



PARENTS OF PRIESTS NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio
43 Years of Prayerful Support

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God Bless You in the New Year

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone.

Sounds like the same thing in all the envelopes we open these days. Only difference is, it comes from the Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Please know that each of you who receive this newsletter are very special people—you are the parent of a ‘priest’, the parent of a man called to follow in the steps of Jesus.

Don’t forget to reach out to those priests whose parents have passed away, give them a foster home when they need one.

I want to thank everyone once again this year for helping our “25 Club” reach another successful year. Our biggest goal is to ask for prayers for seminarians and priests. After that we ask for financial support to allow our organization to help the our priests and seminarians studying for the future.

As you know, POP also donates to the Bookshelf Fund at St. Mary’s; we have a birthday gift program for all the seminarians; and we support the students activities funds.

This year (2016/2017), there are eight transitional deacon candidates for the priesthood. We look forward to welcoming our new parents into the Parents of Priests. Please reach out to these candidates parents and invite them to join us whenever possible.

Once again, I ask the younger parents to consider helping the few of us who continue to guide the POP organization. Without continued guidance, our future seminarians and parents will not be able to enjoy what so many of us have enjoyed for almost 43 years == ‘friendship, family, spiritual growth and support, and much fun and laughter.

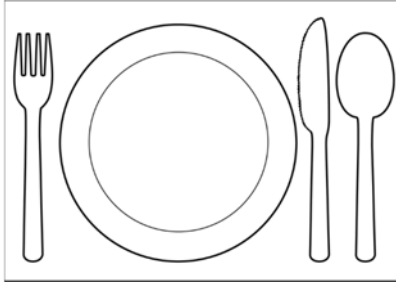
Most of us now have email. Please fill your email in on the dues form which is attached to this newsletter. Most of our notices now are sent out on line, making our task so much simpler. If you do not have email, just let us know and we will send a hard copy of notices.

Again, God bless us, one and all in this new year.....

Peace and Joy to all,

Don Trask, president

POP Winter Picnic



Our annual ‘winter picnic’ will be on Sunday, January 29th at Harry’s Steakhouse; 5664 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Oh. at 2:00pm. Call and let us know if you are coming—
(Don Trask: 440-729-4684).

As we have done in the past, the cost is \$5 per person. POP will pick up the rest as a thank you for all you do. Good food, much laughter and sharing as we gather together once again. Hope to see you.

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

Special Notice

As we have all heard, Bishop Richard Lennon has resigned due to health reasons. Following that announcement, Pope Francis named Bishop Daniel Edward Thomas (Bishop of Toledo, Ohio) as interim Administrator until such time as the new bishop is named.

We are sorry to hear of Bishop Lennon’s continued illness, and we will keep him in our prayers, We are so thankful to receive Bishop Thomas as our interim Bishop, and our prayers are with Bishop Thomas during this time of transition.

We ask all our parents of priests to pray for our Bishops,



Intercessions for a New Bishop

- That as we pray for a new Bishop for the Diocese of Cleveland, we remember that God is the giver of every good gift, we pray to the Lord.
- That Pope Francis, and those in the church who prayerfully select our new bishop, will be given a spirit of wisdom and counsel so that they may discern God’s will, we pray to the Lord.
- That our future bishop will be blessed with the gifts he needs to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese, we pray to the Lord



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 29 Sunday, 2:00pm. Harry's Steak House—Winter Picnic...
- March 5 Sunday - quarterly Mass @ 11:00am. St. Christopher Church.
20141 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio
- March 19 Sunday; Bishop's Brunch at Landerhaven... noon/3:00 info to follow
- April 23 Sunday: POP Meeting at 2:00 at CPL (dining room) ALL WELCOME
- May Saturday: Ordination at St. John Cathedral
- June 4 Sunday: Quarterly Mass (to be announced)
- July 23 Sunday: Summer Picnic. Mass at St. Anselm @ 11:30 picnic follows
- October 22 Sunday: Quarterly Board meeting at CPL at 2:00
- November 5 Sunday: Mass at CPL @ 11:00. Brunch and check presentation follows

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 Please keep this in mind throughout the year.....

Prayer for Priests and Bishops

O God, who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son to be the eternal High Priest for the glory of Thy Majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that they whom He hath chosen to be His Ministers and the stewards of His mysteries, may be found faithful in the fulfillment of the ministry which they have received. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding, my entire will
All I have and call my own,
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
That is enough for me.
Susipe Prayer (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for reward,
Save that of knowing that I do your will
Prayer for Generosity (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Smile It Looks



Good On You!

Laffing iz the sensation ov pheeling good all over,
And showing it principally in one spot...

...Josh Billings

Smile It Looks



Good On You!

2017 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 2017. 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 - 2017

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Address: _____

City / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your Parish: _____

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

Replacement POP pins / key fobs are always available

