most important of the assumptions used in the review and modeling and are based on comprehensive reviews of historical data and economic/financial market theory. The expected long-term rate of return on assets was selected from within the reasonable range of rates determined by (a) historical real returns, net of inflation, for the asset classes covered by the investment policy, and (b) projections of inflation over the long-term period during which benefits are payable to plan participants. Target allocation ranges are guidelines, not limitations, and occasionally, plan fiduciaries will approve allocations above or below a target range. The Diocese's investment policy included various guidelines and procedures designed to ensure assets are invested in a manner necessary to meet expected future benefits earned by participants. The investment guidelines consider a broad range of economic conditions.

Pension Plan Assets

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, plan assets are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 plan assets include equity securities and mutual funds. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of plan assets with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. Level 2 plan assets include corporate bonds. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, plan assets are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

The fair values of the Diocesan pension plan assets at December 31, 2022 and 2021, by asset class are as follows:

	2022										
				Fair Va	lue N	/leasurement	s Using				
			Qu	oted Prices							
			j	in Active	S	ignificant					
			M	larkets for		Other	Significant				
			•	Identical	0	bservable	Unobservable				
	7	Γotal Fair		Assets		Inputs	Inputs				
Asset Class		Value		(Level 1)	((Level 2)	(Level 3)				
US Treasury Notes	\$	165,956	\$	165,956	\$	-	\$ -				
Equity Securities											
Information Technology		625,233		625,233		-	-				
Financial		271,061		271,061		-	-				
Consumer Discretionary		199,667		199,667		-	-				
Healthcare		310,265		310,265		-	-				
Industrials		182,433		182,433		-	-				
Energy		142,514		142,514		-					
Telecommunication Services		149,278		149,278		-	-				
Consumer Staples		171,670		171,670		-	-				
Other		75,538		75,538		-	-				
Money Market		333,662		333,662		-	-				
Corporate Bonds		1,856,011		-		1,856,011	-				
Growth Mutual Fund		272,827		272,827							
Investments	\$	4,756,115	\$	2,900,104	\$	1,856,011	\$ -				
Common Trust Fund Measured											
at Net Asset Value (a)		2,523,835									
Total Investments at											
Fair Value	\$	7,279,950									

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		2021										
				Fair Va	lue N	leasurement	s Using					
			Qu	oted Prices								
			j	in Active	S	ignificant						
			M	larkets for		Other	Signific	ant				
				Identical	0	bservable	Unobser	vable				
	7	Total Fair		Assets		Inputs	Inputs					
Asset Class		Value		(Level 1)	((Level 2)	(Level 3)					
US Treasury Notes	\$	222,989	\$	222,989	\$	-	\$	-				
Equity Securities												
Information Technology		843,986		843,986		-		-				
Financial		350,388		350,388		-		-				
Consumer Discretionary		297,970		297,970		-		-				
Healthcare		307,412		307,412		-		-				
Industrials		260,745		260,745		-		-				
Telecommunication Services		273,605		273,605		-		-				
Consumer Staples		138,969		138,969	-		-					
Other		173,019		173,019		-		-				
Money Market		387,734		387,734		-		-				
Corporate Bonds		2,176,959		-		2,176,959		-				
Growth Mutual Fund		321,689		321,689								
Investments	\$	5,755,465	\$	3,578,506	\$	2,176,959	\$	-				
Common Trust Fund Measured												
at Net Asset Value (a)		3,529,425										
Total Investments at												
Fair Value	\$	9,284,890										

(a) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts included above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in Note K.

Plan assets are held by a bank-administered trust fund, which invests the plan assets in accordance with the provisions of the plan agreements. The plan agreements permit investment in common stocks, corporate bonds and debentures, U.S. Government securities, certain insurance contracts, real estate and other specified investments, based on certain target allocation percentages. The plan does not invest in derivative securities.

