

HEART TO HEART

The Official Newsletter of the Sacred Heart Foundation

A foundation providing scholarships to individuals studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart anywhere in the world

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Pope Francis to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart: "Your is a Journey of Faith"

On October 2, 2023, Pope Francis addressed the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart during their 26th General Chapter. The Holy Father began his address by acknowledging the MSCs history. Founded by Father Chevalier in 1854, he envisioned them as Missionaries of God's love; the Holy Father stated "He thought of you from the very beginning as Missionaries, committed to making God's love known in the world in order to obtain from men a response of love." The Holy Father emphasized the importance of knowing the Heart of Jesus through the Gospel, referring to it as "the book 'of the Sacred Heart.'" He urged the Missionaries to meditate on Jesus's life, where they would discover His immense mercy, love, and compassion, "For this powerful experience to become light for the journey, it must also pass through the enrichment of sharing. Here is the second element: deepening and understanding the Word in fraternal sharing." Pope Francis then shifted his focus to the importance of deepening understanding through fraternal sharing. He drew parallels with the disciples on the road to Emmaus who, after recognizing Jesus, shared their amazement and experiences with one another. This act of sharing joy and wonder when encountering the Lord is a practice that Pope Francis encouraged the Missionaries to adopt. He also highlighted the role of sharing in Father Chevalier's life, mentioning how he shared his fervor and dreams with fellow companions, whom he referred to as "knights of the Sacred Heart." He commended the Missionaries for adopting the motto "'from ego to echo,' that is, from self to common home, to family, to community, to creation." This shift, he explained, encompasses a commitment to serve as a common home for family, community, and creation. "Faced with them, do not be afraid to allow yourselves to be caught up in the compassion of the Heart of Christ; as your Founder said,

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*From Our Family to Yours,
Wishing You a Very Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year*



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As my two-year term as Board President draws to a close, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve alongside such dedicated individuals who are committed to the mission of the Sacred Heart Foundation. To the Board of Directors, thank you for your unwavering support, guidance, and collaboration. Your wisdom and dedication have been instrumental in steering our organization toward success. To Sabrina, our business manager, your tireless efforts and passion for our cause have made a profound impact on the lives we touch. Your commitment to our mission is truly inspiring. To our valued members, your continued belief in our mission and your generous contributions have been the lifeblood of our Foundation. Your support has allowed us to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. During my tenure, we achieved the significant milestone of granting more than \$100,000 in annual scholarships, but our work is far from over. I have every confidence that the incoming leadership will build upon our successes and lead the Sacred Heart Foundation to even greater heights. Thank you all for the privilege of serving as your Board President. It has been a rewarding journey, and I look forward to continuing to support this remarkable organization in new capacities. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



Farewell to Board of Director

Daniel J. Villa will be finishing up his final term in December of this year. Dan joined the Foundation in 2015 and since then has been an active board member. He has served in the Nominating, Golf, Dinner, Membership, and Finance Committee. Dan started out as Secretary and made his way to Foundation President in 2020. He did an excellent job during his presidency and helped anchor us during the very unsure and frightening issues the world was facing at the time. Dan is currently serving as Past President, sharing advice and wisdom with incoming officers. Thank you, Dan, for all your hard work and dedication to the Foundation. It is because of you and members like you that we are able to fulfill our mission. We wish you well in all of your future endeavors, and look forward to working with you again!

Planned Giving

Are you turning 73 this year? Has your financial institution told you that you have to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA? Are you thinking to yourself, "I don't really need that money"? If so, it may make sense to call your financial advisor and ask her to set up a charitable distribution directly from your IRA.

Individuals over age 70 1/2 can donate up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to a qualified charity without triggering any federal income taxes. Under the qualified charitable distributions provision, you request a distribution from your IRA and provide your financial advisor with the name and address of the qualifying charity. The distribution can be sent directly to the charity of your choice...like the Sacred Heart Foundation!

There are a number of potential tax benefits to you for making a charitable contribution directly from your IRA.

(1) Income tax on the distribution is avoided, even if you do not itemize deductions and even if your gifts exceed the percentage of income limits for charitable deductions.

(2) The distribution does not increase your adjusted gross income for purposes of reducing itemized deductions, nor does it limit the amount of deductible medical expenses or miscellaneous itemized deductions or increase the taxation of your Social Security benefits.

(3) If the state you live in determines taxable income based on federal adjusted gross income, there is no state income tax on the distribution, even if the state does not allow the charitable deduction.

Maybe now is the time to speak to your financial advisor or tax professional to see if a donation directly from your IRA to the Sacred Heart Foundation, makes sense for you.

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allow him to love through you and to manifest his mercy through your goodness." The Holy Father acknowledged the numerous challenges faced by the Missionaries, such as serving the poor and migrants, and addressing injustices worldwide. He encouraged them to embrace the compassion of the Heart of Christ and allow His tenderness to shape their plans and projects. "Please do not be afraid of tenderness! God's style can be said in three words: closeness, compassion, and tenderness. God is like that: close, compassionate, tender. Be like this with others." In closing, Pope Francis highlighted the indispensable role of prayer in cultivating the qualities of closeness, compassion, and tenderness. "Thank you, dear brothers, for what you are and what you do! Continue your work with enthusiasm. Flee from sadness, which is the cankerworm that ruins personal and consecrated life! That sadness that brings you down, not the good sadness of repentance, that is another thing, but that daily sadness is a woodworm that ruins. I bless you from my heart. And I recommend that you pray for me, because I need it, this work is not so easy! Thank you."



