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ACCOUNTING SERVICES

February Assessments

Parishes will receive a separate letter and report regarding health insurance billing from Human Resources and the Office of Accounting Services discussing a change in the data we use to bill health insurance. It will request each parish review a detail list of individuals that are on insurance at their location per Anthem. We intend use that data directly from Anthem to prepare the bill in the future and want to ensure that the location numbers are correct for all employees. The letter's accompanying health insurance report will indicate "This is not a bill".

February Assessment Withdrawals

The February Assessment will be withdrawn on **Friday, February 28th**. Requests for adjustments to this withdrawal must be **sent to Carey Kendall (ckendall@archindy.org) by NOON on Wednesday, February 26th**.

2013 Financials

The 2013 Audited Financials, which include our financial position, cash flows, activities, along with additional supplementary information, are now available on our website at <http://www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html>

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

The IRS released standard mileage rates for use in **2014** on Friday, December 6th. (Notice 2013-95). Taxpayers can use the optional standard mileage rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile.

The rate for business use of an automobile was increased to 56 cents per mile.

The Archdiocese reimburses employees for 75% of the IRS issued standard mileage rate. Effective for miles driven on or after January 1, 2014, the Archdiocese mileage reimbursement rate will be **42 cents per business mile** incurred.

ADLF Rates for January-March 2014

Loans **3.75%** Deposits **0.75%**

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Accounting Services at our email accountingservices@archindy.org. The next ADLF meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 20, 2014. If your parish would like to be placed on the agenda for this meeting, please contact Carey Kendall by Monday February 10th at (317)236-1519 or accountingservices@archindy.org.

2012 Small Employer Tax Credit

Similar to last year the Archdiocese has enlisted the help of Wayne Lenell from the diocese of Rockford Illinois, in determining which of our parishes qualify for the small employer tax credit for health insurance premiums. If your parish did indeed qualify you will be receiving correspondence directly from Mr. Lenell requesting information to assist him in preparing the forms necessary to receive the refunds, please respond to his requests. We are also beginning the process of applying for the credit for the 2013 tax year.

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Excess Funds Deposit

Parishes, schools and agencies are required to deposit excess funds into the ADLF. Excess funds are all funds on hand in excess of anticipated cash disbursements for the following ninety days. Parishes schools and agencies should address the matter of excess funds on a monthly basis. Excess funds should also include all funds raised from fund drives, capital improvements, or major renovations. All excess funds must be deposited in the ADLF; a parish, school or agency may not invest such funds or deposit them in financial institutions.

Fifth Third Pooled Checking Account

Fifth Third Bank Interest Bearing Checking Account is where catholic-related entities' funds are pooled together and invested to receive a higher rate of return each month. This account has been with the Archdiocese since 1993. Besides a higher rate of return than an average interest-bearing checking account, the advantages include no investment sweep fee, lower service charges, and the ability to increase the rate of return as the pool grows. Currently, the Indianapolis Pool has over 100 accounts with approximately \$35,000,000 invested. If your parish is interested in joining this account, please contact Paul Burch at Fifth Third bank at 317-383-2668 or Paul.Burch@53.com.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Additional HSA Contributions in 2014

Employees with health plan coverage on January 1st will receive additional bonus contributions on January 31st of \$200 for single coverage and \$400 for family coverage. These additional contributions are due to a plan surplus and are not guaranteed each year.

HSA Savings through Payroll Deduction

Employees who contributed to their HSAs in 2013 do not have to complete a new form. Their current savings deductions will continue in 2014 unless they fill out a form to change or stop the deduction.

Health Savings Account Limits for 2014

The IRS has increased the annual limits for health savings account contributions in 2014 to \$3,300 for single coverage and \$6,550 for family coverage. There is still a \$1,000 allowable catch-up contribution for people age 55 and over.

Retirement Savings Plan Limits for 2014

The IRS has maintained the same annual contribution limit for 403(b) retirement savings plans in 2014 of \$17,500. There is also a \$5,500 catch-up contribution for people who are age 50 and over.

Benefit Communication Training

The Human Resources Department is offering Employee Benefits Communications Training to any interested Parish or School. Contact Kristen Leffler at (317) 236-1594 or Courtney Mitchell at (317) 236-7314 for more information or to schedule your on-site Benefits Communications training session.

Safe and Sacred Program

All **NEW** clergy, religious, employees and volunteers must complete the Safe and Sacred Program **BEFORE their first day of ministry, work or volunteer service**. The program can be accessed by following this link: <https://safeandsacred-archindy.org/login/index.php> Integrated in the training is the background check release form which is also required.

Safe and Sacred Training

As part of our ongoing commitment to the care and protection of children, every priest, deacon, and employee of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is asked to complete our online Safe and Sacred training program by February 28, 2014. Volunteers who have contact with children should complete the training in March or April 2014. The course is available in English and Spanish 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at www.safeandsacred-archindy.org. It takes about 45 minutes to complete and can be done in parts over a series of days. Thank you in advance for your participation in this training and your commitment to the protection of children. Please contact Human Resources at hr@archindy.org if you have any questions.

