



Harry Donovan

THE SECRET OF

Harry's wonderful life

You get far more than you give!

"Although Parishioner Harry A. Donovan grew up on a small farm raising pigs and chickens, he rose quickly to the highest levels of business and government through hard work and generosity. But despite Harry's amazing financial and career successes, his favorite stories are about how he gave something away and got back even more than he could ever have imagined. Harry's infectious smile, integrity and joyful spirit make evident the secrets of his success.

And at age 82, Harry is still giving things away, getting more back and loving every minute of it. "Oh, the fun I've had! I think I am the happiest man who ever lived. I have been so blessed." Reflecting on his life, Harry observes: "I attribute my successes to hard work, tithing (not just 10%), prayer, and loving the people I work with, both clients and employees."

The 10% blessing

"I've been tithing since the summer I was 11 and worked 60 hours a week in a grocery store near our small farm. I made \$3.00 a week. When my mother insisted I give 30 cents to the church, I came unglued! Give away the 30 cents that took me six hours to earn? We were poor, but mom was a faith-filled Christian who insisted we give back at least 10% of what we had to the Lord, and He would bless us for sharing with Him.

"At the end of that summer, the powerful secret of tithing dawned on me when the owner of the store gave me a big raise, paying me a dollar a day—a raise from 5 cents to 10 cents an hour. It was then that I understood the wisdom of my mother's words. Give back to God, and He blesses you many times over. Ever since, I have always tithed at least 10%."

Harry's extraordinary life has continued to demonstrate the blessings of giving back, and many lucky clients, businesses and worthy causes have been the beneficiaries of his generous spirit.

Car wash tips!

"At age 17, I dropped out of high school to enter the Navy during World War II. When I came back, I married and worked at B.F. Goodrich in the payroll department. One day my manager said there were many complaints from other employees that I worked too hard and too many long hours. I decided to quit and go to Akron University part time while working in a parking lot downtown. There was plenty of downtime on the job, so I started washing cars for clients just to keep busy and make the customers happy. Clients were amazed and started giving me many generous tips for my efforts. So, giving was still working for me. I got back much more than I gave, and it was a win-win for me, the customer and the company."

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GOING PAPERLESS

In an effort to be more environmentally and fiscally responsible, the Stewardship Committee would like to offer this newsletter electronically. Currently, each issue is posted on the St. Hilary website www.sthilarychurch.org and can be viewed there anytime. We would also like to make each new issue available to you via email. If you would like to have your copy of St. Hilary Live emailed to you instead of mailed, simply contact Ischott@sthilarychurch.org and supply us with your e-mail address.

MEET Harry Donovan

Harry Donovan has graciously agreed to be available to meet fellow St. Hilary parishioners who would like to speak to him about his philosophy of life and giving. To date, he has been scheduled for the following dates:

Sunday, Sept. 13, for Coffee and doughnuts, after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Meet Harry in the gathering area after Mass.

Sunday, Sept. 27th, Harry will speak to the St. Hilary High School Youth Group at their Gathering Night in the lower level of the Spiritual Center after the 5:30 pm Mass.

Harry has also agreed to speak to several other groups in the parish as calendars permit. Watch the bulletin for times and dates.



Big break

"My first big break in business came through father and son clients of the CPA firm I established. They had worked together, until the son went into competition with his dad. There was a serious split in the family. However, I remained friend, advisor and intermediary to both. When the son was severely injured, the father asked me to help keep his son's business going.

Later, when I told the son that his father had asked me to help him out, their relationship was healed. A year after his injury, the son wanted to pay me for my time. I was hoping for \$5,000. Instead, the son gave me a 10% share of his company. Frankly, I was disappointed. But a year later, when the son sold his business to a major corporation, I received a check for more than \$130,000! By comparison, that would be like getting a million dollars today for a one-year investment of less than \$40,000. I used that money to begin investing in real estate."

A wonderful living

"In 1957 I started my own CPA and business consulting firm, after working at another firm for nine years. Former clients called, and soon I couldn't handle the work. I started hiring great employees—not just good but great. I was able to travel all over the US and the world to consult with clients while they ran the office. We were making great profits, so I took a comfortable salary for myself and gave the rest to my employees. They became like my family, we had fun, and we all had very comfortable lives."

Bonus!

