



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE
January 2023

From the President

Happy and Blessed New Year

There are at least three “new years” at play in the life of the parents of priests. First, and most significant, is the date of ordination for our sons, the priests of the Diocese. That date marked their and our entrance into a new state of life: They as ordained ministers to God’s people, and we as parents-supporters of those ministers and of each other in our new life-states.

Second is the fiscal new year when we close one year’s financial support of those discerning for the priesthood and open a new year’s support efforts. We are supporting our sons by encouraging those who would join them in their ministry.

Third is our monetary membership year which begins with each new calendar year. While all parents of priests in the Diocese are members for life once their sons are ordained, it takes money to give life and presence to our organization, Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland, Inc. While the 25 Club raises significant dollars, all that money, after expenses, is given to the seminarians. The operational expenses for the Parents of Priests organization comes from member dues payments and donations. If dues payments and donations exceed the operational costs for our organization each year, the funds are added to the 25 Club monies and given to the seminaries.

This year’s registration and dues form is included with this Newsletter/Update. The dues are used for our non-25 Club expenses.

Please use the registration form even if you chose not to pay the annual dues. The registration form enables the officers to have up-

to-date contact information for our members. We particularly seek up-to-date email addresses so that we can save the cost of printing and mailing.

Beyond the Dues

There are many ways to support our organization and through it to support our priest sons. The most important is prayer: Prayer directly for our sons, prayer for our families as supporters of our sons, and prayers for the seminarians who are discerning if their vocation is to the priesthood with our sons. We provide a four-month prayer calendar three times a year. It lists days of prayer for individual seminarians.

Another significant way to support ourselves and each other and us is to participate in the work of one of the Parents of Priests committees. Current members of each committee and their contact information are provided later in this Newsletter.

The Liturgy Committee arranges for the Quarterly Masses. They contact pastors, get calendar dates, welcome members to the host parish, and arrange for a brief “coffee and donuts” social time after the Masses.

The Program Committee, in communication with the Liturgy Committee, selects dates and locations for the Winter and Summer Socials. It arranges for catering for the meal and any set up and clean up. Currently Mike Cubera is doing this in addition to his work as Treasurer. *We really need some help here.*

The Membership Committee works to initiate parents of newly ordained priest into the Parents of Priests. The members contact the parents very soon after their son’s ordination and

provide them with information about our organization and the Parents of Priest pin. During the first year after their sons' ordinations, the Committee contacts the parents to remind them of and invite them to participate in each of our activities.

The 25 Club Committee is responsible for preparing the materials and distributing the solicitations for people to participate in the 25 Club fund raiser each year. It involves editing and revising the various documents, getting them printed, collating them, and getting them distributed. The editing, printing, and collating take place in the spring; the distribution takes place primarily in the summer. The Diocesan Vocation Office handles the registration of participants, and the Treasurer handles the money, depositing income and paying out winners. *We need a chairperson and a committee member for most of the work (May through June);* volunteers are asked to assist with the collation of the materials in late June or early July.

The Ways and Means Committee works in an advisory capacity with the Treasurer to ensure that our financial dealing and reports comply with standard accounting procedures for non-profit organizations and any applicable laws.

The Deceased and Ill Parents of Priests Committee alerts members of the passing of Diocesan Priests and/or parents of a priest as well as any request for prayers. It also sends condolences to the families of the deceased and

“get well” wishes to those who are ill. Members who wish to be listed in the weekly prayer lists need to contact the Micki Trenta, our Secretary, weekly with that request. The Secretary has taken over these duties since she gets the information from the DVO as it is published.

Governing Board

All members of the Parents of Priests are eligible to participate on the Governing Board. Those who attend the meetings make the guiding decisions for the Parents of Priests. This Board is responsible to authorize and oversee all the activities of the Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland, Inc. It determines the source and the disposition of our funds. The next regular meeting is **Sunday, April 23, 2023, 2:00 PM** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership.

