

## **Secretary's Report to the 2025 General Chapter Retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity**

### **1. Membership report**

- We have 255 subscribed members in 19 chapters in two countries.
- Six pastors subscribed to the Rule in 2024.
- Five pastors subscribed to the Rule this year
- 136 members paid their dues in full this year (in 2024, it was 145)
- Of those 136, 56 are not attending this General Chapter Retreat for various reasons.
- 12 members asked to waive a portion of their dues this year, or waive entirely.
- 107 subscribed members did not pay any of their dues at all, nor make contact concerning them. Last year it was 119, but a number of those non-payers were removed from the rolls, either by asking to be released, or for inactivity constituting neglect of the Rule.
- Dues are each individual's pledge of investment in our common life together. They are paid by members whether or not one attends the General Chapter.
- Dues don't just cover costs for the General Chapter, they also help cover the cost of seminarians to attend the General Chapter Retreat or local chapter retreats, contribute toward the administrative needs of the Society in terms of the fees for our accountants and investment managers, and even postage.

### **2. Attendance report**

- For this 2025 General Chapter Retreat, there are 112 total attendees, including 8 commuters. Last year's attendance was 130, and 2023 was 134.
- 94 members attended (including the 5 newly-subscribed).
- 18 guests were in attendance.
- 54 people arrived early, either Sunday or Monday nights.

### **3. Reminders**

- Please fill out the annual forms with your dues! Newsletters and most communications are sent directly by email to save on postage, which won't get to you if you aren't current in your contact info. Scan it, send me an email, whatever—just make sure to review that contact info when you send in your dues.
- Information can be found on the website. This includes costs for extra nights, amount for dues, process for registration. I field a lot of emails from members seeking how much stuff costs, where forms are, and addresses to send things.
- In November, I send to the deans an updated membership roster. Your dean should then forward that to you.

- For both dues and registration information, I send things to the deans, and they are supposed to send them to you. If you are not receiving things, check with your dean.
- This is the last year at Mundelein for our General Chapter Retreat.
- In 2026, we move to Saint Meinrad's Archabbey in Saint Meinrad, Indiana, our new home.
- This means that our dues systems and the dates you've been used to are being completely overhauled.
- You should have received communication from your dean about this, and it's been published in the De Trinitate newsletter.
- Dues will now be due on Transfiguration Sunday. In 2026, that's February 15.
- People continue to struggle to get their dues in on time. I spend from 5 months every year processing dues.
- Please, please, for the love of all that is holy and good—get your dues in on time in February, especially since registration for the General Chapter is now pushed up and will open in the middle of Holy Week.
- Thank you to Norm Dew, who volunteered to wrangle the nametags for next year!

**IMPORTANT DATES.**

**Dues are due on Transfiguration Sunday, February 15 2026**

**General Chapter 2026 is June 16-18 at St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana**

**General Chapter 2027 is July 13-15 at St. Meinrad Archabbey. That is an election year.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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