



HEART TO HEART

DECEMBER 2018

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

The Vocation of Priesthood

According to a census taken in 2012, it was reported that, worldwide, there were a total of 414,313 priests. The total number of priests has remained the same since the 1970s. Meanwhile the Catholic population has doubled from 653.6 million to 1.229 billion in 2012. With numbers like these, the Catholic Church has been experiencing a priest shortage for years. The same census reported that the number of parishes without priests grew to 49,153, and that number continues to increase as the years have gone by. As the population increases, the Catholic population increases as well as its demand for priests. According to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 2018 March newsletter, there are currently 1,700 MSC priests and brothers serving around the globe.

The Sacred Heart Foundation's mission is to provide financial assistance to those studying to be MSC priests and brothers anywhere in the world. The scholarships that are awarded annually aid those in the vocation of priesthood and brotherhood who cannot afford seminary school without financial assistance. A majority of the scholarships that are awarded are to seminary students overseas. The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 2018 March Newsletter states that "Bridging cultural diversity is one of the greatest challenges facing the world and the Church." The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) findings on "Cultural Diversity in the Catholic Church in the United States" estimates that 58% of the Catholic population is white, 34% is Hispanic/Latino, 3% is Black/African American, 3% is Asian, 1% is American Indian/Alaskan Native and 1% is Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. With this amount of diversity, the Catholic Church is in diverse priests who can relate to its parishioners.

With the vocation of priesthood growing in third world and developing countries, this provides a hope for an influx of priests and brothers to areas that are in need of them, such as the United States. According to our sources, the United States currently has 62 MSC Priests; of those 62, 33 have received scholarships from the Sacred Heart Foundation; they have been assigned to parishes in New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and California. This year, the Sacred Heart Foundation was able to award 62 scholarships totaling \$82,500.00. With your support, we hope to steadily decrease the shortage of priests by providing financial assistance to those called to vocation of priesthood and brotherhood.



From our family to yours,

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

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## Getting to know those YOU support



**Raul Perez** is from Bogota, Columbia. Raul tells us that how MSC Priests are always willing to help those in need, while reminding them of the love of God that was shown through his Beloved Son is what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. During his free time, Raul enjoys spending time with his family and friends. Other hobbies of his include reading, especially books about the Theology of Hope and Mariology. He is currently in his fifth semester of Theology.

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



## Sacred Heart Foundation Frank Caprara Memorial Golf Tournament Coming June 2019

Updated information will be available on our website:  
[www.sacredheartfoundation.com](http://www.sacredheartfoundation.com)



## Welcome Fr. Herman Pongatung, MSC

Fr. Herman Pongatung, MSC recently joined us at the Watertown MSC Parish. Fr. Herman joined us Mid October from Indonesia. He is assisting at St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's church in Watertown. Please help us in welcoming Fr. Herman Pongatung.

## Tax Statements

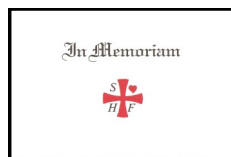
The Foundation office mails tax statements in January. Letters are mailed to those who have donated, cumulatively, \$250.00 or more in the calendar year. If you do not receive a tax letter and wish to have one mailed to you, please contact the office at (315) 782-3344.

**Oh, no! That was our last Foundation Card!**

**Don't worry! You can order cards online 24/7 at the Foundation website.**

Online orders are mailed the next business day to the recipient for your convenience.

Each time you use a Sacred Heart Foundation card you support our mission.





## **President's Remarks**

*First I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours. I hope the New Year brings you nothing but prosperity and joy. As 2018 comes to a close, I can't help but reflect on what an interesting year it has been.*

*Foremost, I would like to thank all of our members and contributors who have supported the Sacred Heart Foundation throughout 2018. It is through your donations, memberships, dinner book sponsors, dinner book memorials, golf teams, golf hole sponsors, Foundation cards and so much more that we are able to do what we do, and we hope that you support our mission for years to come.*

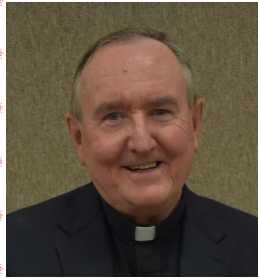
*The events that you have joined us for this year have been great successes. This year at the 3rd Annual Frank Caprara Golf Tournament, we had 38 teams show up to play... that's the greatest number of teams that Ives Hill Country Club has seen at their golf course for a tournament. Over 150 people came out to support the Sacred Heart Foundation and I thank all of you for that. A few months later we held the 45th Annual Benefit Dinner. Our guest speaker, Fr. Timothy Canaan, was both inspiring and entertaining. It is through your generous support that we are able to fellowship while raising funds to support future MSC priests and brothers.*

*This year, the Sacred Heart Foundation was able to award 62 scholarships totaling \$82,500; this means that 62 young men were able to follow their calling because of you, and that's just this year!*

*I would again like to thank you for being an important part of this Foundation, and I hope to see you again next year and into the future.*

