



Good Stewards

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A message
from
Fr. Dominic



On October 15, we celebrated the feast day of St. Theresa of Jesus of Avila. She was described as “intelligent, hardheaded, charming, and deeply spiritual.” Other adjectives include, “outgoing and courageous.” Truly, Teresa was much like any of us in our own daily living.

But if one thing stands out for Teresa, it was that action must be nourished by prayer. And so, in the spirit of prayer, let us strive to offer God our daily actions, works and even our trials in a spirit of love. Let us thank God for all the gifts given to us.

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My Trip to the Mailbox with Dad



“When I was growing up on the farm, each day my dad and I would walk down the long drive to the mailbox. It was such a treat for me. That was my private time with Dad when I could tell him anything! Things like how

many worms I found that day, or how long it took me to eat three pieces of Mom’s cake before she noticed!” Ron said with a chuckle. “Today, I am still recalling those days and those talks as I say a prayer and talk to Dad — even though he passed away two years ago — as I walk to get my mail with my son.”

“And in that mail once a month, there is a gift from Dad that continues to be there until I pass away! Fr. Dominic, as you know, Dad established an annuity for me while he was still living. He and mom had a few annuities for themselves and thought it would be a nice gesture to establish one for me. He knew I really didn’t need the money, but maybe this was his way of reassuring himself that I wouldn’t forget him. Or, maybe he wanted to make sure the Priests of the Sacred Heart would pray for both of us, and I would continue to pray for him. Whatever he thought, it has happened!”

Ron’s parents had been friends of the Priests of the Sacred Heart for many years and had learned about

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the Sacred Heart Charitable Gift Annuity program. Having been pleased with the rate they received and the lifetime income, they established many annuities over the years including one for their son Ron. You can see from Ron's story what a difference they make.

A charitable gift annuity is a simple agreement between you and the Priests of the Sacred Heart where, based on your age and gift, *a fixed payment is sent to you for life*. The Priests of the Sacred Heart has offered charitable gift annuities for over 80 years and has never defaulted on a payment.

In addition to these benefits, all annuitants are enrolled in the Sacred Heart Auxiliary which means you will share in the daily prayers, Masses and monthly novenas of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

If you would like more information regarding the Sacred Heart Charitable Gift Annuity program, please contact my assistant Pam at 1-866-268-0157, email her at pmilczarski@poshusa.org, visit our website poshgift.org/annuity or you may use the enclosed reply form.

**This information is not professional tax or legal advice; consult a tax advisor about your specific situation.*

How to Help More with Nothing Now

As you receive various mailings from us asking for your support, do you often wish you could do more? While we appreciate your prayers for our ministry first and foremost, we do rely on financial support to fulfill the work God has guided us to.

Financial support can mean different things to different friends. A one-time larger gift, a smaller monthly recurring gift, a gift of stock or a bequest in a Will. While donations now are important, legacy gifts mean our work will continue in the years to come.

Legacy gifts can be an addition to your estate plans, a bequest or trust designation, the naming of a charity as beneficiary of accounts you currently hold such as an IRA, stock, saving or checking accounts or insurance policies.

If you would like to know more about the various types of gifts and giving or are interested in our free, no obligation estate planning guide, please contact us at 1-866-268-0157 or use the enclosed reply form to request more information.



*"Oh! Lord, should I
forget anything, never let
me forget that without
you I am nothing."
— Gugu Mona*

Our planning guide will help answer questions you may have and allow you to write down your intentions. This way, there are no questions for your loved ones to ponder or leave decisions about your estate for others to determine.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Our work of reaching those most in need would not be possible without you.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”
— Mother Teresa



Our SCJ priests and brothers prepare and offer food to community members



our foreign missions. I attempted to explain how Halloween is a night for children to go out into the streets, knocking on doors begging for candy to fill their bags. I could see the confusion on his face and tried to elaborate by explaining, they not only get candy, but they may get fruit or coins. I could then see he understood.

This past summer we were fortunate enough to have many English Cultural Studies (ECS) students at Sacred Heart School of Theology from all over the world.

Helping priests from various countries speak English gives us much joy and inspiration. But it can also be confusing when attempting to explain various American traditions.

While Catholics are indifferent to Halloween because of the perceived evil of the event, many families across the nation celebrate the custom of begging on October 31.

Explaining this custom, I am still haunted by a conversation I had with one of our priests in

He said to me, *“That is what we call Tuesdays. Each Tuesday, the children go door to door to gather food from other villagers, store fronts, etc. to feed their families.”*

Talk about a matter of perspective! In our travels, Pam and I have witnessed similar situations of our SCJ priests and brothers sharing what they have with those in the community who are in need.

A gift to the Priests of the Sacred Heart ensures they can continue feeding the poor. Please contact Pam at 1-866-268-0157, email her at pmilczarski@poshusa.org or use the enclosed reply form.

A Whirlwind Tour of the U.S. Province!

Delayed for two years by the pandemic, Fr. Carlos Luis Suarez Codorniu, SCJ, (Superior General) and Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, SCJ (Vicar General), made their way to the United States in May for the General Visitation of the U.S. Province. It’s been almost 10 years since the last visitation, done by Fr. José Ornelas Carvalho, SCJ, in 2013.



Frs. Carlos and Steve meet with the Provincial Council during their visit to Hales Corners, WI.

Their first stop was with the Sacred Heart Community in Pinellas Park, FL, where Fr. Carlos met with senior SCJs who gave him a historical overview of the province, emphasizing its commitment to some of the poorest counties in

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the country, and its many social programs.

After Florida, it was on to Wisconsin where Frs. Carlos and Steve took part in commencement at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology and in Dn. Henry Nguyen's ordination. From there, they went to South Dakota, an area Fr. Steve knows well from his many years of ministry, most recently as executive director of St. Joseph's Indian School before being named Provincial Superior of the U.S. Province. Heading south, Frs. Carlos and Steve went to Mississippi, where they celebrated Mass and visited students at Sacred Heart and Holy Name Schools and learned about the various ministries of Sacred Heart Southern Missions. Their last stop was Houston at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish.

Although much of the visitation involved ministry tours and visits with those who collaborate with the Priests of the Sacred Heart, the primary task of a visitation is dialogue. It is time for SCJs on the local level — individually and as a community — to have conversations with the General Administration. The Superior General gets a better sense of the local communities, and the local communities learn first-hand about news of the congregation at the general level.

"We are your servants," said Fr. Carlos during his meeting with the Provincial Council. *"How can we better serve you?"*

Among the topics discussed during his visit with the council was the importance of having a missionary spirit and an openness to multiculturalism. Fr. Carlos noted that the U.S. Province welcomes SCJs from around the world in community and ministry, but also hosts many international students in its ECS program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.

"Hales Corners — Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — is one of the treasures of the congregation," said Fr. Carlos. *"It is not only important to the congregation, but also to the Church."*

After their visit of the U.S. Province Frs. Carlos and Steve flew to Canada for the Regional Visitation there.

Fr. Carlos was elected as Superior General in 2018; he completes his first term in 2024.



Fr. Carlos visited with students while on a tour of St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota.



Frs. Carlos and Steve toured St. Mary's Church in South Dakota with Fr. Hendrik.



Frs. Carlos and Steve celebrated Mass with students at Sacred Heart School in Mississippi.



Fr. Steve visited with parent volunteers and also joined in on the fun of "field day" with the students of Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Texas.

