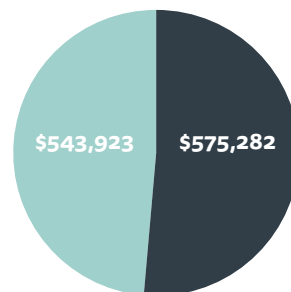


OLV Charities provides much-needed financial and in-kind support (critical business operations such as information technology, facilities, and finance) to OLV Human Services and OLV National Shrine & Basilica. It also encourages devotion to Our Lady of Victory and supports Father Baker's Cause for Canonization.

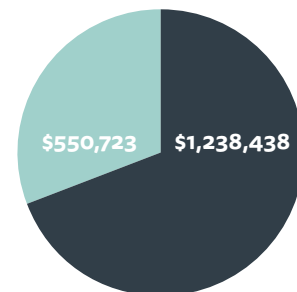
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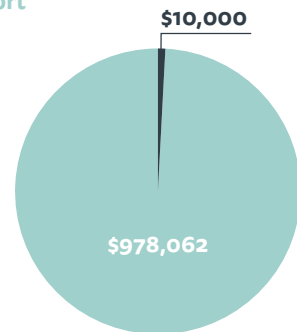
OLV Human Services

Total Support \$1,119,205*



OLV National Shrine & Basilica

Total Support \$1,789,161*



Religious Devotion & Education

Total Support \$988,062*

Grand Total: \$3,896,428

*These figures are based on interim financials available at the time of donor impact report compilation.

Our Mission

Inspired by Father Nelson Baker's service to the poor, homeless, and young, OLV Charities empowers its mission partners to thrive by:

- Engaging a growing network of relationships
- Securing financial resources
- Providing essential support services

Our Vision

We envision a future where ever-sustainable resources provide:

- Support for the poor
- Justice for the oppressed
- Hope for the troubled
- Courage for those in doubt

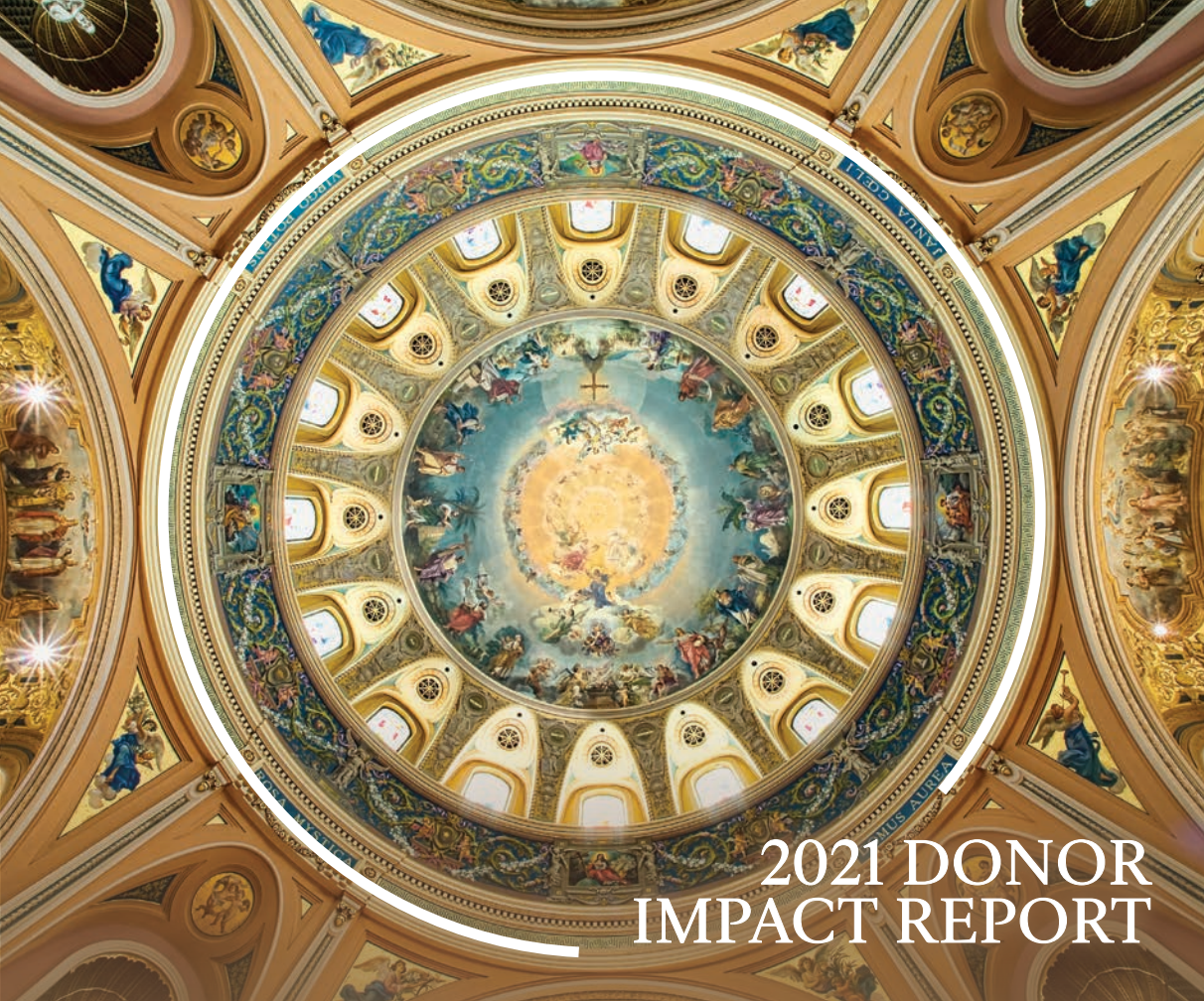
Each year, thousands of children, teens, adults, seniors, and families come to our campus for strength. Our life-saving programs for those dealing with mental, physical, and behavioral difficulties provide healing and hope. Our wondrous Basilica offers a spiritual sanctuary, quiet comfort, and a place to be inspired. Without you, none of it is possible. To learn more about the OLV organizations and Venerable Nelson Baker's legacy of caring, check out our website, www.olvcharities.org.

