



Dear John,

October 1, 2024

The Opus Bono Sacerdotii offices are in Michigan. The agricultural experts in Michigan tell us that we will have a bountiful harvest this year. Record fruit, especially apples and peaches. The two principal cash crops here, corn and soybeans, will see substantially increased harvests. God has been good to the famers in Michigan this year, and they are grateful. God is good to us.

So (you might ask) how does this apply to Opus Bono and the priests whom they help. On the one hand the church has turned its back on many of them and wishes they would just go away. They are ostracized and lonely. One might think that their situation would engender a sense of frustration and a lack of faith in God's goodness. That is where Opus Bono comes in. **That is where you as the Opus Bono PARTNERS IN MISSION come in.** With your help Opus Bono can provide a vehicle for these lonely and despondent priests to once again fully realize that God is good.

**Father Bill** recently wrote me a letter in which he described this sense of goodness which an Opus Bono retreat had brought to him.

"I thank you for my recent Opus Bono retreat....May 21-23, 2024. The theme came alive **"How Good and Pleasant It Is When Brothers Pray as One"**. I had the best time with my brother broken priests. We shared and laughed and enjoyed our priesthood. I am over 50 years ordained and have no connection with my diocese and all the priests. The retreat made my priesthood come alive. **Opus Bono gave me a sense of love, respect, and dignity** as a priest forever by my call. We shared our love for each other at prayer, mass and discussions.....**Our broken priesthood brought Jesus' love into my heart. I felt special."**

This priest, who has been ostracized by his own church, and has every reason to feel “woe is me” is instead happy that Opus Bono helped bring Jesus into his heart and made him feel special. He has recognized that despite all his trials and tribulations “God Has Been Good to Him”. The respect, dignity and love which he experienced at the Opus Bono retreat is **evidence of God’s goodness and was only possible due to your generosity.**

John, in thanksgiving for the miracle of the Holy Catholic Priesthood and in honor of all the dedicated and caring priests who have given so much to all of us through the years, would you please prayerfully consider offering your most generous gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or more? OBS pays all costs associated with our retreats including food, lodging and retreat expenses. Our priests are depending on your support. Please help them succeed.

Sincerely, with prayers to Our Lady of Priests on your behalf,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Smith". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

John Smith

President

Opus Bono Sacerdotii

P.S. - Opus Bono is not registered to solicit in CA, DC, KS, 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 here the name of the priest has been changed to protect his privacy*