"Other CPA's couldn't understand how our business was so successful. I've been told that my reputation for fighting for the rights and wellbeing of my clients was legendary. I think the secret was that my clients all became my friends, and I wasn't just advising them about accounting, but looking at all areas of their financial lives, because I cared about them as people more than I cared about making money. Over the years, clients consistently complained that I didn't bill them enough, so many of them gave me bonus checks in appreciation for my help.

"A retired client needed \$5,000 for a down payment on a motel. A year later he wanted to pay me back with interest. I said you're my friend—I don't want any interest. He tore up that check and instead gave me 25% of the stock in the motel. When he died, I received \$90,000 for my \$5,000 investment.

"I convinced another client to sell his business to his employees, but they couldn't come up with the cash. I helped them raise it and put in \$12,500 of my own money. In two years, the employee who was president paid back my investment and told me they could not have made the deal without my help. In gratitude, he gave me another check for \$50,000.

The 25% solution

"I still tithe," says Harry. "Now my wife, Fran, and I give 25% of our income away, which I've done for many years. I've had the most wonderful life of anyone in the world, and I'm still having fun helping people."



Open M - Harry's 17-year dream

About 27 years ago, Harry became interested in Open M Ministries, a large volunteer organization that feeds and serves the poor in the inner-city of Akron. "We were serving food to 30 people at a time while many more waited outside in long lines in the freezing cold. I told the Board we had to fix this. They said there was no way. I told them I would start praying about it every night until a new facility was built.

"Tithing is not
an obligation—
it is a joy!"

"It took me 17 years to buy up 13 houses and lots around the original property and build the current facility. We raised almost 4 million and my clients donated about \$1.5 million of the materials and services. Today Open M has 80 church partners, a complete medical facility, dental services, and of course the food pantry, meals programs, many family services and a healthy endowment. Open M is the proudest achievement of my life."

Adventures in business

"In addition to the accomplishments already noted, Harry A. Donovan is also President of Harry A. Donovan & Associates in Marco

Island, Florida. He has been advisor to many executives, companies and boards of directors, including a number of small businesses in NE Ohio, as well as several Fortune 500 companies for whom he has brokered some difficult and crucial agreements. He has had his hand in real estate and development ventures, nursing homes, motels, manufacturing operations, to name a few, and has served as a motivational and business speaker for countless groups large and small. Harry is also involved in the Honors Flight project for World War II veterans, the Wounded Warriors project, and the Interval Brotherhood Home, among many other charitable causes.

Getting off the train

Harry wrote a booklet a few years ago called *Knowing When to Get Off the Train*. In it Harry shares some of his life's adventures in business and war to pass along to young people the values he has practiced and the lessons he has learned.

Harry became a Catholic and married his wife, Fran, five years ago after his wife of many years passed away. Harry is the father of three and has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He and Fran are now members of St. Hilary Church.

Crossing the bridge

Harry's approach to life has inspired many and continues to do so today, through the tireless sharing of his love, his generosity and his treasure. He credits his mother, who

told him: "If you help somebody else across the bridge, you both get across."

Easy for you to say!

In that spirit of helping each other, Harry has offered to share his lessons learned with the families of St. Hilary at Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, September 13th after the Sunday morning Masses, including some bottom-line questions and answers about giving. "I know people are probably saying, 'It's easy for you to say, Harry, but we've got a mortgage, debt and tuition to pay.'



"The message I'd like to get across is that tithing is not an obligation—it is a joy! People cannot imagine the pleasure they will get when they start sharing their time, their talent and their treasure. Giving is fun, and the benefits of it are amazing!"

OPEN M

St. Hilary is a covenant church for Open M. Our commitment is to provide the laundry soap needed for their food pantry. The parish accepts donations of laundry soap every other month. The next collection weekend will be September 19 and 20.

Many St. Hilary parishioners volunteer their medical services to the Open M clinic and others help in the food pantry.

In addition, St. Hilary donates a portion of our offertory collection to the Open M Ministry.

Open M is an ecumenical Christian organization whose mission is to feed the hungry, heal the sick, nurture children, build families and strengthen the community. Open M is located in the heart of downtown Akron at 941 Princeton St., Akron, OH 44311. If you are interested in helping, you can reach Open M at **330 434-0110**. Visit their website at www.openm.org.



looking back in gratitude...

LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPE



In the past fiscal year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009), St. Hilary Parish has been blessed with some wonderful happenings. On Labor Day 2008, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a parish with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Lennon, followed by a meal for 1,300 family and friends. St. Hilary School received for the second time the honor of “National Blue Ribbon School.” Our focus on spiritual enrichment resulted in increased participation at programs such as Incredible Journey Bible Study, the Faith Alive Retreat, Lenten Soup Suppers and the family event Adventures with St. Paul. We observed more parishioners attending Holy Week liturgies, and we joyfully celebrated with the newly-ordained parishioner Father Chris Trenta as he presided at his Mass of Thanksgiving.

This past year brought our parish community some challenges as well. In the fall of 2008 we witnessed an economic crisis that paralleled the great depression. Despite this time of great financial uncertainty and loss of jobs in many of our parish families, many remained dedicated and generous, helping us reach an offertory level that was 1.3% lower than last year. This is remarkable in this economy, considering that many other parishes in the Cleveland Diocese experienced average decreases in giving of 5-12 %. For this we at St. Hilary remain grateful.

Funding from the St. Hilary Foundation has helped the parish accomplish some major capital improvements. The foundation provided grants totaling \$82,688 that funded 76.5% of our capital improvements: Our new church roof, installation of a new heat pump in the church, re-carpeting and tiling of 3 classrooms in the school. This funding source provided us with the ability to only withdraw \$25,388 from our capital improvement fund to pay for these expenditures. The St. Hilary Foundation also provided the parish with over \$34,000 funding from donor funds for church kneelers, tuition assistance, new hearing devices, to name a few.

The financial materials presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, report a deficit of (\$97,096). It was discovered during the year that we had budgeted for fundraising dollars of approximately \$75,000 that did not come to fruition. The planning of this revenue source projected a net surplus for the 2008-09 fiscal year of \$37,000. The following variances brought us to a net deficit.

**Net Decrease in Offertory & Other Giving
(\$53,000)**

**Net Increase in Capital Expenditures
(\$14,000)**

**Net Decrease in Fundraising
(\$67,000)**

**Affect on Projected Net Surplus
(\$134,000)**

**Projected Surplus FY 2008-09
\$ 37,000**

**Net Deficit FY 2008-09
(\$ 97,000)**

In light of this, our budget process provides major cuts in expenses to bring our parish into a balanced budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year. These cuts include the following: Wage freeze for the entire church and school staff; reduction of operating and ministry expenses; a freeze on all non-funded capital improvements. In addition to these measures, we appeal to you and all parishioners to remain committed to your support of the parish offertory and, if you are able, to consider increasing your offertory commitment.

Despite the financial difficulties many have experienced in this past year, we see a vibrant parish at St. Hilary—ministries growing, faith renewed, lives changed, hundreds of children receiving a high standard of faith-based education. We are certain that we will find new ways to control costs and increase our revenue sources because we are a people of faith who look back in gratitude and forward with hope.

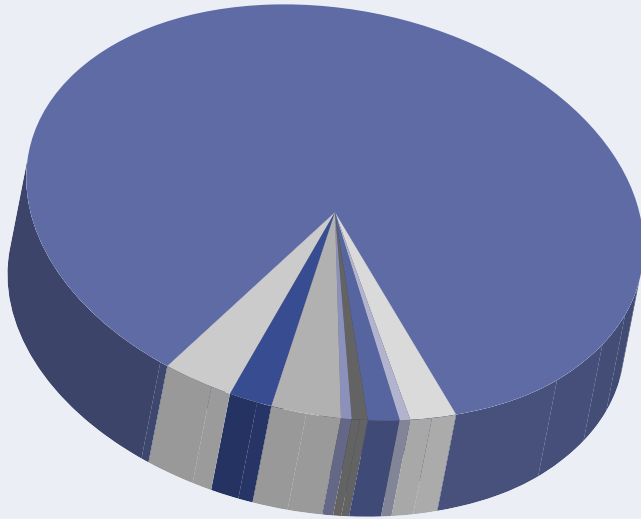
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES SAINT HILARY PARISH

