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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



The scripture readings during the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost are among the most exciting in the Church year! We sing our "Alleluias!" and shouts of "Christ is Risen!" During the spring, even though times may be troubled, let's pause and reflect on the resurrection in our own lives.

That first Easter changed the ancient world and Easter 2022 can change our own troubled world if we strive to radiate the Christ-life within us!

Christ is our Light and our Hope. Alleluia!

Fr. Dominic say'

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It Just Makes Good Sense

Dear Fr. Dominic,

"Thank you for your wonderful letter in July on the anniversary of my dear wife Carol's passing. Your letter served as a reminder of how Carol could be walking in heaven with our Lord's hand on her shoulder, and hearing him say, 'You belong here with me.' From time to time, I feel Carol's hand on my shoulder to remind me she's not far away. You see, we always walked hand-in-hand."



Carl and Carol King with their grandson Michael at his high school graduation.

Carol and Carl first met when they were each 5-years-old while shopping with their mothers in downtown Milwaukee, WI. Their mothers knew each other, and Carl states they "talked, and talked and talked! In the meantime, Carol and I didn't say a word to each other, never dreaming we would marry 18 years later!"

They married on September 13, 1952 and raised three children, two boys and a girl. Later they were blessed with two grandchildren.

"I didn't know anything about the Priests of the Sacred Heart in those early days. When I started to receive your mailings, I began to realize the good work, the operation of the seminary and the missionary outreach you are doing. Then I concluded I had to offer my prayers and financial support," says Carl.

"I want to also thank you for your letter confirming my membership in the Heart-to-Heart Society. It just makes good sense to me to assure you of monthly support in the most efficient way."

"Again, thank you Fr. Dominic, I keep your letter of Carol's anniversary of passing and read it frequently."

We would like to thank Carl for all his support through his Heart-to-Heart Society Membership. To learn more about the Heart-to-Heart Society or to join, please visit poshusa.org/heart.

It's All in the Planning

All through our lives here on Earth, it seems we are planning. Planning for what schools to attend, occupations to pursue, weddings, children's activities — even what we will eat today. The list goes on and on!

Why is it then, with all of this planning, we are so reluctant to plan for our future years and what happens to our estate after we are gone?

Our children and families depend on us to plan for them as we grow older, but we seem to put that task on the "back burner."

In reality, this should be at the forefront. Leaving your wishes unknown can cause serious issues for your loved ones, as well as conflicts among family members. Now is the time to plan and make your wishes known.

On our website, the Priests of the Sacred Heart offers a way for you to create your plan in the comfort of your



home. Our *Wills Planner Account* helps you organize your family and estate information using our secure online system. When you are finished, you may share your information with your attorney who will complete your Will or Trust plan and prepare it for filing. You can also share your plan with your family members as you wish. To get started, visit poshgift.org, click on "Create Your Plan" and "Plan Now" to create your Will planning account.

If you do not have access to the Internet, we can provide hard copies to take charge of your planning.

Don't delay! Contact the Priests of the Sacred Heart today and plan for your future for the benefit of those dear to you.

Get started by calling Pam at 1-866-268-0157 or emailing her at pmilczarski@poshusa.org. Your family will be relieved to know you planned ahead.

Express Lasting Love with a Lasting Tribute

We all have people in our lives who have special significance. Those who raised us, taught us, protected us and lifted us with their love. We hold these people dearly in our hearts and in our prayers.

One way you ensure they are not forgotten is by honoring them with a meaningful gift to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. With your gift, you can memorialize a loved one, or commemorate a special occasion such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, a birthday, graduation or anniversary. You can give a gift to express appreciation for someone's special kindness or to recognize his or her impact on your life.

Whatever the reason for the gift, be assured this expression of the goodness of Jesus will touch

the lives of the poor and needy through works of love and mercy.

The enclosed brochure can explain how you can make your tribute gift. To arrange for your special gift, get answers to your questions or learn about larger gift opportunities, such as building or educational endowments, please call Pam at 1-866-268-1057 or send her an email at pmilczarski@poshusa.org.

While choosing a gift for someone special in your life, what could be more meaningful than a gift celebrating your devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift that helps support our vital ministries. We are happy to help you find the right gift that reflects your most heartfelt intentions.

There are several gift choices:

Dedicate a window at the Sacred Heart Monastery



Engrave a brick in the Sacred Heart Shrine Memorial Garden



Engrave a leaf, rock or dove on one of our Memorial Trees



Returning to the Church, Finding Her Passion

Born in Chicago, IL, Carol attended Catholic grade school and public high school. She later attended Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. It was there she first learned of Sacred Heart Monastery.

At that point, Carol's path in life seemed to indicate her faith would be forefront. Little did she know then her life and her faith would soon be tested.

Carol completed her bachelor's degree in nursing and went on to teach nursing at Northwestern University, and earned her master's in Mental Health. During a turbulent time in her life, Carol needed a change and moved to Florida. There, she worked as a therapist.

