

**CCAS CLERGY MEDICAL PLAN**

FINANCIAL REPORT

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Trustees  
CCAS Clergy Medical Plan  
Seattle, Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the CCAS Clergy Medical Plan ("the Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and of Plan benefit obligations as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in Plan benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Plan management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States; this includes 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the CCAS Clergy Medical Plan as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its financial status for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.



November 12, 2019

## CCAS CLERGY MEDICAL PLAN

### STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS	2019	2018
Investments at net asset value	\$ 4,206,011	\$ 3,103,161
Cash and cash equivalents	1,156,576	594,294
Employer contributions receivable	27,830	12,616
Other receivables	2	
Total assets	5,390,419	3,710,071
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	44,120	36,219
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 5,346,299	\$ 3,673,852

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## CCAS CLERGY MEDICAL PLAN

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
<b>Additions to Net Assets</b>		
Employer contributions	\$ 2,199,140	\$ 2,150,200
Called to Serve as Christ contributions	1,339,672	
Donations and other		5,959
	3,538,812	2,156,159
<b>Investment income</b>		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	201,435	161,490
Interest and dividend income	72,299	54,987
	273,734	216,477
<b>Investment expenses</b>		
	(2,909)	(2,591)
	270,825	213,886
<b>Total additions</b>	3,809,637	2,370,045
<b>Deductions from Net Assets</b>		
<b>Benefits to participants</b>		
Health care premiums	1,485,300	1,498,959
Dental premiums	153,207	159,531
Vision premiums	27,600	28,028
Disability premiums	21,206	22,473
Life insurance premiums	7,012	7,243
Benefit expense	199,546	119,013
Wellness costs	28,609	33,937
Other	3,487	
	1,925,967	1,869,184
<b>Administrative expenses</b>	211,223	170,123
	2,137,190	2,039,307
<b>Net increase during the year</b>	1,672,447	330,738
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>		
Beginning of year	3,673,852	3,343,114
End of year	\$ 5,346,299	\$ 3,673,852

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STATEMENTS OF PLAN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

June 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Postretirement Benefit Obligations		
Current retirees	\$ 6,981,000	\$ 6,076,000
Other participants fully eligible for benefits	3,120,000	3,288,000
Active participants not yet fully eligible for benefits	<u>5,572,000</u>	<u>5,473,000</u>
Total benefit obligations	<u>\$ 15,673,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,837,000</u>

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## CCAS CLERGY MEDICAL PLAN

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Amounts Currently Payable		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Claims reported and approved for payment	74,783	16,976
Claims paid	<u>(74,783)</u>	<u>(16,976)</u>
Balance at end of year		
Postretirement Benefit Obligations		
Balance at beginning of year	14,837,000	17,811,000
Benefits accumulated	392,000	474,000
Increase due to passage of time - assumed interest	591,000	657,000
Actuarial (gain) loss	485,000	(3,415,000)
Benefits paid during the year	<u>(632,000)</u>	<u>(690,000)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>15,673,000</u>	<u>14,837,000</u>
Plan's total benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 15,673,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,837,000</u>

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1. Description of Plan

The following description of the CCAS Clergy Medical Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan provides health benefits to all incardinated priests in the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle ("the Archdiocese"). For those who are eligible, participation in the Plan is mandatory unless otherwise stipulated by the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle ("the Archbishop"). The Plan covers active and senior priests (retired and not assigned). The Plan qualifies as a Church Plan and is exempt from the requirement of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Plan is not required to file a Form 5500.

Plan assets are not comingled with the assets of other plans or the Archdiocese.

#### Benefits

Benefits include the following:

	<u>Active Priests</u>	<u>Senior Priests</u>
Medical insurance	Yes	Yes
Insurance for hearing and other practitioner coverage	Yes	Yes
Medicare supplemental insurance	No	Yes
Medicare Part D retiree drug insurance	No	Yes
Dental insurance	Yes	Yes
Vision insurance	Yes	Yes
Life insurance	Yes	Yes
Long-term disability insurance	Yes	No
Medically necessary out-of-pocket costs	Over \$1,000	Over \$600
Medicare Part B insurance premiums	No	Yes
Hearing aid devices	\$3,000 every three years	\$3,000 every three years
Hearing exam	\$100 every three years	\$100 every three years
Other practitioner benefits	Up to 30 visits per calendar year	Up to 30 visits per calendar year
Wellness program	Yes	Yes

Current health claims of active and senior priests are provided under group insurance contracts with one of several health care contractors. These group insurance contracts are experience-rated. Death and disability benefits are covered by group term policies.



## **Contributions**

Parishes where incardinated archdiocesan priests are assigned ("employer units") make annual contributions to the Plan. Each location made a contribution of \$14,000 for active priests in both 2019 and 2018. The contribution was \$9,700 for each senior priest for both 2019 and 2018. Contributions for senior priests are primarily received from the Central Office of the Archdiocese. Additional contributions are made by the Called to Serve as Christ campaign, individuals, and estates.

## **Benefits Paid**

Benefits paid during the year on the statements of changes in plan benefit obligations are included in benefits to participants (health care, dental, vision, and life insurance premiums and benefit payments) on the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

## **Plan Administration**

The Plan is administered by the Benefits Services Office of the Archdiocese.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

The actuarial present value of benefit obligations is reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, healthcare cost trend rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term could be material to the financial statements.

