



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE

October 2022

From the President

General Board Meeting

The General Board meeting was held in conjunction with the Autumn Quarterly Mass at St. Mary Church in Chardon on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Lou and Micki Trenta (President and Secretary) were recovering from Covid infections and not present. Vice President, Geoff Goodfellow conducted the meeting.

This is Geoff's summary of the meeting:
The Mass and meeting went very well. St. Mary's Chardon had a tasty hot meal for us after Mass.

Here are the highlights of the meeting.

1. Motion to authorize the donations for November 6th passed. Don Trask questioned the expenditure thinking that we were also giving what we did last year to the rector's fund in addition. I explained this was a more targeted donation and in place of the generic rector's fund donation. Don also suggested looking into a foundation for additional funds in the future (new business). The total donation for November 6th is \$11,000.
 - \$5,000 POP Textbook Fund
 - \$2,500 Dad's Wallet for St. Mary's Seminary
 - \$2,500 Dad's Wallet for Borromeo Seminary
 - \$1,000 for POP sponsored meal for seminarian's Rome trip.
2. Discussed Youngstown POP. This was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

3. Seminary brunch – Tom and Ginny Barnish are already on the board. Since there were no volunteers at the meeting, they agreed to also represent POP while they are on the board. Ginny explained that the cost of a table just covers the expenses for the meal and facility. She suggested that if POP could not fill up a table that it would be better for POP to make a targeted donation. They have no problem selling all the tables, but it would be better to have seats filled with folks that would also donate to the rector's fund. Empty seats do not.
4. Mike Cubera brought up moving the February winter social to St. Bernard in downtown Akron. They have indicated they were available in February and would provide a hot meal after the meeting. There were no objections from anyone attending.
5. Fr. Scott Goodfellow said a closing prayer.

Information about the New Authorizations

An information sheet about the subjects scheduled for the meeting was prepared for the officers. A copy of it is included at the end of this newsletter/update.

Other Initiatives

1. 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.

2. 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.

From the Treasurer

Financial Update:

High level summary - We look to be in good shape as this year's 25 Club ticket sales thru Sept 2022 is \$700 above last year's sales compared to the same time period (end of September 2021).

Specific Details:

President's Account Balance as of Sept 28, 2022, \$750.81.

Treasurer's Account Balance as of Sept 28, 2022, \$23,408.88.

The Treasurer's Account balance reflects the 19 birthday checks just written plus a deposit made today for 25 Club ticket sales that were received from Mary Avenoso yesterday.

Comparing 2021/2022 25 Club sales to 2022/2023:

	2021/2022 Final	2022/2023 YTD
Total Tickets Sold	810	679
Total Dollar Amount	\$20,250	\$16,975
Tickets sold thru Sept 30	649	679
Dollar Sales thru Sept 30	\$16,225	\$16,975
Tickets sold after Sept 30	161	
Dollar Sales after Sept 30	\$4,025	
Planned expenditures:		
POP Book Fund		\$5,000
Dad's Wallet St Mary		\$2,500

Dad's Wallet Borromeo	\$2,500
Sponsor Seminarian Rome Dinner	\$1,000
25 Club Payout	\$3,410
Seminarian Birthday Gifts	\$1,550
Estimated Printing/Postage Costs	\$500
Estimated memorial gifts	\$500
Total	\$16,960

Please note that the estimated memorial donations to the bookshelf fund for deceased priests and parents of priests is purely an estimate. It could be higher or lower, but I wanted to put a number for this expense.

To date we have generated enough income to cover all planned expenditures.

If we take a conservative view of our future 25 Club sales for the Oct - Dec 2022 time frame and assume it will only be 75% of last year's dollar value during this time period we can expect to receive another \$3000.

This will put our account balance around \$26,400 which will more than cover our planned expenditures.

Let me know if there are any questions.

Mike Cubera

Calendar of Events

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 10:00 AM in St. Bernard Parish, the church is located at the corner of E. State St. and S. Broadway St. in Akron. Parking in parish lot north of the church on S. Broadway and in the West Campus Parking deck south of the Church accessible from S. Broadway and/or S. High St. Lunch will follow in the parish social hall below the church.

March 2023: Tentative Quarterly Mass early in the month.

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.

June 25, 2023: Quarterly Mass 10:00 AM at St. Mathias Church, 1200 W. Sprague Rd, Parma OH.

