



Good Stewards Newsletter

United in faith, we bring the Reign of the Sacred Heart to the world.

Winter 2026

From Refugee to Servant of Hope, a Personal Reflection

At the age of 16, I, Fr. Floribert Bulu Dhelo, became a refugee. We often hear about refugees on the news, but we rarely feel the real pain behind the stories. It is not an experience one would ever wish to endure. The true definition of suffering is to live it.

In 2002, my uncle's family and I fled the ethnic war in Bunia, in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo. I will never forget the dramatic six-day journey — walking day and night through the forest, risking encounters with wild animals and rebel soldiers. When we finally arrived in Mambasa, our suffering was not over. We had no place to stay, no food, no money, not even a change of clothes. Worst of all, we had no family or friends to turn to.

Who could save a hundred or so refugees — elders, pregnant women and small children — after such a long and traumatic journey? The Catholic parish was our only refuge.

It was there our Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians) priests came to our aid. While some helped find housing and mattresses, others provided food, clothing and medicine. When school resumed, they even purchased uniforms and paid school fees for all the refugee children for an entire year.

I was deeply moved by this act of love and compassion. I learned what it means “to weep with those who weep, to clothe the naked, to suffer with those who suffer.” (Matthew 25:36). Later, when I came to understand the Dehonian spirituality of love and reparation, I realized this was the essence of the service we received back in 2002.

From this experience, I came to understand that “the world” refers to the social realities that surround us,

and that “the call” is not merely a voice we hear — it is how these realities touch us and how we respond.

We are surrounded by people in need — calling to be seen, to be loved and to be helped. Fr. Dehon founded our congregation to fight against social injustice. Following his example, we are called to continue his mission through acts of freely given love expressed in concrete service.

Originally from the Congolese Province — one of the oldest Dehonian entities — I served as provincial secretary before coming to the United States. Now, I minister in three parishes in Sioux Falls, SD, and three in Rapid City, SD.

Our main activity is celebrating Mass, but we are also called upon for many funerals. We take care of cleaning the churches, mowing the grounds and maintaining the parish properties — since we have no employees.

Prayer is the most powerful instrument we have. We look toward the future with hope and confidence, trusting that God will inspire us with the reason He has placed us in this particular mission field.



A Message from Fr. Dominic



“Now is the winter of our discontent.”

When Shakespeare’s Richard III cried out that quote, I suspect that if you were shoveling snow somewhere or shivering in single-digit temperatures, then you would agree that “winter” was certainly not an agreeable season!

13:13, “This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.” Winter can also be a time of warmth — perhaps not from the fireplace — but a time to sit still and listen to what Jesus is saying to us.

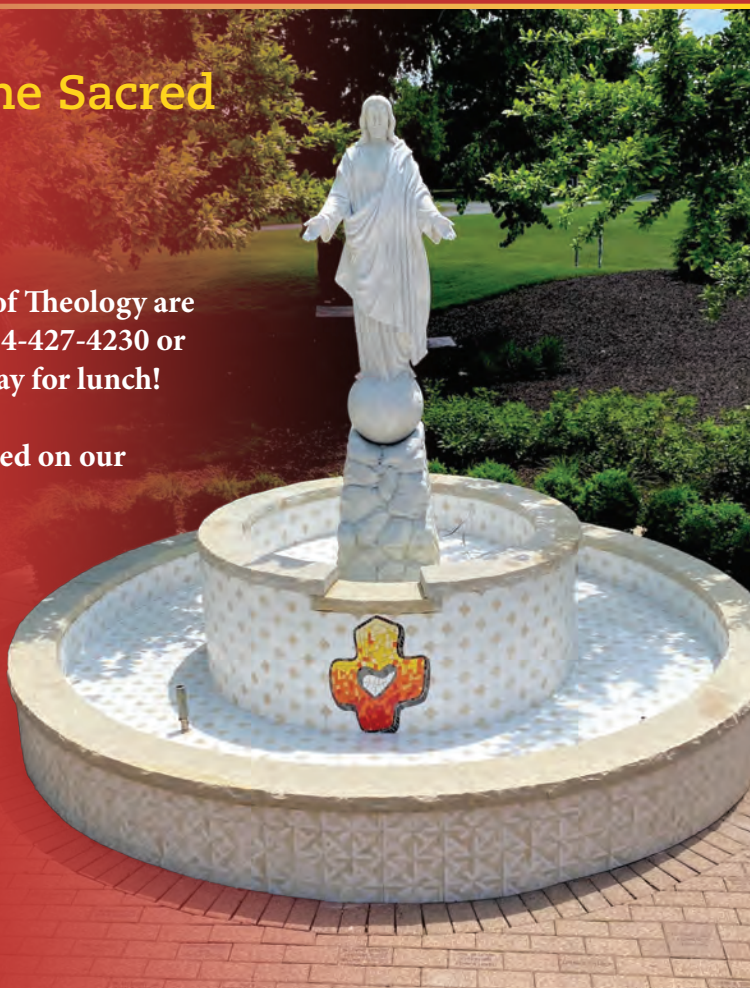
As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians, “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.”

However, winter is also a time for us to slow down, to quiet our souls. Jesus reminded us in Matthew

Fr. Dominic Reg

News from the Priests of the Sacred Heart Development Office: Did You Know?

- Tours of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology are available anytime. Call Pam or Jessica at 1-414-427-4230 or 1-414-427-4234 to arrange a visit and then stay for lunch!
- When you visit the Sacred Heart Shrine located on our campus, you can pray along with Fr. John. We invite you to call 1-414-497-PRAY (7729) to join us in the Litany of the Sacred Heart, learn more about the Priests of the Sacred Heart, make a donation, request prayers, prayer cards or memorials.
- The Priests of the Sacred Heart has a YouTube Channel where you can hear more about our mission and ministry: poshusa.org/youtube.



