2008
Annual Review of Catholic Education
Our Lady of Good Counsel

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To communicate to the people of the parish around a key mission of the parish: education and religious formation of all the people—especially educating the elementary school-aged children of the parish.

To educate the parish community in the need to identify resources and provide them in an efficient and effective manner for the religious education and formation of all the people—especially the parish elementary school-aged children.
Education is in a very special way, the concern of the Church.

Catholic Education has the duty of proclaiming the way of salvation to all, of revealing the life of Christ to those who believe and of assisting them with unremitting care so that they may attain the fullness of that life.

Vatican Council II ~ Gravissimum Educationis
The proclamation of the Word of God is foundational to the Church’s mission. All persons need to have the Good News of Jesus Christ preached and presented in an effective and persuasive manner, so that they may grow in the gift of faith. In addition, the clear teaching of the Catholic Church based upon the Word of God needs to be presented in various ways within the parish community. (CFVP, 16)
When does the education of a child begin?

Pope John XXIII stated that the education of a child begins years before his/her birth, in the education of his/her mother.

The Church has a mandate from Christ to teach all nations and that begins in the Pre-Jordan classes for expected mothers and fathers. At Our Lady of Good Counsel we believe that Catholic Education starts in the catecheses of our parents. From the child’s conception and Baptism, the education process begins. Our parish school is the heart of Catholic Education. From Pre-K to High School and beyond, catecheses takes place. Particularly, the parents night for first sacraments and OLG C, involves the total family. The sacramental preparation of the child is a total family effort. We believe from cradle to eternity the faith formation is on going. We take seriously the essential role of our Parish school in the total formation of the child.

As Pius XII said, “the soul of education is the education of the soul”.
## Part I

### Participation in Sacramental Preparation

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<tr>
<th>Preparation Programs</th>
<th>Primary Target</th>
<th>Number In Our Parish Programs</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-Cana</td>
<td>Young adults</td>
<td>Archdiocese Program 60</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-Jordan</td>
<td>Parents/Sponsors</td>
<td>246</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reconciliation</td>
<td>Parent program</td>
<td>220</td>
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<td>First Eucharist</td>
<td>Parent program</td>
<td>252</td>
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<td>Confirmation</td>
<td>Parent program</td>
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## Part II

### Elementary School Age Parishioners

**How Many Are There in our Parish This Year?**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total OLG C Elementary School Aged Children</td>
<td>1193</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total enrolled at OLG C School</td>
<td>377</td>
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<tr>
<td>In Other Catholic School</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>In Public or Non Catholic Private School</td>
<td>816</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receiving Religious Education</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>In PREP Program</td>
<td>432</td>
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<tr>
<td>In Home school setting</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Receiving no Catholic Education</td>
<td>381</td>
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Our Lady of Good Counsel
Elementary School
07-08 Enrollment

- Parish Children enrolled: 377
- Other Catholic Children enrolled: 19
- Non Catholic Children enrolled: 5

Total Elementary School Enrollment: 401
PRE K Enrollment: 55
Total School Enrollment: 456
## Future Elementary School Age Parishioners

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<tr>
<th>Year of Birth</th>
<th>Infants Baptized in Parish</th>
<th>Pre school children who moved in</th>
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<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>108</td>
<td>107</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>75</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>78</td>
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Standards for Quality Catholic Elementary Schools

Required

- Strong Catholic Identity
- Principal and Faculty who are practicing Catholics with religion and state certification
- Middle States accredited

Our School

- Visiting Teams from both the Middle States Assoc. & Office of Catholic Education have commended and supported the “Strong” Catholic Identity here at OLG C.
- State and Religious certification are now part of faculty contract.
- YES
Standards for Quality Catholic Elementary Schools

- Adequate facilities to provide a quality program
- Religion instruction (5 days)
- Mathematics
- Honors Math
- Integrated Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Fine Arts (Music and Art)
- Physical Education
- Technology

Integration of Religion and Technology across all curriculum areas
Other School Resources

**Required**

- Computer lab with Internet access
- Classrooms with Internet access

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- Part of Media Center – 30 PC’s, printers, scanners, digital cameras and camcorders.
- All Classrooms have wireless connection.
Other School Resources

