



Plain Dealer again distorts facts about Diocese of Cleveland in story about Boston closings

A May 26th Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper story about the Archdiocese of Boston closing parishes included more misinformation about the Diocese of Cleveland. This is a classic case of misinformation published once, failing to be corrected so that the wrong information is republished. In previous "For the Record" updates these corrections were made.

The article says the diocese has frozen wages, restricted hiring, shortened workweeks and cut other spending to cover rising costs. What the Diocese reported to the Plain Dealer but the paper failed to publish was that **such measures were only taken for one year and are no longer necessary in this fiscal year.**

The Diocese also reported that parish offertory income from June 2002 to June 2003 remained constant, some parishes indicating an increase in contributions, others a decrease.

Although the Diocese has seen six elementary schools and one high school close over the past two years, There have been notable increases in the enrollment at 41 schools and a new high school will be opening next fall, all facts the Plain Dealer chose not to include in its story.

Finally, to make any comparison between the situation in the Archdiocese of Boston and the Diocese of Cleveland is totally without foundation and this would have been plainly evident to anyone exercising objective and balanced reporting.