**-Thomas J. Bruno**

## ***Congratulations to our Newest Honorary Council Inductee***



### **Fr. Richard Kennedy, MSC**

In recognition of his continued support of the Sacred Heart Foundation, Fr. Kennedy was elected to join the Honorary Council by the Foundation's Board

of Directors. Fr. Kennedy was ordained on September 30, 1967, at his home parish in Mansfield, Ohio. Fr. Kennedy is the youngest of the five children born of James and Alma Kennedy. He spent 22 years of his ministry teaching at IHC High School in Watertown, NY, and pastoring at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. Currently Fr. Kennedy is serving as Provincial Superior of the USA Province. At the 2018 Annual Benefit Dinner, Fr. Richard Kennedy was awarded a plaque in recognition of his appointment to the Honorary Council. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Richard Kennedy as our newest Honorary Council member.

## ***Sacred Heart Foundation's 53rd Named Scholarship Announced*** **Fr. Mark McDonald, MSC Scholarship**

*Fr. Mark was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Sacred Heart Foundation. He also served as the USA Provincial for the MSC and most recently retired from his position as the Superior General of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Mark was a great influence to the foundation in guiding us in our support of the MSC seminarians most in need of financial assistance. Fr. Mark's sister, Mary Mascott, created this scholarship in his honor through the Sacred Heart Foundation. Please continue to pray for Fr. Mark McDonald and his family.*

# *45th Annual Benefit Dinner*



## Watertown Savings Bank Honored

The Sacred Heart Foundation honors a corporate donor each year for their support. This year Watertown Savings Bank was awarded our plaque of appreciation for their years of continued support. Watertown Savings Bank conducts business as a financial institution in the best interest of the citizens of its community. The plaque was presented by Thomas J. Bruno, Board President.

## Named Scholarships

We here at the Sacred Heart Foundation were proud to announce our 51st and 52nd named scholarships at the Annual Benefit Dinner:

***“Frank and Helen Caprara”***

***“Ruth Condon Memorial Scholarship”***

*\*\*Criteria for having a named scholarship is having an accumulated donation balance of \$15,000 or more. Contact the office to find out how you can have a named scholarship. You may be closer than you think!*



## John Gaffney Honored

Long time Dinner Committee chair, John Gaffney, was honored at the 45th Annual Benefit Dinner. John has been a longtime supporter and member of the Sacred Heart Foundation. He served on the Foundation's Board of Directors from 2002 to 2010 and elected as an Honorary Council member in 2013. Since his appointment to the Board, John had been Dinner Committee Chair and in 2016 he decided it was time to pass the torch on to Frank Reff. Even though he is no longer chair, John still enjoys helping out with the Dinner anyway he can. A plaque was presented to John by Foundation President, Thomas Bruno, for his many years of serving as Committee Chair of the Annual Benefit Dinner.

## Annual Benefit Dinner Book Sponsors

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## Election Results

On September 18, 2018, 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, 2021 were Jayme St. Croix, Julie Hutchins, William Caprara, Patrick Signor and Nancy McCabe.

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

## I'm A 2018 Foundation Member

These individuals and businesses have paid dues for their 2018 membership as recorded  
**Payments received from June 29, 2018 to November 8, 2018**  
 Your membership tells the world you are a member of our team!  
 Any question, please call the office (315) 782-3344 or email [mail@sacredheartfoundation.com](mailto:mail@sacredheartfoundation.com)

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 Your generosity is a blessing to the Foundation.*

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June 29, 2018 - November 8, 2018

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# ***Learn to Believe in God's Love for you***

## ***Should You Start Bunching?***

So what exactly do we mean by bunching? Let's start with everyone's favorite topic.... taxes. You may not fully appreciate the changes coming your way when you file your 2018 tax return. According to a recent survey conducted by Fidelity Investments, eighty-two percent of Americans who itemized charitable deductions on their 2017 tax returns plan to maintain or increase their giving this year. The same poll also found that fifty-eight percent of donors still planned to itemize their return in 2018, even though doing so may not be appropriate to their situation. This suggests many donors may not have fully worked out how the increase standard deduction in the revised tax code affects them.

Half of households with incomes less than \$100,000 currently plan to itemize their 2018 taxes. Most of these donors will likely discover that their itemizations, including charitable donations, will not push their total deduction amount past the new standard deduction thresholds of \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples. In short, what may have been a charitable deduction for you in the past may no longer make any difference when you file your tax return with a standard deduction.

Charitably inclined tax filers should consider bunching their contributions. This simply means grouping multiple years of deductions (such as charitable contributions) into a single year in order to surpass the standard deduction.

Remember, you qualify for a named scholarship once your lifetime contributions to the Sacred Heart Foundation exceed \$15,000. Perhaps now is the right time to achieve this milestone? It will help the Foundation's mission around the globe and may help you when you file your income tax for 2018.

Please consider reaching out to the Foundation office to determine where you currently stand with your very generous giving. You may be closer to a named scholarship than you think.

### ***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.*