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Memories from the Heart

Comments from Fr. Pierre Aubin on the recent deaths of two long-time and strong Foundation supporters.

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FRANCIS XAVIER CAPRARA
Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors (89-97)
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Soon after Frank and Helen moved to Watertown in 1974 they joined Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. As I was parochial vicar, I got to welcome them and to visit with them. After selling used cars in the front vard of their house for awhile, they opened a business on Washington Street. From then Frank helped us get cars for the MSC community. As Billy, Charlie and Theresa got older, I had the privilege of performing weddings, baptisms and later to preside at funeral masses. Eventually he became an outstanding director and president of the Sacred Heart Foundation. In recognition for his dedication and support, he was elected to the Honorary Council of the Foundation. The love of family was always at the center of his activities. Frank's ability to connect with people was remarkable. He remembered not only their name, but also their address and phone number and in many cases their birthday. During the weeks of Frank's sickness, I felt even closer to the Capraras. The number of friends who came to the wake and the number of flower arrangements brought to the church are a testimony to the close relationship he had developed with so many. He is greatly missed!

CARLETON H. LAMICA Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors (79-87) Honorary Council 1989

I got to meet Carl and his wife Beverly when Carl became a Sacred Heart Foundation Director. At his funeral, a close friend paid tribute to him with the words "He was the best". When we think of Carl, we think of the perfect gentleman, always considerate, generous. In his neighborhood he was known for snow blowing the sidewalks whenever needed, even early in the morning. Often he would bring treats to the shut-ins. His faithful service as a director of the Foundation and also as president made him an obvious choice for the Foundation's Honorary Council. Among other initiatives, he was responsible for the production of the first dinner booklet and the booklets of many successive years. Carl was a successful business man, an athlete who excelled at playing golf for his enjoyment as well as that of his partners. Well known for the beautiful pictures he took at the benefit dinners of the Foundation, he also took and framed portraits of many friends. Carl was a person you wanted to be with, to share with. As members of the Sacred Heart Foundation and of the Missionaries we grieve at the loss of such a good man. Thank you, Carl, for what you have been to so many, especially to the men that you helped become MSC priests or brothers. They remember you.

May the souls of our faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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41st Annual Dinner—another successful year

John Gaffney, chair of the annual dinner committee and his members, deserve congratulations for their planning and execution of another special dinner. More than 250 people gathered at Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown, NY, to celebrate the Foundation's past successes and to look to the future to see what needs to done next.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was the Foundation's Treasurer Joseph Butler, Jr.

The annual dinner includes the by-law required election of new directors and annual report to members on financial status of the organization. Tammy Sharlow, current President of the Foundation, chaired the meeting.

Nominated and elected for three-year terms ending December 31, 2017 were returning directors Lisa L'Huillier, Deacon Kevin Mastellon, and Frank Reff, and newly elected Daniel Villa. Retiring after nine or more years of service are Tammy Sharlow, Bruce Bezanilla and John De Francesco.

A detailed financial report is printed in the dinner booklet available to guests at the dinner.

Foundation thanks Gray's for Continued Support

The Sacred Heart Foundation recognized Gray's Flower Shop for its many years of support to the Foundation at its 41 st Annual Scholarship Dinner, September 17th, at Hilton Garden Inn, Watertown. They have annually donated flowers for the tables and a centerpiece for the head table.



(R to L) Tammy Sharlow, Foundation President, and Beverly Hennigan, Dinner Committee and member of Foundation's Honorary Council, presented Scott Gray, owner of Gray's Flower Shop, with a plaque inscribed *In Appreciation for the years of Outstanding Support of the Sacred Heart Foundation Annual Benefit Dinner*.

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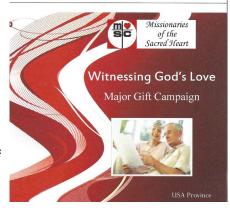
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The assets of the Sacred Heart Foundation are approaching \$3 million. Good stewardship of those assets and generous bequests and donations continue to profit the young men world-wide who will benefit from those assets.

Each year the Foundation's board draws from the earnings of the Foundation and distributes much-needed aid to men being formed to strengthen people's faith. Your pledge or donation to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart *Witnessing God's Love* major gift campaign will mean more resources available to continue our Foundation's mission.



Please consider a pledge to the campaign for the education of MSC priests and brothers in your yearend gift planning. Contact the Foundation staff (315) 782-3344, or any board member for further information. Pledge cards and Campaign materials are available through the office.

For your convenience, the list of current Board members appears on page 2 of this newsletter. Any one of them would be happy to help you learn more about the Foundation's mission and annual scholarship awards.

75TH ANNIVERSARY MSC PROVINCE

In planning for the observance of our 75th anniversary of achieving the canonical status of a self-governing province, we aimed to honor the past, acknowledge the present and orient ourselves to the future. In looking back on the various celebrations that took place during this jubilee year, two things stand out:

1/ Fr. Chevalier did not entrust his vision only to priests and members of religious orders, nor did he look exclusively to clergy and religious for its realization. He saw the need to inform and enlist the laity in the monumental task of reintroducing the vital presence of God into human affairs;



Fr. Mark McDonald, MSC and Mary Myers, Lay MSC

2/ He did not settle for being in one or just a few select apostolates; his vision had to do with the universality of God's Love. Looking back into our history in Watertown, we find our priests and brothers engaged in pastoral ministry, education, printing, plant maintenance, prison and hospital chaplaincies, aid to the missions, out-reach to the poor, spiritual direction, the formation of Lay MSC and establishing the Sacred Heart Foundation under lay leadership for the education of MSC priests and brothers around the globe.