For the twelve months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	YTD 2008-2009	YTD BUDGET 2008-2009	YTD VARIANCE	YTD 2007-2008
REVENUE:				
Offertory & Other Collections	\$1,809,064	\$1,853,000	(\$43,936)	\$1,832,160
Gifts, Bequests & Donations	58,917	68,000	(9,083)	65,776
Church St Hilary Foundation	73,357	67,000	6,357	149
Church Net Fund Raising Income	7,783	6,000	1,783	12,192
Income from Church Programs	9,421	13,800	(4,379)	15,386
Church Income From Teaching	24,417	23,200	1,217	26,793
Church Investment & Endowment Income	16,986	14,880	2,106	9,930
Church Rental Income (Old Rectory)	14,400	15,000	(600)	14,400
Church Ministries	77,355	23,901	53,454	77,634
Designated Collections	48,811	48,052	759	50,224
St. Hilary School Revenue (Total)	2,884,717	2,784,954	99,763	2,846,824
Total Parish Revenue	\$5,025,228	\$4,917,787	\$107,441	\$4,951,468
EXPENSES:				
Church Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	\$696,248	\$711,423	\$15,175	\$716,976
Rectories (New & Old)	23,945	26,382	2,437	25,837
Parish Office & Administration	81,926	89,436	7,510	118,259
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	35,513	31,876	(3,637)	43,102
Community Outreach	88,804	86,597	(2,207)	96,483
Religious Education & Evangelization	159,334	111,685	(47,649)	133,381
Church Utilities	62,558	66,396	3,838	59,220
Church Insurance	14,968	16,000	1,032	14,455
Church Plant Operation	34,324	51,853	17,529	40,254
Diocesan Assessments	205,278	204,636	(642)	194,802
Designated Collections	48,811	48,052	(759)	50,587
Church Capital Disbursements	97,225	105,500	8,275	(311)
Church School Support	255,204	255,203	(1)	204,408
St. Hilary School Expenses (Total)	3,318,186	3,222,032	(96,154)	3,210,107
Total Parish Disbursements	\$5,122,324	\$5,027,071	(\$95,253)	\$4,907,560
Total Parish Surplus (Defecit)	(\$97,096)	(\$109,284)	\$12,188	\$43,908
ASSETS & LIABILITIES SAINT HILARY CHURCH & SCHOOL				
	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2008		
Checking Accounts - Parish, & Cemetery	\$412,975	\$253,249		
Savings & Investments - Parish, & Cemetery	384,449	692,751		
Other Assets	66,471	78,271		
Total Assets	\$863,895	\$1,024,271		
Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	\$34,588	\$108,080		
Income Received In Advance	920,033	906,577		
Diocesan Benefits/ Insurance Payable	0	3,244		
Net Assets	(90,726)	6,370		
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$863,895	\$1,024,271		

ST. HILARY CHURCH
**Revenue Sources as a
Percent of Total Revenue**

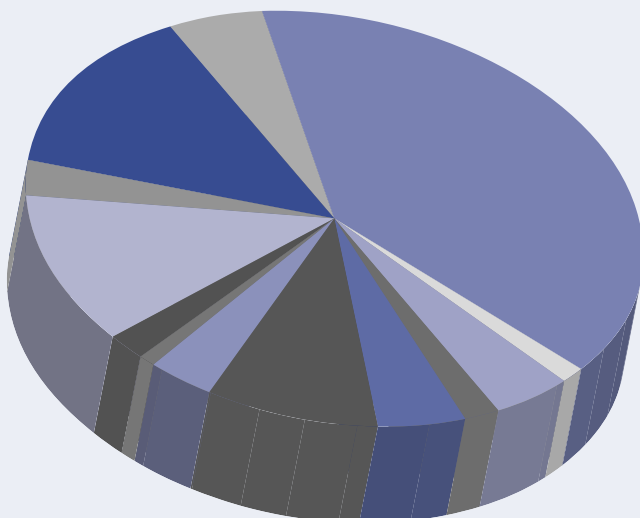
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009



Offertory & Other Collections	84.50%	\$1,809,064
Donations & Bequests	2.70%	\$58,917
Fund Raising	0.40%	\$7,783
Church Programs	1.60%	\$33,838
Investment	0.80%	\$16,986
Rental (old rectory)	0.70%	\$14,400
Church Ministries	3.60%	\$77,355
Designated Collections	2.30%	\$48,811
St. Hilary Foundation	3.40%	\$73,357
TOTAL	100.00%	\$2,140,511

ST. HILARY CHURCH
**Expense Sources as a
Percent of Total Expenses**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