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In August, friends and supporters gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the Basilica's cornerstone



3,766

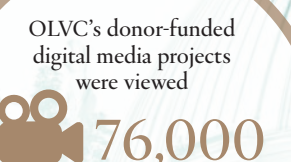
Children & families served through the various programs at OLVHS



365

Young people experienced a summer of fun and faith at Camp Turner in its first year after being acquired by OLV Charities

This past year...



76,000

times in 2021, educating friends worldwide for a total of 13,100 hours



35,175

Donors supported the continuing work of Father Baker's ministry



300,000

More than individuals in the Buffalo, Niagara and Ontario markets viewed weekly Masses at the Basilica in 2021 through OLV's partnership with WGRZ-TV



\$

According to the National Fund for Sacred Places, the Basilica has an economic "halo effect" of **12.3 MILLION** in the WNY region

Dear friends,

When I think back on the many blessings of 2021, one statement rings true—the members of our team, those entrusted with the responsibility of carrying on Father Baker’s ministries, were able to do so because of you!

Through YOUR unwavering support, we were able to:

- Keep our beloved Basilica open, secure, and available to any/all who needed its sanctuary in another challenging pandemic year.
- Provide a safe place for children served by OLV Human Services’ foster care program and expand an initiative that allows families-in-crisis more time together as they navigate the foster care system.
- Support the spiritual, psychological, and physical growth of young people who attended Camp Turner after a lonely winter.

We are grateful for the confidence you’ve placed in us. Having recently launched the Basilica’s five-year Centennial Celebration in August, we ask that you continue to support OLV Charities during the journey ahead, for there is much to do!

I leave you with a quote from our saintly founder, Venerable Nelson Baker:

“I am grateful for the many kindnesses you have bestowed upon us in connection with our work here, and I know that Our Blessed Lord will more than abundantly reward you for your thoughtfulness in helping with the great work in our hands.”

This sentiment is no less true in 2021 than when it was written decades ago. You do it all!

Sincerely,

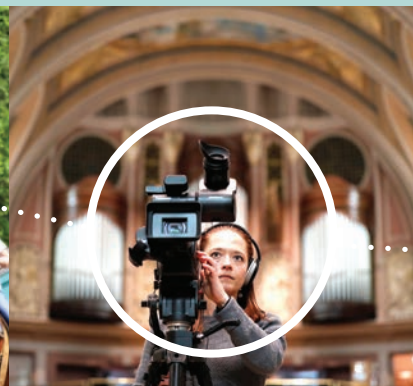
David J. Kersten
CEO, OLV Charities



OLV Charities (OLVC) empowers its mission partners—among them OLV Human Services, OLV National Shrine & Basilica, and Camp Turner—to grow and thrive by engaging a growing network of relationships, securing financial resources, and providing essential support services.



In April, OLVC acquired Camp Turner, allowing the 98-year-old, faith-based summer camp located in Allegheny State Park to open after a one-year hiatus. More than 360 young people attended in 2021.



Support of OLVC’s digital media program resulted in regularly live-streamed Masses from the Basilica, an EWTN documentary, local programming, and social media videos, extending Father Baker’s reach throughout the world.



As the pandemic lessened its grip in mid-2021, volunteerism became popular again. Among the ways folks got involved: Camp Turner projects, tending Basilica gardens, event-planning committees, and a new “National Ambassador” program for friends outside of WNY.



Attracting thousands of visitors from across the globe each year, OLV National Shrine & Basilica stands as a symbol of Venerable Nelson Baker’s devotion to his patroness, Mary. In August of 2021, the Basilica kicked off its five-year Centennial Celebration, marking 100 years since construction began.



Supported by the National Fund for Sacred Places and generous benefactors, work began on several critical restoration projects at the Basilica, including addressing water damage/drainage issues (shown above), as well as renovations on the community spaces in the Shrine’s lower level. Projects will continue through 2023.



In October, skilled craftsmen worked to restore and improve the Basilica’s organ which was in need of attention after decades of deterioration. To celebrate, a special recital program, featuring renowned organist Roland Martin, was held that same month.



In September, the ribbon was cut on a new handicap-accessible entranceway to the 790 Ridge Road building. Included within is the Statler Foundation WAY Café, a wonderful place for visitors to stop for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat that is staffed by young people with behavioral and mental challenges.



OLV Human Services (OLVHS) touched the lives of nearly 4,000 children, teens, adults, and families last year. One of the largest non-profit agencies in the region, OLVHS is dedicated to fostering the highest possible quality of life for those in its care through a diverse array of social, health and human services.



Donor support was critical to allowing OLVHS’ emergency foster care program to remain open during the pandemic. This important initiative—one of only a few of its kind in New York State—provides lodging and care for children who have been abruptly removed from their homes due to neglect and/or abuse.



Nearly 100 students on our residential campus received specialized mental and behavioral care, as well as educational services, giving them the skills and tools to return to their homes or live independently.