

PEOPLE FOR OTHERS (PFO) VISION STATEMENT

Monsignor Folliard initiated People for Others Ministry (PFO) in 1973 at Saint Cornelius Church. PFO continues his vision reaching out with loving care, making life more livable and happy for the forgotten residents of local Rest Homes and Convalescent Homes, and by helping others in our community through the new Outreach program.

PEOPLE FOR OTHERS (PFO) MISSION

PFO offers volunteer opportunities to give happiness to the forgotten and lonely individuals in our community by hosting monthly luncheon and social events. We invite all people from our community and residents from various local Rest Homes and Convalescent Homes. Some of the guests never have visitors and seldom leave their residence, and most are dependent on wheelchairs. So if you would like to bring a smile or have a chat with some dear forgotten souls, join us in sharing our efforts to make them happy. PFO ministry provides activities to our guests, reaches out with loving care, making life more livable and happy for all those who attend our monthly luncheon, entertainment, and other activities:

- PFO furnish fish and chicken, members and parishioners bring Pot luck of their choice.
- Friendly game of free bingo. Parish guests donate prizes for the game, we also have 50-50 raffle before bingo.
- Birthdays are acknowledged and all guests and members who have a birthday during the month receive warm congratulations and a birthday gift to take home.
- Christmas raffle of beautiful baskets when guests bring their dollars and eagerly buy their tickets and frequently win a lovely basket to take with them.
- Luncheon themes for St. Patrick's, St. Valentine's, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Creative Easter hat contest during the Easter luncheon. Halloween contest.
- Children from Saint Cornelius School come to sing as a special treat on some holidays.
- Live music entertainment provided by invited musicians from other Ministries from Saint Cornelius Parish such as the Audio Girls Ministry.

PFO offers opportunities for our guests to feel special, connected, and socialize with others. Through these programs, we bring a smile to their face and a priceless personal touch.

OUTREACH PROGRAM: Our special Outreach program provide help to parishioners. PFO volunteers provide rides to the doctors, shopping, Mass and other special Church events. Volunteers also prepare meals when needed. PFO Ministry has sent packages to those serving our country in the Military. PFO Ministry has given gift baskets to Precious Life Shelter. PFO's announcements are published in the Church bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP: Although the membership is composed mostly of retired men and women, the membership is open to all adults in the community willing to go out of his or her way by helping others, meeting new friends and having fun along the way. PFO members reach out and with loving care make life more livable and happy for others.

MEETINGS: PFO Ministry comes together to discuss what the members can do for the parish community. The meeting is held in the Holy Family room starting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the week prior to the Friday luncheon. New members are welcomed.

SATURDAY MASS: PFO attends 5:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Cornelius Church on Saturday of the week after the Friday luncheon. Members sit in the first three pews and pray the Rosary prior to the Mass at 4:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited.

SCHOLARSHIP: The members are proud of the fact that they can join in awarding scholarships to 8th grade Graduates in St. Cornelius School once a year. PFO also donates a basket for the St. Cornelius School Fiesta once a year.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS: The Pot Luck monthly luncheons for all parishioners and residents of Rest Homes and Convalescent Homes are held on the second Friday of each month in the large hall, starting at 12:00 noon. You do not have to be a member of PFO to come enjoy the meal and play the free bingo. We ask parishioners and members to please bring a hot dish, salad, vegetable dish, bread, rolls, or dessert. Figure a dish large enough for 8 to 12 people. We have up to 100 people attending the luncheon every month.

SPECIAL GUESTS AT LUNCHEONS: Arrangements are made to bring many residents of Rest Homes and Convalescent Homes; Wheel Chair cases, as many as 50 at a time look forward to these luncheons and entertainment.

TRIPS: A PFO member is active within the membership arranging the bus trips to Laughlin, NV or to a local Casino in California. All members and parishioners are invited to participate.

MAY CELEBRATION: During the second week of May all PFO members attend a special dinner at an Italian Restaurant to celebrate the birthday of the PFO Founder, Monsignor Folliard.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Periodically expert speakers are invited to update the people on various subjects of interest that will help them in their day-to-day existence that will maintain quality in their lives.