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## *From the Rector: In Memoriam*

*The Very Rev. Canon Robert L'Homme died on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Fr. Bob served for 16 years as a Sunday Associate Priest at St. John's after retiring from St. Paul's Cathedral in Peoria, Ill. In 2019, he celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry. He was a trusted colleague and mentor, a beloved pastor, and friend.*

When Fr. Bob died the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, my heart broke. My heart broke for Carol, my heart broke for Bob's family, my heart broke for myself and for St. John's. When Katie mentioned that we had just celebrated the 50th anniversary of Bob's ordination to the priesthood, I thought surely she was mistaken. Wasn't that two years ago? Early 2019 at least?

But she was right. It was Jan. 12, 2020. And we had a lovely celebration complete with amazing food, pictures of Bob from his younger days and a collection of letters from old colleagues (Ed Tourangeau, Hilary Cooke and even the former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, just to name a few). While thinking about that celebration, I looked back at my sermon from that Sunday. My sermon was about what theologians call "the scandal of particularity" — that is, the very particular way the God of the Bible acts in human history — most famously or infamously in the person of Jesus. That led me to Bob and to his ministry. While it wasn't a particularly profound sermon, I want to share some of that with you by way of remembering Bob and his ministry among us.

*There is an intense particularity, an intense specificity, to the way God works throughout the biblical story. In today's story from Acts, Peter tells those gathered that Jesus appeared, not to all people, but to those who were chosen as witnesses: "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Some were able to see the risen Christ, but not everyone. Some were specifically, particularly chosen by God for this knowledge, for this blessing. [This] all seems terribly undemocratic, exclusivist, and maybe even elitist. It also seems terribly un-politic of Peter to mention it in mixed company.*



*I mention [it] because I think it's a hugely important part of the story. The fact that God works in such particular ways, at particular times and places, among particular people says something important about God. I'll get to that in a moment. But today we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bob L'Homme's ordination to the priesthood. Isn't there also something terribly undemocratic, exclusivist, maybe even elitist about this whole priesthood thing? So what, we're celebrating 50 years of Bob's special relationship with God? How "Very" Reverend he is? The special power and authority he received as a result of his ordination? All the special blessings and accolades he's received? Bob was one of the chosen ones—one of the specific, particular people God called to this ministry. We're celebrating that? What about everybody else?*

*The answer is yes, we're celebrating that. We are celebrating Bob L'Homme's special vocation — the special, unique way that God called him to use his talents and to give his life proclaiming the Gospel, sharing the signs and means of God's love and grace, comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable. We are celebrating his ministry in specific places like Kankakee and Flosmoor and Peoria; his service to struggling congregations in the Diocese of Chicago; his syndicated column "Religiously Speaking" in the Indianapolis Star; all those "L'Homme's kids" he mentored and loved; all the baptisms and the weddings and the funerals. We are celebrating the particular way God called Bob L'Homme to serve the Church that God loves, the people that God loves, the world that God loves. We are (continued on page 2)*

*(continued from page 1) celebrating God's faithfulness to Bob — the fulfillment of God's promises to stand with him, to support him in his ministry, and to fill him with the Holy Spirit. We are also celebrating Bob's faithfulness to God and to the Church — the fulfillment of his promises to proclaim the Gospel in thought, word, and deed, to teach the faith, and to be an example of the Christian faith and life. God held up God's end of the bargain; and for 50 years, Bob has reciprocated.*

*But here's the real point. God works in specific, particular ways — to serve the Church that God loves, the people that God loves, the world that God loves.*

Bob exemplified what it means to respond to God's call — not just as a priest, but as a husband and as a father to Carol's children, as a mentor and colleague, and as a friend. Bob understood what it meant to love those whom God loved, to care for the kids that hung

around the church, to rejoice with those celebrating and to grieve with those who were grieving. He knew what it meant to help others see what God saw in them and to see the work God was calling them to do. Bob knew the intense, particular love God had for him. And he shared that love in an equally intense way for his families, for the church's he served, and for the communities in which he lived. He meant when he said, as he did at the end of every, single sermon, "God love you and God bless you."

I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to serve with him these past seven and a half years. I am deeply grateful for his friendship. And I am deeply grateful for his example in ministry and in life.

May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him. Amen. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

***The St. John's Annual Meeting***  
**Sunday, Feb. 10,**  
**Following the 10:15 a.m. service**

The St. John's Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, Feb. 10, after the 10:15 a.m. service.** While no decision has yet been made about in-person worship for February, the meeting will be virtual. **Reports are due by Friday, Jan. 15.** Reports should be sent to St. John's Parish Administrator Teresa Lohrman at [teresa@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:teresa@stjohns-laf.org). If you have questions, please call the office at 765-742-4079.

