



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE

July 2022

From the President

Mike and Kathy Cubera hosted a very successful Summer Picnic at St. Mary of the Falls Church on July 10th. The setting was inside a parish building set up for small group gatherings which enabled conversations with multiple partners. We had good food, good chats, and good fellowship.

Thanks to the help of Geoff Goodfellow, Micki Trenta, Mary Ann Mann, and Laura Brucks the 25 Club materials were put together and ready for distribution at the Picnic. Those present at the Picnic got their packets which included something new this year. Packs of five envelopes with a recommended Bulletin insert were provided. The idea is for the members to have information about the 25 Club inserted in their parish bulletins and the five envelopes be in the parish office or the church lobby for parishioners to pick up.

The 25 Club envelopes not picked up at the Picnic were mailed out on July 24th. Additional envelopes are available, call or email Lou Trenta.

Also, if you want a parish bulletin insert message and a pack of envelopes for your parish (or your son's parish), call or email Lou Trenta.

Help Needed

There is a need for a person to coordinate the POP Winter Social in January or February 2023. This involves securing a parish for the winter quarterly Parents of Priests Mass and a site for the "picnic" and arranging for the meal. Ideally, the social (meal and conversation) would be at the same place. However,

the meal could be at another location such as a nearby restaurant that would give a private or semi-private space in which to visit.

If you are able and willing to help with this, please contact me soon.

Changes Under Consideration

As you may have read in the previous Newsletter/Update, the officers are in early discussions on two major issues. One is the pattern of distribution of the donations we make from the 25 Club funds. The second is about increasing attendance at our events.

Concerning the pattern of distributions of our donations to the seminaries and the seminarians, we are looking at ways to make our donations more personal to the seminarians, a more direct connection between the POP and the seminarians receiving support. The officers will be meeting with Frs. Latcovich and McCandless in early August to discuss possibilities.

Concerning increasing attendance at our events, the reaction to adding some sort of program or interaction with priests and/or seminarians has been negative from one source with no sources supporting the idea. The idea of having active members call one or two less active members and invite them to upcoming events has been supported.

Donations by Parents of Priests

We donated \$2,000 to cover tuition for four priests to take training in aiding men with their discernment about entering the seminary.

We donated \$3,000 to the Bookshelf fund and an additional \$1,000 is still under consideration for

August. We have also donated \$350 to the Bookshelf Fund as memorial gifts for a deceased parent of a priest and for four deceased priests.

Calendar of Events

July 10 and after: 25 Club for 2022-2023 began. Packets were available at the July 10th social. The envelopes not distributed at the Picnic were mailed July 24.

September 25: Noon Mass at St. Mary's Parish, 401 North St., Chardon OH followed by coffee and

donut socializing and a brief Governing Board meeting.

November 6, 2022: Mass with the seminarians at 10:00 followed by Brunch with them. We will be presenting checks for our major donations from the 25 Club.

Recent Prayer Requests and Deaths

Date: May 28 2022
Fr. Russ Lowe
Fr. Carl Uhler
Fr. John Vrana
Deacon Carlos Rivera

Date: June 3, 2022
Fr. Russ Lowe
Fr. Carl Uhler
Fr. James Vesely
Fr. John Vrana
Deacon Carlos Rivera

Date: June 7
Fr. John Vrana died

Date: June 10, 2022
Fr. James Vesely
Fr. Jonathan Zingales
Deacon David Chordas

Date: June 12, 2022
Fr. James Reymann died

Date: June 17, 2022
Fr. Jonathan Zingales

Date: July 1, 2022
Fr. Thomas Giles
Deacon Chuck Sawadski
Deacon Dave Chordas

Date: July 15, 2022
Fr. Thomas Giles
Fr. Russ Lowe
Fr. Carl Uhler died

Date: July 16, 2022
Fr. Robert Glepko died

Date: July 22, 2022
Fr. Thomas Giles
Fr. Russ Lowe
Deacon David Chordas
Deacon David Streeter

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Ad Hoc

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Bookshelf Fund: Lou Trenta
Seminarian Birthday Gifts: Geoff Goodfellow
Seminarians Prayer Calendar (month by month):
contact Micki Trenta

Internet Addresses

Website: parentsofpriests.net
Facebook: www.facebook.com/parentsofpriests
Priest & seminarian Prayer Calendar:
<http://priests.stpatrick.cc>

A Reflection on Our Faith Value at Work.

