

NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE

January 23, 2024

The Winter Social is Sunday, February 4th at Holy Family Church in Stow OH. Please, please let me know immediately if you plan to attend. It is less than two weeks away and we need a count for the caterer.

Those who replied to my earlier email do not need to reply again.

From the President

A Happy New Year

I hope this past Christmas season brought you happiness and joy and that this New Year has begun with a promise of more of both for you and your families. May God bless you abundantly.

Finances

25 Club 2023-2024

I am a bit concerned about our finances going forward. While this year's 25 Club is close to last year's level, it is still a bit short. We do have enough in our carryover from last year to cover the same grants as in the past several years. But continually depending on carryover to maintain our level of donations leads to eventual reductions or elimination of some grants. With the recent inflation in the economy, we should be looking to increase our donations at least to match inflation.

I would appreciate suggestions for improving our performance in this area.

Dues

One area that can relieve the pressure on our 25 Club finances is by paying the membership dues. The dues are used for the administrative expenses related to being a non-profit organization, including our printing and mailings. When dues funds are used up, we rely on funds from the 25 Club and donations. To keep the Newsletter and Updates costs down, I have been sending the updates by email to most of our membership (those for whom I have the email addresses). Additionally, I have been donating the paper and printing the mailed Newsletter and Updates on my laser printer.

I do appreciate those who have been donating their membership dues, I ask that all, who can afford it, do pay the dues. The form for this year is at the end of this Newsletter and Update.

From the Treasurer: Mike Cubera

Our President's Acct & Treasurer's Acct balances agree with our bank's statement as of December 31, 2023.

Our balances as of January 1, 2024 are

Treasurer's Acct	\$14,757.66
President's Acct	\$ 682.26
Total	\$15,439.92

Remaining known expenditures for 2023-2024 fiscal year:

- 25 Club Payout \$3,370.00
- Remaining Seminarian Birthday Gifts \$ 800.00
- Estimated Summer Picnic Costs \$ 700.00
- Purchase Stamps for 25 Club Payout \$ 48.00
- Total Remaining Expenditures \$4,918.00
- Estimated income from 2024 dues: \$700.00
- Estimated balance at end of fiscal year: \$11,221.92

Comments:

Note: Our actual balance at the end of this fiscal year will be lower than my estimate as we will have additional donations to our POP Textbook Memorial Fund. Plus in fiscal year 2022-2023 we donated \$2000.00 to the Diocesan Vocation Office for training for priests on how to develop/foster priestly vocations.

So, if we continue this donation to the Diocesan Vocation office and assuming we will have some additional unexpected expenses I think our balance at the end of this fiscal year will be between \$8,000.00 and \$9,000.00.

Calendar of Events

February 4, 2024, Mass & Winter Social, starting with 11:30 Mass at Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd, Stow, OH. A catered lunch will follow the Mass in the lower level of the Church. An elevator allows access to all.

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.

April 21, 2024, Sunday: Governing Board meeting at the CPL, 2:00 in the seminarians' dining room.

April 28, 2024, Sunday: 10:00 Mass and brunch with parents of 2024-2025 deacons at the seminaries.

June 23, 2024, Sunday: 10:30 Mass followed by Coffee and Donuts at St. Barnabas Church, 9451 Brandywine Rd., Northfield OH.

August 4, 2024, Sunday: Mass and Summer Social at the 10:30 Mass at St. Paschal Baylon 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH. After Mass there will be a catered meal and socializing in the Parish Life Center.

Recent Prayer Requests

9/18/2023: Death
Michael McNulty brother of
Fr. Joseph McNulty and
Fr. John McNulty

