

September 10, 2010

Dear Friends,

I am writing to share good news with you. On September. Twenty ninth your good friend Father Hauser will celebrate the 65th anniversary of his ordination. Of the twenty nine of his priest classmates, ordained on Sept. 29, 1945, only classmates Father John T. Hentzner and Father Hauser are still alive. As Father Hauser said: "Twenty seven of his classmates are already in heaven rooting for him that he also makes the grade."

Because so many of those without whose help he would not have made it to the altar, his resolute parents, his loving and encouraging family, devoted classmates, talented and impressive teachers,

close priest friends and literally thousand of friends, many who are already in God's loving arms, he has decided not to have a big celebration at this time. He agreed to this letter but only to bring you up to date, and to ask you for your valued prayers. And so it is that he will celebrate this anniversary quietly and privately pouring you intentions with his own into a special unique chalice that his aunts gave him at his ordination.

The second noteworthy event will take place a few short weeks later when he will begin his ninetieth year of life (October 21). At this point in his life, he is now (with Father Hentzner) the second oldest priest in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in terms of ordination years.

It has been my good fortune to have worked with Father Hauser at Saint Francis Seminary for close to twenty years. During these years I have met or known you through the Albert Cardinal Meyer Institute, the Seminary Development Office and the many travel opportunities promote and directed by Father Hauser. By directing this notice to you now at this important juncture of his life, I hope this letter will repay in some small way, the debt of gratitude that I also owe to him. And while asking for your prayers for Father Hauser, I hope you will also slip in a brief remembrance of me too.

God be with you,

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