



PARENTS OF PRIESTS NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio
39 Years of Prayerful Support

2013 December



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End of Year Update....

First on the list is that our 25 Club had a solid 10% increase in ticket sales, which allowed us to donate \$8,000.00 to the St. Mary Borromeo rector fund.

If you did not receive a 25 Club ticket, or would like an additional one, please give me a call. It's not too late! You may also obtain a ticket from the website.

Along with the above donation, we were also able to enroll all Seminarians into our 25 Club along with recognizing each Seminarian on their Birthday.

As we involve the Seminarians in our activities, they realize more fully that we are praying for their vocation discernment. The small material support we give them is a bit of aid that we can all appreciate.

Secondly, as an organization we are about to begin our 40th year. The ordination class of 1974 had the vision to form 'Parents of Priests.

Our society has changed drastically during this time and seems to make many of us think differently. One very good thing recently is that more young men are entering the Seminary, and our devoted Priests remain strong and dedicated. Please keep them all in your prayers and support.

Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland is a 501c3 organization, which means that we are able to raise donations to further our efforts in promoting and assisting vocations to the priesthood.

If you know of a foundation or trust that might be approached for donations, please give me a call. (phone and email listed at the top of this newsletter)

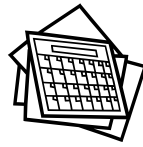
Don't forget to mark you calendars for the events coming in 2014.

One last thought. If you would like to check our weekly 25 club winners, they are posted weekly on the facebook page and the website.

Have a Joyful Christmas and a Peace filled New Year. God Bless You.

Don Trask, president





Coming Events for 2014...

- January 26 Sunday + Winter Picnic at the Restaurant...A postcard will be sent to you.
- March 9 Sunday + First Quarter Mass for deceased at St. Luke Church at 11:30
- March 30th Sunday + Bishops Brunch + 30th Anniversary of this Brunch. Please try to Attend....
(read page 5 for more information on Bishops Brunch)
- April 13th Palm Sunday + Second Quarter Mss at St. John Cathedral
- June 17th Tuesday + Semi-annual Business Meeting at CPL 7:00pm
- July 20th Sunday + Summer Picnic. Third Quarter Mass at St. Anselm at 11:30
- Oct 19th Sunday + Semi-annual Business Meeting at CPL at 2:00
- Nov 2nd Sunday (tentative date) + Fourth Quarter Mass and Check presentation to the Seminaries at CPL 11:00.

Note: Postcards will be sent to you as a reminder....



New Deacons



In October, six men were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; Matthew Joseph Byrne; Gustavus Max Cyrus Cole; Christopher Andrew Cox; Scott David Goodfellow, Ryan Joseph Mann, and Timothy Joseph Roth. We congratulate these men and pray for them on their journey to priesthood and we are happy to welcome their parents to the Parents of Priests.

Prayer for Priest Sons



Lord, bless our sons whom You have called to Your Priesthood. In Your Spirit we are with them, as they do Your work. May our prayers and sacrifices help them. Keep them close to You, Lord. When they make mistakes, or when human frailty brings them criticism, have mercy on them. Lord, we love our sons, and we thank You for using us, to share in Your plan of creation and redemption. May each of us grow in Your Love, and may Mary and Joseph, intercede for us until we rejoice in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen

Bookshelf Fund

The Bookshelf Fund at St. Mary Seminary was established by the Parents of Priests several years ago. Funds such as the bookshelf fund are good memorials for a deceased loved one or perhaps a good tax deductible donation. Any contributions or memorials to this fund may be sent to: St. Mary Bookshelf Fund. Attn: Ms. Mary Avenoso. 28700 Euclid Avenue. Wickliffe, Ohio 44094



A Special Christmas Story

She was five,
sure of the facts,
and recited them
with slow solemnity
convinced every word
was revelation.

She said

They were so poor
they had only peanut butter and jelly
sandwiches to eat
and they went a long way from home
without getting lost. The lady rode
a donkey, the man walked, and the baby
was inside the lady.

They had to stay in a stable
with an ox and an ass (hee-hee)
but the Three Rich Men found them
because a star lited the roof.

Shepherds came and you could
pet the sheep but not feed them.
Then the baby was borned.

And do you know who he was?

Her quarter eyes inflated
to silver dollars.

The baby was GOD.

And she jumped in the air
whirled round,
dove into the sofa
and buried her head
under the cushion
which is the only proper

response

to the Good News
of the Incarnation.

—John Shea

John Shea, *The Hour of the Unexpected* (Allen,
Tex.: Argus Communications, 1977), page 68

Prayer for Military Chaplains

Heavenly Father, bless and protect our Military Chaplains and fill them with the joy and courage of their vocation of Christ in preaching Your Word and nourishing us with the Sacraments. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



2014

DUES

Parents of Priests

Diocese of Cleveland

YOU are a very important part of the continuation of Parents of Priests. Annual dues for our organization - January thru December is \$5.00 per person. Dues cover the cost of printing and mailing. ALL OTHER FUNDS RAISED BY Parents of Priests, ARE GIVEN TO THE SEMINARIES.

Help us to be vibrant and active in the year of 2014. Come to our gatherings if you are able. You are always welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.....and hope you will join us during the year.

Make your check payable to -->Parents of Priests, Diocese of Cleveland

And mail to:

Mr. Al Majikas, Treasurer
8396 Cranwood Drive
Chesterland, Ohio 44026



Parents of Priests Dues - 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your Parish: _____

Is your son a Diocesan Priest: _____ Order Priest: _____

Come to any of our gatherings. Replacement POP pins / key fobs are always available

<i>30th Annual BISHOP'S SEMINARY BRUNCH</i>
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Sunday, March 30, 2014 - Noon, marks the 30th anniversary of the Bishops Brunch held at Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Dr., Mayfield Hts., Ohio. This is the annual fund raising event for St. Mary and Borromeo Seminary.

We encourage you to attend. If you have never attended, you have missed a wonderful event. If you have attended in the past, you know how special it is.

- I/we would like to attend the brunch. Please reserve a ticket for me/us at the Parents of Priests table.
- Call Don Trask at 440-729-4684 to reserve you spot at a Parents of Priests table. Tickets are (\$40 each).
- I/we are unable to attend the Bishop's Seminary Brunch, but we would like to make a contribution to support the seminarians. I/we will send a gift to the :
- **CPL Bishop's Seminary Fund**. Send to:
 - CPL Vocation Office
 - Attn: Mary Avenoso
 - 28700 Euclid Avenue
 - Wickliffe, Ohio 44092
- If you, or if you know someone who would like to be a table sponsor for the Bishop's Brunch, please give Don Trask a call. A table sponsor cost \$400 per table of ten.