

# Prince of Peace Catholic Community

Pastor's Annual Report  
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017



**Congratulations to Prince of Peace Catholic School  
2016 Blue Ribbon Award Recipient  
From the United States Department of Education**

October, 2017

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

For over twenty-five years now, Prince of Peace has had an impact not only on this western portion of Plano, but also to so many others locally, nationally and internationally. All that has been accomplished in more than a quarter of a century of existence is due to the gift of your time, talent and treasure. The investment of yourselves and all that you have to offer has touched and graced the lives of so many. Thank you for being a vital part of your faith family of Prince of Peace.

Think about this:

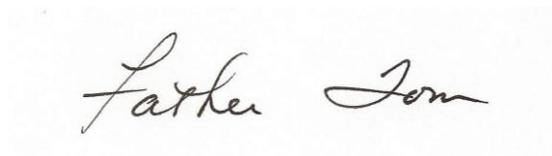
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All of the above and so much more cannot happen without “u” (You). It is Your participation in all three “Ts” that has helped us accomplish so much for more than twenty-five years.

If You have not been involved in some way here in our parish family, it is never too late. By the gift of Your presence and participation, even more can be done to serve the common good and the needs of our spiritual family. Consider what You have to offer your family of faith here at Prince of Peace.

Thank you for the various ways that you have given of Yourself to Prince of Peace. May this year be one of grace and favor from our God for us all.

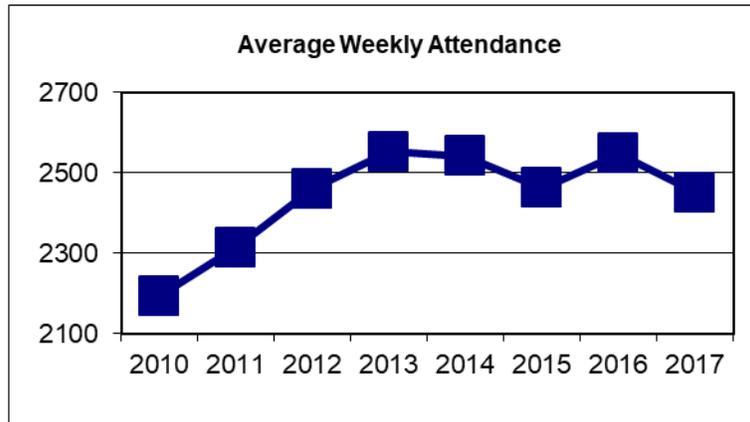
Sincerely and gratefully Yours,

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Father Tom Cloherty  
Pastor

## A CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

We are most a Community when we gather each weekend to hear the Word of the Lord and partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus in Eucharist. Our celebrations help us to renew our faith so that we can bring the Kingdom of God more fully into our lives. Below is a chart showing our weekend Mass attendance over the past several years. We continue to stress the importance of Sunday Mass as the source and center of our life as a Community.



