



Catholic Development Fund 2009 Financial Report

A message from Bishop David Walker

It's very pleasing for me to acknowledge another excellent contribution made by the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) in fulfilling its role of providing financial support to the Diocese. I would like to take this opportunity to mention some of the ways that the financial distribution of the surplus from the CDF to the Diocese helps bring the love of God to the people of the Diocese.



One way we do this is through the Broken Bay Parish Internship program which has attracted 145 young adults aged 17 to 33. Many of the candidates for the Internship program were inspired to join because of their experience at World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. The Internship program is about equipping these young adults for parish ministry in an area that suits their giftedness and the pastoral needs of their parish. Each Intern has made a weekly commitment to serve four hours of (unpaid) ministry in their parish. The Diocese is supporting the Interns with a formation program

and a monthly theological reflection program. This is of tremendous value not only to these young people of Faith but also to their own parishes. We hope and pray that this will help them transition into leadership roles within their parish and strengthen the parish ministries in which they serve. Those who complete their Internship will have the privilege of travelling on pilgrimage to Spain for World Youth Day.

Other ways the Diocesan office supports parishes include the following:

- Social Justice – education and formation in the care and concern for all people especially the underprivileged;
- Stewardship – Assisting parish leadership to be formed in the ideals of Christian stewardship, and encouraging their members to live a life of thanksgiving to God by giving to Him gifts of their time, their talent and skills, and of their financial resources to build the kingdom of God;
- Ecumenism and interfaith co-operation and dialogue – develops

and encourages the practise of ecumenism in the Diocese;

- Liturgy – provides leadership in the development and maintenance of liturgy ministry programs;
- Clergy Liaison and formation – works in collaboration with all Diocesan agencies to promote an integrated formation for all members of the Diocesan community including international priests ministering in our communities.

I would like to conclude by extending an invitation for you to support the work of the Catholic Development Fund. You can do this by investing in a Term Deposit with the CDF at very attractive interest rates. An investment of your money with the CDF provides a win for you and a win for the Catholic Community in this diocese. What a terrific way to make your investments perform good works!

Yours in Christ

David L. Walker

Bishop David Walker

Here are some good reasons to invest with the CDF...

- Very attractive rates
- Security
- Helps the Pastoral, charitable and educational activities in the Diocese through new loans to parishes and schools
- Choose from several terms for your deposit
- The CDF will pay a commission to your parish if you invest with the CDF.
- Self managed superannuation funds can invest

To find out the latest attractive interest rates for Term Deposits with the CDF call (02) 9847 0748.

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CDF Chairman's Report

I am honoured to present the financial report of the Catholic Development Fund for the financial year ending 30 June 2009. The year was a particularly challenging one due to the global economic crisis and funding crisis, however, I am pleased to advise that the CDF weathered these events extremely well. In fact the result was again another record one with a 22% increase in operating surplus and growth of loans by 4.53%.

As Australia pulls out of the economic downturn the CDF is in a particularly strong position thanks to its quality assets. The largest portion of the CDF's assets are term loans to the diocesan school system (\$97.7M) which has good enrolment figures. A smaller portion of the total assets consist of parish loans (\$7.7M) and an investment portfolio of short-term bank term deposits and at call deposits. Our Auditors Moore Stephens have given the Fund an unqualified audit opinion.

Our main focus for 2010 will be on planning for the future and ensuring the CDF remains strong in order to fulfil its role and mission in providing financial services products to Catholic organisations and agencies in the Diocese. Part of that plan includes increasing the CDF deposits for new loans that will be needed in the future.

With a strong balance sheet we expect 2010 and subsequent years to produce healthy surpluses so that the Mission of the Diocese in providing pastoral care can continue.

Some highlights of 2009 include:

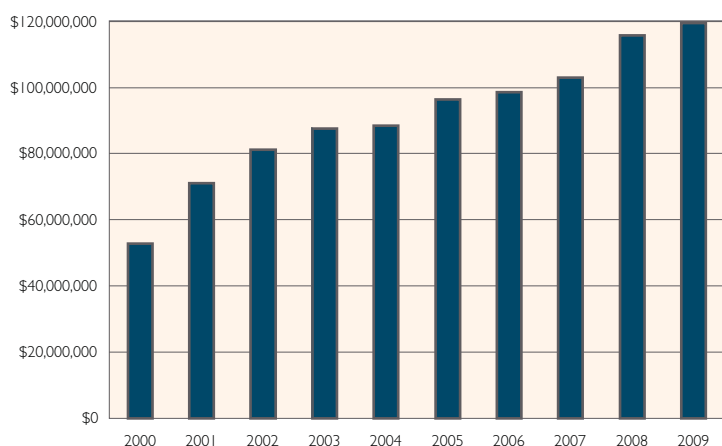
- The net growth in loan balances was 4.53 % or \$5 million
- The operating surplus increased 22% or \$825,000
- Deposits increased 3.2% or \$3.8 million

- Distribution of the surplus to the Diocese was up 20%
- Interest paid to depositors was down 8.29% due to lower market interest rates however, 56.4 % of the gross operating surplus was paid to depositors.