## **Note 2. Summary of Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of a checking account in a bank and money market accounts. At times, the Plan has amounts deposited with a financial institution in excess of federally insured limits.

### **Contributions**

Employer contributions are recognized as revenue during the period the related active and senior priests are located within the Archdiocese. Other contributions and donations are recognized as revenue when the pledge is made.

## **Investment Valuation and Investment Income Recognition**

The Plan's investments consist of non-publicly traded mutual funds and are reported at fair value using the net asset value ("NAV"), which is determined by the administrators of the funds and is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying assets held by the mutual funds, less any liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund would sell the investment for an amount significantly different from the reported NAV.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The investments measured at net asset value as a practical expedient and their investment objectives are summarized as follows:

Investment Type	Name of Fund	Net Asset Value as of June 30, 2019	Net Asset Value as of June 30, 2018	Investment Objective	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Policy	Redemption Notice Period
Fixed Income	CUIT Short-Term Bond	\$ 205,598	\$ 152,315	To seek current income	\$ -	Seven days' notice	None
	CUIT Intermediate Diversified Bond Fund Class B	1,879,095	1,381,262	To seek current income		Seven days' notice	None
Equity	CUIT International Equity Fund Class B	428,109	294,643	To seek long-term capital appreciation		Seven days' notice	None
	CUIT Small Cap Equity Index Fund Class B	309,291	248,468	To seek long-term capital appreciation		Seven days' notice	None
	CUIT Core Equity Index Fund Class B	1,383,918	1,026,473	To seek long-term capital appreciation		Seven days' notice	None
		<u>\$ 4,206,011</u>	<u>\$ 3,103,161</u>		<u>\$ -</u>		

## **Postretirement Benefits**

The postretirement benefit obligation represents the actuarial present value of those estimated future benefits that are attributed to employee service rendered to June 30, 2019. Postretirement benefits include future benefits expected to be paid to or for (a) senior priests, and (b) active priests after retirement from service with the Plan sponsor. Prior to an active priest's full eligibility date, the postretirement benefit obligation is the portion of the expected postretirement benefit obligation at retirement that is attributed to that priest's service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of the expected postretirement benefit obligation is determined by an actuary and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to historical claims-cost data to estimate future annual incurred claims cost per participant (including administrative costs) and to adjust such estimates for the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as those for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The most recent valuation was performed as of June 30, 2019.

The following significant assumptions were used in the valuations as of June 30:

Assumptions	2019	2018
Weighted-average discount rate	3.41%	4.07%
Increase in health care costs	6.1% in 2019 grading to 4.2% through 2080	5.2% in 2018 grading to 4.2% through 2080

Mortality is estimated using the RP-2006 Mortality Tables for both 2019 and 2018. These tables were adjusted to reflect mortality improvement scale MP-2018 for 2019, and MP-2017 for 2018.

The fiscal year 2019 actuarial loss is due primarily to change in discount rate to 3.41% from 4.07%. The fiscal year 2018 actuarial gain is due primarily to change in discount rate to 4.07% from 3.76%, as well as the increase in the mortality improvement scales.

The foregoing assumptions are based upon the presumption that the Plan will continue and that Medicare will continue to pay the same percentage of future retiree health claims. Were the Plan to terminate or Medicare coverage to change, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of the postretirement benefit obligation.

Certain insurance costs may be impacted by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 ("the Act"). The post-employment benefit obligation does not include any impact of potential subsidies under the Act as the Plan is not directly entitled to the subsidy.

### **Use of Estimates**

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

### **Payment of Benefit**

Benefit payments are recorded upon distribution.

### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Archdiocese has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan.

### **Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, which was November 12, 2019.

### **Note 3. Benefit Obligations**

The Plan's deficiency of net assets over benefit obligations at June 30, 2019 and 2018, relates primarily to the postretirement benefit obligation, the funding of which is not covered by the contribution rate paid by the locations of the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has begun a fundraising campaign with the goal of substantially funding these benefit obligations, which is expected to significantly reduce or eliminate the deficit.

The weighted-average health care cost-trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements. If the assumed rates increased by one percentage point each year, it would increase the obligation as of June 30, 2019, by \$2,722,000.

### **Note 4. Related Party Transactions**

The Plan reimburses the Benefits Services Office, a division of the Archdiocese, for its share of administrative expenses. These include payroll and other expenses paid by the Archdiocese, which are split among the following plans:

- Archdiocesan Pension Plan for Lay Employees
- Archdiocesan 403(b) Savings Plan
- Pre-2009 Accounts 403(b) Plan
- Archdiocese Health and Welfare Plan for Lay Employees
- Priest Pension Plan
- Priest Health Plan
- Corporation of the Catholic Archbishop of Seattle Workers Compensation Program

The Plan's share of expenses was \$133,308 and \$119,148 for 2019 and 2018, respectively. These amounts are included in administrative expenses in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

### **Note 5. Investments**

The Plan's cash equivalents and investments are held by a bank-administered trust fund and by Religious Communities Trust, an investment entity for the exclusive benefit of Roman Catholic organizations that are listed in the Official Catholic Directory of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the investments made and utilizes an investment advisory firm to monitor performance and recommend any changes in investments to the Archbishop.