

Assessment Formula

The assessment formula for determining the Diocesan Annual Campaign (“DAC”) assessments involves classifying parishes into income and population categories and assigning each category a graduated assessment rate. The DAC assessment is calculated by multiplying the assigned assessment rate by the total income of the parish. This formula is subject to change from time to time as approved by the Bishop.

All parish income will be assessed with five exceptions:

1. Capital Fund Campaign receipts for new construction or major enhancements, which have been approved by the Bishop and the College of Consultors. The exemption applies for all campaigns for the same project.
2. Unrestricted and Restricted bequests. The bequest must be processed by Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services and reviewed and approved by the Diocesan attorney.
3. Funds collected by a parish in excess of the parish’s assigned DAC goal are not assessable in the subsequent fiscal year.
4. Withdrawals from savings that have been previously recognized as income.
5. Loans from the Diocese.

A. Income and Population Categories

1. Greater than \$600,000 total income and greater than 4,000 souls or 1,500 families.
2. Greater than \$400,000 total income and greater than 2,500 souls or 1,000 families.
3. Greater than \$300,000 total income and greater than 2,000 souls or 700 families.
4. Greater than \$200,000 total income and greater than 1,200 souls or 500 families.
5. Greater than \$100,000 total income and greater than 600 souls or 200 families.
6. Less than \$100,000 total income and any number of souls or families.

B. Graduated Assessment Rates

Category 1	-	14%
Category 2	-	13%
Category 3	-	12%
Category 4	-	11%
Category 5	-	10%
Category 6	-	9%

These rates may change as parish income increases or decreases and the income needs of the Diocese change. In addition, any parish conducting an active and approved capital campaign shall have their assessment goal fixed to the greater of actual assessable income or the assessment amount for the

parish for the year immediately preceding the campaign. This floor shall be in effect for the duration of the campaign.

Capital Campaign Income Exempt from Taxation

1. Only projects for new construction or major enhancement that add to an existing building such as additional classrooms, centralized air conditioning, etc. and cost more than \$100,000 would be eligible for exemption from taxation of any capital campaign conducted to underwrite such a capital expenditure. The parish would also need to present formal plans, generally prepared by an architect, to the Bishop and the College of Consultors for approval prior to conducting a capital campaign.
2. Normal wear and tear expenditures for items as new roofs, repaving of parking lots, repainting building, replacing heating or air conditioning systems, etc. are generally NOT eligible for capital campaign tax exemption even in the expenditure exceeds \$100,000.
3. Steps one and two may be combined into a single capital campaign but only the cost of projects noted in step one (enhancements to facilities) will be eligible for exemption from assessment.
4. The capital fund campaign must be shown on the parish financial statements and not as a supplemental report to the financial statements.