



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE

August 2022

From the President

Help Needed

There is a need for a person to help coordinate the POP Winter Social on February 5, 2023.

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 were looking for ways to make our donations more personal to the seminarians, a more direct connection between the POP and the seminarians receiving support.

The officers met with Frs. Latcovich, McCandless, and Garris (new assistant director of the Diocesan Vocation Office [DVO]) in early August to discuss possibilities. We noted that the money available for donation from the Parents of Priests (essentially the 25 Club funds) were not likely to increase in the near future and were making up a smaller and smaller portion of the Rector's funds. Several ideas and variations were put forth and discussed. We came together on several ideas that the officers agreed to consider.

After that meeting, the officers met to consider the suggestions and proposals made in the meeting with the Rector and the DVO. We agreed to support the following proposals and to present them to the Governing Board for approval. All donations are subject to funds being available from the 25 Club

fundraiser and other sources made available to the Parents of Priests.

1. The St. Mary's Bookshelf Fund will be renamed the Parents of Priests Textbook Fund for both theology and college textbooks that focus on philosophy and theology and will be available to all the seminarians (Borromeo and St. Mary). The Fund will be administered by the DVO primarily late in the first semester. The DVO and the Parents of Priests officers will review the Fund each spring and plan for the next year.
2. Parents of Priests will donate \$5,000 to the Parents of Priests' Textbook Fund in addition to our usual memorial donations.
3. The Student Activities Funds for the two seminaries will establish a sub-account titled "Dad's Wallet." The funds in the sub-account would be available to individual seminarians as well as small groups. The funds are intended to support activities that aid in their development as men living in today's culture. It might be tapped to pay for a pizzas in the student lounge, tickets to a concert, play, or sporting event, transportation expenses, in short, for about any expense with which a parent might be asked to help their son on an informal basis. Another benefit is that since the fund will be administered by the students themselves, they will gain experience in working together and budgeting the funds.
4. Parents of Priests will donate \$2,500 to each seminary's student activity funds as initial contributions to Dad's Wallet.
5. Instead of donating \$1,000 to the Bookshelf Fund that was authorized for August, we will donate that \$1,000 to pay for a group meal in

Rome when the seminarians and faculty visit there in March 2023.

6. In the second distribution of funds in the spring of 2023, priority is to support the DVO's efforts to expand the number of discernment "coaches" for men considering entering the seminary. The 2023 target is \$2,000 to \$3,000.
7. As part of the effort for families to better understand the seminary experience, the seminaries will be holding an open house for families during the afternoon of November 6, 2022. As part of our effort to support discernment to the priesthood and to introduce our organization to the parents, a limited number of Parents of Priests will assist with the open house. Geoff Goodfellow is coordinating this with Fr. Latcovich. Let him know if you are interested in staying over after our brunch with the seminarians in order to be part of the effort. Our part will be mostly to mingle and engage in conversations.
8. An effort to engage with parents of those close to ordination is being considered for Spring. The idea is to have a small number of us to meet, perhaps for an ice-cream social, with the parents of transitional deacons

shortly after they are ordained to the diaconate. We might include the parents of those to be ordained priests in May. If you are interested in participating in this, contact Lou Trenta.

Additional Topics

Seeking to increase attendance at our events: The idea of having active members call one or two less active members and invite them to upcoming events has been supported. This would be an activity of the Membership Committee. Let Virginia Kovacina and/or Lou Trenta know if you would be willing to help with this.

Membership for Youngstown parents: With seminarians from Youngstown now completing their studies at St. Mary Seminary and being ordained (in Youngstown), the question of expanding our membership to include parents of priests of the Youngstown Diocese has arisen. Should we include them in our activities and/or our membership? We could probably invite them to our activities without a problem. We would have to change our Bylaws to allow membership for them.

Recent 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 reserved \$1,000 to sponsor a meal for the seminarians and faculty when they are in Rome in March of 2023.

We donated \$3,000 to the Bookshelf fund.

We have also donated \$400 to the Bookshelf Fund as memorial gifts for six deceased priests and the parent of a priest.

Calendar of Events

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

November 6, 2022: Open house at the seminaries. Potential for some Parents of Priests to support the event by their presence and mingling with the various families. Geoff Goodfellow is coordinating this support activity.

February 5, 2023: Winter Social with Mass at 11:30 AM in St. Mary's Church, 340 N. Main Street, Hudson OH 44236. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant. The lunch will be partially subsidized by the Parents of Priests.

April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday Mass with Bishop Malesic, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland OH 44114. Continental brunch following in the Cathedral rectory.

April 30, 2023: Potential small group social with parents of newly ordained Transitional Deacon(s) and of parents of deacons scheduled to be ordained priests in May 2023.

