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# Good Stewards

United in faith, we bring the Reign of the Sacred Heart to the world

## A message from Fr. Dominic



If you remember when Masses were said in Latin, at the end the priest would say, "Ite, Missa est." This translates to, "Go, the Mass is over." Today, the priest often says, "The Mass is ended, go in peace."

Did you know "Mass" and "Mission" come from the same Latin word, which means "To Send?" At the end of Mass, we are reminded as Christians we are SENT, it is our MISSION to go out and spread the Word of God to the world!

Members of the Priests of the Sacred Heart take this call seriously. Since the 1880's, our missionaries have been sent around the world. Following in the footsteps of Fr. Leo John Dehon, our founder, SCJ priests and brothers now serve in over 40 countries on five continents.

*Fr. Dominic*

A message from Fr. Carlos Luis Suarez Codorniu, SCJ, Superior General in Rome:

*"God teaches us through His favorites: the simple, the poorest, the most isolated and forgotten, the ones that count the least."*

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## Bea's Birthday Wish



*Bea is a faithful supporter of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.*

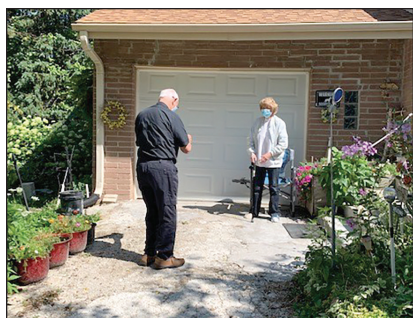
Bea recently celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with her family. In celebration, she told them the one thing she would like to do for her birthday was to start an annuity with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Knowing her love of His Sacred Heart, Bea's family thought it was a wonderful idea!

Bea also decided to take the annuity to another level. Unconcerned about receiving dividends, Bea wanted her dividends to go straight back to the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

Bea worked hard for 25 years and has always been faithful to the Priests of the Sacred Heart, supporting our work through prayers and donations. When she retired, Bea decided all the money she would normally spend on her coffee break would go to support our ministry.

Bea appreciates that all annuitants are enrolled in the Sacred Heart Auxiliary, sharing in the daily prayers, Masses and monthly novenas of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Deceased annuitants are also remembered annually during special Masses in November.

Has Bea inspired you? Contact Pam today at 1-866-268-0157 for a free, no obligation illustration of a Sacred Heart Charitable Gift Annuity.



*Fr. Dominic, SCJ offering curbside blessing during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

## Sacraments on the Go

SCJ priests and brothers in the United States have been busy providing spiritual guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our days now include livestreamed Masses, communion and confession, drive-up and curbside blessings, and when possible, enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in homes.



*COVID-19 won't stop our priests from sharing blessings.*

## Making the Most of Your Financial Priorities

For many, financial priorities can be narrowed down to three popular categories:

- Help your loved ones and those in need while helping yourself.
- Increase your yearly income.
- Save taxes.

As tax day draws near, it is the perfect time to consider ways to achieve each of these goals.

If you have ever wanted to help make a difference through the Priests of the Sacred Heart, there is no better time than now. We can help you find a way to make a gift that will ...

- Improve space at the seminary to help recruit men to the priesthood.
- Educate children, while providing clean water and sanitary conditions for the poor.
- Provide refuge for abused girls in the Philippines.
- Show your love and support for retired priests and brothers.

... while at the same time saving taxes and possibly providing a new source of income for yourself.

**Make a Gift Today** — if you want to make an immediate impact and receive tax savings. Please make a gift now and immediately see the results of your generosity in action.

**Avoid Capital Gains** — if you own stock (or another appreciated asset) consider donating this asset to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. The full value of the asset will help our mission and you will receive an income tax deduction of the same amount, even though you paid less for the asset years ago.

**Start a New Income Stream** — fund a charitable gift annuity and receive the double benefit of tax savings and new lifetime income.

**Blend Your Giving** — for an even greater impact, consider making a gift with distribution from an IRA (and avoid paying taxes), or give a grant from a donor advised fund to make a difference now and pair it with a gift through your Will or estate plan.

You will feel the joy of helping those served by the Priests of the Sacred Heart now, while knowing you will be helping make a difference even after your time on this earth is complete.

Please consider a gift to the Priests of the Sacred Heart — by sharing your love of His Sacred Heart.

