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The Vicar for Clergy Office assists the Archbishop in providing oversight and coordination of programs and services that promote and support the development of priests, seminarians, deacons, deacon candidates, and vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. The office also assists the Archbishop in ensuring pastoral care of parishes and faith communities by serving pastors, staffs, and consultative leadership.

Seminarian Services assists the Archbishop in coordinating the assessment, selection, formation, education and ordination of candidates for the priesthood in the Archdiocese.

Vocation Services seeks to create an awareness and promotion of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and encourages and supports local parishes, groups and individuals in carrying out their responsibility for promoting Church vocations.

Priest Services assists the Archbishop in the placement, support, and development of priests in their personal lives and pastoral assignments.

Deacon Candidate Services assists the Archbishop in the discernment of candidates for the permanent diaconate, their academic, spiritual and pastoral formation, and their placement following ordination.

Deacon Services assures the continuing development and support of deacons in their personal lives and pastoral assignments.

Continuing Formation of Clergy Services plans programs for new priests, new pastors, extern priests, and the ongoing formation of priests and deacons.

Cultural and Ethnic Ministry Services responds to the varied needs of cultural and ethnic communities through the assessment of needs, the development of resources and the coordination of archdiocesan responses.

Leadership Services provides training and support to pastors, parish staffs, and parish consultative bodies through a variety of leadership development resources. Services include training and formation for pastoral councils, finance councils, and commissions and assisting parishes and pastors when there is a transition in leadership.

Pastoral Care Services provides training and support to pastors and other pastoral leaders in addressing a variety of pastoral care needs/issues.

Hospital Ministry Services provides support to those in hospitals who are in need of comfort and hope.

Criminal Justice Services provides pastoral care of victims/survivors of crime and their families and the incarcerated and their families.
Catholic Community Services (CCS) is the largest private provider of assistance to poor and vulnerable people in the state. This includes 12 family centers throughout Western Washington that provide a variety of human services for the communities in which they are located. Family Centers are in Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Everett, Seattle, Bellevue, Kent, Tacoma, Bremerton, Aberdeen, Olympia, Longview and Vancouver.

Each Family Center is different but the array of programs provided includes adoption, foster care, pregnancy support, emergency assistance, addiction recovery services, case management, meal programs, family support, child care, counseling, children’s mental health services, immigration services, eviction prevention, emergency services, shelters, transitional housing and permanent housing.

Catholic Housing Services (CHS), formerly known as the Archdiocesan Housing Authority, provides permanent housing in approximately 45 sites throughout Western Washington. CCS and CHS annually serves tens of thousands of persons through more than 140 programs.

The Youth and Young Adult Evangelization Office provides programs, services and resources to minister to diverse youth and young adults within our local Church. The office offers archdiocesan-wide special events as well as service, retreat and leadership development programs.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is a vital and energetic ministry offering athletic programs, camping, environmental education and scouting.

Campus Ministry Centers in Western Washington administer sacraments and provide social, spiritual and community outreach programs to students who may be far from their own family and parish.

The Catholic Faith Formation Office provides oversight, planning and implementation of standards, policies and programs of Catholic Faith Formation for all lay ministers and the faithful of the archdiocese. The office includes Catholic Social Teaching, Cultural and Ethic Faith Formation, Family Life, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Library Media Center, Parish and School Faith Formation (Religious Education) and the Missions Office.

The Chancellor’s Office assists the Archbishop in delegated canonical functions and records management including the archdiocesan archives.

The Archives and Records Management Office serves the Church in Western Washington through the acquisition, organization, preservation and provision of appropriate access to the official records of the archdiocese and other records which reflect the ministry of the Catholic Church in the Northwest. The Archives supports parishes, faith communities and schools in their efforts to establish and maintain current and historical records.

The Chancery Operations Office assists the Archbishop in coordinating the overall management of the Chancery in support of the Archbishop’s ministry and his priorities for the Archdiocese.

The Planning and Research Office, using a variety of methods and disciplines, promotes shared responsibility in the Archdiocese through participative planning.

The Information Technology Office provides computing, voice and copier services for the Chancery. Acts as the focal point for all technology related matters for the Chancery and the Archdiocese.
The Catholic Schools Office provides administrative, academic and marketing support for the 62 Catholic elementary schools and 11 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese, and raises awareness of the mission and contribution of Catholic education in Western Washington.

The Human Resources Office assists the Archbishop in supporting ordained, religious, and lay ministers and employees. Implements and administers lay personnel policies, compensation plans, and ministerial responsibility training including the safe environment program.