The following benefit payments (in thousands), which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid as of December 31, 2022:

	ension enefits	ther nefits
2023	\$ 1,312	\$ 179
2024	1,334	180
2025	1,307	189
2026	1,248	192
2027	1,242	196
2028-2032	5,870	1,021

NOTE L FUNCTIONAL AND NATURAL EXPENSE CLASSIFICATIONS

Expenses, according to functional classification, incurred during the year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

2022

	Support Services								
	Program		Management				To	tal Support	
		Services	an	d General	Fun	draising		Services	Total
Salaries and Benefits - Clergy, Religious and Lay	\$	3,951,379	\$	1,234,762	\$	7,683	\$	1,242,445	\$ 5,193,824
Insurance Claims and Reinsurance - Property and Casualty		2,011,067		223,452		-		223,452	2,234,519
Insurance Claims and Reinsurance - Health		6,936,192		770,688		-		770,688	7,706,880
Insurance Claims and Reinsurance - Unemployment		(183,106)		(20,345)		-		(20,345)	(203,451)
Allocations to Related Agencies and Institutions		3,656,841		30,828		-		30,828	3,687,669
Education, Training and Ministry Support		700,261		105,945		615		106,560	806,821
Clergy Personnel Development and Support		397,445		17,237		-		17,237	414,682
Facilities and Maintenance		145,926		52,671		107		52,778	198,704
Occupancy Expense - Utilities, Rent and Insurance		169,931		39,860		293		40,153	210,084
Interest Expense		552,694		-		-		-	552,694
Depreciation		240,150		15,802		79		15,881	256,031
External Services and Affiliations		1,234,499		263,935		2,365		266,300	1,500,799
Claims and Legal Expenses Related to the									
Grand Jury Investigation		-		404,208		-		404,208	404,208
Postage, Printing, Supplies and Office Expenses		183,834		27,521		113		27,634	211,468
Other Costs				123,944				123,944	123,944
	\$	19,997,113	\$	3,290,508	\$	11,255	\$	3,301,763	\$ 23,298,876

Expenses, according to functional classification, incurred during the year ended December 31, 2021 are as follows:

2021
(As Restated - Note P)
Support Services

			Support Services							
	Program		Ma	anagement			Total Support			
		Services		and General Fundra		draising	ising Services			Total
Salaries and Benefits - Clergy, Religious and Lay	\$	3,986,045	\$	1,306,017	\$	6,693	\$	1,312,710	\$	5,298,755
Insurance Claims and Reinsurance - Property and Casualty	Ψ	1,179,259	Ψ	131,029	Ψ	-	Ψ	131,029	Ψ	1,310,288
Insurance Claims and Reinsurance - Health		6,782,045		753,561		-		753,561		7,535,606
Insurance claims and Reinsurance - Unemployment		139,990		15,554		-		15,554		155,544
Allocations to Related Agencies and Institutions		3,091,543		32,673		-		32,673		3,124,216
Education, Training and Ministry Support		572,407		94,578		361		94,939		667,346
Clergy Personnel Development and Support		521,409		21,637		11		21,648		543,057
Facilities and Maintenance		91,879		22,014		92		22,106		113,985
Occupancy Expense - Utilities, Rent and Insurance		155,397		31,436		315		31,751		187,148
Interest Expense		326,045		-		-		-		326,045
Depreciation		224,793		17,255		86		17,341		242,134
External Services and Affiliations		1,826,162		287,578		2,112		289,690		2,115,852
Claims and Legal Expenses Related to the										
Grand Jury Investigation		-		968,034		-		968,034		968,034
Postage, Printing, Supplies and Office Expenses		189,207		29,611		140		29,751		218,958
Other Costs				92,896				92,896		92,896
	\$	19,086,181	\$	3,803,873	\$	9,810	\$	3,813,683	\$	22,899,864

NOTE M DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- **Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- **Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