POP Textbook Fund & Dad's Wallet Funds

As noted in the last Newsletter and Update, the bulk of the Parents of Priests' donations is going into these funds. What we are providing certainly does not remove these costs from the seminarians; it only ameliorates them. It is estimated that the textbook costs for all the seminarians adds up to over \$20,000 per year. Any additional donations would be welcomed. You can make the checks payable to one of the seminaries or to the CPL citing its purpose on the “For” line on your checks. For Dad's Wallet it should specify which seminary's fund it is for.

From the Treasurer: Mike Cubera

Here is the POP Financial Report as of December 28, 2022.

President's Acct: Balance is \$1,412.61. This amount includes the \$500.00 transferred to it today from the Treasurer's Acct. [There are \$395.63 in uncashed checks outstanding. Lou]

Treasurer's Acct: Checkbook Balance is \$13,377.17. We still have \$4,090.00 in expenses to pay in 2023. The 2023 expenses yet to be paid are:

- \$800.00 for Seminarian birthday gifts
- \$3,090.00 for the remaining 25 Club Payouts.

Subtracting these committed expenses leave us with a working balance of \$9,287.17 for the remainder of our fiscal year.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Peace - Mike C

Bishop's Seminary Brunch

The Bishop's Seminary Brunch is a fund raiser and a morale booster for our seminarians. It is a gathering of a thousand Catholics to let the seminarians know we appreciate their willingness to discern for the priesthood and to provide emergency financial support through the Rector's funds. Approximately 90 people sponsor one or more tables of attendees who are invited to attend and bring their checkbooks. The seminarians attend and are seated at tables with the other invitees.

This year the Bishops Seminary Brunch is again at Landerhaven, from noon to 3 PM on

Sunday, March 26, 2023. It is located at 6111 Landerhaven Dr., Mayfield Heights.

Parents of Priests will pay for up to ten members to attend the Brunch. Parents of Priests members are invited to reserve one or more seats with the expectation that they will donate at least \$50 (the cost of the seat) to the Rector's funds.

To reserve a seat, contact Lou Trenta (email: trentalouis@gmail.com; leave a message at 330 668-9068; or text to 330 612-0615).

From Fr. Eric Garris

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from the *new* Vocations Director! I look forward to working with you all as I step into this new role. I also wanted to take an opportunity to thank Fr. McCandless for all his work over the past 12 years in Vocations Office. I know that he has greatly

valued the work of the Parents of Priests and has enjoyed working with you all. I would ask that you please pray for him as he begins his new role as Administrator of Holy Family in Stow and to pray for me as I take the reins in the Vocation Office.

Calendar of Events

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 the parish lot north of the church on S. Broadway and in the West Campus Parking deck south of the Church; it accessible from S. Broadway and/or S. High St. Lunch will follow in the parish social hall below the church.

Please **RSVP** to Mike Cubera by email at **cubera4@gmail.com** or call/text him at **330 289-5823** *before* January 27, 2023.

March 5, 2023: Quarterly Mass at 10:00 AM Mass at St. Columbkille Church, 6740 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio. 44134. We will meet for a "Coffee and Donuts Social" after the Mass.

March 26, 2023, Sunday: Bishop's Seminary Brunch, at Landerhaven, from noon to 3PM. Parents of Priests will pay for the seats of up to ten members to sit together this year. To reserve one of those seats, contact Lou Trenta (leave a message at 330 668-9068; send a text to 330 612-0615; or email: trentalouis@gmail.com).

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 in the Cathedral rectory follows.

April 23, 2023, Sunday: Governing Board meeting at 2:00 PM. 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.

June 25, 2023, Sunday: Quarterly Mass at 10:00 AM Mass at St. Mathias Church, 1200 West Sprague Road, Parma OH 44134. We will meet for a “Coffee and Donuts Social” after the Mass.

July 23 or 30 2022, Sunday: Summer Social. Mass at 11:00 AM 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.

October 22, 2023, Sunday: Quarterly Mass at the 11:00 Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians in Nova, 240 State Route 511, Nova OH 44859. We will meet for a “Coffee and Donuts Social” and a Governing Board meeting after the Mass.

