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A foundation providing scholarships to individuals studying to be Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priests and brothers.

Congratulations Rev. Fr. Toussaint Iluku Bolumbu, MSC



Earlier this year the Holy Father appointed Rev. Fr. Toussaint Iluku Bolumbu, MSC as bishop of the diocese of Bokungu-Ikela, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Rev. Fr. Toussaint is also currently superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for the French-speaking African region.

Rev. Fr. Toussaint was born in 1964 in Monieka, archdiocese of Mbandaka Bikoro. He holds a bachelor's degree in Theology from the Ecole Théologique Saint Cyprien in Ngoya (Yaoundé-Cameroon), a licentiate in Philosophy from the Faculty of Saint Pierre Canisius in Kimwenza-Kinshasa, and licentiate in Spiritual Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. In 1994 Rev. Fr. Toussaint gave his religious vows and in 1995 was ordained a priest.

Since his ordination as a priest, Rev. Fr. Toussaint has served in a number of pastoral roles such as Parish Vicar, Vice Rector, and Bursar. Later he served as Superior and Director of Formation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart School in Yaoundé, Philosophy professor, Vice-President of the Association of Major Superiors of the Ecclesiastical Province of Mbandaka-Bikoro. He also served as Assistant to the Secretariat General of the General Chapter of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Rome, and Moderator of the General Conference of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Yaoundé. Currently, Rev. Fr. Toussaint is serving as Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for the French-speaking African-region.

Not only has Rev. Fr. Toussaint achieved these amazing accolades, but he has also received multiple scholarships from the Sacred Heart Foundation. He was a scholarship recipient in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 2002. The scholarships he received were able to ease his financial burden so he could focus on his vocation and go on to accomplish all that he has. We are very proud of Fr. Toussaint and ask that you join us in praying for and congratulating him.

From our family to yours,

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas

And a Joyous New Year!



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## Election Results

On September 17, 2019, the annual meeting was held at the Annual Benefit Dinner. The results of the election are as follows:

Nominated and elected for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022 were Tamasina Sharlow, Kathy Moran, Judy Pearson, and Fr. Raymond Diesbourg, MSC.

Thank you for continuing to serve on the Sacred Heart Foundation and giving of your time and talent to fulfill our mission.



**Sacred Heart Foundation**  
**Frank Caprara Memorial Golf Tournament**  
**Coming June 2020**

Updated information will be available on our website:  
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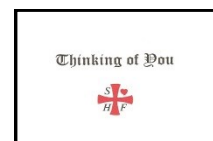
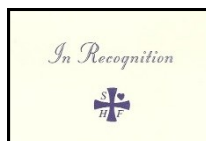
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## President's Remarks

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The Sacred Heart Foundation has had a very successful year. Through the hard work of our Board and Honorary Council members, and the support and dedication of our donors and members, the Foundation was able to award the highest scholarship amount in its existence. This year the Foundation was able to award \$88,500 to 57 seminarians in at least 7 different provinces. That amount is a tremendous accomplishment and reflects everyone's support of the Foundation's mission. When the scholarships are awarded, they not only benefit the recipient but also the seminary they attend. Next year we not only hope to increase the scholarship amount but also the number of recipients.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board. I have had the pleasure of working with wonderful people dedicated to the cause of the Foundation. While serving as President I was able to spend a great deal of time at the Foundation office. It was amazing to see how committed our donors and members are to the Foundation's mission. It is because of your generosity that we can do what we do. Thank you.

The Sacred Heart Foundation has a very dedicated Board of Directors and without them, this would be almost impossible. I would like to thank all of you: Daniel Villa, Tammy Sharlow, Frank Reff, Fr. Vincent Freeh, MSC, Jayme St. Croix, Francee Calarco, Billy Caprara, Randy Fipps, Julie Hutchins, Lisa L'Huillier, Tony Marra, Nancy McCabe, Kathy Moran, and Patrick Signor. You all have contributed so much knowledge not only to the board but to me. You are key components of the Foundation's success. It has been an absolute honor to serve with you, and I hope to work with you all again.

Our Honorary Council Members are dedicated to the mission of the Foundation. They are always ready to give a helping hand with whatever needs to be done. We look to them for their knowledge and perspective as former board members. I would like to thank each one of you for all that you have given and continue to give to the Foundation: Fr. Pierre Aubin, MSC, Bruce Bezanilla, Timothy Brady, Walt Cummings, Paul DiFabion, John Gaffney, Rick Gefell, Bev Hennigan, John Hill, William Jesmore, Fr. Richard Kennedy, MSC, Mary Mascott, Nancy Navarra, Linda Petrie, and John Tucker.

I would also like to thank our local MSC priests. You are very supportive of the Foundation and understand its importance. Many of you have seen the seminarians needs around the world first hand. You have provided us with insight and knowledge about where our scholarship funds are going and who they are going to. You truly understand the Foundation's mission. Thank you, Fr. David DeLuca, MSC, Fr. Herman Pongantung, MSC, Fr. Jonas Tandayu, MSC, Fr. Vincent Freeh, MSC, Fr. Pierre Aubin,

MSC, and Fr. Raymond Diesbourg, MSC. You have worked closely with the foundation and have helped it grow over the years.