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Code of Conduct Posters

New Code of Conduct posters were recently sent to all locations. These posters have been updated to include our Safe and Sacred online safe environment training and are available in English and Spanish. Please contact hr@archindy.org if you need additional copies. We are happy to send more!

New Medical Benefits Enrollment Document

One of the challenges we face is getting new employees to open their ELFCU health savings accounts in a timely manner. Our goal is for employees to have the HSA money when they need it for medical expenses. Too often, we hear from employees months after they enroll who have not received any HSA deposits because they never opened an account! Effective November 1, 2013, we will no longer make retroactive HSA payments to individuals. Also, we will not enroll an employee in Anthem health insurance until we receive notice from ELFCU that the health savings account has been opened. To emphasize this, we have added an instruction page to the Anthem application on our website. If you have an old copy saved on your computer, please delete it and begin using the new one. You can find it at www.archindyhr.org, then FORMS, then ALL FORMS, then MEDICAL/DENTAL ENROLLMENT FORM.

CENTRAL PAYROLL

All payroll related information has moved to the following link: <http://www.archindy.org/finance/payroll.html> on the finance portion of the Archdiocesan website. This includes payroll guides, calendars, and links to log in to access pay stubs. Please contact Central Payroll at centralpayroll@archindy.org if you have any questions or suggestions about the content on this page.

2014 H.S.A. Deposit

Employees who participate in medical coverage received an H.S.A. bonus on 1/31/14 of \$200 for single coverage and \$400 for family coverage in addition to the regular monthly deposit.

Paycor Upgrade

Paycor is in the process of moving from the Citrix-based payroll module to a web-based payroll module called PERFORM. An upgrade schedule is being developed. Payroll processors will be required to take an online training course that will last approximately an hour and a half before the pending implementation date for your location. Additional information will be disbursed as it becomes available.

Email Address

Please ensure your location's Paycor contact email address is up to date. You may update this information by emailing centralpayroll@archindy.org.

Employee Paystubs

There is a Paycor application available for download to your mobile device. Please encourage your staff to access their pay information every pay period through the online Paycor service or through their mobile device <http://www.paycor.com/products/payroll/mobile-app>.



PARISH INTERNAL CONTROLS

Welcome to news in Parish Internal Controls. Each month we'll feature news that will aid administrators in safeguarding assets and ensuring compliance in parish internal controls. If there are topics in this area you'd like to see featured please contact the Office of Accounting Services: accountingservices@archindy.org.

As good stewards we must report the misappropriation of assets.

To do so conveniently and confidentially you may contact EthicsPoint, an independent third-party, by phone at 1-888-393-6810 or by visiting their website: archdioceseofindianapolis.ethicspoint.com. The confidential hotline and website are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The Chief Financial Officer or his designee will be informed of every report and an investigation is performed with each report.

Cash Receipts- Sunday and Holy Day Collections

(15) Contribution Statements to Parishioners

As outlined in the [Internal Control Policy](#), all parishioners should receive contribution statements at least annually. The IRS has specific rules on the language used in letters acknowledging an individual's contribution to a nonprofit organization. A link to the IRS rules can be found here: <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc506.html>. If goods or services were provided, the letter needs to include a good faith estimate of the value of such items. There is a sample letter from the Office of Stewardship and Development that your parish may consider using.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Special Events Policy

And now is a good time to review the special events policy and application so you can help those wanting to rent the space from our parishes for wedding receptions. If you have any questions see our Insurance page on the archindy website.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

Safety and Loss Control News—Dec 2013

Please check out the following link which features Smoke Detector Safety Tips, Maintenance of Battery Operated Emergency Lights, and Proper Snow Removal. <http://www.archindy.org/insurance/documents/Newsletter%2012-13.pdf>

Proactive Security Guidelines for Religious Education Activities

Learn more about taking proactive security measures during Religious Education activities, including choosing an appropriate building, controlling access to the facility, and establishing an Emergency plan. <http://www.archindy.org/insurance/documents/Proactive%20Security%20CCD%20November%202013.pdf>

Fire Safety

We have had recent fires to two of our properties. So a reminder to all: keep doors locked on all buildings whenever possible and not in use. Secondly, do not light candles in non-Church environments. The recent fire caused by a candle has been our fourth of this type.

Student Accident Insurance

We have a new provider for this coverage beginning July 1, 2013. The company name is Gallagher Koster. We will have new claim forms and coverage highlights on our Insurance Web page shortly. Please throw away any old forms or information. You can reach the website by going to <http://www.archindy.org/insurance/student.html>

Feel free to contact Mike Witka at mwitka@archindy.org or (317)236-1558.



OAS STAFF

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