

## *Message from Our Archbishop*



### **To a Deeper Communion of Faith**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year, we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Singapore. Looking back at the growth of our archdiocese over the past 200 years, and witnessing its life in recent times, I am moved to give thanks to God for blessing us with the selfless missionaries and individuals who handed us the faith.

In a similar way, I am grateful to every person who has generously responded to Catholic Foundation's call for support, particularly through the GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) programme. Just as how many ecclesial institutions provide the financial backbone for the Catholic Church throughout the world, Catholic Foundation, since its mandate in 2015 as the archdiocese's fundraising arm, has sustained the growth of our Church here – but only with your support.

Many of us will remember 2020 as the year of the pandemic. It was a tumultuous and extremely challenging time when Catholics desperately needed to hear the voice of the Church proclaiming that our loving God is ever faithful, not just in the midst of this storm, but all storms in our lives.

I am truly heartened that during the crisis, you continued to give. You have done so because you love God and His Church. In 2020, there were close to 1,300 new pledges towards the GIFT programme, and I am truly thankful to all of you who want to help continue the mission of the Church – our mission.

Even with the increased support, there is much more to be done to build the Kingdom of God here in Singapore. Initiatives like the construction of the Catholic Hub, which will strengthen communion within the Church, require millions of dollars. It truly seems that the Lord is inviting us to enter deeper into this communion of faith, and the future of our Church rests on how we respond to His invitation.

I pray that all Catholics in Singapore recognise their role in continuing the good work that our founding missionaries started 200 years ago. I pray that we will live up to our mission of passing on the baton, and that future generations will come to experience Christ and be part of a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church.

May God bless you.

*Most Reverend William Goh  
Archbishop of Singapore*



# Rising Above

In the midst of the uncertainties, Catholic Foundation responded faithfully and endeavoured to sustain the spiritual lives of the faithful and rise above the tidal wave of Covid-19. As the Church weathered the trials and challenges brought about by changing restrictions, the Foundation adapted its traditional ways of raising the much needed resources for the archdiocese, and was heartened by the community's support.

## Key initiatives by the Foundation:

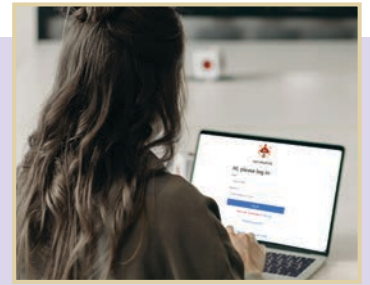
### Online Masses

Churches were closed in February 2020. Online Masses, supported by the Foundation, became the main source of spiritual nourishment.



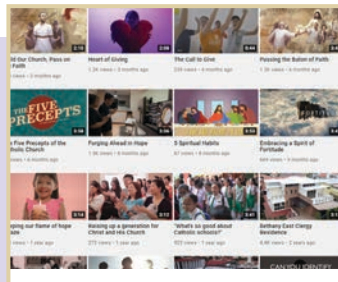
### MARS

The Mass Registration Attendance System was rolled out by the Digital Church Team, enabling Catholics to register for physical Masses.



### Spirit of Fortitude

To uplift spirits and rally the flock, several videos on the impact of the pandemic and the Church's response were produced and played.



### Sustaining Our Faith

In May 2020, the Foundation initiated a campaign on cultivating spiritual habits with ACF, OFC, ONE and OYP.



### Five Precepts

In the Foundation's November 2020 video, Rev Msgr John Paul Tan, OFM, explored the five precepts and the spiritual necessity of each.



### Commitment to Pray

The Foundation's WhatsApp prayer group continued to intercede for the archdiocese and help keep the flames of faith alive.



### Second Collections

As cash contributions were plummeting, the Foundation encouraged contributions to be made via PayNow.



### In the Storm

Then Vicar-General Rev Msgr Philip Heng, SJ exhorted the faithful in April 2020 to make a regular GIFT pledge, the archdiocese's most sustainable source of funds.



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## Online Appeal

Several videos were produced for the online appeal of funds.

These included sharing on the needs of the archdiocese, the use of funds collected, and the fifth precept of the Church.



## GIFT 2020 Appeal

As our Church marks the 200th anniversary of the Catholic faith in

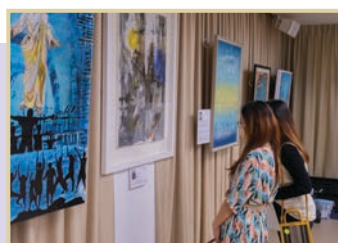
Singapore in 2021, the GIFT 2020 appeal, launched at the start of the Advent season, encouraged the faithful to continue the good work the missionaries had started 200 years ago. Contributors were exhorted to pass along GIFT brochures in line with the theme.



