



John O. Jacoby

June 09, 1928 - April 19, 2017

JOHN O. (Jack) JACOBY, M.DIV., : June 9, 1928 April 19, 2017

First born son of John O. Jacoby, Sr. and Elma Marie Gagen of Cleveland, Ohio. Married to Annette (nee Thur), Son-in-law to Anna B. Thur, Brother to Mary Louise (dec) Nageotte Dreher; William C. Jacoby (dec) (Maureen nee Garrity); Kathleen Traczyk Masterson (Dan). Nephews: Thomas (Therese), Terrence (Jeanne), Jack (Nancy) Nageotte. Nieces: Mary Kay (Rusty) Nageotte Corrigan, Elizabeth (Beth) Nageotte. Cousins: Marilyn Gagen, Thomas Gagen.

Jack attended St. Stephen, Our Lady of Angels and St. Malachi grade schools in Cleveland. He went on to St. Ignatius High School for freshman and sophomore years. He heard the call to the Catholic Priesthood and attended Borromeo Preparatory Seminary in Baltimore, MD. where he completed high school. He proceeded on through Borromeo Minor Seminary for 2 years Philosophy. He returned to Cleveland St. Mary's Seminary to complete 4 years Theology, required for ordination to the Diocese of Cleveland. He was ordained by Archbishop Edward F. Hoban Feb 28, 1953.

Fr. Jack served as Associate Pastor of Christ the King (E. Cleveland), St. Peter's (N. Ridgeville), St. Mary's (Akron), and Holy Family (Parma). While at St. Mary's he initiated "The Search for Christian Maturity", a live-in weekend for teens. In 1972 he was appointed Director of St. Joseph Christian Life Center, the Diocesan Retreat House, where he remained until 1982. This most significant assignment of the Bishop was the opportunity to further develop his parish spiritual renewal process known as "CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH" (CRHP) which he initiated while at Holy Family Parish in 1969. Jack presented CRHP as his thesis as partial fulfillment for the Master of Divinity Degree (M.Div.) which he received in 1974 from St. Mary's Major Seminary. Still very popular and successful after 46 years, CRHP has been or is being used in some 100 Catholic Dioceses and over 1300 Parishes in the US.

In 1982 Fr. Jack petitioned the Bishop to grant a leave of absence for him to become the principal caregiver and health surrogate for 3 family members: Aunt Ruth Jacoby, Aunt Elsie Jacoby and Cousin Margaret Ann (Peggy) Jacoby. He relocated all of them to St. Petersburg, Fl., where he enjoyed the priestly faculties of the Diocese for 2 years. During this time he prayerfully discerned not to return to active ministry in Cleveland.

In 1985 Jack founded "Shared Business Services, Inc.", supplying medical computer systems and training to Physician offices and clinics. He was assisted by Annette in the management and development of SBS. Jack and Annette were married in 1987 and shared their most blessed life together to the present.

Jack was an early member of "Ye Mystic Krewe of Neptune" and was named Neptunus Rex XIII in 1993. He also enjoyed life-time honorary membership in the Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club (now known as "The Club TI") and initiated its first website. For many years he also served

as a volunteer and member of the Board of Directors of the "Science Center of St. Petersburg" where he developed the main office computer system.

A faithful and active member of the Knights of Columbus for 65 years, he was an honorary member of St. Jude the Apostle Council 14178 and the "St. Vincent de Paul Society". His current and spiritually fulfilling activity for the past 20 years was his weekly Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

He will be buried from St. Jude the Apostle Cathedral where he was a parishioner for over 25 years. A wake will be held in Our Lady's Chapel at St. Jude's on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be Monday, April 24, 2017.

Burial will be a private ceremony at Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to the Knights of Columbus, St Jude the Apostle Council 14178, 5815 Fifth Ave N, St Petersburg, FL 33710 or to the St Vincent de Paul Society, St Jude the Apostle Conference, 5815 Fifth Ave N., St Petersburg, FL 33710

Events

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Apr

SERVICE

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Jude
the Apostle (Our
Lady's Chapel 5815
5th Ave. No., St.
Petersburg, FL 33710
Prayer service at
7:00PM

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SERVICE

10:00 AM

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Petersburg, FL 33710

Tribute Wall

F Funeral Home Owner



B Beverly Pockar

Stan and I have fond memories of working with Fr. Jacoby in serving need sat the C L C in Cleveland with Bob and Uta Edwards and many others...we volunteered when needed and received Spiritual guidance from him. When in Fl. We stopped for a visit at Treasure Island, he then took us to his Yacht club for lunch with his cousin Peggy who we also knew from activities at the C L C. Our deepest condolences to you Annette, who we also knew back then. Bless his soul, he was a fine man also he had a great sense of humor and as Stan said he was fun! his warmth exuded from his personality. I can see his smile embedded in my mind at the moment. ðŸ™ ðŸ™ ðŸ™ Beverly Pockar

C Cheryl J.

My heart goes out to John's family and friends during this sad and difficult time. Please find comfort from Isaiah 33:24 - And no resident will say: "I am sick." God never intended mankind to get sick, grow old or die. Rev 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Find comfort as we await Jehovah's promises soon to be fulfilled.