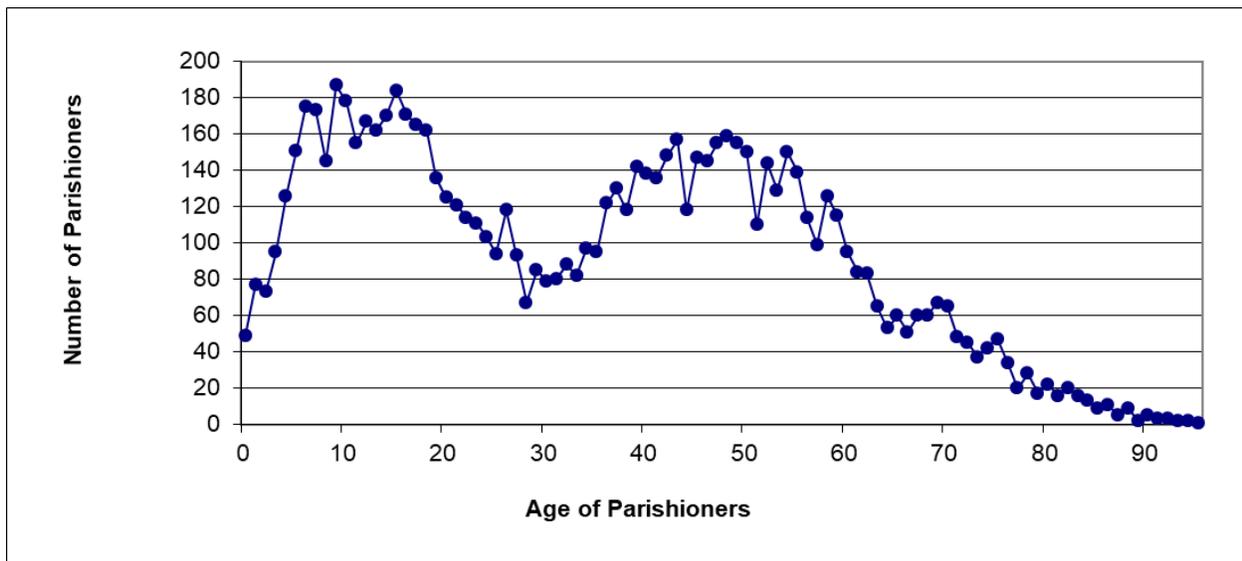
## OUR PASTORAL STAFF

We are privileged to have two full-time priests assigned to our Community. Father Tom Cloherty became our Pastor in July, 2010. On July 1, 2016 Father Peter Chinnappan joined us as Associate Pastor. We have four deacons: Dave Tompsett, Gene Kowalski, John O'Leary and Ed Leyden - and eighteen full-time and five part-time employees.

## HOW OLD ARE WE?

As a Community of Faith we are in our twenty-sixth year. We date our birth from our first Mass on February 10, 1991, at the now closed Loews Theatre in the Preston Park Shopping Center.

The ages of our parishioners affirm that we are a young Community with an average age of 35. Our largest age group is 9-year olds followed by 15 and 10-year olds.



## PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Prince of Peace Catholic School is devoted to instilling strong Catholic values, fostering a life of faith and servant leadership, providing a challenging academic environment, and inspiring each student to shine to the fullest extent of his or her God-given potential. Our identity statement established by the National Catholic Education Association, clearly reminds us of this mission. "Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever Teacher in its classes, the Model of its faculty, the Inspiration of its students." Our 815 students, from 3K to grade 8 come together to form a Catholic learning community. This past May we graduated our 18<sup>th</sup> class of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and they have moved on to make a difference in the world for Christ. Our amazing faculty, staff, students, and parents have helped our school be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2006 and 2016. This recognition and the amazing work our faculty and staff do each day has made our school one of the most sought after Catholic schools in the area.

### Our School Staff

In order to provide for the spiritual and educational needs of the 815 students of Prince of Peace Catholic School and the Children's Learning Center, we have 79 full-time and 10 part-time administrators, support personnel and teachers.

### School Investment Fund

The value of our investment fund at June 30, 2017 is \$1,254,380 and is managed by UBS. A portion of the income of the Fund may be used to supplement our operating budget and fund special programs as determined by the directors of the Fund. The Fund is overseen and reviewed periodically by Father Tom and Mr. Evans, as well as the School and Parish Finance Councils.

## PASSING ON THE FAITH

### Prince of Peace Youth Ministry (POP Ignite 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and POP Impact 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Our growing youth program seeks "to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, to draw them into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community and to foster their personal and spiritual growth" (*Renewing The Vision, US Council of Catholic Bishops*). We strive to help our youth understand that serving others in need is an essential part of the Catholic faith by placing a special emphasis on Christian service. We present below a summary of the participation in our youth program during 2016-2017.

POP Ignite (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	101	POP Impact (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)	54
Confirmation	122	High School Youth Leaders	5
Confirmation Retreat (Youth & Parents)	190	Catechists & Adult Leaders	22
POP Breakthrough (HS Scripture Study)	12	Spirit Day	230
Dallas Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)	24	Mission Possible	214
Lone Star Steubenville	32	El Camino Pilgrimage	10
Service Saturdays	6		