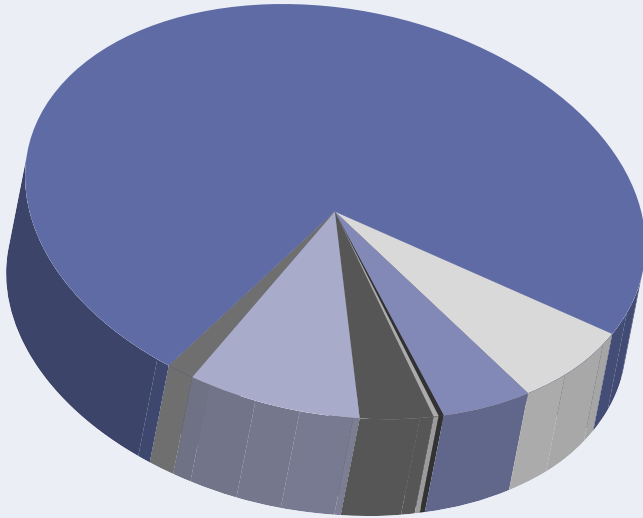


Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	38.70%	\$698,106
Rectories (Old & New)	1.50%	\$27,610
Administration	4.50%	\$81,926
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	1.70%	\$29,992
Community Outreach	4.90%	\$88,804
Religious Education & Evangelization	8.80%	\$159,333
Utilities	3.50%	\$62,558
Insurance & Property Taxes	0.80%	\$14,968
Plant Operation	1.90%	\$34,323
Diocesan Assessments	11.40%	\$205,278
Designated Collections	2.70%	\$48,811
School Support	14.20%	\$255,204
Capital Expenditures	5.40%	\$97,225
TOTAL	100.00%	\$1,804,138

ST. HILARY SCHOOL

Revenue Sources as a Percent of Total Revenue

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

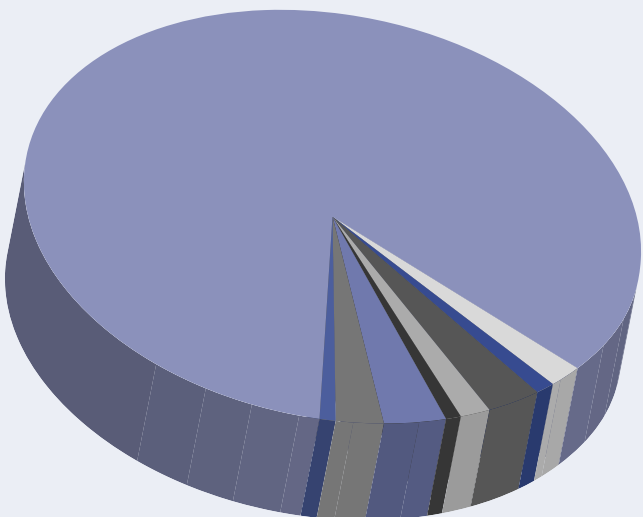


Tuition & Fees	73.50%	\$2,119,160
Mandated Services	7.00%	\$202,652
Fund Raising	4.90%	\$140,830
St. Hilary Foundation	0.30%	\$9,331
Net Playground & Latchkey	0.20%	\$5,408
Student Services	4.00%	\$116,206
School Support from Church	8.80%	\$255,204
Interest	0.10%	\$772
Other	1.20%	\$35,154
TOTAL	100.00%	\$2,884,717

ST. HILARY SCHOOL

Expense Sources as a Percent of Total Expenses

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009



Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	84.90%	\$2,818,361
Instructional Materials	1.90%	\$62,546
Library/Technology	1.10%	\$35,411
Utilities	3.00%	\$100,158
Plant Operation	1.70%	\$56,886
Insurance	0.80%	\$25,466
Student Services	3.30%	\$110,719
Administration	2.70%	\$89,569
Capital Improvements	0.60%	\$19,070
TOTAL	100.00%	\$3,318,186



WE'RE ADOPTING A **sister** parish!

Welcome Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Candelaria, the Church of Our Lady of Candlemas, in Santa Maria Mizata, El Salvador

St. Hilary Pastor Steve Brunovsky will announce this month that our parish will soon adopt a sister parish in the village of Santa Maria Mizata in El Salvador. A mass to celebrate the adoption of our sister parish will be held at St. Hilary at the 9:30 am Mass on Tuesday, September 29, the feast of St. Michael, one of the patron saints of our new sister parish.

Our Lady of Candlemas

"Our new sister parish is called Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Candelaria, which means Church of Our Lady of Candlemas. Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of Jesus. It also marks the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple and is celebrated on February 2," explains Fr. Steve.

