

## **Holy Family Retreat House needs your support today**

Help this vital facility with a donation and ensure it has a strong future

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the current “caretakers” of Holy Family Retreat House, come to you humbly, hat in hand, but with faith, and ask for your financial help in this the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our situation is urgent, but so, we know, are many others ... the unemployed and the underemployed most especially.

Nonetheless, after prayer and serious consideration, we believe we have a duty to ask you, the friends of Holy Family Retreat House, to help us raise the money we need to operate and move forward so the Retreat House will be here, ready to serve you, your parish, our students, those discerning vocations, and the many others who will bring their spiritual needs to these sacred grounds when this trying time has passed.

So much has been accomplished here in the last two years under Deacon Frank Lepain, a former building trades teacher with the Windsor Essex Catholic School Board ... painting, renovation of the Chapel and dining room, new mattresses and box springs, plumbing and boiler repairs, restoration and renewal of the gardens and grounds, and the beginning of plans for a capital campaign to make the Retreat House self-sustaining.

That momentum stalled with the pandemic, and then the months with little or no revenue ate through our funds even as we laid off staff, unplugged appliances and did all we could to cut costs.

Our situation is urgent. We face months of struggle with COVID restrictions this winter and will have no means to generate revenue. Please help us keep the Retreat House here and ready for the future by donating what you can **now**.

- E-Transfers can be sent to [hfrh@dol.ca](mailto:hfrh@dol.ca)
- [Click Here](#) to make a donation online. Apply your donation to the fund for Holy Family Retreat House using the drop-down menu.
- Cheques should be made out to Holy Family Retreat House and can be mailed to:

Holy Family Retreat House  
121 Victoria Street, RR1  
Harrow, ON NOR 1G0

- Donate securities. There can be tax advantages to donating shares to Holy Family Retreat House. To donate now, use the authorization form at [this link](#).

If you cannot donate at this time, please pray for us as we will for you.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We very much appreciate both.

Finally, we wish you and yours a Blessed Advent and Christmas. Stay safe, friends.

Sincerely,

The Holy Family Retreat House Advisory Committee