



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE

April 2022

From the President

The April 24, 2022 General Board meeting will mark the end of the 2020 to 2022 terms of office for the officers of the Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland. It is time to think about who and what comes next.

The nominating committee will present nominees for the four officers of our organization. Nominations may also be made by members present at the meeting. Then the election will take place. After the election, the newly elected officers will assume their duties for the next two years.

While the current Secretary will prepare and publish draft minutes of the meeting, the elected Secretary will handle those duties from that point on.

The elected Treasurer will receive the books from the current Treasurer, meet with the Ways and Means Committee concerning best practices for non-profit treasurers, and meet with the President at Huntington Bank to transfer responsibility for the banking accounts to the elected Treasurer and elected President.

The elected Vice-President will receive any files that the current Vice-President has maintained and meet with the elected President to begin clarifying their working relationship.

The elected President will take possession of the files maintained and preserved by the current President; meet with the elected Vice-President; arrange a meeting with the elected Treasurer at Huntington Bank; notify the Ohio

attorney General, the Ohio Secretary of State, and the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the new responsible agent for the Parents of Priests.

These are the nuts and bolts of our organization. They are important to our future. Equally as important, and perhaps more so, is a consensus on the present and future interpretation and influence of the two main purposes of Parents of Priests in our By-laws:

- Mutual support of we parents and support of our priest sons
- Promote the good interests of the Diocesan seminaries

Toward that end, a major part of the meeting will be discussions centered around these five topics:

- Increasing attendance at our events
- Supporting our sons as an organization
- Supporting the Diocesan seminaries
- Leadership roles in POP, officers and others
- 25 Club going forward

Help shape the future of the Parents of Priests. Join the discussion. By attending, you become a member of the Governing Board.

On another topic: Bishop Malesic spent over an hour with us after the Palm Sunday Mass. We shared about our sons and our lives, and he shared about himself and his family. Please pray for his 103-year-old father, Joseph Malesic.

Attendance at the Governing Board meeting

All members are invited to participate in the April 24th meeting. In person attendance is best; however, we are working on arranging a ZOOM alternative for those who prefer or who cannot attend in person.

To be sure that we can accommodate all, it is very important that those planning to attend, in person or by ZOOM, let me know. It is not

necessary to let me know you will not be attending.

Call or text me at 330 612-0615, **email** me at trentallouis@gmail.com, or leave **voice message** 330 668-9068, Specify whether you will attend **in person or by ZOOM**.

Donations by Parents of Priests

At the Governing Board meeting, we will decide and authorize between \$5,000 and \$5,500

in additional donations in support of the seminaries and the seminarians.

Fr. McCandless Request

You may recall Fr. McCandless' article in the January Newsletter/Update. He described research showing that the majority of priests being ordained in recent times are started on their discernment journey by an invitation of a parish priest.

For this reason the vocation office has have begun the process of offering more training for priests within our diocese to support and call forth priestly vocations from our youth and young adults. A few years ago Fr. McCandless began inviting younger priests to attend the NCDVD training sessions that help to form new vocation directors across the US. To date, we have eight Cleveland priests that have taken the time to

become more aware and more capable of inviting discerners throughout our diocese to consider entering seminary.

An initiative like this requires annual travel, the cost of the conference itself, some follow up sessions, materials, and ongoing communication with the vocation office and with various discerners.

Last year we contributed \$2,000 to that effort. Once again, we are being asked to support the initiative. Hopefully, we can help Fr. McCandless expand this initiative and thereby bring about an increase in men discerning to enter the seminary.

Calendar of Events

April 24, 2022, Sunday: Governing Board meeting at 2:00PM. All members who attend in person or via zoom are part of the Governing Board. The meeting will be in St. Anthony Hall (the building next to the Field House) at the Center for Pastoral Leadership.

July 10, 2022, Sunday: Summer Social. Mass at 11:00AM at St. Mary of the Falls, 25615 Bagley Rd., Olmsted Falls OH. The social will follow the Mass in the parish's community center. Lunch will be catered.

July 10 and after: 25 Club for 2022-2023 will begin. Packets may be available at the July 10th social. If not, they will be distributed toward the end of July and early August.

Recent Prayer Requests

12/27/2022 Death of Dcn. Richard Woods
1/13/2022 Death of Mary Clavin, mother of Dcn. Dan Clavin
Date January 14, 2022
Dcn. Edward Feldkamp
Dcn. Thomas Senn

Date: January 21, 2022
Fr. John Gorski
Fr. Bob Glepko
Dcn. Edward Feldkamp
Dcn. Thomas Senn

Date: February 11, 2022
Fr. John Gorski
Fr. David Nestler OFM Cap
Fr. Joe Mamich
Dcn. Dave Chordas

Date: February 18, 2022
Fr. Dave Nestler OFM Cap
Fr. Thomas Pipp SJ
Dcn. Dave Chordas
Dcn. John Amedeo

Date: March 18, 2022
Fr. Joe Mamich
Fr. Ed Kordas

Date: March 25, 2022
Fr. Ed Kordas
Fr. Russ Lowe

Date: April 8, 2022
Fr. Russ Lowe
Fr. Carl Uhler
Fr. Art Snedeker
Fr. Michael Smith

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Priest & seminarian Prayer Calendar:
<http://priests.stpatrick.cc>
Seminarians Prayer Calendar (month by month)
contact Micki Trenta

Committees

25 Club: C=Lou Trenta, Ed & Gail Pfeiffer 330-322-9452
Membership: C=Virginia Kovacina 440-473-6107 &
George Spicer 440 268-6181
Deceased & Ill: Micki Trenta
Program: Mike Cubera 330-650-2832
Liturgy: C= Debbie Goodfellow 440 759-8517, Lois
Butkowski 440-327-0884, Dee Denk 440 376-4892
Ways & Means: Tom (216 469-6154) & Ginny Barnish
(234 380-3022)

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 all of us grow in Your love. May Mary and Joseph intercede for us until we rejoice in Your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

Agenda—April 24, 2022

Time	Item	Responsible
1 min.	1. Meeting Called to Order	L. Trenta
1 min.	2. Opening Prayer	Fr. McCandless
0 min.	3. Roll Call of Members	Sign In sheet
1 min	4. Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings	M. Trenta
1 min.	5. Introduction of New Members. Membership Committee	V. Kovacina
2 min.	6. Communications	M. Trenta
	7. Report of Standing Committees	
0 min.	a. Membership (150 Families; 235 members)	L. Trenta
5 min	b. 25 Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status • Additional distribution of this year's funds • Need a chairperson 	E. Suszynski, L. Trenta,
1 min.	c. Deceased & Ill Parents of Priests	M. Trenta
1 min.	d. Program—Social Activities (Summer?)	M. Cubera
1 min	e. Liturgy	D. Goodfellow G. Spicer
1 min.	f. Ways and Means	G. Barnish T. Barnish
2 min.	8. Report of Treasurer	E. Suszynski
3 min.	9. Authorize Financial Transactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Donations • Expenditures by President and Treasurer 	E. Suszynski L. Trenta
1 min.	10. Report of Special Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminarian birthday gifts • Bookshelf memorial gifts 	D. Trask
30 min.	11. Report of President and Discussions about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing attendance at our events • Supporting our priest sons as an organization • Supporting the Diocesan seminaries • Leadership roles in POP, officers and others • 25 Club going forward 	L. Trenta
1 min.	12. Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation: Bishop's Brunch 	L. Trenta
5 min.	13. Election of Officers	T. Barnish
2 min.	14. Installation of Officers	Fr. McCandless
1 min.	15. Closing Prayer	Fr. McCandless