All of this reflects the mind of our Founder who seldom thought in terms of "either/or." His awareness of God's unconditional and all-embracing love inclined him to go with "and/and." This jubilee year reminds us that all people everywhere and in all things stand in need of God's love. We're not about to run out of things to do.

More on 41st Annual Dinner

In the spring of 2014, the Foundation Dinner committee proudly announced that Fr. Nate Natale, MSC, one of the most recently ordained seminarians in the USA Province had accepted their invitation to speak at the September dinner.

Unfortunately, Fr. Natale had an accident in July that prevented him from traveling from California to Watertown, New York.

The Dinner Committee is profoundly grateful to Fr. Joseph Kanimea for stepping up to the podium. His remarks touched so many at the dinner, we asked him to share the text.

Below is a slightly summarized version of the presentation.



Joseph Butler, Jr., SHF Treasurer, served as Master of Ceremonies for the September dinner. Joe is shown here with guest speaker Fr. Joseph Kanimea, MSC.

r. Joseph Kanimea, MSC comes from Fiji, which is a part of the MSC's Pacific Union Province. He described his discernment and his calling to missionary life. The Foundation supporters gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn on this beautiful evening no doubt were a bit surprised by the notion that "coming to America" is now a missionary activity for MSC priests. His family life can best be described as a domestic church; both his parents and his grandparents were very instrumental developing his calling. Father vividly described the influence of participating in his grandmother's daily recitation of the rosary. "Those prayers planted seeds in my heart to choose religious life."

Fr. Kanimea took first vow in January 1993 then moved to the scholasticate to begin his Seminary studies. After some struggles in formation, he and Fr Simione Volalvola were ordained to priesthood on January 27th, 2001.

Fr. explained "I was attracted to the Spirituality and Charism of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. There are two things that attracted my attention. Firstly, the word missionary. The early Marist French Missionaries and the Irish Columbans intrigued me. I thought

working in my own country would be boring because I see the same people with the same environment. I want something more than just my surroundings.

Secondly, the word Heart. For me at that time, the heart is the most vital element of any human being, even with animals. It is the heart that gives life. It signifies the living aspiration of something much beyond the human self. I remembered when I was young and in our school rugby competition, my coach used to yell at us, saying, "You go out there play and tackle with your heart". My interpretation was...the heart is like having the guts that can help me to tackle my opponent; even he is bigger than me. Therefore, I want to be part of that family who has guts, who has the heart to spread the word of God, so I joined the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Did I choose the right congregation? Looking at some of my older conferees, with their toil of hard work, I'm glad and proud to be one of them.

Fr. Joseph came to the United States to serve as pastoral associate at Holy Family Parish in Nazareth, PA in 2012.

Even though Fr. Kanimea sought new adventures and new surroundings as a "missionary priest" the invitation to fill a position in Nazareth, Pennsylvania caused him to pause. He explains: "Two main reasons: I) since my

ordination I have worked outside my country, and have spent half of my priestly life working outside my country. It's not easy to enter into an unknown territory and trying to build up confidence with the people, learning their culture/language and history and not forgetting the weather. 2) My parents are getting old and it's not fun to think of them while I want to concentrate on my work."

He regaled the attendees with his early experiences with GPS in areas outside Nazareth proper and in keeping with his youthful sports enthusiasm for rugby, shared his new found enjoyment for American football.



Using football as an analogy, Fr. Kanimea commented on the mission of the Foundation and the influence of providing financial support to seminarians around the world: "I must admit that I love to watch the Notre Dame and Eagles game. Ladies and gentleman, in the same way, this gathering tonight is like our football game. The only difference is that we don't watch the game, but rather we play the game. And that game is to help those in need financially. It is a game where you gave your time, talents and resources to develop others and to give them hope. It is a game where you bring life to others. And when you bring life to others, it is no longer a game, but rather a mission. Definitely you have brought transformation to our congregation, not only here in the USA province and also you have reached out to other MSC provinces, including my province, the Pacific Union.

And this evening we come together as Chevalier family to recognize and acknowledge the hard work the Sacred

Heart Foundation has done. My first time to see and read the name of the foundation was in 2008 when I took up my new role in formation to our scholasticate students. My superior gave me five application forms and told me to select five students so that we get help in tuition fees for their seminary studies. I looked at the form and I said, "Where is Watertown?" And what is the Sacred Heart Foundation? I had no idea but I was told that it is a foundation that helps to provide financial assistance.

When I came here for the dinner for the first time last year, I saw some pictures of the students from my province. I was sitting at the back and my mouth was widely open. That's where I come to know the Sacred Heart Foundation. That's where I come to realize the important mission you are doing now. The five students that I selected in 2008; three of them are priests now and are working in different parts of the Pacific Union. And from last year's hand book I refer to pg 29, I still see pictures of our students, and you still continue to help us. Thank you so much Sacred Heart Foundation for your help.

And coming to your country and addressing all of you now is a privilege and humble experience. I would like to echo Fr Raymond Diesbourg's words, "We are blessed and honored by your involvement. Your efforts contribute directly to the MSC global mission."

There was once a priest known for long homilies. He always used lots of pages of notes and on his way to the pulpit he trips and his notes went flying across the entire floor. He gets to the pulpit and apologizes saying that his notes are all mixed up and he doesn't know where to begin. An astute parishioner in the front pew immediately spoke up, 'As close to the end as possible'."

The text of Fr. Kanimea's complete speech is available on the Sacred Heart Foundation website: http://www.sacredheartfoundation.com

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