Inspired by the work of the mission trips to El Salvador led by Mike and Heather

Connell beginning in 2005, the St. Hilary Parish Council recently endorsed an official proposal, written by Mike Connell, "to preserve the bonds and friendships built over the past four years with the faith community of Mizata...."

Friendship and cultural exchanges

Father Steve explains: "The proposal sets as our common goal 'friendship, goodwill and an exchange of ideas and cultures' intended to benefit both parishes. It is not intended to be just a financial relationship. Rather, we hope to achieve a spiritual and communal bonding of our faith communities.

"The adoption of the church in Mizata was the vision of our late parishioner Mike Connell, who brought the concept to Parish Council," continues Fr. Steve. "Mike's widow, Heather Connell, continues to pursue their mutual dream for the mission

trips and the sister parish relationship, as has the Board of Directors of the non-profit, Serving Christ Through His Poor, which the Connells established to sponsor the mission trips. A number of St. Hilary parishioners have journeyed to Mizata over the last four years to build infrastructure, buildings and homes for the residents. The latest mission team was in Mizata this summer, from July 16 to July 23, building five new homes."

Among the world's poorest

"El Salvador is one of the poorest countries in the world," explains Heather Connell. "The average family earns two or three dollars a week. Even though the church in Mizata is a spiritual center for many other villages, the church itself functions with the bare minimums. The community comes together and maintains and runs the church out of their love for God. Even though they are poor in conditions, they are

some of the richest people of faith and love of Christ that I have ever met.”

“The idea for this connection between the two parishes is to interact with their village school, the new Youth Center, and to help the church in small ways through prayer and, for example, in their preparations for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation,” Heather continues. “We can also have

own prayer intentions on a ribbon. My husband, Todd, designed a pattern for a canvas cross that would be easy to pack and take when we traveled to Mizata this July. A group of us sewed the ribbons on the canvas cloth and prayed for the intentions ourselves as we sewed. “When we arrived in Mizata, we discovered that the parish had just had a Marriage Encounter weekend,” Corey continued. “They asked Todd and I to

carry the canvas cross down the aisle at Mass, which was such an honor for us. When we arrived at the altar, Celio, who is a church leader, said: ‘Now they’ve asked us to pray for their intentions. It is our commitment and responsibility to pray for these intentions.’ When Celio said that, we could hear a big ‘si’ coming from the parishioners. They took our prayer intentions very seriously.”



Fr. Joe Warner, Fr. Mike Stalla and Fr. Chris Trenta concelebrate Mass at Church of Our Lady of Candlemas. Father Stalla is the Diocese of Cleveland’s mission team member.

cultural exchanges, learning more about their religious rituals on special days, and they can learn about how we celebrate special spiritual events, such as Holy Week.

“Most importantly, we want to hold them up in prayer and have them do the same for us,” Heather continued. “Corey Westover had a wonderful idea recently on how we can begin to share ourselves with them in prayer.”

The canvas prayer cross

Corey Westover was inspired to create a prayer cross for the church in Mizata. “My idea came from reading the proposal for a sister parish. One of its objectives is to build a spiritual relationship between our two parishes. I thought a visual reminder of prayer would be a good way to begin our relationship. So we put ribbons out after one of our weekend Masses here, inviting our parishioners to write their



Todd and Corey Westover present the St. Hilary Prayer Cross to the parishioners in Mizata.

A prayer cross for us

“After that Mass, they wrote their own prayer intentions on ribbons, so now we will make another canvas cross and present it to our parish,” Corey explains. “We hope to have that ready for Tuesday, September 29, the Feast of their second patron saint, St. Michael, when Fr. Steve makes the official announcement of our adoption of the sister parish, The Church of Our Lady of the Candlemas. I’m sure this will be the first of many prayer exchanges we will make with our new sister parish.”

Pen pals and school supplies

Although the school in Mizata is a government-run school, as are all schools in El Salvador, most of the students are Catholic, and the school is right next to the church. Possible interactions between St. Hilary School and the Mizata school include sending school supplies, establishing pen pal relationships between our Spanish class students and their English class students, and promoting interaction via email and video if and when Mizata students gain access to a computer and find a safe place to keep it. Right now the technology is not in place for internet access.

Communion dresses and coats

The second grade students in Mizata are too poor to buy appropriate clothing for their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation ceremonies, as are the older students who will be Confirmed. Heather Connell explains: “One of our ideas is to collect Communion dresses and shoes for the girls and coats, shirts, ties and shoes for the boys. We can send them to the Church. The problem is that their government makes it very difficult to get things into the country. I am hoping that if we can go through the Diocese in El Salvador, they can help make this happen.”