### Family & Children's Religious Education

What is religious education: At Prince of Peace we believe that religious education is a faith formation process that begins in the very early years of one's life, and continues to be a life-long process. This process consists of everyone in our parish; priest, staff, parishioners, catechists, and especially parents .... sharing our faith by questioning, answering, and telling our stories. That's *really* what happens in religious education. It doesn't happen overnight, or in one year, but rather, in a gradual process over years of a child's maturing toward an adult Catholic understanding. Ever since Vatican II, the Church has been making strides towards returning to the roots of our Catholic Christian tradition. The religious education programs we offer have been chosen not only to meet the needs of the students and families, but also to reflect the mandates of Vatican II. Here is a summary of the participation in our programs:

Sunday Pre-school (3 and 4 year olds)	62	Vacation Bible School	101
Sacrament of First Reconciliation	145	Be My Disciples at Home	84
Sacrament of First Eucharist	145	Be My Disciples Sunday Classes	140
Special Needs Class	11		

### **Christian Initiation Ministry**

Also known as the Catechumenate, this ministry provides the opportunity for spiritual growth through the initiation process to become Catholic. Those seeking to become Catholic are adequately prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The presence of the Community, reflection on Scripture, learning the teachings of the Catholic Church and the rituals of the Rite of Initiation for Adults supports and encourages them on their faith journey.

### **Adults, Children And Infants Who Celebrated Initiation**

Received into the Church:

Un-baptized adults and children	4
Baptized in another Christian faith, adults and children	10
Baptized in the Catholic faith (un-catechized and missing one or more of the initiation sacraments)	2
Adults and Teens assisting with this ministry	21
Adults Confirmed in the Catholic faith	6
Catholics Returning Home participants	7
Infant Baptisms July 1 – June 30	89

### **PASTORAL CARE**

**Pastoral Care** serves the parish and the community with Christ's love and compassion during life's challenges.

The **Hospital Ministry** visited 2,560 patients and 654 visitors during the year. Of that number, 1,356 received the Eucharist. The visits to Presbyterian Plano Hospital occur on a weekly basis – 52 weeks a year.

The **Senior Living Ministry** is composed of teams that visit the residents on a weekly basis. These visits totaled over 3,000 during the year.

The **Divorce Ministry** organizes seminars for healing and understanding for individuals. Three separate seminars were offered with over 30 attendees.

**Always Our Children** is a support group for families coping with Gay, Lesbian Bi-sexual, and Transgender family members (primarily teens and young adults). We offer confidentiality, compassion and mercy and a safe place to ask questions and express their fears and concerns. We do not offer advice. We are not professionals, but people of faith who have walked with our own family members. We adhere to the teachings of the Bishop's letter "Always Our Children." We rotate monthly between Prince of Peace, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Francis of Assisi.

The **Parish Nurse** held two blood drives with a total of 42 units of blood. Education provided included, Advance Care Planning, Cancer, Chronic Disease, Diabetes, Nutrition, Medication Management, and Suicide Awareness. First Aid was provided for the Hike For Life event September, 2016. A total of 106 flu vaccines were administered. The total number of contacts was 1,386 and the number of people served was 1,397.

**Grief Ministry** – three parishes have joined together to host a luncheon for those who have lost a loved one to death. The lunches occur on the second Wednesday of each month. **Faith and Grief** is a welcoming and supportive community that offers comfort through scripture and prayers; encouragement from hearing the personal stories of others; hope in sharing experiences and feelings; and fellowship around a shared meal.

The **Marriage Ministry** prepared 30 couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Counseling** – professional counseling services and referrals were provided throughout the year.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

For the Sunday Eucharistic celebration to be a meaningful expression of our faith, we need many people participating in the different liturgical ministries. The primary liturgical ministry is that of the assembly. We gather, not as isolated individuals, but as a celebrating community, each of us is called to participate "fully, consciously and actively" to use the words of the Second Vatican Council. All other ministries serve the Community as we worship in spirit and truth. We are most grateful for those who contributed time and loving care to the following ministries:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	265	Lectors	64
Infant Baptism Coordinators	4	Ushers	50
Ministry to Homebound	5	Acolytes	100
Liturgy Of The Word For Children Ministers	6	Adult Choir	37
Environment Committee Members	18	Senior Acolytes	16
Sacristans	19	Water Bearers	60
Greeters	12		

## OUTREACH

Our Community provides our Outreach and Emergency Assistance Funds the first 4% of our Sunday collections. This year that amounted to \$116,136. In addition, parishioners donated \$78,034 to these funds. Thus, the total amount provided to our Outreach ministries is **\$194,170**. Our Outreach Committee used these funds to assist agencies that help ease the burden of our sisters and brothers in need. Among the many groups we supported this past year are:

Emergency Assistance*	\$77,450	Assistance Center of Collin County	\$3,400
Catholic Charities	17,700	White Rose Women's Center	2,800
City House	7,600	Samaritan Inn	3,400
Santa Clara Catholic Church	6,715	Shoe Ministry	10,067
Plano Children's Medical Clinic	4,900	Rainbow Days	7,300

\*Our Emergency Assistance Fund is used to help people who come into the parish office and are in serious financial need.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

During the period of this report, a number of special offerings were taken up and sent to various ministries and agencies throughout the world. The total amount collected was \$447,000. Among those who benefited from your generosity, we name:

Bishop's Annual Appeal **	\$178,684	Lenten Mission-Fr. Latour	\$ 5,434
Honduras Sister Parish	211,615	Hurricane Matthew Flood Victims	5,709
New Orleans Flood Victims	7,544	Operation Rice Bowl	1,172
Religious Retirement Fund	19,131	Catholic Charities, Special Collection	4,671
Children's Collections *	8,321	Holy Land – Good Friday	1,692

\*During the year this fund was used to support Little Hearts of Hope, The Warren Center, and The Book Buddies of the Storehouse

\*\*As of June 30, Prince of Peace parishioners have donated \$178,684 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal campaign. Our goal is \$217,000 at year-end. Collectively, Prince of Peace parishioners have pledged \$241,639 to the 2017 Campaign.

\*\*\*The members of the Prince of Peace Catholic Community are generous in many ways and reflect God's direction to assist those who are less fortunate. The gifting of the parish community to the various outreach and support programs is fantastic. To give you some idea of the total generosity of our community I have summed up the community's total gifting in all areas for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The total giving to the Church is \$3,544,574. The giving to the various organizations and support groups is \$641,170 which is 18 percent of the total giving to the Church. A total of \$2,903,404 remains in the Church's General Fund. Some of the dollars that are given to the Church are also shared with various community programs. We are truly a Generous, Loving and Sharing Community and I thank you for all that you give and share. \*\*\*



**Father Tom**

### **SISTER PARISH**

For the past eighteen years our Community and the Community of Our Lady of Mercies (Las Mercedes) have enjoyed a very special Sister Parish relationship. Members of our Community make missionary journeys to Las Mercedes and members of their Community travel to Plano to spend time with us. We continue to provide support for various children's programs at Las Mercedes. The Prince of Peace Nutrition Center provides care for malnourished children of El Progreso and the surrounding area. Mothers bring children who are malnourished to the center and receive training for child care from the staff. Twenty-two children who are severely malnourished are currently residing in the center and will stay there until they regain their health. Training in the barrios for mothers is also provided by the Center staff and currently 200 families are participating in this program. The Hogar Suyapa Children's Home provides permanent housing, education, and healthcare for up to 40 children who have been placed there by the family court. Currently, 39 children are living in the Hogar. Other programs include four kinders operating in the barrios and three neighborhood feeding programs which provide breakfast or lunch for children of the area. We have a sponsorship program for children of Hogar Suyapa. Sponsors develop a relationship with the child much like that of a godparent and we encourage any member of Prince of Peace to become a sponsor.

This past year, 20 members of Prince of Peace including Fr. Tom and Chad Evans, President of our school, made visits to Las Mercedes. In addition, Padre Francisco and 4 members of his staff made a visit in October. Total funds collected for our Sister Parish for the fiscal year were \$204,216.76. This includes money raised to purchase a new van for Hogar Suyapa and a used truck for the Nutrition Center. Because of worsening economic conditions in Honduras, our funds have been relied on for an increasing percentage of operating costs. We send 100% of what we collect to Las Mercedes. In addition, we have established an Educational Endowment fund which currently is valued at \$186,046.80. We distribute money from the fund as needed to help with the education of children who reside at Hogar Suyapa.

### **RESURRECTION GARDEN**

Our Resurrection Garden, dedicated in November, 2003, has 226 of our loved ones interred in the Columbarium. Family members often visit them and stay for prayer and quiet reflection. A total of 364 niches have been reserved by members of our Community. The Resurrection Garden is funded by special gifts and by the purchase of niches. (\$2,500 per niche – each niche can accommodate two urns). Two hundred eighty four (284) niches are available for reservation. The Fund is used for perpetual care and will be used to cover later additions to our Resurrection Garden.