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Recurring Measurements

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets and liabilities recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	2022										
				Fair Va	lue N	/leasurement	ts Usir	ıg			
			Qı	oted Prices							
				in Active	S	ignificant					
				larkets for		Other	Significant Unobservable				
				Identical	0	bservable					
	т	otal Fair		Assets	Ŭ	Inputs		Inputs			
	•	Value		(Level 1)		(Level 2)		Level 3)			
Assets at Fair Value:		Value		(Level 1)		(LCVCI 2)		Level b)			
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$	300,085	\$	300,085	\$	_	\$	_			
Equity Securities	Ψ	200,002	Ψ	500,005	Ψ		Ψ				
Industrials		2,730,537		2,730,537		_		_			
Consumer Discretionary		1,841,799		1,841,799				_			
Consumer Staples		997,536		997,536		_					
Energy		708,936		708,936		_					
Financial		2,338,176		2,338,176		_					
Information Technology		4,298,369		4,298,369		_		_			
Healthcare		1,796,031		1,796,031		_		_			
Materials		426,749		426,749		_		_			
Telecommunication		1,145,773		1,145,773		_		_			
Real Estate		220,225		220,225		_		_			
Utilities		277,189		277,189		_		_			
Other		2,307,574		109,104		2,198,470		_			
Mutual Funds		_,;;;;;;;		103/101		_,1,5,0,1,5					
Growth and Value		6,778,310		6,778,310		_		_			
Index		133,975		133,975		_		_			
Total Return		3,174,220		3,174,220		_		_			
Income		6,147,090		6,147,090		_		_			
Corporate Bonds		4,420,658		-		4,420,658		_			
Municipal Bonds		111,784		_		111,784		_			
Government Agency Bonds		536,287		-		536,287					
		40,691,303		33,424,104		7,267,199		-			
Interest in Assets Held at the											
Catholic Foundation of NWPA		653,333						653,333			
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$	41,344,636	\$	33,424,104	\$	7,267,199	\$	653,333			
Liabilities at Fair Value: Annuity Obligations	¢	490,633	¢		¢		\$	490,633			
Annuity Obligations	\$	470,033	\$		\$		Ψ	470,033			

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2021		
(As Restated - No	te I	?)

			Fair Value Measurements Using							
			Qu	oted Prices						
				in Active	S	ignificant				
				larkets for		Other	Significant Unobservable Inputs			
				Identical	0	bservable				
	т	otal Fair		Assets	Ŭ	Inputs				
	-	Value		(Level 1)		(Level 2)	(Level 3)			
Assets at Fair Value:		varue		(Ecver 1)		(Level 2)		Bever b)		
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$	313,119	\$	313,119	\$	_	\$	_		
Equity Securities	4	010,113	4	010,113	4		4			
Industrials		3,371,323		3,371,323		_		_		
Consumer Discretionary		2,826,639		2,826,639		_		_		
Consumer Staples		903,191		903,191		_		_		
Energy		330,591		330,591		_		_		
Financial		2,686,401		2,686,401		_		_		
Information Technology		5,453,500		5,453,500		_		-		
Healthcare		1,827,401		1,827,401		_	-			
Materials		622,727		622,727		_		-		
Telecommunication		1,977,451		1,977,451		_	-			
Real Estate		620,658		620,658		_	-			
Utilities		393,723		393,723		-		-		
Exchange Traded Funds		2,808,590		-	2,808,590		_			
Other		124,455		124,455		· · ·		_		
Mutual Funds		-		·						
Growth and Value		8,747,590		8,747,590		-		-		
Index		326,171		326,171		-		-		
Total Return		5,006,833		5,006,833		-		-		
Income		9,001,822		9,001,822		-		-		
Corporate Bonds		3,361,987		-		3,361,987		-		
Municipal Bonds		137,105		-		137,105		-		
Government Agency Bonds		452,380				452,380				
		51,293,657		44,533,595		6,760,062		_		
Interest in Assets Held at the		, ,		, ,						
Catholic Foundation of NWPA		815,053						815,053		
Total Investments at										
Fair Value	\$	52,108,710	\$	44,533,595	\$	6,760,062	\$	815,053		
Liabilities at Fair Value:										
Annuity Obligations	\$	569,913	\$		\$		\$	569,913		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position, as well as the general classification of such assets and liabilities pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2022. For liabilities currently classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, the process used to develop the reported fair value is described below.