July 2023: Summer Social will be held in the last half of the month.

August or September 2023: Tentative Quarterly Mass late August or early September.

October 22, 2023: Quarterly Mass 11:00 AM at Our Lady Help of Christians in Nova, 240 State Rte 511, Nova OH

November 5, 2023: Mass with the seminarians at 10:00 followed by Brunch with them. We will be presenting checks for our major donations from the 2023-2024 25 Club.

Recent Prayer Requests and Deaths

Date: August 26, 2022 Fr. Bob Wenz	Fr. Jim Marsick Fr. Tom Giles Fr. Ed Kordas Deacon Dave Chordas	Death Date: September 24, 2022 Helen Orzech mother of Fr. Eric Orzech
Death Date: August 25, 2022: Fr. Russell Lowe	Death Date September 25, 2022: Fr. Edward Kordas	Death Date: September 29, 2-22 Fr. Thomas Gilles
Date: September 23, 2022: Fr. Jim O'Donnell		

Contact Information

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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

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

Ad Hoc

Bishop's Brunch Representative: Tom & Ginny Barnish
Bookshelf Fund: Lou Trenta
Seminarian Birthday Gifts: Geoff Goodfellow
Seminarians Prayer Calendar (month by month): contact Micki Trenta

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>

Parents of Priests

Notes Related to Changes Proposed and Accepted on 9/25/2022

Bookshelf Fund

- Name changed from St. Mary's Bookshelf Fund to Parents of Priests Textbook Fund
- Look to regular funding contributions. This year \$5,000.
- Access expanded: Open to all seminarians not just those at St. Mary's Seminary
- Range limited: Available only for textbooks related to philosophy or theology courses
- Administered by the DVO
- Usually late in the first semester
- POP memorial gifts will continue to be directed to this fund
- DVO and POP to meet annually to plan the next year

Student Activities Funds

- New line item created in the student activity accounts for both seminaries: Dad's Wallet
- Initial donation of \$2,500 to each seminary's Dad's Wallet fund.
- The funds in the sub-account would be available to individual seminarians as well as small groups.
- They are intended to support activities that aid in the men's development as men living in today's culture.
- It might be tapped to pay for pizzas in the student lounge, tickets to a concert, play, or sporting event, transportation and/or participation expenses, in short, for about any expense with which a parent might be asked to help their son on an informal basis.
- The concept is that the men in formation are being prepared to service people of many cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. As such, they ought to have opportunities to experience some aspects of those various backgrounds.
- The funds are to be administered by the seminarians of each house.

Trip to Rome

- The seminaries sponsor a trip to Rome for the seminarians, usually every five years.
- It is partially supported by a Trip Fund.
- The next trip is planned for the spring or 2023.
- We are seeking to donate \$1,000 to the fund to sponsor a group meal for those traveling to Rome in 2023.
- This helps reduce the costs to the seminarians and enables the group to meet and talk about their experiences.

Open House November 6, 2022

- We have been asked to help with the event.
- Geoff Goodfellow is coordinating for POP
- POP will be paying for a handout card at the event.
- It will include our logo and a prayer for vocations.

Youngstown Parents of Priests

- As Youngstown seminarians are educated in St. Mary's Seminary and ordained, the question of our (POP) relationship with their parents comes up.
- Our official name is Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland, Inc.
- Our By-laws limits our membership to Parents of Priests who serve in the Diocese of Cleveland.
- We have accepted as members those parents of priests who live in our Diocese but whose sons serve elsewhere.
- What do we do?
 - Nothing until approached by one or more of those parents.
 - Contact the Youngstown DVO and offer to help establish a Parents of Priests of the Youngstown Diocese.
 - Contact and work with a couple of parents of Youngstown priests to establish a POP for Youngstown.
 - Allow and/or invite those parents to participate in our organization as guests.
 - Change our By-laws to include parents of priests from other dioceses.
 - Include those parents in our 25 Club activities without consideration of membership.

Bishop's Seminary Brunch Committee

- With the change in our donation pattern, we no longer give our funds directly to the Rector's Fund which is the beneficiary of the funds raised at the Brunch.
- We have a seat on the Committee and need a person to represent POP there.
- Many of us attend the Brunch and some of us sponsor tables at the Brunch.
- The POP has sponsored a table in the past.
- The last two years we have not filled our table with members, leaving some seats paid for but empty.