With the changes in the church brought about by Vatican II and the worldly events of the time, Carol drifted away from the church and completely stopped attending Mass in 1965.

In 1997, while caring for a friend who was a hospice patient, Carol met Fr. Steve, a former alumnus of the Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. This chance meeting would prove to be the beginning of her return to the church.

One day, Fr. Steve came to her house to anoint her friend. It happened to be the day Carol said, "God chose to intervene in my life." It's a moment she cherishes.

"In my heart I always knew that I would return one day," shared Carol, who loved to pray the Devotion to the Sacred Heart as a young girl.

During her path back to the church, it did not take Carol long to determine there was a problem with declining numbers of vocations. Greatly disturbed by this, Carol was determined to make a difference.

Carol's belief is the priests and the Eucharist are the cornerstone of our faith. Because of this, Carol decided to support the *Sacred Heart Burse Program*.

The Burse Program is an endowment program for priestly formation and education. Burse gifts accumulate in an independent fund, which allows it to grow. As the principle of the fund grows, so

do the annual earnings. Only the interest income generated by the fund is used to cover expenses. This way, we ensure funds are available in the future for the education of candidates for the priesthood.

"I'll do anything to promote vocations — it is my passion. I always loved the Catholic Church and didn't realize how much until my return," said Carol. *"My faith is like the pearl of great value — no amount of money can buy it — priceless!"*

There are three types of burses: Shared, Reserved and Perpetual. They can be named in honor of Christ, a saint or in memory or appreciation of a loved one.

If you would like to learn more about the Sacred Heart Burse Program, please contact Pam at pmilczarski@poshusa.org or call her at 1-866-268-0157.



Help Educate Future Priests

Choose from three kinds of burses:

- **Shared Burses** are open to anyone with a minimum gift of \$500. You may add your gift to an existing Shared Burse or start a new one.
- **Reserved Burses** are open to individuals or families who give or pledge \$5,000 at one time or over a period of five years, starting with a gift of \$1,000 or more.
- **Perpetual Burses** are open to individuals or families who give or pledge \$25,000 to be paid over a period of five years, starting with a gift of \$2,500 or more.

Burses may also be established through designation in your Will or Estate plan. What a wonderful legacy to know future priests will be educated because of your generosity!

A New Provincial Superior and Council

The U.S. Province held its Election Assembly the week of January 3-7. The morning of January 4 brought voting and election of Fr. Vien Nguyen, SCJ, as the 16th provincial superior of the U.S. Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians).

"It is humbling to stand in front of you, to carry on the tradition of the U.S. Province," said Fr. Vien.



Fr. Vien, SCJ

Fr. Vien, 48, previously served as vice rector and assistant professor of Scripture Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology (SHSST). He professed his first vows in 1997 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2004. In 2018, he earned a doctorate from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA. He also earned a Th.M., and S.T.L. from Santa Clara University, and a M.Div. from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Before pursuing post-graduate studies, Fr. Vien served in parish ministry and in formation.

He has been on the faculty of SHSST since 2018, and has been published in a wide variety of theological and professional publications.



Pictured here is the new administration (standing L-R): Fr. Rafael, SCJ, Fr. Greg, SCJ, Fr. Jack, SCJ, Fr. Vien, SCJ, Br. Duane, SCJ and (sitting) Dn. David, SCJ.

After the election of Fr. Vien, the assembly turned its focus to the election of the new five-member Provincial Council. They are:

- **Fr. Jack Kurps, SCJ**

He made his first profession in 1972 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1977. Fr. Jack is executive director of Sacred Heart Southern Missions and previously served on the Provincial Council.

- **Fr. Rafael Querobin, SCJ**

He professed his first vows in 2001 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2007. Originally from Brazil, he now serves on the pastoral team of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. Fr. Rafael is not new to administration; he also served on the Provincial Council of his home province (Brazil — Sao Paulo).

- **Fr. Greg Schill, SCJ**

He professed first vows in 2006, and was ordained in 2010. After 10 years in parish ministry in northern Mississippi, Fr. Greg is now chaplain at St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota.

- **Br. Duane Lemke, SCJ**

A previous member of the council, Br. Duane has served in formation and in parish ministry. He is currently superior of the Sacred Heart Monastery Community, province director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation, and works with the ECS program (English and Cultural Studies) at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Originally from South Dakota, Br. Duane literally grew up with the SCJs — he was baptized by an SCJ priest and the SCJs ministered for many years at his home parish.

- **Dn. David Nagel, SCJ**

He was professed in 1972 and ordained to the diaconate in 2003. Currently provincial treasurer, Dn. David previously served as executive director of St. Joseph's Indian School and in formation. He has also been active with the Dehonian Associates Committee, has served on the General Finance Commission, and has previously served on the Provincial Council.

The new administration began its term on February 2, 2022.