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Jack leaves behind a legacy of thoughtfulness spiritual integrity Dedication 2 family as well as an example of cheerfulness and an undying love and gratitude for his wife, Annette, who truly meant so much to him. He was a friend, a counselor, and one who I implicitly found was not only a faithful confidante, but a friend with whom I could talk and grow in holiness. I found he could do this because he lived the life he spoke. We will miss you Jack! A great and Joyous reunion awaits us all in heaven. God bless!! Bart Kilkenny St Petersburg, FL

S Susan Marie Di Giacomo

Jack loved the prayer I have copied below and he encouraged all of his friends to pray this devotion every day. I have been trying to write

a few lines that would begin to express what his direction meant for my life just as it meant for so many others yet despite all he did and continues to do now that he is completely unburdened, and despite the fact that I seldom seem to be at a loss for words, the only words that seemed fitting to his legacy is this prayer. Therefore, on behalf of our beloved Father John Jacoby I have discerned a prompting to invite everyone to join the rest of his friends in praying this devotion to our beloved Lord. Love and condolences to all, especially you Annette. Prayer of Glory Praise and Thanksgiving to God My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. "Lord, you are so good!" "Yes, Father, my soul proclaims your greatness, and my spirit rejoices in you! You are good and kind, loving and compassionate toward me. You know who I am, and you understand my weakness. You delight in how you created me, and you never cease to teach me how to live the life you have created me for. Daily you come to meet me with mercy and strength. Daily you supply what I lack and help me when my own ideas and ability are not enough. I know that your plans are for my good and that you want nothing but good for me. And yet my choices aren't always for that good. Forgive me for those choices. Because you are a loving Father, remove my guilt. Give me the grace I need to make choices according to your love and not according to my fear and selfishness." "Lord, you are so compassionate!" "Jesus, you count me among those in every generation on whom you have mercy! You are always concerned for me. You know how I am made. You know my strengths and my weaknesses. You feel for me when I suffer, even when the problem is of my own making. You shower me with kindness and gentle correction. You never lash out at me; instead, you reach toward me to draw me back to yourself. I acknowledge my offense against you and turn my heart toward you. Once more, I rest against your heart and allow your love to flow into me and heal me." "You forgive me when I cave in (again) to temptation" every time! You meet my repentance with your pardon, and you surround me anew with your love, compassion, and tender mercy. I rejoice today because you are slow to anger, and you never hold a grudge. You always show me mercy, even when I don't deserve it. I am amazed because you delight in me and show me the kind and gentle sympathy of a father for his child." "Lord, you are so thorough!" "You are great, Holy Spirit, and you continually draw me up into your greatness! When fear stops me, you meet me with peace, wisdom, and direction. The strength of your arm holds me, lifts me up, and gently moves me forward at a pace that allows me to breathe again. When I am feeling tired and weary, you support me and fill me with your strength. You show me where to find rest in the midst of all my busyness. You protect me from discouragement, disappointment, and defeat. Whenever you begin something, you see it through to completion. That goes for your work in my life as much as for anything else. You want what is best for me, and you won't be satisfied until you have led me past the wounds and sins that keep me from you. Forgive me for doubting that I can ever change. Forgive me for doubting that you care about me even when I am the one who has fallen short of your plans. Fill me with unshakable trust in your

loving and untiring help. "Lord, you are my teacher."
"Thank you, Blessed Trinity, for filling me with your presence every day! Your Indwelling and promises give me hope, even when the circumstances of my life speak the worst. You give me the reassurance that I am loved and precious in your sight, even when I feel frustrated by my weaknesses and overwhelmed by temptation. You convince me that I can know joy and peace if I but come to you in prayer every day. I believe that you want to lead me in your way. Forgive me for the times when I have rejected you and decided to set out on my own. Thank you that despite my waywardness, you continue to pursue me. I will rejoice in your goodness and kindness to me always." Lord, thank you for your faithfulness to me! I try to be faithful to you, and you increase my faithfulness. Lord, thank you for continuing to help me learn how to follow you more closely! I come to you hungry for your grace, and you fill me. Lord, thank you for your infinitely tender and compassionate love and mercy! I pour out my heart to you, and you pour out your love on me. "My soul proclaims your greatness Lord, and my spirit rejoices in you; my Father, my Savior, my most faithful Friend, my All in All, forever and ever! Amen, Alleluia!"

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Kenneth A. Breen

I would like to offer thoughts and prayers for the repose of the soul of Jack. The Lord certainly worked wonders through forming CHRP which has been a huge blessing for so many. May our loving Lord and Our Lady Of Mercy welcome him into the joy of eternal life.

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Bob Bielicki

Jack was one of nicest Gentleman I have had the privilege of knowing. As a Knight he started our web site and maintained until recently. I am an active member of the Knights and whenever I needed a notification or a signup sheet on the web site he always exceeded my expectations. He also took photos for the council. I also am a member of the Thursday Morning Prayer Group that Jack helped keep the spiritual momentum going. He also sent me spiritual readings through email often. I thought the world of him. I will always look up to him as a wiseman and friend. I will miss always. Annette thanks for sharing him to all of us that needed him.

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Prayers and condolences from CLC in Cleveland. We remember those years. God bless you and be with you, Annette.