## OUR FAITH – OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through the generosity of our community, approximately \$2,840,457.88 has been pledged to the Capital Campaign. As of June 30, 2017, a total of \$2,478,857 has been collected. Thanks to your generosity, we have, as of year-end 2016, exceeded the Parish goal of \$2,335,000 and our return has now shifted from 30 percent to 70 percent. These funds continue to be used for specified projects within the Parish.

## PARISH INVESTMENT FUND

In 2014 the Church started an Investment Fund with an initial investment in July, 2014 and an additional investment in April, 2015. We have since transferred part of the funds to our bank's Money Market account. We currently have \$571,369 invested and managed by UBS. The Fund is overseen and reviewed periodically by Father Tom, the Finance Committee, and one financial advisor.

## ADULT FORMATION

Our Adult Faith Formation programs promote a deeper understanding of the Christian message, empowering adults to live the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the facilitators who have assisted us in developing a dynamic program of adult formation. Here is a summary of those that participated in our various activities.

Men's Fellowship	52	Prayer Series	35
Bible Studies	211	Lenten Journey	121
Centering Prayer	30	Finding Christ in the World	27
Christ Renews His Parish	40	Advent Reflection	15
Small Church Communities	225	Your Brother in Christ	50
WOW (Women of Wisdom)	30	Spiritual Enrichment	26
Alpha	50		
Senior Lent Retreat	50		

## COMMUNITY LIFE

Community Life groups encourage and deepen our relationships with one another through regular meetings and programs that promote the good of the Community. Our Community offers many wonderful opportunities for involvement for families, couples, singles and children.

Empty Nesters	65	Knights of Columbus	296
M.O.M.S. Group	58	Prime Timers	45
M.O.M.S Facebook Group	125		

We have other organizations directed toward a specific ministry or service. Among them are:

Sunday Donuts & Coffee	Respect Life Ministry	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Jail Ministry	Funeral Reception Ministry	Scouting for Boys & Girls
Sunday Nursery	Prayer Ministry	Angels In Need
Newcomer Welcoming	Mass Greeters	

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Prince of Peace Young Adult Ministry – Young Adults are as diverse as any group in the Church. For that reason, we have divided Young Adult Ministry into two separate ministries: This ministry exists to help young adults know Christ and make Him known. We desire to forge young adults into lifelong missionary disciples. Our ministry is designed to give young adults the ability to connect during larger events such as our EXALT night, and to go deeper in small group settings which meet on a more regular basis. Groups included:

EXALT	1,000
Profess	400
Forge/Refine Groups	42

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – The Music Ministry at Prince of Peace has been quite active this past year. This year looks to be just as busy. In addition to all the weekly and special liturgies that they will participate in, the Liturgical Choir is singing for the National Conference of Catholic Women Convention here in Dallas. They are also working towards a Pilgrimage/Tour of Ireland and Great Britain for May-June, 2018. The Children's Choir is growing and has approximately 20 children participating throughout the year. Our School Choir, the POP Stars, has approximately 30 participants and helps lead the School Liturgies. Our Cantors Guild has 16 cantors who lead liturgies each weekend. We have approximately 10 musicians leading our Sunday 5:00pm liturgy. This past year, we were able to add a part-time staff member to assist in the enlivening of our community's song, especially at the Sunday 5:00pm and School Liturgies.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD...PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE**

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – POP Impact is unveiling a new website this year and kicking off the school year with a Launch Retreat over Labor Day weekend to jump start the high school youth ministry. POP Ignite is looking forward to a new look for Spirit Day this fall with the help of Paul Stadelman and the high school youth leader team assisting with the format. Exciting times for our youth!

**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** continues to grow in God's love and blessings. During the 2017-2018 school year, the school will begin the implementation of their updated strategic plan that focuses on continued integration of 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills, solidifying the VBRD (Virtue Based Restorative Discipline) practices, and ensuring that we continue to provide every family the special opportunity of a Catholic education.

