

2018 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

I nominate Fr. Leonard Sudlik for induction into the Bishop Fallon High School Hall of Fame.

The nominee fits into the following category: ☒ Distinguished Alumni

CANDIDATES INFORMATION:

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Class Year: 1966

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Written Biography attached.

Sorry, but I have lost the newsletter with the nomination form and am using last year's form.

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Nomination of Fr. Leonard Sudlik for the 2018 BFHS/HACI Alumni Hall of Fame

My brother Len graduated from Bishop Fallon in 1966 following his brothers Dan (me, 1959) and Richard (1963). He followed Richard working for Fr. Mooney in the bookstore for all his 4 years. Then after attending Canisius College Len followed Richard into the Oblate Seminary and was ordained an OMI in 1976.

Fr. Len was an Oblate for 20 years including a 6 year stint as Novice Director in Godfrey, IL. He also served as an Oblate in a parish in St. Petersburg, FL and then to his last parish as an Oblate in Grand Rapids, MI. Fr. Len really loved the Grand Rapids Diocese and area and he decided that he wanted to settle there permanently, so he traded his Oblate robes for Diocesan Priest duties.

Fr. Len has since served as pastor of Holy Spirit parish in Grand Rapids and then St. Mary's parish in Spring Lake, a delightful community on Lake Michigan. Today he is pastor of St. Robert parish in Ada, Michigan, a Grand Rapids suburb, and the largest parish in the diocese. Fr. Len has also served on a number of Diocesan Boards in Western Michigan as well as serving as Secretary for the Michigan Conference of Bishops. Additionally St. Robert's is a sister parish with a very poor parish in Haiti and Fr. Len has traveled several times to Haiti with items for the parish there as well as parishioner contributions for that parish.

Fr. Len has not been able to attend as many Alumni events as he would have liked due to the fact that until last year he has been the only priest in his parish. The number of priests in the mid-west has been marginal for quite a while. For the first time in over a decade Fr. Len now has an assistant and in fact was able to attend last year's all year reunion and should be able to attend this year as well.

I believe that Fr. Len's contribution at Fallon as a student and book store worker, his work as an Oblate, and finally as a pastor in the Grand Rapids Diocese are worthy of consideration for the Alumni Honor Roll. Also thought the picture was great.

