



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE

May 5, 2023

From the President

Congratulations

Congratulations to our newly ordained Deacon, Michael Garvin and to those to be ordained Deacons for the Youngstown Diocese, Kevin Bertleff and William Wainio.

Congratulations to those to be ordained, God willing, this year: for Cleveland, David Chojnacki, Dominic Gideon, Ian Kelly, Jeffery Liptak, and Christopher Stein; for Youngstown, John Rovnak and Frederick Schlueter; and for Daegu, South Korea, Duckhyun Fabian Han.

Remember to keep all these men in your prayers and to thank God for their vocations.

Governing Board

The Governing Board meeting was held on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Draft minutes of the meeting are included at the end of this Update.

Of particular note from the meeting:

- The Board authorized a donation of \$2,000 to the Diocesan Vocation Office (DVO) to pay tuition and expenses for priests to attend a training program in coaching men to discern into the seminary.
- The Board, after significant discussion, authorized the President to develop proposed language changes to the Bylaws:
 - To allow parents of priests who do not minister in our Diocese to request and be accepted into membership of our organization.
 - To eliminate the Ill and Deceased Committee and assign that activity to the Secretary.
 - To change the Program Committee to the Social Committee with responsibility for

social events other than the “quarterly” Masses.

- To delete the 25 Club Committee and assign leadership responsibilities for fund raising (25 Club) to the Vice President.
- The President was asked to analyze and report dues paying membership related to those receiving emails from the Parents of Priests and those who do not have an email account.
 - Total membership is 224.
 - 38% of the members do not have email addresses listed.
 - 61.6% of the members have email addresses.
 - Of the total membership 74 or 33% pay dues.
 - Of that 74, 18.9% do not have email addresses listed.
 - Of that 74, 81.1% have email addresses.
 - Of those who received hard copies of the dues form, 22% paid their dues.
 - Of those who received electronic (email) copies of the dues form, 47% paid their dues.
- Tom Barnish reported on the Bishop’s Seminary Brunch. Just under 1,000 people attended. At the event over \$150,000 was turned in and/or pledged. One donor wrote a check for \$10,000.

Parents of Transitional Deacons

With Fr. Latcovich, we hosted a Mass and Brunch meeting with invited parents of transitional deacons for 2023 and 2024 for both the Cleveland and Youngstown Dioceses. Thirteen parents attended including parents of three Youngtown Diocese deacons.

Geoff and Debbie Goodfellow and Lou and Micki Trenta were the Parents of Priests hosts. All introduced themselves, ate brunch, and shared thoughts about the upcoming ordinations and deacon years. The sharing was enhanced by Frs.

Latcovich and Chris Trenta sharing perspectives from the side of the ordained.

The event was well received. Conversations continued well after the end of the program. We were encouraged to repeat it next year.

From the Treasurer: Mike Cubera

Treasurer's report as of May 3, 2023

Financials

Treasurer's Account Balance: \$11,094.17
President's Account Balance: \$ 834.02
Total: \$11,928.19

Outstanding Expenditures

Remaining 25 Club Payout estimate: \$1,200
Seminarian Birthday Gifts estimate: \$300

Additional comments:

We can expect some additional expenses (envelopes, postage, memorial donations, etc.) between now and the end of fiscal year. The best estimate I can provide is that we should end the year with a balance of approximately \$8,000.00.

In the 2022-2023 fiscal year we have received \$890.00 in donations. Thank you to all those who

donated: Theresa Coury, Reverend Norman Douglas, Kathleen Gharrity, Reverend Andrew Gonzalez, Geoff & Debbie Goodfellow, Ester & Ramon Guiamo, Jacqueline Haydu, Joseph & Joan Hoover, Reverend Craig Hovanec, Michael Kawalec, Jim & Diane Kondik, Kathleen Murowsky, Faith Robinson, Suzzane Scarpetti, Lou & Micki Trenta, Ralph Wearsch, Kenneth & Nancy Zajac.

2022-2023 Results for 25 Club Ticket Sales

POP sold 827 tickets generating \$20,675.00. This year POP sold 17 more tickets than in 2021-2022 which generated an additional \$425.00 compared to last year.

2023 Dues Update

Currently there are 74 paid members.