***Deaths***

Dorothy Murphy  
 Nov. 12, 2020

John Behrndt  
 Nov. 20, 2020  
 Husband of Pequita Behrndt

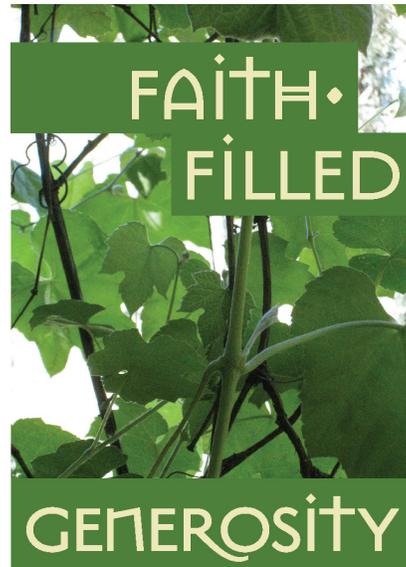
The Very Rev. Robert  
 L'Homme  
 Nov. 25, 2020  
 Husband of Carol L'Homme

Janice Cooke  
 Nov. 26, 2020  
 Wife of the late Bruce Cooke

Robert Schoenhals  
 Nov. 29, 2020  
 Father of Karen Schoenhals  
 Grandfather of Glenn and  
 Emma

# ***Faith-Filled Generosity: The 2021 Annual Giving Campaign***

Your faith-filled generosity — generosity that trusts God to use you and your gifts to build God's kingdom — makes St. John's ministry possible. Many thanks to the following members and friends of St. John's who have made a commitment to our shared mission and ministry during the 2021 Annual Giving Campaign. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity in support of what God is doing in the world and what God is doing in and through our ministry together. Thanks for the many ways you support St. John's.



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Vicki Bower  
Sue Bracey  
Karl & Nancy Brandt  
Lloyd & Steve Brewer  
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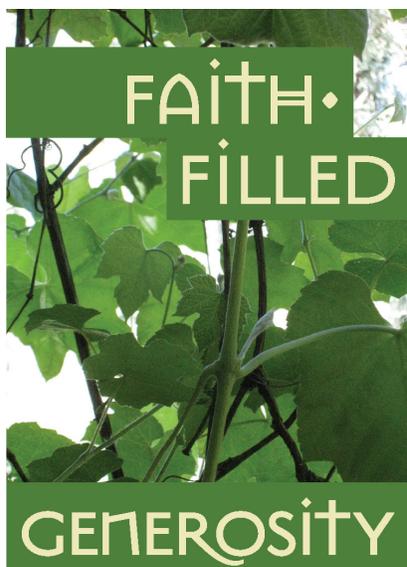
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Sarah & Tom Melville  
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George Moore  
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Courtenay & Dave Murakowski  
Lou Nash  
Heather Johnston Nicholson  
Merrill & Kathryn Nielsen  
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*To learn more about the 2021 Annual Giving Campaign, go to [www.stjohns-laf.org/giving-to-stjohns](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/giving-to-stjohns). You can also pledge online at <http://www.stjohns-laf.org/pledge-online>.*



## ***Jubilee Christmas 2020***

Another Jubilee Christmas is behind us in spite of Covid-19! On Saturday, Dec. 12, we loaded up 36 cars with toys, household items and extras, and gift cards. The Chapel of the Good Shepherd offered a great venue for a curbside event.

The event wasn't like in past years, but we were still able to give joy to families. Here is some feedback we received. "I am overwhelmed with gratitude! I didn't expect such thoughtful supplies as well as gifts. From the masks and ChapStick to the knitted hat and mittens, many needs were relieved today from the gift basket that was obviously put together with love."

Thank you to all who helped make this possible. We shared with 36 families composed of 110 kids! The generous donations made it possible to provide extra to the food cards LUM provides and for us to give every family an Arni's gift card. Shoppers took wish lists and made them a reality. And without the volunteers who helped load cars, we would have struggled. It was magic! — *Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com*

## ***Virtual Epiphany Pageant***

**10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10**

St. John's will host a Virtual Epiphany Pageant with churches from around the Wabash neighborhood at **10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10**. Children ages 3 and older are invited to participate. Details are forthcoming, but there will be a rehearsal on Saturday, Jan. 3 (time to be determined). If you have not been contacted and would like to participate, please contact Katie Elder at [katie.elder1@gmail.com](mailto:katie.elder1@gmail.com).

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**St. John's Financial Summary November 2020**

**INCOME**

	Nov-20	Total 2020	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Pledge Income	\$42,930	\$306,072	\$376,080	81.4%
Operating Income	\$1,470	\$22,752	\$95,207	23.9%
Non-Operating Income	\$3,151	\$69,063	\$17,200	401.5%
Transfer Income	\$200	\$30,476	\$47,360	64.3%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$47,751</b>	<b>\$428,363</b>	<b>\$535,847</b>	<b>79.9%</b>

**EXPENSES**

	Nov-20	Total 2020	Annual Budget	% of Budget
Outreach	\$5,618	\$72,254	\$94,374	76.6%
Program	\$201	\$5,817	\$27,250	21.3%
Administration	\$0	\$923	\$4,400	21.0%
Personnel	\$25,072	\$241,664	\$267,017	90.5%
Office	\$5,757	\$19,769	\$25,800	76.6%
Property	\$7,664	\$100,982	\$117,006	86.3%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$44,312</b>	<b>\$441,409</b>	<b>\$535,847</b>	<b>82.4%</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

	\$44,312	\$441,409	\$535,847	82.4%
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**Net Income (Loss)**

	\$3,439	-\$13,046	\$0	
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