



Newsletter Parents of Priests update

October 18, 2021

October 17, 2021: Quarterly Mass and Governing Board Meeting

See the draft minutes of the Governing Board meeting (enclosed) for details. Several key points:

- Membership: 96 dues paying members out of 235 members from 153 families.
- The 25 Club donations are slightly less than last year at this time. We could use about 100 additional ticket donations.
- We have enough funds (see the enclosed Treasurer's report) to donate \$10,000 dollars to the seminaries' Rectors Funds, student activities' funds, and fund both the birthday gifts to the seminarians and the memorial donations to the Bookshelf Fund. Additional donations based on the available funds will be determined at the April Governing Board meeting.
- The revisions to the Parents of Priests Bylaws were passed in a unanimous voice vote. A copy of the revised Bylaws is included with this newsletter. There were no changes to the revisions presented and proposed at the July Governing Board meeting. Many thanks are due to co-chairs Laura Brucks and Mary Ann Mann. Significant input was given by Ed and Gail Pfeiffer, Tom and Jenny Barnish, and Mick Trenta.
- The Nominating Committee was appointed: Tom Barnish, chair; Mary Ann Mann and Gail Pfeiffer members. Suggestions for officers to be elected in April 2022 for the 2022-2024 term may be made to any of the Committee members. Their contact information is given later in this newsletter.

November 7, 2021

Parents of Priests are invited to attend Mass and have brunch with the seminarians. Mass will be at 10:00 AM in the Sacred Heart Chapel (the one on the main quadrangle). After Mass we join the seminarians in the Founders Hall for brunch. Parking is in the lot by St. Anthony Hall and the Field House. The sidewalk next to the Field House goes directly across the quadrangle to the Chapel.

FYI: The seminarians generally do not wear masks within their facilities. For their protection, I intend to wear a mask and urge those attending to do the same. We do not want to introduce anything that might harm their protected environment.

During the brunch the Parents of Priests will present donation checks of \$4,000 to each seminary's Rector's Fund and \$1,000 checks to each seminary's student activities' fund.

RSVPs are essential to ensure enough seating and food is available. RSVP to Lou or Micki Trenta (Phone 330 668-9068 and leave a message, OR email trentalouis@gmail.com, OR text Lou at 330 612-0615 or Micki at 330 612-0614).

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee offered the idea to move from Quarterly Masses to having a Parents of Priests Mass and gathering every other month. These would replace the Quarterly Masses as a time to pray together and to socialize. The Committee was asked to bring a recommendation or motion on this to the next Governing Board meeting in April 2022.

Nominating Committee

I suggested to the Committee that the office of Vice-President be viewed as a position to help prepare a person to be President. Feel free to share your opinions on this topic and any other topic related to the future leadership of the Parents of Priests with the Committee members. Tom Barnish (216 469-6154, tfbarnish@outlook.com), Mary Ann Mann (330 990-9092, manmann1910@gmail.com), Gail Pfeiffer (330 322-9452, epfeiffer02@yahoo.com).

Committee Notes:

- Laura Retar has retired from the Deceased and Ill Parents of Priests Committee. Micki Trenta is temporarily handling those duties.
- The 25 Club Committee and the Program Committee both need an additional member or two for next year.
- Seminarian birthday gifts will be distributed twice a year—early for some seminarians and late for others. Don and Mary Ann Trask handle this and the memorial gifts to the Bookshelf Fund.
- Mary Ann Trask has retired from the Newsletter. The Newsletter and the President's updates are being merged into one and published on an as needed basis.
- The chairs of the Program Committee, Mike Cubera, and the Liturgy Committee, Debbie Goodfellow, will be coordinating for the Winter Quarterly Mass and Winter social event.

Taxes: Both the IRS and Ohio tax forms for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, have been filed.

Member Dues: Just a reminder that the request for membership dues will come in January. The dues, starting with 2022, will be \$10 for individuals and \$15 for couples. An example of the need—postage for a letter was 15¢ in 1980 and just went up to 58¢ recently.

Seminarians: Currently there are 74 seminarians (42 at St. Mary's and 32 at Borromeo). Only about 50 are for the Diocese of Cleveland. We need to find ways to support Fr. McCandless as he works to help more men enter discernment for the priesthood. As retirees and deaths outnumber ordinations, the burdens grow heavier on our sons.

Personal Note: I will be having shoulder replacement surgery November 15; so I will be out of action for about two weeks. During that time, contact our Vice-President, Don Trask (H 440 729-4684 or C 440 759-9691 or email at drt13355@gmail.com) for any concerns or needs related to the Parents of Priests.

Save the Date

Sunday, November 7, 2021: Mass and brunch with the seminarians at the seminaries. See information earlier in this newsletter.

Sunday, February 27, 2022: Quarterly Mass and Winter Social at St. Adalbert Parish, 60 Adalbert St., Berea Oh. Mass is at 11:30 AM.

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022: Attend the Bishop's Mass at the Cathedral followed by continental brunch and visit with the Bishop. Mass is at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, April 24, 2022 (tentative date and time): Governing Board meeting, 2:00 PM at the CPL.