Thank you to [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) and [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va) for the content and pictures.

## Getting to Know Those You Support



**Hector Orlando Saboya Torres** is from Bogota, Colombia. Hector tells us what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart "I was attracted by the missionary spirit, the fraternity of the community, the charism, the way of serving, the pastoral ministry, and most importantly responding to God's call." During his free time, Hector enjoys listening to music and serving others. Some of his hobbies include reading, watching movies, and research on the Saints. Hector will be pursuing his philosophical biennium.

**Rinaldo Jimenez Cruz** is from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Rinaldo tells us what attracted him to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart "The desire to give my life completely to God and my Church and the knowledge that the world needs Holy Priests who speak of God's love to those who have lost hope. Give all my time to people who have lost hope and the joy of living and give them comfort through the sacrament of confession. Help others save their souls." During his free time, Rinaldo enjoys using social media. Some of his hobbies include reading, playing basketball, and going for walks. Rinaldo is in his first year of Philosophy.



*Please keep Hector and Rinaldo as well as all of our scholarship recipients in your prayers as they continue their studies. Thank you for all your support. It is through your donations that we are able to provide the financial support they need.*



*Memories from  
the 50<sup>th</sup>  
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Benefit Dinner*



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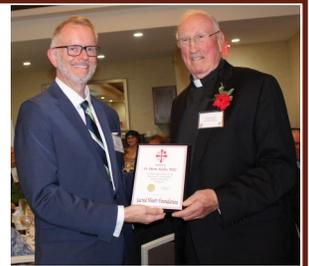
# This Year's Dinner Honorees



The Sacred Heart Foundation honored **Dr. Joseph Cannella** at the 50th Annual Benefit Dinner. Dr. Cannella has been a long time supporter and friend of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Sacred Heart Foundation. It was a privilege to honor him for his steadfast support and dedication to our mission. Dr. Cannella gave a short speech recounting the genesis of his

involvement with the Foundation while expressing the importance of its' mission. Again, Dr. Cannella, we would like to thank you for all that you do for the Foundation. We are grateful to have you as part of our Family. We would also like to thank his family for helping coordinate this surprise.

**Fr. Pierre Aubin, MSC** was among those honored at this event.



There is not enough room in this publication to express all that Fr. Aubin has done for the Foundation. Having founded it in 1967, Fr. Aubin has cultivated and grown the Foundation into what it is today. He saw a growing need and did not hesitate to meet it. He answered his calling, and because of it we have been able to award over \$2 million in scholarships to over 2,000 seminarians world wide. The evening's MC, Mel Busler, captured the sentiment perfect when he said "It is because of this man that we are all celebrating today." Thank you for all that you do for not only the Foundation, but for the community.



These three amazing women were honored for the continued hard work that they do and their support and dedication to the Sacred Heart Foundation. **Bev Hennigan, Nancy McCabe, and Judy Pearson.** There is an adage that says "teamwork makes the dream work," and this team definitely works hard for the Foundation and its' mission. **Bev Hennigan** served on the SHF board from 1991 till 2001, and is currently an honorary council member. Bev has served in various capacities during her time with the Foundation, but her main focus is on the Annual Benefit Dinners we host. She is very diligent with the memorial solicitations for our dinner book. We appreciate her wisdom and willingness to help out in any capacity. **Nancy McCabe** served on the board from 2007 till 2016 and rejoined in 2018. During her time, Nancy has worn a myriad of hats, but she is currently the Publicity Committee chairman. We can always count on Nancy to help out; whenever she calls our business manager, she always ends the call the same way, "Please let me know if you need me to help with anything!" **Judy Pearson** is a relatively new addition to the Board of Directors, having joined in 2020. Judy has shown such enthusiasm for the SHF and is never shy about sharing our mission; she has been known to solicit for membership whenever possible, even when she's out to dinner! Judy currently serves as Foundation secretary, but will be stepping-up as Vice-President in 2024. A huge thank you to each one of these women for continuing to grow the Foundation. "Never forget, you are the piece that made the difference."

## Election Results

On September 26, 2023, the annual meeting was held at the Annual Benefit Dinner. The results of this election are as follows:

Nominated and elected for a three-year term ending December 31, 2026 was Todd Murrock, Mark Thompson, Thomas J. Bruno, and Francee Calarco.

Thank you for continuing to serve on the Sacred Heart Foundation board and giving your time and talent to fulfill our mission.

# Are You a Foundation Member?

So far for 2023, the Sacred Heart Foundation has 323 members. Below are members who's dues were received from July 11, 2023 to November 7, 2023 . Your membership tells the world you are a member of our team!  
If there are any questions, please call the office at (315) 782-3344 or email mail@sacredheartfoundation.com

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-Julie Hutchins, Membership Committee Chair

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Membership year is April 1 to March 31.

If you can contribute more than the \$10 membership fee, your generosity will be most appreciated. Membership includes the following:

- \* Remembrance in the daily prayers and good works of MSC's
- \* Membership Card
- \* Newsletters
- \* Eligibility to vote at the annual meeting
- \* Every membership supports our mission of providing financial assistance to MSC students



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*In Loving Memory of all Sacred Heart Foundation members who have passed away this year, a prayer of remembrance was said at mass on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in their memory. They and their families are in our prayers. May they rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

**"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4**



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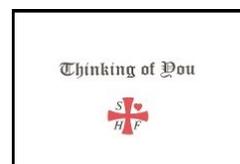
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