## Angelico Art Award

This biennial Christian painting competition invited Christian artists

to reflect upon and express their faith. Fifty artworks were selected for a scaled-down exhibition in November 2020. The net proceeds from the online auction were about \$170,000.



## Appreciating Givers

Grateful to the Lord and the Foundation's supporters, the Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated by Rev Msgr Ambrose Vaz on 23 November 2020 and livestreamed on YouTube. The Foundation gave Bibles, toy praying bears and homily books written by then Rev Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, all sponsored by donors.



## Breakdown of Funds Raised

APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021

### CITY DISTRICT

Cathedral of the Good Shepherd	286,925
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes	1,026,021
Church of St Alphonsus (Novena Church)	62,507
Church of St Bernadette	331,260
Church of St Michael	131,272
Church of Sts Peter & Paul	77,134
Church of St Teresa	132,254
Church of the Sacred Heart	90,642
St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)	190,893

### EAST DISTRICT

Church of Divine Mercy	147,401
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour	806,335
Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace	220,059
Church of St Stephen	56,973
Church of the Holy Family	435,141
Church of the Holy Trinity	224,485

### NORTH DISTRICT

Church of Christ the King	284,934
Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea	98,184
Church of St Anthony	142,328
Church of the Holy Spirit	733,772
Church of the Risen Christ	227,398
St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)	263,491

### SERANGOON DISTRICT

Church of St Francis Xavier	438,885
Church of St Vincent de Paul	435,506
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	343,327
Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	456,033
Church of the Transfiguration	74,661
St Anne's Church	213,321

### WEST DISTRICT

Blessed Sacrament Church	165,721
Church of St Francis of Assisi	101,142
Church of St Ignatius	1,518,683
Church of St Mary of the Angels	276,607
Church of the Holy Cross	451,758

### OTHERS

Contributions by mail not identifiable to a parish	3,556,848
CF fundraising receptions and restricted funds	8,972,636
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,974,537</b>

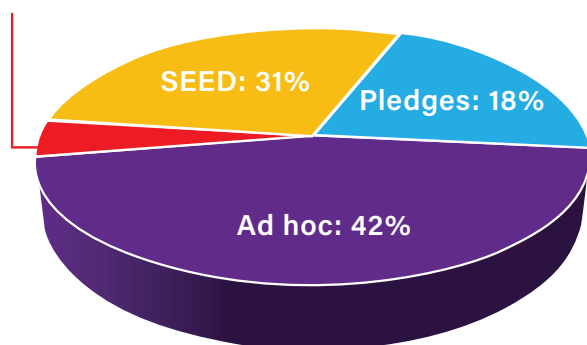


# Financial Highlights

	FY 2021 1 Apr 2020 – 31 Mar 2021 S\$	FY 2020 1 Apr 2019 – 31 Mar 2020 S\$
Contributions	22,974,537	15,305,983
Other income	259,575	443,964
<b>Total income</b>	<b>23,234,112</b>	<b>15,749,947</b>
Fundraising activities	589,042	558,342
Charitable activities	21,688,166	28,648,476
Governance costs	220,355	211,755
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>22,497,563</b>	<b>29,418,573</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditures) for the year</b>	<b>736,549</b>	<b>(13,668,626)</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>8,982,156</b>	<b>8,245,607</b>

## Contributions Breakdown

Restricted Funds: 9%



## Key Ratios

**Fundraising Ratio: 3%**

**Programme Ratio: 96%**

**Reserves Ratio: 0.4 years**

### Notes:

- The details of the financial statements are provided in the Annual Report. The income and expenditure items have been described here in simpler terms than those used in the financial statements. The equivalent terminologies used in the financial statements are shown in brackets below:
  - Contributions (Voluntary income and Activities for generating funds)
  - Other income (Investment income and Other income)
  - Fundraising activities (Costs of generating funds)
  - Reserves (Total funds carried forward)
- The **Fundraising Ratio** measures fundraising efficiency. It is computed based on the formula:  
*Fundraising activities / Contributions*
- The **Programme Ratio** measures funds deployed on charity programmes versus fundraising and overheads. It is computed based on the formula:  
*Charitable activities / Total expenditures*
- The **Reserves Ratio** measures how long the operations of the organisation can be sustained by the funds available at the end of the year. It is computed based on the formula:  
*Reserves / Total expenditures in the current fiscal year*
- SEED** represents contributions from Special Events and highly Engaged Donors/Contributors.

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