

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

I wish to begin today's reflections for the parish family members of HNOJ. As I mentioned at Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday Morning Mass and you may have picked up in the Universal Prayer, **on June 9 Fr. Gerard DiSenso, former pastor of HNOJ between Fr. McHale & Fr. Gibney entered into eternity having fulfilled his journey of 93 years, 68 of those years as a faithful priest of Jesus Christ.** His funeral took place this past Wednesday, June 16, at the Main Chapel of the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion where Fr. DiSenso lived in retirement with brother priests of the Archdiocese of New York. I am not sure if any from HNOJ made the trek down to Riverdale to attend the funeral. Fr. DiSenso only spent 3 years ministering at HNOJ but certainly made an impact in his brief period here. **To allow the parish family of HNOJ to honor the memory of Fr. DiSenso, a memorial Mass has been arranged for Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00pm.** We will come together to celebrate what Fr. DiSenso offered for over half a century+. All are invited to join with us at the Altar of the Lord to pray for an exceptionally fine and dedicated priest.

This message is also directed toward the parish family of HNOJ. Next Weekend will be the annual Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This year, as mentioned in last week's Laptop, we welcome the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers as our mission appeal recipient. The Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers were founded in 1911 by the Bishops of the US Catholic Church to train, send and support missionaries from the US in overseas mission. Today Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers are active in mission ministries in 22 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and in mission education and formation in the US. There will be a second collection next weekend for the mission ministry of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers. **If you plan on make your offering via check, please make it out to HNOJ and, when all is counted, the parish will cut one check as directed by the Propagation of the Faith Office from the Archdiocese.**

To learn more about the mission ministries of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, please view the mission of Fr. John Barth, MM at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdOUrAYOlxM>. Please visit <http://www.maryknollsociety.org> to learn more about the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers and please also visit www.maryknollvocations.org to learn about mission vocations.

I want to continue highlighting the Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. As of Friday, June 11, the reports for HNOJ & HC stood unchanged: HNOJ was \$22,856.00 pledged by 66 families while HC was \$20,150.00 from 58 families. HNOJ reached its \$22,500.00 goal and now is on track to begin realizing rebate on pledges that are made from here forward. HC has been making up ground toward its goal of \$30,500.00. I would greatly encourage those who still have the mailings from the Archdiocese to take some time this week to prayerfully consider a pledge, a significant offering that may be the suggested gift recommended or a comparable gift that can be paid over a period of time. All families of HNOJ & HC join me in supporting this year's Appeal.

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

Fr. Mike