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Our Diocese has a tradition of faith and a vision of hope whose content and centre is Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We want to build on that tradition and hand on that vision to our young people and to future generations. Your support is essential to continuing that tradition and to realising that vision.



Please watch the DVD you have received and see how the Diocese of Paisley reaches out to build up Church in so many different ways. All this is possible because of your support. I ask you to study this leaflet carefully and make a serious resolution to continue to support the life and work of your parish and of this Diocese with your generosity.

Thank you and may God bless you.

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Bishop of Paisley



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The Parishes of Paisley Diocese

Table 1	Parish 5 Year Trend				
	Year 2008 (£m)	Year 2009 (£m)	Year 2010 (£m)	Year 2011 (£m)	Year 2012 (£m)
Income:	3.60	3.57	3.30	3.30	3.34
Expenditure:	3.89	3.67	3.51	3.51	4.17
Shortfall:	-0.29	-0.10	-0.21	-0.21	-0.83

Table 1 above shows the financial position of the 33 parishes for the five year period to 2012. The stark message contained in the above figures is quite simply that our income is falling. Since 2009 the First Collection income in a majority of parishes has been falling or standing still.

No matter how watchful about costs we are in our parishes there are some elements which are beyond our control, such as gas and electricity and maintaining elderly properties. We simply have to bear such increases if we are to continue as we are.

It is clear from these figures that parishes are in a very serious position, and for a number of years we have been forced to use investment income and such like to support our communities and to ensure our spiritual and temporal obligations are fulfilled. Parishes have not been able to put money away for renovations as they might have done in the past.

The bottom line is our Parishes are presently losing more than £290,000 each year and this will rise significantly to £830,000 in the year 2012 because major renovations are planned or have already begun. Clearly no organisation can continue like this so we must address this income shortfall as a matter of urgency.

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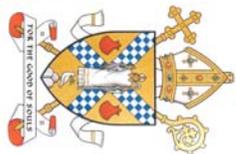
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Watching the DVD you get a sense of the spirit in our Diocese, our Parishes are infused with that same spirit. We don't want to just preserve our heritage of faith but to share our vision of hope in a wider way and with growing effect. This leaflet is challenging in setting out the financial position of the Parishes and the Diocese, it is the context in which we must operate. It is not at all a hopeless situation. Your continued generosity can help preserve and transform our heritage and our vision.

What can I do? What can we do as a family?

REGULAR GIVING:

If there was an extra 50p in the plate for every adult and child at Mass this Sunday, and from now on, it would go a long way towards changing our financial situation. A Standing Order can mean that your contribution is regular and assured for the parish. For Income Tax payers Gift Aid means that the parish receives an extra 25p for every £1 you give.

MAJOR GIFTS:

Maybe there's something in the work of your parish or the life of the Diocese that you would like to support. Many already have Standing orders supporting the Retired Priest Fund or Ecclesiastical Students. Why not consider making a One Off Gift or Regular Donation dedicated to some particular cause. Gift Aid can also be added to such Gifts. We can work closely with individuals, families or groups of people to develop a closer understanding of the commitments that we have and how your support can help to sustain and extend such work.

LEGACIES and WILLS:

Is there a gift that you could leave in your will for some particular aspect of the life of the Church in your parish or in the Diocese? You could leave a lasting legacy that helps to sustain the heritage of faith which you have lived.

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The Diocese of Paisley

Table 2 shows how the Diocesan finances stand. The Diocese of Paisley in conjunction with the Parishes has tried to run affairs efficiently and effectively. Nonetheless at Diocesan level there is a consistent cash shortfall of around £300,000 each and every year. As well as the activities of the Diocese we also have to support through the Bishops' Conference of Scotland the national activities of the Church work in the fields of education, media, the Scottish Parliament, the Scots College in Rome and other joint ventures.

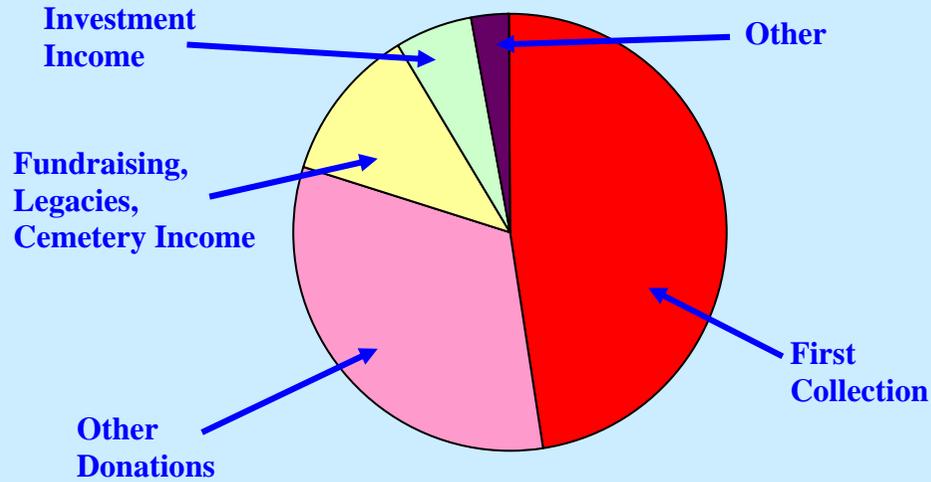
As with the Parishes, investments have been used to underpin the shortfall in the ordinary income of the Diocese which is primarily a levy on the First Collection in each parish. Over the last couple of years your generosity in the Quarterly Collection for Sick and Retired Priests has allowed us to cover our costs in this area.

Table 2	Diocese 5 Year Trend				
	Year 2008 (£m)	Year 2009 (£m)	Year 2010 (£m)	Year 2011 (£m)	Year 2012 (£m)
Income:	0.80	0.85	0.78	0.78	0.73
Expenditure:	1.19	1.11	1.07	1.07	1.03
Shortfall:	-0.39	-0.26	-0.29	-0.29	-0.30



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Diocese & Parishes of Paisley - Projected Revenue: 2012 (£m)



Projected Revenue	Year 2012 (£m)
First Collection	1.94
Other Donations (<i>Special Collections, etc.</i>)	1.31
Fundraising, Legacies, Cemetery Income	0.48
Investment Income	0.24
Other	0.11
Total Projected Revenue	4.07



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Diocese & Parishes of Paisley - Projected Expense: 2012 (£m)

Projected Expense	Year 2012 (£m)
Administration, etc.	0.30
Charitable Giving	0.49
Property Costs (<i>heating, gas, electricity, repairs & renovations</i>)	2.84
Worship & Spiritual Care	1.57
Total Projected Expenditure	5.21