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# Same Storm, Different Boats

The year of 2020 was difficult for the world as a whole. Some would say that we are all in the same boat, but it is more likely to be true that, *"We are all in the same storm but with different boats."*

Throughout each and every day, SCJ priests and brothers around the world gather to pray for our friends and their safe-keeping. Your support through prayers and generosity help not only the needy here in the United States, but also those living thousands of miles away — the poor and neglected who may struggle to feed their families and keep a roof over their heads.

Because of you, we are able to provide food, education, clean water, shelter and advocate on issues to create a brighter future — all while responding to these crucial needs with a spiritual, healing presence.

## Food



*When you support our mission, you help provide meals to those who need it most.*

Did you know your gift can help a family raise animals for food, and provide seeds for their crops? Teaching people sustainability now and for the future is vital!

Fr. Joseph Gupu, SCJ, in India writes, *"Those who are not doing well financially can raise an animal that will allow them to survive one month by providing food and income. Selling the raised animal or its in-high-demand milk, or to use it for farming, allows them to become self-sufficient, giving them basic knowledge about farming and raising of the animals."*

In India, children play a big part in the process of raising animals for food and planting seeds for crops. For children in India, long hours in the field dominate their time.

## Education

In Vietnam, your support has given Fr. Francis Thai, SCJ, and formation students the ability to take a truckload of supplies to the poor area of Nha Trang.



*Because of you, families have the opportunity to receive much needed supplies.*

In addition, your donations supported our most recent accomplishment in the country of Vietnam.



*Without you, it's possible these children would not have had the opportunity to go to school.*

From the beginning of the Vietnam District's establishment, we have been involved with Huong Tam School. Many of our SCJ priests and brothers have been part of the school, helping its students, the children of migrants who come to the city seeking work to support their families. Without Huong Tam, roughly 300 children would have no option for school.

On July 18, 2020, Fr. Francis Vu Tran, SCJ, the district superior of the SCJ's Vietnam District signed an official agreement which recognizes

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the Priests of the Sacred Heart as a partner of the school. This affiliation is a **huge** step for the SCJ's in the country.

Fr. Wilmer, the now named Bishop of Hildesheim Germany, by Pope Francis, said: *"Education is key, crucial and important in the life of the Congregation. Fr. Yves Ledure always reminded us that the Congregation was founded beneath the roof of a school."*

As an official member of Huong Tam School, the Priests of the Sacred Heart will collaborate with others to bring the school into the new era. We are happy to continue to work with the school and especially to help less fortunate students as we continue to follow the footsteps of our founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon.

## **Clean Water**

In South Africa, clean water is not only a necessity, but a luxury.



*Your support means so much to the children.*

*"Despite the good number of wells dug, I am aware the need for drinking water is still enormous and there are very many villages or neighborhoods of cities where the need for drinking water is urgent,"* shared Fr. Antonio Panteghini, SCJ, the former superior general who became a missionary in Cameroon at the end of his term.

Your gifts can provide clean, safe drinking water and smiles to an entire community!

## **Shelter**

*"In the Philippines you help support the Kasanag Daughters Foundation, Inc., in Mindanao,*

*providing 80% of funds raised directly to foster healing to abused and neglected girls,"* reports Fr. Joseph Butlig, SCJ.

Established by Fr. Eduardo Aguero, SCJ in 1999, the Kasanag Daughters Foundations, Inc., celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> founding anniversary on May 30, 2020.



*Victims have hope for the future, because of you.*

Girls aged 8 to 16 who have been victims of sexual abuse are provided shelter and an opportunity to recover at the facility. Since the program started, over 200 girls have been helped.

Would you please consider helping the Priests of the Sacred Heart provide for those among us who have the least? With your help, they can survive regardless of their circumstance, race or religion. ***We are all in this together.***

## **Ways to Give**

- ♦ **By mail** — simply return your gift with the enclosed reply form in the envelope provided.
- ♦ **Online** — through our safe and secure website [poshusa.org/donate](https://poshusa.org/donate).
- ♦ **Automatic Recurring Gifts** — you choose how much you would like to give monthly from your checking account or credit card when joining the Heart to Heart Society. To sign up, call 1-800-448-7674 or visit [poshusa.org/heart](https://poshusa.org/heart).
- ♦ **Gifts for the Future** — include the Priests of the Sacred Heart in your estate planning.

For information about specific missions and ministries or to make a gift, call Pam at 1-866-268-0157 or email her at [pmilczarski@poshusa.org](mailto:pmilczarski@poshusa.org).