



Dear John,

November 1, 2024

November. The month we celebrate Thanksgiving. A day we remember and reflect on all the good things which God has provided for us. A day when we thank God for the love of our friends and family and for a Catholic Church which, through its priests, guide us on the path to eternal life. A day to give thanks to God for the bounty of our table. A day to give thanks for our health.

Many of the priests who Opus Bono serves, however, suffer from health issues. Those health issues may be severe. They require medications and regular doctor visits. Often, they do not have the financial resources to afford them.

Father David sent a request for funds in which he stated, **“I postpone doctor appointments and often skip taking medications because I don’t have the money to do it.”** He has had a heart attack and suffers from diabetes. Opus Bono sent him money for the medications and doctor appointments. But you and I both know that Opus bono did not send him money. **YOU, OUR PARTNERS IN MISSION, SENT THE MONEY.** Opus Bono is simply the conduit through which your generosity is dispensed to these needy priests.

For other priests, the financial need is not for emergency medical needs or for medicines or a doctor visit. For many it is the lack of funds to engage in any form of spiritual renewal or fraternity or ministry due to money spent on health issues. **That is why Opus Bono covers all costs at every retreat.** They are free to every priest who attends. **Father Gerald has cancer.** He attended our most

recent retreat in August and had this to say about his illness and how it relates to the retreat and to his ministry.

“One of the best things that happened to me was that I was able to offer my talent/ministry of music to the Masses each day ... the responses/ participation lifted my spirit and soul more than I can express. It was truly a ‘God moment’ and opportunity. I was able to share something so deep in me with the folks in attendance that my spirit soared.”

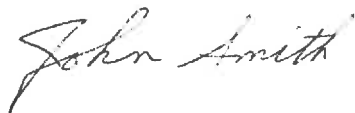
“Music ministry has been my life for over 50 years and to be able to share it at this time in my journey of loss, illness (Stage 4 Prostate Cancer), alienation and isolation made my own heart and soul sing.”

Father Gerald then went on to say to all who support Opus Bono.

“Thank you so much for all the work you do. You really may not know the depth of how your ministry touches men who have dedicated their lives to God and His people and now face struggles. Keep working- we need you.”

John in this month of Thanksgiving and in honor of all the dedicated and caring priests who have given so much to us through the years would you please prayerfully consider offering your most generous gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or more.

Our priests are depending on you for support. Please help them. With prayers to Our Lady of Priests on your behalf,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Smith".

John Smith
President

P.S. - Opus Bono is not registered to solicit in CA, DC, NC, ND, or IL. If you live in one of these states, we ask only for your prayers. Please do not consider this a solicitation for a donation. But please take the time to complete and return the prayer slip included with this letter. We still want to include your prayer intentions when the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered in Our Lady of Priests Chapel for our Partners in Mission!

In the account contained herein the names of the priests have been changed to protect their privacy.