

# SSJC (Y-W) Chapter News Bulletin

January 2018



## 1. Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Franciscan Shrine, Time: 7-9 PM



517 S. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Phone: (330) 799-1888

Topic: “The Franciscans and the East”

Speakers: Fr. Vit Fiala, O.F.M. and Lori Demiduk, S.F.O.

2. 2018 Dues: \$25 Single and \$30 Family

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**DEADLINE: February 20, 2018**

and send to:

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4656 Driftwood Lane  
Austintown, Ohio, 44515

3. Treasure’s Report: \$1,706.72
4. 2018 Paid Members: Msgr. Robert Siffrin (2017-2020), Fr. Ken Bachofsky (2017 & 2018),
5. Executive Board Meeting was on Dec. 13, 2017 at Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in North Jackson. Thank you Chorbishop Spinosa for hosting the Meeting. Minutes from the meeting will be read at the January 2018 Meeting. Also, our Christmas Party photos (from Dec. 29, 2017) were sent out in a previous email.
6. Sister Chapters: Please pray for the continuing progress of our Sister Chapter in Pittsburgh under the direction of Steve Puluka. Also, there is a possibility of another Sister Chapter being established in the St. Louis metropolitan area! Hopefully more details on this new development will follow in the next Newsletter !!!

7. Future Topics, Activities, Speakers, and Host Churches (pastors) are needed! Please feel free to offer any suggestions to Rich M --- ASAP!

**Suggested ACTIVITIES:**

- \*Half day Retreat in Silent Prayer or a guided retreat (location ???)
- \*Attend an SSJC Pittsburgh meeting in April (TBA)
- \*Attend the Notre Dame College Eastern Churches Seminar in Cleveland in October (TBA)
- \*Attend the upcoming Orientale Lumen Conference in D.C. in June
- \*Attend any special presentations at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh (TBA)
- \*JOINT Ecumenical Vespers Service during the Easter Season, Pentecost or the Feast of St. John Chrysostom, or some other Feast Day.
- \*Pulpit exchange between two churches (Catholic and Orthodox)
- \*Visit other Churches (Orthodox and Catholic) and pray in each church for Reconciliation and UNITY!
- \*Make contact and visit one or both of the Serbian Orthodox Churches in Youngstown and Austintown
- \*Restart the Study Group as was suggested by Fr. John Schmidt and Fr. Bill Loveless. Let's choose a book!

\*Meet somewhere and do an internet search on our cell phones (on the NEWS) on some particular ecumenical topic, and then discuss it over breakfast or lunch

\*A Christmas Party in 2018!

**Suggested TOPICS for SPEAKERS:**

“Compare and Contrast the Orthodox and Catholic Teachings on Marriage and Divorce”

“A Report on the Holy and Great Council in Crete of 2016”

“Pastoral Challenges of the Evangelical Christians on our Church Communities”

“St Gregory Palamas and St. Thomas Aquinas”

“Islam in its various forms: Sunni, Shiite, Sufi, et. al.”

“Lebanon’s Religious Profile”

“The Persecution of Christians in the Middle East: Assyrians, Chaldeans, Syrians, Armenians, et. al.”

“The Catholic Church in Poland: Eastern in Ethos, Roman in Rite”

“The Chieti Document on Synodality and Primacy During the First Millennium”

“The North American Catholic – Orthodox Consultation’s 2017 Response to the Chieti Document”

“An Overview of the Catholic – Orthodox Dialogue since Vatican II”

8. Future Articles (please send links to Rich M) for the next News Letter (to be possibly published in late April) after the Pascha celebrations on APRIL 1, 2018 (Gregorian Calendar) and APRIL 8, 2018 (Julian Calendar). Links to podcasts, lectures, book reviews, videos and news reports would be most helpful too!

9. FYI: SSJC (Y-W) Chapter 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY will be in Oct. 2019!

10. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND OR TWO TO THE NEXT MEETING!!!!

11. FYI: Probably sometime in 2018 I will be directing our members to our website for bulletins, Announcements and the Newsletter. Steve Puluka (our webmaster) will be advising the Executive Board and yours truly on these matters.

12. CHRIST IS BORN!



\*\*\*\* MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our Eastern brothers and sisters in Christ who are celebrating Christmas on January 7!