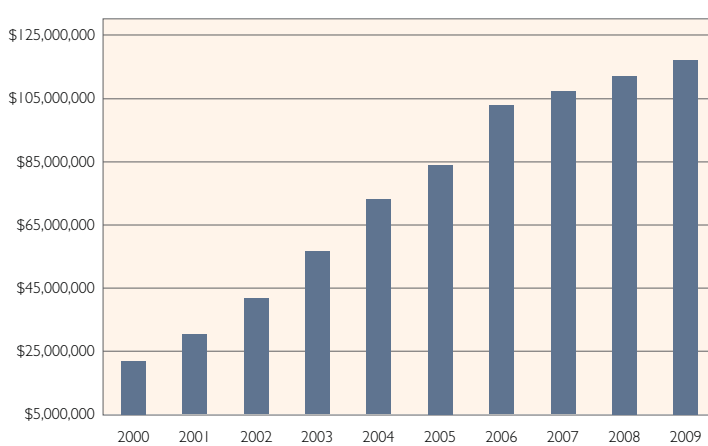
In closing, I would like to thank the clergy, the agency staff, and school principals and their staff for the support given to the CDF. I appreciate the great support given to me by my fellow Board members, Patrick McCudden (Chair of the Audit Committee), Guy Fitzsimmons, Fr William Stevens, Michael Lucas, David Penny, Paul Leotta (retired), Katrina Onishi (retired) and the Manager, Chris Field. The Board also extends a warm welcome to Joe Bracken, a parishioner of Lindfield parish who has been appointed to the CDF Board this year.

Mr William (Bill) d'Apice
Chairman

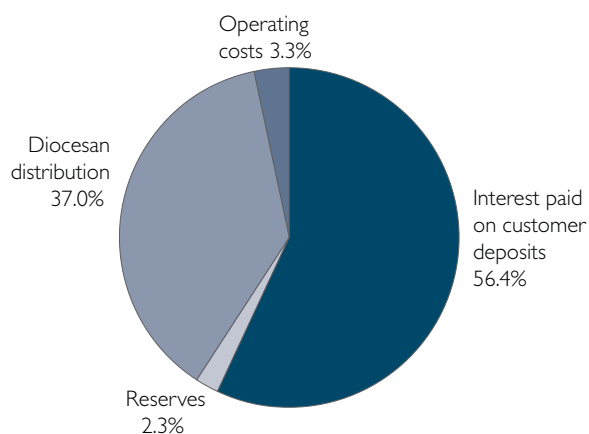
Total Deposit Balances 2000 - 2009 (30 June)



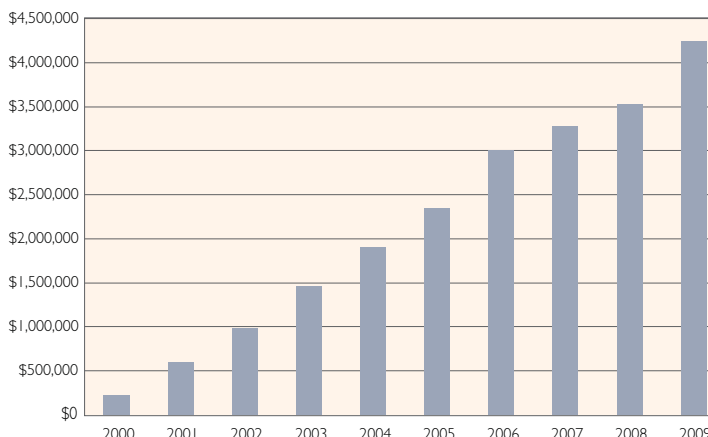
Total Loan Balances 2000 - 2009 (30 June)



2009 Income distribution



Distribution of CDF Surplus to Diocese 2000 - 2009



Disclosure statement. We welcome your investment with the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) rather than with a profit oriented commercial organisation. Your support enables the CDF to assist the charitable, religious and educational works of the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Catholic Church generally. Deposits with the CDF are guaranteed by CDPF Limited, a company established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for this purpose but deposits do not obtain the benefit of the depositor protection provisions of the Banking Act 1959. The CDF and the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Broken Bay (Diocese) are not subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 nor are they examined, approved or supervised by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission or by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.