

## Fundraising annual Report

More than a year later since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic in March 2020. Our Parish has been adapting to the guidelines issued by the Swiss authorities, resulting in some online masses, and recently, masses in person with a limited number of parishioners. The reality is that at least some of these changes are likely to stay or will continue to have an impact after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.

As far as fundraising, all the planned yearly activities such as Lighten the Load III pledge marathon, the Kermess, and the raffle were suspended last year, and according to our last PAC meeting this coming year, all activities, too, will be suspended.

Fortunately, through some savings, a loan from the Swiss authorities, and the generosity of the Parishioners, our cash flow remains healthy.

On the other hand, our debt-to-income ratio still needs to be carefully managed even though debt sustainability has not been a heavy burden, from the financial point of view, it has had an impact on our charitable programs as they were reduced from the pre-pandemic level.

As COVID-19 continues to impact people's livelihoods, we, as Catholics have the mission to help those in need, and our generosity in times of struggle will be tested.

Therefore, looking at the future, we would need to adapt our fundraising methods. The challenge for the next year is to redesign our fundraising strategy, and for this purpose, we plan to start by setting new goals, a new fundraising plan built with the input of the Parish Priest, the parishioners, and our staff.

In conclusion, after a close examination of the statistics and basic information about our parish finances, we would most likely need to reenergize ourselves and ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us in our new fundraising efforts for next year.

Thank you