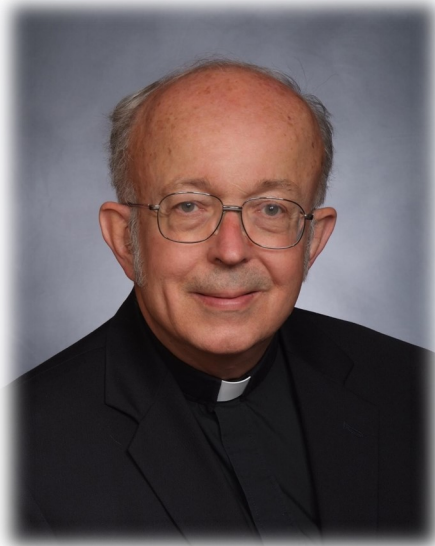


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Reverend Donald Henkes
a.k.a. Fr. Don
1940—2023

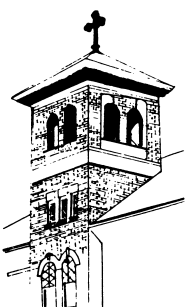
Fr. Don Henkes was known for helping a lot of people. Most times, he did it anonymously, although he never failed to make himself known or be present when someone, anyone was in need. When he decided to establish a tuition assistance Scholarship Fund to benefit students and families at Sacred Heart Academy, Fr. Don originally wanted his intentions, his contribution, and even his name to remain unknown. That's the kind of man he was, never seeking attention for himself, only trying to help and encourage others.

A 56-year Catholic priest, Fr. Don was passionate about the value of a Catholic education. He was completely dedicated to the priesthood, to his years as an educator, and to helping marginalized people in any way possible. Fr. Don was a supporter of all life, from conception to natural death, and was a person

who lived the mantra *"What Would Jesus Do?"* every day of his life.

Fr. Don was the last religious-order teacher at Sacred Heart Academy, and, even after his retirement from the classroom, could often be found eating lunch with the students in the cafeteria. Often buying somebody else's lunch, He had a knack for meeting people at whatever level they were, and was not judgmental in any way. Along the way in his life, from seminary at Loyola University to ordination in the priesthood, prison ministry, and parish service in six states (including Alaska!), Fr. Don was a humble, caring priest. He adopted eight boys over the years, offering them a better life in every sense of the word. He was a thoughtful and caring father to his boys, and an adoring grandfather to his grandchildren.

Fr. Don established the **Henkes Tuition Assistance Fund** in 2020, intending for it to become public after his passing. However, when trustees of the SHA Foundation approved the Fund and added it to their list of Named Funds, people automatically started giving to it—some of them anonymously—in honor of Fr. Don and his service to Sacred Heart Academy & Church. Through this fund, Fr. Don will always be remembered for his dedication to Catholic education.



For further information about the **Henkes Tuition Assistance Fund** or other Named Funds, contact the SHA Foundation at SHAfoundation@sha.net

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