10/16/2023: Death
Mary K. Stigamier Sister of
Fr. Richard Evans

11/10/2023: Prayer request
Fr. Ron Wearsch
Deac. Dave Lundeen

11/10/2023 Death
Michael McCandless, father of
Fr. Michael McCandless

12/01/2023: Prayer Request
Deac. Dave Lundeen

12/03/2023: Death of
Deac. Victoir Colon

12/08/2023: Prayer Requests
Fr. Richard Gonser
Deac. Dave Lundeen

12/14/2023: death of
Robert Marszal, father of
Fr. Theodore Marszal

12/10/2023: Death of
Fr. Robert Pahler

12/15/2023: Prayer Requests
Fr. Richard Gonser
Deac. Dave Lundeen

1/2/2024 Death of
Jim Kondik father of
Fr. Curtis Kondik

1/3/2024 Death of
Richard Ramser, father of
Fr. Robert Ramser

12/6/2023 Death of
William Verbsky, grandfather of
Fr. David Versky

1/4/2024 Death of
Fr. Thomas Montavon

1/5/2024 Prayer request
Fr. Ted Marzal
Fr. David Stayniak
Fr. Neil Connor

1/13/2024 Prayer request
Fr. Ted Marszal
Fr. Dale Staysniak
Fr. Neil O'Connor

1/13/2024 Prayer request cont.
Fr. Walter Hyclak
Fr. Richard Gonser
Fr. Joseph Pednekar, MSFS
Deacon Dave Lundeen

1/16/2024 Death of
Frederick Beegle, relative of
Fr. Mark Hollis

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

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

*Do something for somebody
every day for which you
do not get paid.*

(Albert Schweitzer)

Generosity at Work at Work

Over the years I have been solicited many times for contributions to various causes. In almost every instance I remember going through a social calculation, “How much is expected? How much will get the solicitor to think well of me? At what level will I not feel guilty for giving too little or too much? What are others giving?” So much of my giving was prompted by a need to avoid guilty feelings or embarrassment.

If I appeared generous, was I generous in those situations? In reality, I must confess, “No.” As I have had to chance to reflect on the times in my life when I was truly generous or when I was the recipient of another’s generosity, I have come to believe there is more to generosity than merely giving. The faith value, the virtue, of generosity calls for a much higher standard; it requires an attitude of freedom, of liberation, of independent power. Giving to avoid guilt or embarrassment or to enhance my job or career advancement is to be held captive by those desires. Those ends and other more noble ones such as to create a better community or to enable all to win may well be served by generosity, but the truly generous person gives because he/she is able to give, and the giving is an expression of who they are and who they want to be. They give because there is a need, they are able to satisfy the need, and it is right to do so.

Generosity at work in the workplace is partially about money although there are more opportunities to be generous with time, talent, and even attitudes. The recent actions of workers in government and private industry to accept reduced work times and wages in order to enable more workers to keep employment certainly have been acts of generosity. The bank president in Texas of a few years ago who shared millions with his employees upon his retirement did an act of generosity as did the mill owner in New England who kept his employees on payroll while his factory was being rebuilt after a disastrous fire. Those are big acts of generosity.

Daily at work we have many opportunities to be generous in small ways, ways almost certain never to be noticed. Perhaps most precious is giving our time and attention to a co-worker who has a personal or work-related need for another’s perspective or even just a chance to talk out the problem with an active listener. Perhaps easiest and most appreciated is to be liberal in giving thanks and showing appreciation for what colleagues are doing. Sometimes generosity can be sharing some special knowledge or talent that we have even though it is not in our job description to provide it, but there is a need. Generosity may be just letting someone borrow a tool, an idea, our space, or whatever.

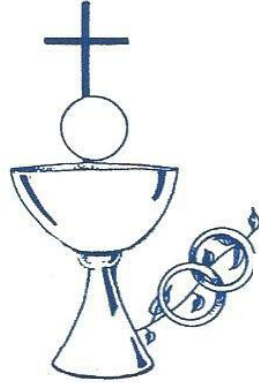
Wherever we are in our day, at home, at work, or volunteering, in the complexities of human interaction we may often perceive ourselves to have been hurt by someone. It is all too human to hold onto these hurts—the materials I needed to do my job were not provided or were provided too late to be of use; the comments made about the way I did the job seemed unfair to me; I was ignored by the clerk at the store or by my supervisor when I tried to greet him/her. The generous person gives away any belief that there was intent to hurt.

Sometimes generosity might lie in not giving what is asked for but in enabling the one in need to provide for him/herself. Teaching others to do for themselves that which you could do for them is a generous giving of nobility, of capacity to that person. It gives respect for them as a person as does your accepting any reciprocal act of generosity with gratitude.

Certainly, there is generosity in sharing wealth; perhaps more important for the spirit is to share time, attention, love. When you give with joy and without strings, when you can justly say that what you give truly represents who you are, then you are generous.

“Do something for somebody everyday for which you do not get paid.” (Albert Schweitzer)

PARENTS OF PRIESTS



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2024 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 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 2024

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