



**Angelus Letter
28 December 2023
LETTER #255**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

**Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.**

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Saturday Confessions at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck**

**Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck**

JANUARY 1ST IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Because the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God falls on a Monday, it is **not** a holy day of obligation this year. **Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m.** if you wish to attend.

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

The Parish office is open today!

Please note that the parish offices will be closed:
Dec. 29-Jan. 1 (except for Saturday, December 30th when the office will be open from 8:30-11a.m.)

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In 1935 Catholic schools were in danger of closing due to lack of funds and there was a bill before the Ohio legislature to cancel what scant resources came particularly to parochial schools. The head of the A. I. Root Company (who still supplies us with our candles) wrote a letter to the Sister Superior of St. Sebastian Parish School expressing his support for Catholic schools and attached a letter to be sent to Senators and Representatives in order to have them vote for state aid for parochial schools.

He wrote:

"Then will you please distribute (this letter) to those who you know are interested and ask them to sign them and send them to the legislature. Please do this at once - immediate action is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Root"

The letter to be sent read in part:

"In regard to Parochial School Aid, I desire to present to you a simple problem of bookkeeping. I know you will be guided by the following:

A SIMPLE PROBLEM IN ARITHMETIC

One sixth of Ohio's population is Catholic. Catholics should therefore pay toward the special tax, 1/6 x \$60,000,000.00 or \$10,000,000.00. Of this amount, less than one third, or \$3,000,000.00 is requested in Senate Bill No. 260, as emergency partial support of parochial schools.

For the last few years parochial schools have been maintained only with the greatest of difficulty. If Catholics cannot pay their share of the special sales tax, they can no longer keep up the parochial schools and the 170,000 children there educated, will have to be dumped on the already crowded public school system.

WITHOUT STATE AID

*Children in Parochial Schools: 170,000
Conservative cost of public-school education per pupil: \$60.00
Cost to the state for a year: \$10,200,000.00*

WITH STATE AID

*Children in Parochial Schools: 170,000
Partial state aid asked: \$17.50
Cost to the state for a year: \$2,975,000.00
Savings to the state for a year: \$7,225,000.00*

From every viewpoint it would be more economical, more sensible, more Christian, to leave these children where they are and grant the modest \$3,000,000.00 asked for the emergency aid of parochial schools."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, John Buhalak, Regina Buhalak, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Katherine Dennis, Deanna Ferris, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Charise Kasper, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, Mary Loftus, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Toni Morlan, Betty O'Hara, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mabel Randall, Monica and Thad Ricker, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Betty Sarich, Kim Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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