Investments

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

Interest in Assets Held at the Catholic Foundation of NWPA

This amount represents an undivided interest in pooled asset accounts at the Foundation. Pooled assets at the Foundation represent a blend of equity, fixed income, and mutual fund securities. Fair value is determined by Foundation based upon the Diocese's share of the pooled investments and are classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Annuity Obligations

The carrying value approximates fair value, which is estimated based on the borrowing rates currently available to the Diocese for bank loans with similar terms and maturities.

NOTE N SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES AND CONCENTRATIONS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

Deferred Compensation Agreement

As described in Note G, the amount of annual expense accrued for deferred compensation is based on an estimate of the total amounts payable under the contract over the estimated life expectancy of the beneficiary.

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Obligations

The Diocese has a noncontributory defined benefit pension and postretirement health care plan whereby it agrees to provide certain postretirement benefits to eligible employees. The benefit obligation is the actuarial present value of all benefits attributed to service rendered prior to the valuation date based on the projected unit credit cost method. It is reasonably possible that events could occur that would change the estimated amount of this liability materially in the near term.

Investments

The Diocese invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Investigation and Litigation

The Diocese is subject to claims and lawsuits that arose primarily in the ordinary course of business. With the exception of the items noted below, it is the opinion of management the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Diocese. Events could occur that would change this estimate materially in the near term.

In September 2016, the Diocese was served with a Pennsylvania grand jury subpoena by the Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General, seeking information related to the sexual abuse of children by clergy or employees of the Diocese from the year 1947 to current. The Diocese continues to cooperate fully with this investigation, and counsel continues to review potential for insurance coverage claims regarding this matter. On February 15, 2019, the Diocese initiated the Diocese of Erie's Survivors' Reparation Fund (the "Fund"), a voluntary program offering compensation to survivors of sexual abuse whose claims are barred by the relevant statute of limitations. The Fund is being administered by independent counsel that are leading practitioners in the field of victim compensation funds. The deadline for submitting claims to the Fund was August 15, 2019, and 171 claims were submitted for evaluation. The Fund ended in April 2021 and issued determinations on 140 claims and awarded approximately \$16,600,000.

On October 9, 2018, the Diocese was served with a federal grand jury subpoena by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The Diocese has retained counsel for this matter. The subpoena seeks information related to the sexual abuse of children by current or former clergy or employees of the Diocese dating from 2001 to the present. Additionally, the subpoena seeks to identify current and former clergy or employees of the Diocese who reportedly or allegedly produced, transported, shipped, received, distributed, or possessed a photograph or other visual depiction of a minor or who reportedly or allegedly induced, enticed, coerced, or transported any minor across any state or international border. The government's investigation is ongoing, and the Diocese intends to continue to cooperate fully with this investigation. The Diocese is unable to predict the outcome of the government's ongoing investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Diocese related to this investigation. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Diocese could face significant fines, damage awards, or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Diocese's business, financial position, and results of operations.

The Diocese incurred approximately \$350,000 and \$1,000,000 in legal fees and accrued losses related to the Survivor's Fund and grand jury investigation in 2022 and 2021, respectively, which are recorded as claims and legal expenses related to the grand jury investigation on the statements of activities. The Diocese utilized their line of credit to cover the 2022 and 2021 expenses.

NOTE O REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Revenue Recognition Policy

Substantially all of the Diocese's revenues and support are derived from the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and assessments received from the parishes for programs and activities administered by the CAO. Revenue is also received from the parishes and other affiliates as a result of their participation in self-insured group health and property/casualty insurance programs administered by the Diocese.

Transaction Price

Revenue is recognized when services are provided to the Diocese's parishes or other affiliates, in an amount that reflects the consideration that it expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. The amount and timing of revenue recognition varies based on the nature of the services provided and the terms and conditions of the agreements with the parishes or other affiliates. There are no finance components with these services, and consideration received is fixed.

Contract Balances

Contract assets or receivables will be recognized if the services have been performed for the parish, school or affiliate, but they have not yet paid. When the timing of the Diocese's provision of services are different from the timing of the payments made, the Diocese recognizes a contract asset (performance precedes contractual due date). A receivable will be recognized when the services are performed and the customer has not yet paid.