Peace - Mike C

Calendar of Events

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

July 23, 2023, 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 or 11, 2023, Sunday (date to be determined later): Mass at the CPL with the seminarians at 10:00 followed by Brunch with them. We will be presenting our major donation checks from the 25 Club proceeds.

March 24, 2024, 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.

Recent Prayer Requests

Date: March 24, 2023: Death
Eleanore Spisak, Mother of Fr. Stephen Spisak

Date: April 1, 2023: Death
Fr. William Krizner

Date: April 6 & 21, 2023: Prayers
Deacon Richard Butz

Date: April 29, 2023: Death
Fr. James Kramer

Contact Information

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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 (Volunteers needed)

Program: (Volunteers needed)

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

Ad Hoc Services

Bishop's Brunch Representative: Tom Barnish

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>

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

John Francis Kavanaugh in *Following Christ in a Consumer Society*

Parent of Priests
Minutes of the Governing Board – April 23, 2023

The Governing Board meeting was at the Center for Pastoral Leadership at 2:00 on Sunday, April 23, 2023. There were 11 members present.

Lou Trenta (President) led the meeting and opened it with a prayer. The members attending all signed in on the registration sheet. Minutes of the previous Governing Board meeting held on September 25, 2022 were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Communications: Micki Trenta (Secretary) gave an update on the communications since September.

- There were 12 thank you notes from people who thanked us for the donations to the Textbook Fund that were made by Parents of Priests in memory of a deceased member of their family.
- There were several “thank yous” from seminarians for the Dad’s Wallet money and their birthday gifts.
- Communications to the POP members included 6 newsletters and 2 postcard mailings since September’s meeting.
- Weekly clergy updates are sent whenever the Vocation office forwards information.
- Thinking of You cards have been sent to priests/deacons if they are on the prayer-request list multiple times.

Membership: Mike Cubera reported that there are 74 paid members out of the 146 families/224 members eligible for membership.

25 Club: There were 827 tickets sold this year. That is about the same number as the previous year’s numbers. The final drawing for this year will be on Monday, April 24th.

Program: Had no report. There was also an idea presented that we consider combining the Program and Liturgy committees because they often work together. No final decision was made at this time.

Liturgy: The Goodfellows will be handling the June 25th gathering at St. Matthias Church in Parma. The summer social will begin with Mass at St. Mary of the Falls in Olmsted Falls on July 23rd with a catered lunch following. Mike Cubera is handling that event.

Ways and Means: Ginny Barnish reported that she is working with Mike Cubera (Treasurer) on the budget. A suggestion was made to have a list of donors that would be published for the POP only.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike Cubera presented his financial summary. It shows a current balance of \$11,691.19. After payouts for the final 25 Club drawings and miscellaneous expenses it is projected to end the year with approximately \$10,000.

- It was suggested that POP donate \$2,000 to the DVO for training priests as discernment coaches. Motion was made to do so by Mary Ann Mann; seconded by Debby Suszynski. Motion passed.

Further Business Items:

- Micki Trenta reported on the Seminarian Prayer Calendars. The next 4-month issue will be ready at the end of June.
- Newsletter publications will be done on an as-needed basis.
- Tom Barnish reported on the Bishop’s Seminary Brunch. This year there were 94 tables and the initial report on the profit was \$150,000. Landerhaven is expected to increase the cost by 50% next year. Dave Karpinski is the next Brunch chair.
- A request was made to follow up on the status of the Dad’s Wallet and Textbook funds used this year. If needed, another \$500 could be authorized from this fiscal year’s funding.

President’s Report:

- The Nominating Committee will be named in the Fall. Suggestions for committee names are requested.
- There is a meeting at the CPL on April 30th with the parents of the transitional deacons.
- A short discussion was held related to allowing and inviting the Youngstown Parents to become a part of our group. This would necessitate a change in our bylaws. Bylaw language to be developed.
- The issue of the 25 Club Committee not existing was addressed. After discussion, the decision was that it seemed most appropriate for the VP to handle this fund raiser. Bylaws language to be developed.

The meeting closed with a prayer for the parents of transitional deacons and their sons.

Respectfully submitted,
Micki Trenta, Parents of Priest Secretary
April 30, 2023