I've included a reflection on our Catholic value of Faith and its place in our daily lives. Work is considered in its widest sense as whatever we do in service to others or to ourselves. The writer asks to be identified only as "a voice from the pews." Without objection, other reflections will be shared as time and space permit.

Faith at Work at Work

In seeking to put my faith into action in my daily life, I have tended to focus on certain aspects of our Church's creed statements: (a) there is an all-powerful God who created the universe and all that exists including me, (b) God loves all his creation globally and each of us individually, (c) God desires we humans freely to choose to love him (d) God incarnated himself into this world as Jesus Christ, and (e) living as a human being Jesus taught us how to love God. We can be friends of God.

God created each and every human being even, or especially, the least among us. Whomever I may be with, I am in a community of God's creations; we are family. Within this community, He offered me and many others the gift of faith, and in accepting this gift we accept a commitment to build up his community. We, a community of believers, cooperate in spreading the message of His love and an expectation of eternal life. We act to give the experience of being loved to others and through that experience give a new and deeper meaning to life, theirs and ours. As family the interactions between us should be characterized by love, respect, justice, and peace.

I only control one part of the interaction, my attitude and my actions. However imperfectly I may do it, I seek to react to the undeserved love I have received from God and to the teachings He gave us when He lived among us. Out of the habitual acceptance and expectation of eternal life with God (Hope), I strive to act in a way that gives expression to God's love for me and all His creation (Love) independent of the attitudes and actions of those I am with.

To live my faith at work is complex in that there are multiple needs and hence ways to express God's love in our human interactions. Foundational to meeting those complexities of life are Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance. In the interplay between these virtues and Faith, Hope, and Charity, many, many values come to the fore. Yet all are derived from the belief in one, true, loving God creator of all (Faith). It may be forgiveness that is called for, or generosity, gratitude, tolerance, or again simply joy in being loved and in loving. Nearly always some aspect of humility and community building is needed.

The frequent recollection is "God loves me; God wants me to love." The frequent questions are, "How can I express my faith in God's love today, in this moment, in this place, in these circumstances?" This has been most difficult for me when I feel that someone has treated me wrongly or unfairly. The old formula was to lash out publically and/or privately. The better formula became to figure out what might have made their actions seem reasonable to them. I want to understand why they chose their actions. I also had to look at myself and figure out why I was upset. If those answers did not satisfy me, I saw the next step as to approach the other person with an attitude of exploration or learning, I sought to learn and understand what lay behind their action so well that I could state their case clearly and acceptably back to them. Once I could do that, I would ask them to let me explain my concerns/problem so they would understand my thoughts and feelings. The touchstone, so to speak, was to figure out what situation or action by me was best for our community (workplace).

In all situations, I believe taking the path toward improving the common good, to growing the community beginning with the least and with consideration for all, would make my faith a living faith at work.

FAITH — A Faith Based Value at Work

1. What does applying the faith-based value of Faith in your workplace mean to you? What do you think it would mean to those with whom you work? How does its meaning change for your different workplaces, for example, home or where you volunteer?
2. Why is it important to gain an understanding of faith in the workplace and how to apply that understanding?
3. How do/could you apply the concept of faith in your workplace(s)?
4. What would happen in your workplace if you took and actively applied the values of your faith in your workplace(s)? How would the workplace sound different? Look different? Feel different?
5. What first step are you willing to take this week?