I would like to thank our Business Manager, Sabrina Rizzo. Sabrina has been a very dedicated employee and friend of the Foundation for the past 2 years. She works tirelessly to ensure the Foundation is as successful as possible. She goes above and beyond what's asked of her, and we appreciate that. I look forward to working with her for years to come.

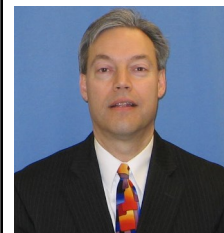
Lastly, I would like to thank my family. I would like to thank my wife Sandy and my children, Tommy and Kellie. Your love and support are everything and without it none of this is possible.

It has been an honor to see the Foundation flourish in my time on the board. Even though I will no longer be President of the Foundation, I will continue to take part on the Board of Directors and help when I can. I believe in the Sacred Heart Foundation's mission and will continue to support it. Thank you for an amazing few years and I look forward to many more.

With Love,

Thomas J. Bruno

## Farewell to Board of Directors



**Tony Marra** has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2012. He has served on the , Planned Giving Committee, Dinner Committee, Nominating Committee, Special Events Committee, Finance

Committee and Executive Committee as Secretary. The Foundation greatly appreciates his years of service and dedication to the mission of the Sacred Heart Foundation.

**Fr. Vincent Freeh, MSC** has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2012. He served on the board as the MSC Representative since 2014 along with serving on the Membership Committee, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, and Scholarship Committee as Chair. The Foundation greatly appreciates his years of service and dedication to the mission of the Sacred Heart Foundation.





# 46th Annual Benefit Dinner





**Mary McDonald-Mascott and  
Helen Caprara Honored**



The Sacred Heart Foundation had the pleasure of recognizing Mary McDonald-Mascott and Helen Caprara at the Annual Benefit Dinner for their many years of outstanding support and service to the Sacred Heart Foundation. Mary Mascott has been a long-time supporter and friend of the Foundation. She has served on the Board of Directors and is currently an Honorary Council Member. Helen Caprara, along with the entire Caprara family have been longtime supporters and friends of the Foundation. We look forward to many more years of friendship with Helen and Mary.

***Named Scholarships***

*We here at the Sacred Heart Foundation were proud to announce our 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 56<sup>th</sup>, and 57<sup>th</sup> named scholarships at the Annual Benefit Dinner:*

***“Fr. Mark McDonald, MSC Scholarship”***

***“Lewis E., C. Agnes and Deacon Bernard E. Slate Scholarship”***

***“M.G. O’Neil Foundation Scholarship”***

***“Reff and Hermann Memorial Scholarship”***

***“Tucker Family Scholarship”***

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***Sabrina Rizzo Honored***



The Sacred Heart Foundation had the pleasure of recognizing Sabrina Rizzo at the Annual Benefit Dinner for her dedicated service. She has been our employee for the past two years. She is very dedicated to her work and strives for excellence. We look forward to working with her for many more years.

## **I am a 2019 Foundation Member**

These individuals and businesses have paid dues for their 2019 membership as recorded

**Payments received from July 17, 2019 to November 14, 2019**

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*A very special Thank You to those who contribute more than the minimum dues each year. Your generosity is a blessing to the Foundation.*

***-Julie Hutchins***

***Membership Committee Chair***

### **Year End Donations**

*All donations that arrive at the Foundation office by December 21, 2019, will be included in this year's tax statements. Please keep the Sacred Heart Foundation and our Mission in your list this Christmas!*

### **Business Memberships**

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## **We've Moved!**

It is with great pleasure that we announce that on July 10, 2019 the Sacred Heart Foundation office relocated to an upgraded and professional facility within walking distance of the previous location. This location is more accessible to our members and donors, and also well known by the community. The **new Sacred Heart Foundation address** and **contact information** is as follows:

**Sacred Heart Foundation**  
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As we move forward in our new facilities we continue to fulfill the Sacred Heart Foundation's mission of providing financial assistance to seminarians studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart everywhere. We would like to express our continued gratitude and sincere thanks for all the support you have given during this transition period. We look forward to a continued and prosperous relationship with our members, donors, and friends of the Foundation.

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July 17, 2019 - November 14, 2019

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Jahuil Alexander Doroteo Poreyra is from La Romana, Dominican Republic. Jahuil tells us what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart “Well, the labor that they make to help poor people and for God’s Kingdom.” Some of Jahuil’s hobbies are playing instruments, books, sports and videos. His interests are becoming a better listener and expanding his knowledge in music, art, theology and language. Jahuil is currently in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of Theology.

Aloysius Sefer Lefubun is from Langgur, Indonesia. Aloysius tells us what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart “They make me want to be like them. I want to be a creative, innovated and highly dedicated MSC missionary. Besides, from them I learned how to give myself as a servant and preacher of God’s word. That was what prompted me to join the MSC congregation.” Some of his hobbies and interests are music , painting, books and television. Aloysius is currently in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Theology.



Please keep Jahuil and Aloysius as well as all our scholarship recipients in your prayers as they continue in their studies. Thank you for all your support. It is through your donations that we are able to provide the financial support they need

### ***Mission Statement***

*The Sacred Heart Foundation spreads the word of God by raising funds which provide financial assistance for the education of those studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart anywhere in the world.*