Express Love with a Lasting Tribute

As we begin a new year filled with hope and gratitude, we reflect on the many blessings God has given us — not only our accomplishments, but most importantly, the gift of one another.

One way you can ensure loved ones 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 an anniversary as a gift to someone you love. You can give a gift to express appreciation for someone's special kindness, or to recognize the impact they have had on your life.

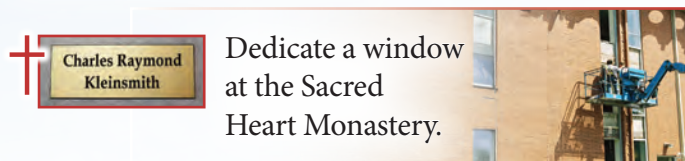
Whatever the reason for the gift, be assured this expression of the goodness of Jesus will touch the lives of the poor and needy through works of love and mercy.

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 our Mission Advancement Department at

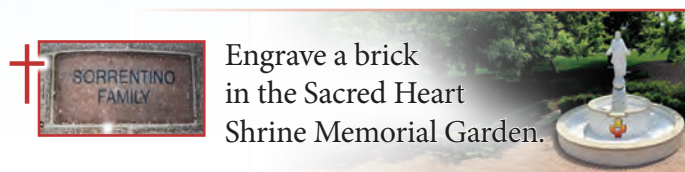
1-800-448-7674 or email missionadv@poshusa.org.

While choosing a special 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 supports our vital ministries. We are happy to help you find the perfect gift that reflects your heartfelt intentions.

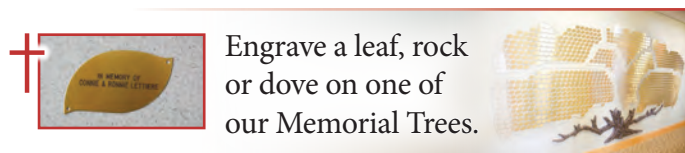
There are several gift choices:



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.

Following in Her Mother's Footsteps

Carrying on a legacy of love and faith through giving.

We often hear from our friends that they first learned about the Priests of the Sacred Heart and Sacred Heart Monastery through their mothers. For Anne Marie, that's exactly how her journey began.

Anne Marie's mother, Joan, was a faithful supporter of the Priests of the Sacred Heart for nearly 30 years. In her mother's final days, Anne Marie was lovingly by her side. Today, she continues her mother's legacy by supporting the Priests of the Sacred Heart — helping our missions in the U.S. and around the world, as well as the seminary and the care of our retired priests — all in memory of her mother.

Years ago, Anne Marie and her husband established a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) to help manage their charitable giving.

"My husband and I are retired and blessed to be able to fund a Donor Advised Fund to support and expand our charitable giving. Using a DAF has made the process of donating and tracking our contributions very easy."

— Anne Marie

If you'd like to learn more about how a DAF can make your giving simple, meaningful and lasting — just like Anne Marie's — please contact our Mission Advancement Department at 1-800-448-7674 or email missionadv@poshusa.org.

TWO NEW DEACONS!

Congratulations to our newly ordained deacons: Dn. Long Nguyen, SCJ, and Dn. Hung Pham, SCJ. Both were ordained on December 8, 2025, at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology by Archbishop Jeffery Grob of Milwaukee.

Originally from Vietnam, Dn. Hung, 38, moved to Houston in 2008. He professed his first vows in 2020 and his final vows in June 2025. He completed his



studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in December and has been assigned to serve as a deacon with the Dehonians' pastoral team in northern Mississippi.

“For me, the diaconate is not just another step to become a priest; instead, it is a gift, grace and blessing from God,” said Dn. Hung.

Dn. Long, 46, is a Louisiana native. He first professed vows with the SCJs in 2007 and served as a religious brother for several years before feeling called to pursue ordained ministry. He did his theological studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and, in 2024, completed a year-long CPE program (Clinical Pastoral Education) through Aurora Healthcare in Milwaukee, preparing him for his current ministry as a hospital chaplain.

“My diaconate ordination is a gift and grace of the present moment and time which requires deeper reflection,” said Dn. Long. “What is the future to which God calls me through the invitation of the Spirit?”

Please continue to keep our newly ordained deacons in your prayers as they take this next step in their vocational journey.

Give a Gift — and Receive One for Life

A charitable gift annuity with the **Priests of the Sacred Heart** is a meaningful way to support our mission and receive a reliable income for life. For more than 80 years, we have offered annuities that provide both spiritual and financial blessings.

Benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity

- Annuitants become partners in the mission and ministry of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.
- They receive dependable, regular payments — and we have never missed a payment in more than eight decades.
- Provides a fixed income for life.
- Offers significant tax advantages — payments are partially tax-free.
- Simple and straightforward to establish.

All annuitants are enrolled in the **Sacred Heart Auxiliary** and are remembered daily in the prayers and Masses of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Deceased annuitants are also remembered in special Masses after their passing.

Program Details

- Minimum gift: **\$5,000**
- Minimum age: **55** for immediate annuities; **50** for deferred annuities (which can offer even higher rates depending on the deferral period).

A New Option for IRA Owners

Individuals may now make a once-in-a-lifetime, tax-free rollover of up to **\$54,000 (as of this publication date)** from their IRA to fund a charitable gift annuity.

If you would like to learn more about how a charitable gift annuity can benefit you and support our mission, please contact our Mission Advancement Department at 1-800-448-7674, email missionadv@poshusa.org or visit poshgift.org.