**REQUIRED**
Fine Arts Area
Music and Art

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YES FOR BOTH PROGRAMS
PLUS WORLD LANGUAGES
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<th>REQUIRED</th>
<th>OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL</th>
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<td>• Library</td>
<td>• In October 2007 a Media Center was created. This Center integrated the Computer Lab with the Library to allow information access both thru book and technology. A PA State Grant in the amount of $5,000.00 has been approved for the 2009-10 school year to purchase items for the Media Center.</td>
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Other School Resources

**REQUIRED**

- Physical Education
- Science Lab
- Honors Math

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- YES
- Lab Learner
- YES
Other School Resources

**REQUIRED**
- Cafeteria
- Classroom for Intermediate Unit Services

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- YES – Archdiocese of Phila. Nutritional Lunch Program
- YES
## Costs of School
### Fiscal Year 2007-08

**Total School Operating Expense**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Tuition Income</strong></td>
<td>$1,054,490</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Subsidy (or scholarships) provided by</strong></td>
<td>$322,583</td>
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<tr>
<td>the parishioners</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>School Fund Raisers</strong></td>
<td>$(10,825)*</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Other school income</strong></td>
<td>$61,932</td>
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*Loss due to use of PIE Reserve from prior years.  
07-08 Reserve = $36k   Fundraiser = $17k*
How do these costs break down for each Student?

- Tuition income per student: $2,315.00
- Scholarship (or subsidy) from parishioners for each student: $708.00
- Other income per student (including fund raisers): $112.00

Total Cost of Education for 1 Child $3,135

Actual Tuition for 1 Child $2,500
Other Sources of Tuition Income
(Tuition Grants received by the Parish)

- B.L.O.C.S. /EITC $1,000.00

- Other Funds
  - Connelly Grant – Music Program $25,600.00
  - Other
    - Alumni Tuition Grants $8,100.00
    - Scrip Tuition Assistance* $45,593.00
    - Friends of Michelle $1,000.00
    - Giving Tree/Misc. Donations $4,420.00

* $6,380.00 Tuition Assistance/$39,213.00 Family Credits
Standards for **Quality** Parish Religious Education Programs

- **Required**
  - Strong Catholic Identity
  - DRE/CRE and catechists who are practicing Catholics with commensurate training for the task of providing religious instruction to the children
  - Approved program through the Office of Catechetical Formation

- **Our Lady of Good Counsel**
  - Yes
  - All Catechists are participating Catholics and in good standing. We encourage and subsidize costs associated with Catechists receiving Religion Certification.
  - OLGCP Prep Program has been approved by the Office of Catechetical Formation
Standards for Quality Religious Education Programs

Required

- Adequate facilities to provide a quality program
- Curriculum as prescribed by the Office of Catechetical Formation including: Archdiocesan Religion guidelines, approved text, sacramental Preparation.
- Max class size 15-20

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- Our facilities provide us with the overall necessary space and overall adequate building structures for learning and growing in our faith.
- The OLGC Prep Program meets all standards set by the Archdiocesan Office of Catechetical Formation.
- All of the classes have 12 to 20 students with the exception of our 2 5th grade classes. 5th Grade class size is 21 & 22 students.
Other P.R.E.P. Resources

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<th>Program Needs</th>
<th>Our Lady of Good Counsel</th>
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<tr>
<td>Adequate classroom space</td>
<td>All Classrooms provide great space for learning and teaching.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Worship space</td>
<td>Our church is beautiful and conducive to worship. We also</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>have a Lower Church to conduct worship services.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Meeting space</td>
<td>The Trinity Center, which houses the ministerial offices and meeting spaces are of excellent quality.</td>
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Other P.R.E.P. Resources

**Program Needs**

- Administrative space
- Learning resources:
  - DVD, VCR, TV, Technology
- Text/materials

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- The Administrative space is excellent.
- Program is in process of improving and updating learning resources.
- The text for OLGCP Prep program, which is titled, “Walking By Faith”, Harcourt publications is approved by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Materials for the program are updated and supplied in the beginning and through the calendar years.
# Religious Education Program Fiscal Year 2007-08

## Income:

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<th>Source</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grants</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuition</td>
<td>$38,265.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sacramental Fees (for materials)</td>
<td>$1,738.00</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parish Subsidy</td>
<td>$46,228.00</td>
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## Expenses:

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<tr>
<td>Salaries of Religious &amp; Honoraria</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salaries of Lay Employees</td>
<td>$51,605.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits</td>
<td>$9,682.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Program Administration</td>
<td>$24,944.00</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Projected Annual Cost</strong></td>
<td><strong>$86,231.00</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Projected Annual Cost of Religious Education Program for 2007-08</strong></td>
<td><strong>$86,231.00</strong></td>
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Part III
Adolescent and Youth Ministry

Goal 1 ~ Discipleship ~ empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. They hunger to hear the Good News that finds response in discipleship.

Our Lady of Good Counsel nourishes this aspect for our youth by...

BIBLE STUDY
LECTORS
TEEN MASS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Adolescent and Youth Ministry

Goal 2 ~ Connection ~

drawing young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.

The ways our parish nourishes this aspect for our youth is...

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)
EASTER BASKETS TURKEY DRIVE
ADOPT-A-FAMILY
PROJECT BREAD FOR LIFE
COMMUNION VISITS
Adolescent and Youth Ministry

Goal 3 ~ Gifts and Growth ~ fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person

Our Lady of Good Counsel fosters this growth by:

VARIOUS PARISH PROJECTS
APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT
FAN THE FIRE
PARISH MISSION
OLGC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ST. CYRIL’S HOLY HOUR FOR TEENS IN BUCKS COUNTY
AMAZING RACE FOR GRACE
BIBLE STUDY
Part IV

Young Adults

Our response for people from ages 18 to 35+ in the parish

GOALS

Evangelizing Outreach

Forming the Faith Community

Pastoral Care
Evangelizing Outreach

Identify places where young adults gather and to connect them personally with the Church by listening to their concerns, hopes, and dreams and by welcoming them into a community of faith.
Forming the Faith Community

Invite, empower, and enable young adults to participate in the life of the Church through worship, community life, small faith communities, and evangelizing efforts, and on committees, in ministries, and in Catholic movements and organizations.
Pastoral Care

Provide activities, visitations, and counseling opportunities that respond to the spiritual and developmental needs of young adults.
Parish Response

Mother’s of Young Children
Pre-Cana               Pre-Jordan
Pre K Program
Time and Talent Ministries
Parish Web Site
Church Bulletin
Part V
Adult Faith Formation

Key Dimensions

- Recognize communion with Jesus as the definitive aim of all catechesis.
- Learn and embrace the doctrine on the Eucharist and other sacraments.
- Explore the Scriptures for a fuller understanding.
Adult Faith Formation

Key Dimensions

- Experience and become familiar with diverse forms and expressions of Christian prayer.

- Foster spiritual growth in the community.

- Cultivate an evangelizing spirit and the importance of serving those in need.
Our Response to Dimensions

- RCIA
- Forty Hours Devotion

- Parish Mission
- Disciples in Mission

- Women of Grace
- Men of OLGC

- Pre Jordan

- Adult Faith Formation Seminars
### Parish Financial Report

#### Fiscal Year 2007-08

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<th>Church</th>
<th>School</th>
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<td>$1,691,448.00</td>
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<td>$1,130,297.00</td>
<td>$2,821,745.00</td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>$1,428,180.00</td>
<td>$2,523,789.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deficit</td>
<td>✓ Excess Income or (deficit)</td>
<td>✓ Excess Income or (deficit)</td>
<td>✓ Parish Surplus or (deficit)</td>
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<td>$595,839.00</td>
<td></td>
<td>$(297,883.00)</td>
<td>$297,956.00</td>
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Cash and Investment/Debt Summary

- Cash and investments, June 2007: $1,618,205.00
- Cash and investments, June 2008: $1,760,843.00
- Total debt, June 2007: $840,026.00
- Total debt, June 2008: $739,230.00

Of the Total Debt at June 2008, $602,770.00 represents the outstanding loan for the Trinity Center.

Our loan payments are current and up to date.

The Loan will be paid off in 2014.
Our Emerging Issue(s) for the Next Year

All areas of Catholic Education at Our Lady of Good Counsel are moving in a positive and life-giving direction. No change is required at this time.