My dear Friends:

I hope that you have found the material included in this report to be of some assistance in realizing all that goes on within our parish family of Prince of Peace. There again, all that goes on is due to your involvement through Time, Talent and Treasure.

Thank you for the gift that you have been and are to your family of faith of Prince of Peace.

Gratefully yours in Christ, the Prince of Peace,

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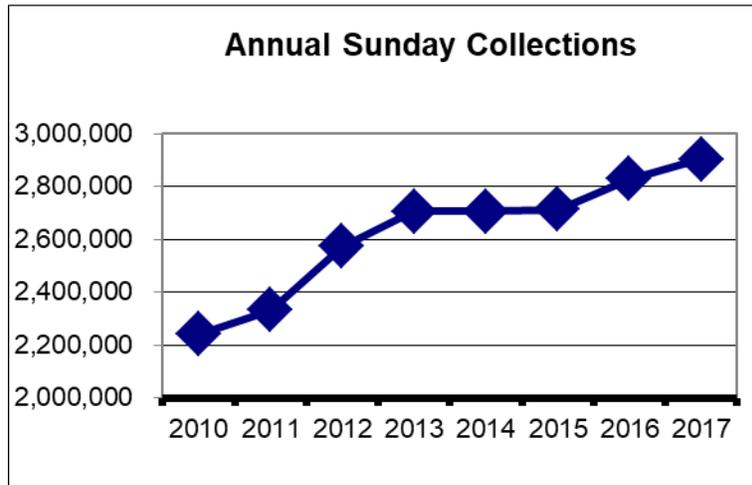
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**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC PARISH  
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Sunday Collections	\$ 2,903,404	\$ 2,770,000
Investment Income	65,819	4,800
Fees and Other	846,553	585,950
Total Income	<u>3,815,776</u>	<u>3,360,750</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Compensation and Benefits	1,427,003	1,402,532
Contributions and Assessments	1,165,056	1,016,893
Professional Fees	29,014	30,400
Insurance and Risk Management	50,880	48,611
Supplies, Repairs, Equip., and Other	933,294	710,363
Utilities	136,090	134,400
Interest and Financing	8,300	9,205
Depreciation	10,233	0
Total Expenses	<u>3,759,871</u>	<u>3,352,404</u>
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Temporary Fund Contributions	64,741	0
Net Income	<u>\$ 120,646</u>	<u>\$ 8,346</u>

**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC PARISH  
BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 1,406,059	\$ 1,074,709
Other Assets	137,820	184,605
Fixed Assets	17,576,717	7,243,540
Investments	757,416	668,550
Total Assets	<u>19,878,012</u>	<u>9,171,404</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Accounts Payable and Other	400,684	158,133
Equity	19,477,328	9,013,271
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 19,878,012</u>	<u>\$ 9,171,404</u>



## PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,514,277	\$ 1,311,965
Receivables	11,887	6,788
Other Assets	170,106	145,243
Fixed Assets	662,031	481,129
Investments	1,086,082	1,090,664
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,444,383</b>	<b>\$ 3,035,789</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Accounts Payable	118,923	44,182
Other Accrued Expenses & Liabilities	167,205	22,221
Payroll Liabilities	17,688	77,338
Deferred Revenue	1,569,837	1,516,339
Equity	1,570,730	1,375,709
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,444,383</b>	<b>\$ 3,035,789</b>

## PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL INCOME SHEET

	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016
<b>Change in Unrestricted Net Assets</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
Tuition	\$ 5,566,656	\$ 5,337,870
Fees	956,543	894,580
Parish Subsidy	250,000	250,000
Fundraisers & Investment Income	703,858	388,403
Other Revenues	182,565	240,337
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,659,622</b>	<b>7,111,190</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Compensation & Benefits	5,496,869	5,393,653
Contributions & Assessments	309,443	25,950
Professional Fees	86,059	110,845
Insurance & Risk Management	137,888	128,779
Supplies, Repairs, Equip. & Other	1,149,672	1,132,628
Utilities	207,593	199,381
Interest & Finance Charges	18,183	15,110
Bad Debt Expense	55	1,727
Depreciation & Amortization	187,131	246,552
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,592,893</b>	<b>7,254,625</b>
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Other Contributions	128,291	(19,696)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 195,020</b>	<b>\$ (163,131)</b>