The Communications Office assists the Archbishop in his effort to communicate with the public through mass media and the media programs of the archdiocese. Other functions include media relations, graphic services, website management, and Northwest Catholic magazine.

The Seattle Metropolitan Tribunal assists pastors and other offices in their pastoral care of the married and divorced. The Tribunal, in accordance with the judicial and administrative procedures required by the Code of Canon Law, exams prior marriages in order to clarify the parties’ marital status and determine their freedom to remarry in the Catholic Church. In addition, the Judicial Vicar provides canonical resources, consultation and training to the Archbishop, central agencies, parishes and Catholic faithful.

The Archbishop’s Office exercises overall pastoral responsibility and spiritual leadership for the entire Church in Western Washington with the assistance of an auxiliary Bishop by preaching, teaching and overseeing celebration of the liturgy and sacraments and by administering the temporal affairs of the Archdiocese.

The Archbishop’s Delegate for Religious and Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue assists the Archbishop in providing for communication and relationships with the religious communities of men and women living and serving in ministries in the Archdiocese. The delegate also assists the Archbishop in educating parishes and faith communities regarding the Church’s teaching on Ecumenism and Interfaith relationships. At the direction of the Archbishop, the Office provides and promotes programs and events that further the Church’s mission toward Christian Unity and Interfaith Dialogue on local, regional and archdiocesan levels.

The Liturgy Office extends the ministry of the Archbishop as moderator of the liturgical life of the Archdiocese. Responsibilities include: the implementation of universal and particular norms for the Roman Rite; the direction and preparation of all episcopal liturgies; the formation and education of liturgical ministers; consultation on all church building and renovation projects; and directing the work of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission.

Support for Priests and Sisters: The Archdiocese contributes funds to cover the unfunded portion of the priests pension plan. The Archdiocese covers medical expenses, including extraordinary nursery home care, for retired priests and archbishops. The Archdiocese also provides an annual contribution to the National Sisters Retirement Fund to assist retirement needs of sisters both in this archdiocese and throughout the country. The Priest Support Fund provides the living expenses of priests who are between assignments or on leave, as well as living and treatment expenses for priests who are unable, because of temporary or permanent disability, to fulfill their priestly functions.
The Administration and Finance Office assists the Archbishop in managing the business and financial affairs of the archdiocese, including fundraising, property and construction, and parish financial services.

The Accounting Office provides accounting services to Chancery departments, the Archdiocesan Endowment Fund and the Annual Catholic Appeal. Also acts as an information resource for parishes regarding payroll taxes.

The Property and Construction Office facilitates construction projects, property purchases and sales, easements, real property taxes, tax exemption, property management and maintenance, leases, and asbestos and hazardous materials matters.

The Parish Financial Services Office assists parishes in all phases of financial management and operations. Operates the archdiocesan savings and loan system and is responsible for the archdiocesan insurance programs. Facilitates stock donations for parishes and schools.

The Stewardship and Development Office supports the archdiocesan development mission of delivering one coordinated voice focused on increasing Catholic giving.

The Annual Catholic Appeal Office plans, coordinates, and executes the Archbishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal which provides financial resources for many archdiocesan programs and services throughout Western Washington.

The Parish Stewardship Office assists parishes in fostering stewardship as a way of life among their parishioners. Provides resources to help parishes with the yearly stewardship renewals of time, talent and treasure.

State, National and International Church Responsibilities include the following:

As the largest of the three dioceses in Washington State, the Archdiocese contributes a proportionate share to operations of the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC). The WSCC serves as the public policy office for the three Catholic dioceses in Washington State and represents the interests of the Catholic Church in Washington State to the state’s legislative and executive branches in Olympia as well as to our congressional delegation in Washington, DC. The WSCC works with a consistent ethic of life as an advocate for Catholic teaching in areas of social and economic justice, private schools, health care and social services as well as other topical issues. It also serves to coordinate interdiocesan programs among the three dioceses, as requested, and to represent the state Catholic community on statewide interreligious bodies.

The Archdiocese contributes each year to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB is the organization through which the American bishops cooperate collegially at the national level in their pastoral mission as bishops. The USCCB is the official lobbying organization on behalf of the American bishops with the United States government. The Archdiocese also contributes to the support of Catholic University in Washington, DC.

The work of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, is supported through an annual archdiocesan obligation. This is in addition to the annual “Peter’s Pence” special collection taken up in June throughout the archdiocese.