



November 9, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 12th and 13th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 30,000 throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for small or no stipends. Last year, the people in this diocese contributed \$171,106.90 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gifts provide vital support for their ongoing health care helping them to age with dignity, safety and comfort. This year of the pandemic has been especially hard on communities of our elderly religious since many have COVID-19 protocols and visiting restrictions so that, along with these additional costs, there is also the emotional toll of loneliness and isolation for our senior religious.

Due to their years of faithful witness to the Gospel, senior religious are our treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need, today. Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresightedness and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese and they stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church in the past and in the days and years to come.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting the **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



I would like to be elected to serve on our Parish Council. My Name is Richard (Dick) Cellino. I have been a member of St. Boniface's Parish since moving to Erie 20 years ago. I believe my previous religious and profession experience qualify me to be considered for your vote for membership on the council.

I have lived in 13 different cities and belonged to 13 parishes in 10 different states since my graduation from the University of Buffalo University with a BS Industrial Engineering and prior to my retirement in 2006. I have briefly summarize my qualifications in two parts. First my prior religious experience then my professional experiences that I believe merit consideration for your vote for me to become a member of our Parish Council.

Religious (Descending order)

St. Boniface Parish-Erie PA; Member 20 years; Lector-14 years

Good Shepard Parrish- Chesterfield i OH: Lector -4 yrs.; Eucharistic Minister-4 yrs.; Engaged Couple Advisor-2 years; Marriage Encounter Presenting Team- 4 years. (Cincinnati, OH)

St. John Vianney Parish-Brookfield WI: Lector 4 yrs.; Marriage Encounter Presenting Team- 4 yrs. .(Milwaukee WI)

Holy Trinity Parish, Peachtree City, GA: Marriage Encounter Presenting Team-3-yrs, (Atlanta GA)

Boy Scouts of America.

Member & Scout master

Professional

Carborundum: Drafting & engineering.

US Postal Service: Management .

I believe I have the skills and experience to call upon that will assist me in adding value to our Parish Council's efforts and accomplishments. I would appreciate your consideration and vote.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Cellino (Dick)

Hello. My name is Cheryl Ferrie and I am running for a seat on Parish Council

I have been a member of St Boniface Parish since 1966. I attended grades 1st through 8th grade at St Boniface. I have so many fond memories of St Boniface School. Going to mass every morning before school started (boys on the right, girls on the left). The wonderful homemade lunches, participating in May Crownings, the wonderful music ministry and the many lifetime friends made along the way.

I have been married to my husband, Michael, for 39 years. We were married at St Boniface Church. We have been blessed with three wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren. Our three children also attended grades K through 8th here at St. Boniface.

As an adult, I have participated in many areas in our parish. I have worked at many summer festivals, charity auctions, coached cheerleading, board member of the athletic association, organized and ran many fund raisers. I taught religious education to 6th grade and Confirmation classes. I belonged to many prayer groups, the woman's book study, a Eucharistic minister in church and to the shut-ins and a current member of the Parish council.

I have a great deal of corporate experience as well. I retired from Erie Insurance Group after 39 years of service.

I would appreciate your consideration for another term on parish council.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

INCOME - EXPENSE STATEMENT

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2020

INCOME	9/30/2020
OFFERTORY	\$ 101,483
CSA	6,558
ALLGEIER SCHOLARSHIPS	60,000
ALLGEIER SUPPORT	18,000
RENTALS/MISC DONATIONS	3,155
SUMMER RAFFLES	10,837
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SPECIAL	653
FAITH FORMATION GRANT	2,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 203,186

EXPENSES	
EMPLOYEE WAGES & BENEFITS	\$ 47,860
RECTORY, OFFICE & LITURGICAL	6,207
PLANT MAINTENANCE	9,765
UTILITIES	8,935
INSURANCE & PROPERTY TAX	5,243
ALLGEIER SCHOLARSHIPS	57,900
DIOCESAN FUND ASSESSMENT	4,956
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT	15,579
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL PMT	11,746
FAITH FORMATION GRANT	2,264
INTEREST MORTGAGE EXPENSE	4,348
PARISH MINISTRIES	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES/Bell Tower	22,527
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 197,330
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ 5,856

ST. BONIFACE PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL INCOME	35,135
PRESCHOOL EXPENSE	18,567
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$ 16,568

CHECKING ACCOUNT 9/30/2020	\$93,957.00
PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM	\$34,995.00
PARISH MORTGAGE BALANCE	\$558,319.00
PNC LOAN BALANCE	\$126,271.00



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Blessed Sacrament

Holy Cross

Holy Rosary

Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro

Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Our Lady of Peace

Our Mother of Sorrows (St. Ann)

St. Boniface

St. Francis Xavier, McKean

St. George

St. James

St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community

St. Lawrence, Albion

St. Luke

St. Mark the Evangelist, Lawrence Park

St. Peter Cathedral

**Celebrate the Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
5:00 - 7:00 pm**



“We don’t know what the future holds, but it’s all God’s work,” says Sister Theresa McGrath (center), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God’s work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

retiredreligious.org

Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.

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Amount: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Email address (for e-newsletters) _____

(Arch)diocese _____

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