Amounts received from parishes, schools or affiliates under agreements with the Diocese are recorded as a contract liability or deferred revenue until the contract terms are fulfilled. Deferred revenues at December 31, 2022 and 2021 were \$1,102,202 and \$1,125,980, respectively, and consisted entirely of amounts received for insurance assessments.

Other sources of revenue are invoiced per the terms of contractual agreements (if any).

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Accounts receivable at December 31, 2022 and 2021 consists of the following:

	2022	2021		
Assessment Receivables Assessment Allowance	\$ 1,850,090 (1,602,505)	\$ 1,971,739 (1,594,158)		
Net Assessments Receivable	247,585	377,581		
CSA Receivables CSA Allowance	698,966 (443,060)	664,675 (409,407)		
Net CSA Receivable	255,906	255,268		
Other Receivables Other Allowance	4,791,450 (427,000)	4,900,956 (405,000)		
Net Other Receivable	4,364,450	4,495,956		
Total Accounts Receivable Total Allowance	7,340,506 (2,472,565)	7,537,370 (2,408,565)		
Net Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 4,867,941	\$ 5,128,805		

Other accounts receivable relates primarily to receivables and loans to parishes, schools and other affiliates. See Note B for further detail.

Performance Obligations and Revenue Recognition

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Revenues

The Diocese's performance obligation for the CSA is to provide the parishes, schools and affiliated entities various programmatic and administrative services through the Central Administrative Offices. The performance obligation is to provide the services. Revenue is recognized monthly as the services are provided over time.

Diocesan Assessment (Assessment) Revenues

The Diocese's performance obligation for the Assessments is to provide the parishes, schools and affiliated entities assistance with administrating their appropriated financial responsibilities for the operations of the Diocese, Priest Retirement and Benefits, and Catholic School Support. The performance obligation is to provide the services. Revenue is recognized monthly as the services are provided over time.

Insurance Program Revenues

The Diocese's performance obligation for Insurance Program Revenues is to provide the parishes, schools and affiliated entities assistance with administrating their financial responsibilities for the self-insured group health and property/casualty insurance. The performance obligation is to provide the services. As these services are provided, deferred revenues are reduced, and revenues are recognized. Revenues related to these services crossing fiscal years is recognized over time on a pro-rated basis based on number of months in each contract period.

Other Revenue Sources

The Diocese's other revenue sources consist of program services, departmental revenues, and other miscellaneous revenues. These other revenue sources are recognized monthly over the period in which the applicable performance obligations are satisfied.

The Diocese has elected the practical expedient in ASC-606-10-50-14 to not disclose the information about remaining performance obligations that have original expected durations of one year or less.

Disaggregation of Revenue

Substantially all of the Diocese's material revenue sources sales are recognized over time and are disaggregated on the face of the statements of activities.

NOTE P RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Diocese has restated previously issued 2021 financial statements to properly reflect investments held at the Catholic Foundation of NWPA. The accompanying financial statements for 2021 have been stated to reflect the corrections.

The effect on the Diocese's previously issued 2021 financial statements is summarized as follows:

Statements of Financial Position		As Previously Reported	_	orrection of Error	 As Restated
Assets - Investments at Fair Value	\$	43,061,310	\$	815,053	\$ 43,876,363
Net Assets - Funds Functioning as Endowments	\$	18,619,344	\$	815,053	\$ 19,434,397
Statements of Activities	_				
Expenses and Losses - Catholic Foundation Grants	\$	1,099,996	\$	(750,000)	\$ 349,996
Other Changes in Net Assets - Net Realized/Unrealized					
Gain on Investments	\$	4,589,235	\$	65,053	\$ 4,654,288
Change in Net Assets	\$	3,987,115	\$	815,053	\$ 4,802,168
Statements of Cash Flows	_				
Change in Net Assets	\$	3,987,115	\$	815,053	\$ 4,802,168
Cash Flows from Operating Activities - Net Realized/Unrealized					
Gains on Investments	\$	(4,589,235)	\$	(65,053)	\$ (4,654,288)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities - Purchase of Investments	\$	(13,800,408)	\$	(750,000)	\$ (14,550,408)

NOTE Q SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 24, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.