



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

National Ministries Commitment

HOW DOES THE ALLOCATION SYSTEM WORK?

The Allocation system of the Archdiocese is based mathematically on the submissions of the parishes in the Archdiocese. The total Net Parish Expenses from each Metropolis is then divided by the Archdiocesan Total Net Parish Expenses from which the total allocated to each Metropolis is determined. The total allocation for the Metropolis of San Francisco in 2017 and 2018 is \$3,327,897, which represents 14.45% of the total budget of the Archdiocese. This expense-based system was approved at the 2006 Clergy-Laity Congress in Nashville, Tennessee, and creates equity amongst parishes with similar expense levels.

Like all of the metropolises, the Metropolis of San Francisco endeavors to apply this system as pastorally as possible by allowing an appeals process and making reductions in the allocations for parishes that cannot support their full allocation according to the formula. However, the total Metropolis allocation Supreme Number (total Metropolis allocation) of the Metropolis remains the same and thus any reductions given must then be reapportioned among the other parishes in the Metropolis.

2017 AND 2018 PARISH ALLOCATION AMOUNTS

The National Ministries Commitment (parish contributions) to the Archdiocese income for 2017 is \$21,541,019. While the 2018 National Ministries Commitment (parish contributions) to the Archdiocese Income was slated to exceed \$23 million, it was the prudent decision of the Eparchial Synod and the Executive Committee to retain the same amount and not increase the National Ministries Commitment at this time due to the discovery of financial concerns at the Archdiocese.

In a message distributed by the Archdiocese it was affirmed that, “Under the guidelines of the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPR), Metropolises are determining individual Parish assessments for 2018 within the context of a level Metropolis budget for both 2017 and 2018.” The Metropolises were encouraged to use their best judgement in determining how to incorporate this change into parish allocations.

In redistributing the lower Supreme Number to the parishes and cathedrals, the Metropolis of San Francisco utilized the following methodology. The allocation of parishes whose original 2018 allocation was the same or less than the 2017 allocation was kept at the original amount.

For parishes with an increase from 2017 to 2018, the amount of the increase was reduced proportionally to reflect the reduced Supreme Number for 2018. We believed that to be the best methodology because:

1. Updating the parish allocations based on their most recent financial reports is better than continuing the same allocation based on outdated information. Also, it helps smooth out the allocation changes from year to year to avoid a potential dramatic change between the 2018 and 2019 allocations for parishes whose expenses have changed significantly over time.
2. It would have been unfair and inconsistent with the Archdiocese's intent to allow a parish's 2018 allocation to be increased as a result of the reduction in the Supreme Number.
3. If a parish received a reduction in 2017, but did not need that same reduction in 2018, continuing it for another year would not have been fair to the other parishes in the Metropolis.

New allocation letters were reissued October 27, 2017, with the new 2018 allocation for every parish and cathedral of the Metropolis being the same or substantially less than the original allocation assigned September 20, 2017.