We warmly welcome our new sister parish to the St. Hilary Church community!



Interior of Youth Center



Hajna Batizy and Dawn Hosick at the shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Youth Center



Palm Sunday procession in Santa Maria Mizata



Heather Connell and some of the beneficiaries of the Youth Center

The parish and the leadership of **Serving Christ Through His Poor** (<http://throughhispoor.org>) will welcome any ideas and assistance from parishioners on this new initiative. Anyone interested in helping can contact Heather Connell at 330-665-5901 or hconnell@technomania.com

The officers of **Serving Christ Through His Poor** include Heather Connell, Joe McShannic, Elisa Gamache and Paul Huth.

Knights of Columbus Council #14551

GRAND KNIGHT:

Tom Bader, 330-666-7926
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WHO WE ARE:

A catholic gentleman's charitable organization. We are defined by our actions as a follower of God and as leaders in the community while participating in charitable service activities.

WHEN WE MEET:

The general membership meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Gathering Area of the Spiritual Center.

WHY WE EXIST:

We exist to promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Any Catholic male in good standing with the church is encouraged to become a Knight.

HOW TO BECOME A KNIGHT:

Contact Membership Director, Mark Chastain, 330-836-3637, mark.chastain@cumulus.com

For you were called for freedom, brothers...serve one another through love. Galatians 5:13



The St. Hilary Knights of Columbus were honored to be awarded the designation of the #1 council in the State of Ohio after only one year as a council.

Tom Bader and his wife Annette have three children. Tom has been a Knight since the St. Hilary council started 15 months ago. Tom succeeded Mike Connell as Grand Knight and was recently reelected.

John Santin and his wife, Anne, have three children. He has been a Knight since 1977. John has been Program Director since our council's inception and also became Deputy Grand Knight when Tom Bader became Grand Knight.

Why Tom began volunteering: I wanted to give back. Life's been good. I have done other things, such as being a CYO coach and have been involved with adoption groups. It was a great feeling when I volunteered. I was looking for another opportunity when I heard St. Hilary was forming a Knights of Columbus council.

Why John began volunteering: I originally joined the Knights as a young man because my father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle were all members and leaders. With being in the Air Force, in medical residency and moving around, I wasn't able to stay active. With the formation of the St. Hilary council, I was interested in once again becoming an active Knight.

What Tom does: As Grand Knight I oversee the operation. The strength is our membership. The officers are the rudders. I see my role as the seaman in the mast watching for land.

What John does: I stand in for the Grand Knight when needed and learn from him, because I will probably serve as the next Grand Knight. As Program Director, I am responsible for

establishing the 25 programs that will satisfy the state requirements in the areas of church, community, council, family and youth

Why Tom continues: Last year was a tough year. I was not even elected and followed Mike Connell, someone with big shoes to fill. But, I had the benefit of Mike's wonderful gift of organization as the foundation for the Council. I also realized that the Knights are not just one person but a community of men. I look for a lot of good things for next year and plan on being # 1 in state again.

Why John continues: I think that it is important to belong to an organization that adds purpose to your life, especially one that could benefit your spiritual life. Why I continue can be summarized in a quote from Monsignor Patrick Carroll-Abbing (the "Pied Piper of Rome" 1912-2001): "The secret to happiness in life is to love; and the essence of love is to serve." This is a great group of guys and families to serve with.

Tom's favorite moment: One project we did last year was to install windows at one of the homes owned by the Catholic Workers. As I was working, a woman came up to me, held my hand, looked into my eyes and said 'thank you.' That's what it's all about. You can't trade someone saying thank you for anything; it's a non-tradable commodity.

John's favorite moment: My favorite moment was receiving the 5-foot trophy on behalf of St. Hilary council #14551 for being the #1 council in the state at the state meeting in Cincinnati then later trying to figure out with Clark Hosick how to fit it into my car to bring it back to Akron.

THIS PAGE SPOTLIGHTS A MINISTRY THAT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

By sharing more information about their activities, it is our hope that you will be encouraged to participate.

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Friday, September 18,
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A Year of Grace
The Church's
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babysitting available

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Giving is a joyful act.
You get back far more
than you give.

(See evidence of this on pages 1-3!)