Hi Folks,

This is a "good news" kind of alert. Let me know if this interests you.

Microsoft, in a partnership with the non-profit http://www.techsoup.org/ has recently made available to faith based organizations license keys for the Office 2013 products at very deep discount. The $400 Office 2013 Pro Plus Suite, for example, can be had for just $32 through this program. Office Standard can be purchased for just $24. Note that ParishSOFT needs Access to run, which is only found in the Professional suite.

I've registered and qualified the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington to participate in the program. I'd be happy to do the purchasing and installation of the software for you – you would just need to reimburse the Diocese the $32/$24 cost of the software.

Here is one bloggers comments on Microsofts recent decision to make TechSoup crazy discounts available to churches :
http://community.spiceworks.com/topic/382439-techsoup-microsoft-donations-now-available-to-faith-based-organizations

You can, of course, if you wish register your parish individually - apart from the diocese - with TechSoup.

All my Best,

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TechSoup Cost

Office Standard 2013
LS-48332
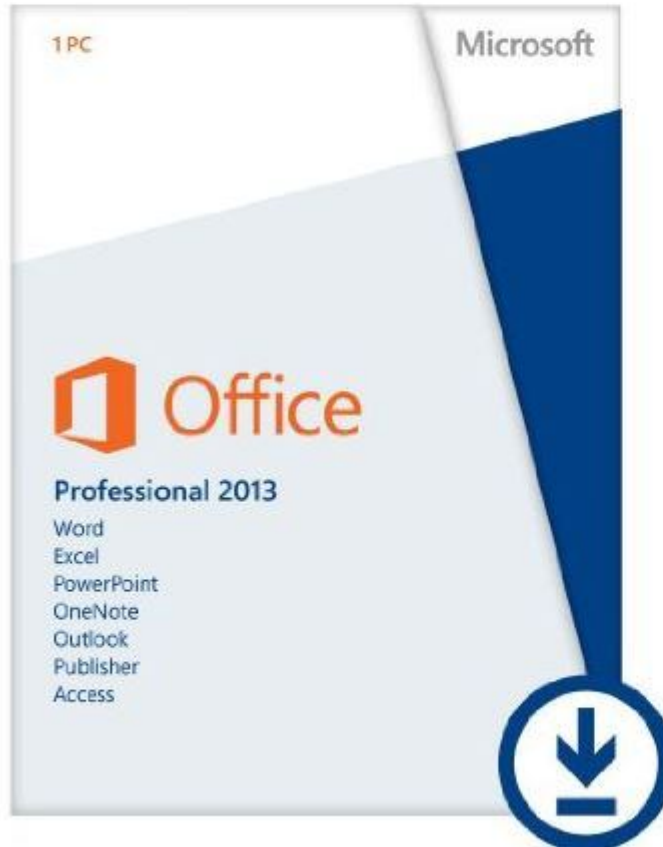Suite of seven office products

Admin Fee: $24.00

View Details

Office Professional Plus 2013
LS-48344
Suite of ten office products

Admin Fee: $32.00

View Details

Regular Cost:

A few words and some info on TechSoup

TechSoup Global, founded in 1987 as **The CompuMentor Project**, is a 501(c)(3) international network of 53 partner NGOs (non-govt org) serving a total of 80 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. It leverages technology to build NGO capacity towards solving social problems in local communities and fostering global social change. TechSoup Global's core capabilities include running a technology philanthropyprogram (**TechSoup.org**); providing NGO validation services to foundations and corporations; gathering, analyzing, and distributing global social-sector data; and catalyzing community-oriented technology innovations. Using a social-enterprise business model, these operations are grounded in collaboration within the social sector. As a "connector across sectors," TechSoup Global brings together: NGOs, government agencies, social enterprises, technology activists, foundations, and 90+ technology companies - including Microsoft, Adobe, Symantec, Cisco, and Intuit.