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

Date: November 21, 2022, Deaths:
Eileen Beegle, sister of Fr. Mark Hollis
Joseph Polito, brother of Fr. Martin Polito
Margaret Gerber, sister of Fr. James Sheil

Date: November 22, 2022, Deaths:
Mrs. Kathy Bewley, wife of Deacon Doug Bewley

Date: November 16, Death
John Walkowiak, father of Bishop David Walkowiak

Date: November 20, Death
Frank O’Connor,
father of Fr. Paul O’Connor, SJ

Date: November 23, 2022: Prayers
Fr. Larry Bayer
Deacon Richard Butz

Date: December 2, 2022: Prayers
Fr. Larry Bayer
Fr. Pat Rosca, O de M
Deacon Richard Butz
Deacon Jeff Dunlap

Date: December 2, 2022, Death
Blanche Haag, mother of Fr. Theodore Haag OFM

Date: December 9, 2022: Prayers
Fr. Larry Bayer
Fr. Pat Rosca, O de M
Fr. David Halaiko
Deacon Richard Butz
Deacon Jeff Dunlap

Date: December 17, 2022, Death
Lucille Styles mother of Fr. Kenneth Styles, SJ

Date: December 22, 2022: Prayers
Fr. Larry Bayer
Fr. Pat Rosca, O de M
Fr. David Halaiko
Deacon Jeff Dunlop
Deacon Edward Feldkamp

Date: December 29, 2022: Death
Christopher Peters, brother of Brian Peters,
seminarian at St. Mary Seminary

Date: December 30, 2022: Prayers
Bob Denk, father of Fr. Michael Denk

Contact Information

Officers

President, Lou Trenta: 330-668-9068,
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Vice President, Geoff Goodfellow: 440 724-2443,
geoff@gdgweb.com
Treasurer, Mike Cubera: 330 289-5823,
cuberam4@gmail.com

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

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

Program: (volunteer needed)

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

Ad Hoc Services

Bishop's Brunch Representative: Ginny Barnish

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

Internet Addresses

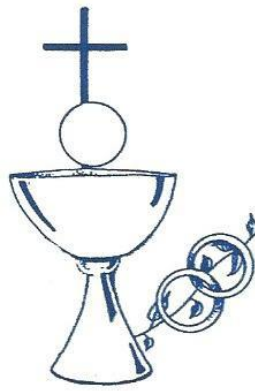
Our website: parentsopriests.net: It has general information and the *Seminarian Prayer Calendar*

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

We discover who we truly are, not by overcoming others, but by serving them.

John Francis Kavanaugh in *Following Christ in a Consumer Society*, p.90

PARENTS OF PRIESTS



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2023 Membership Dues

YOU are a very important part of the continuation of Parents of Priests. Annual dues for our organization, January through December, are \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a couple.

Dues cover the cost of printing and mailing. **The other funds raised by Parents of Priests are given to the seminarians, St. Mary Seminary, and Borromeo Seminary.**

Help us to be a vibrant and active organization in the year of 2023. Our gatherings, Quarterly Masses and social events, are planned for parents of priests. Some members come frequently and others infrequently, but all are welcome at every event. We look forward to seeing you.

Make your check payable to: Parents of Priests of the Diocese of Cleveland

Mail to: Mr. Mike Cubera, Treasurer
5453 Alsace Court
Hudson OH 44236

Cut here ✂ and mail Dues' form with check: -----

Parents of Priests Dues 2023

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

1st Person Landline Phone: _____ Cell _____

1st Person Email address: _____

2nd Person Landline Phone: _____ Cell _____

2nd Person Email address: _____

Your Home Parish: _____

Your Son: _____ Assignment: _____

Enclose check for the dues: Individual \$10 Couple \$15.

Make your check payable to: Parents of Priests, Diocese of Cleveland
Mail to: Mr. Mike Cubera, Treasurer, 5453 Alsace Court, Hudson OH 44236