Recent Prayer Requests and Deaths

Death Date: July 24, 2022: Fr. Robert Begin

Date: July 29, 2022
Deacon Dave Chordas

Fr. James Mahoney
Deacon Frank Lonteen

Death Date: July 26, 2022: Mary Theresa Mihalic, mother of Fr. Peter Mihalic

Death Date: August 8, 2022:
Deacon Philip Kamlowsky

Death Date: August 24, 2022:
Geraldine Wearsch, mother of Fr. Ronald Wearsch

Death Date: July 27, 2022: Fr. John Vesely

Date: August 12, 2022
Fr. Joseph Pednekar, MSFS

Contact Information

Officers

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Treasurer, Mike Cubera: 330 289-5823, cuberam@gmail.com

Secretary, Micki Trenta: 330-668-9068, mickit930@gmail.com

Program: (volunteer needed)

Ways & Means: Tom (216 469-6154) & Ginny Barnish (234 380-3022)

Ad Hoc

Bishop's Brunch Representative: (volunteer needed)

Bookshelf Fund: Lou Trenta

Seminarian Birthday Gifts: Geoff Goodfellow

Seminarians Prayer Calendar (month by month): contact Micki Trenta

Committees

25 Club: C=Lou Trenta, Geoff Goodfellow, Ed & Gail Pfeiffer 330-322-9452

Deceased & Ill: Micki Trenta

Liturgy: C= Debbie Goodfellow 440 759-8517, Lois Butkowski 440-327-0884, Dee Denk 440 376-4892

Membership: C=Virginia Kovacina 440-473-6107 & George Spicer 440 268-6181

Internet Addresses

Our website: parentsofpriests.net: It has general information and the *Seminarian Prayer Calendar*

Website for the Priest & Seminarian Prayer Calendar: <http://priests.stpatrick.cc>

A Few Notes about Finances

The following three pages are provided by Mike Cubera, our treasurer. They will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval at our meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at St. Mary Church in Chagrin Falls.

There are three documents:

1. Revenue and Expenses for the last fiscal year (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022),
2. The Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022, and
3. The Fund Balances for the last fiscal year.

Two things to note:

1. We received an additional bequest of \$1,988.05 from Fr. Beatty's estate. This additional revenue is not likely to be replicated.
2. Our year-to-year carry over balance is about \$600 less than it was last year.

We need about 100 more 25 Club donations/sales this year than last year to cover increased costs and lower carry-over. That would be about one more per member/couple.

Parents of Priests
Revenue & Expenses
7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

Funds Received

25 Club	20,300.00
Dues	375.00
Donations	1,555.00
Bequest - Beatty	1,988.05
 Total Funds Received	 <hr/> 24,218.05

Expenses

25 Club	
Printing and mailing	365.67
Postage	668.40
Raffle payouts	3,997.50
Christmas	156.75
Bookshelf fund donation	3,600.00
Seminarian Birthday Gifts	1,700.00
Rector's Funds	8,000.00
Activities Funds	2,000.00
DVO Education & Training	2,000.00
Other	527.64
 Total 25 Club	 <hr/> 23,015.96

General

Bank fees	-
Ohio fees	-
Meeting refreshments	1,014.85
Postage	426.40
Printing & Mailing	155.30
Christmas	150.00
Check Printing	-
Other	50.00

Total General	<hr/> 1,796.55
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Total Expenses	<hr/> 24,812.51
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Funds Received Over/(Under) Expenses (594.46)

Balance 7/1/21 per books 8,508.21

Calculated balance 6/30/22	7,913.75
Cash Balance per stmt	7,913.75
Difference	-

Parents of Priests
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

Assets

Bank Accounts	
2357 Main Account	7,298.57
2344 President's Account	615.18
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TOTAL Checking Accounts & Cash on hand	7,913.75

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Fund Balances - Designated	
Rector's Funds	
Activity Funds	
Seminarian Birthday Gifts	
Bookshelf Fund Memorial Gifts	
25 Club 2021 - 2022 Payouts	<hr/>
Total Designated Funds	-
Fund Balances - Undesignated	
25 Club	4,128.29
General	1,797.41
Beatty Bequest	1,988.05
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Total Undesignated Funds	7,913.75
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Total Fund Balances	7,913.75

Out of Balance	-
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Parents of Priests
Fund Balances
7/1/2021 - 6/30/22

			7/1/2021	6/30/2022
25 Club Funds				
		Treas a/c		
Balance 7/1/2021	6,844.25	2344	7,357.59	7,298.57
25 Club Ticket sales	20,300.00	Pres a/c 2357	1,100.62	615.18
25 Club Expenses	(23,015.96)	Cash	<u>50.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		Total	8,508.21	7,913.75
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Balance 6/30/2022	4,128.29			-

General Funds

Balance 7/1/2021	1,663.96
Dues	375.00
Donations Rec'd	3,543.05
Expenses	(1,796.55)
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Balance 6/30/2022	3,785.46