

General Information on having Fr. Larry Speak at a Parish Mission

*Fr. Larry is available for Parish Missions on a **limited basis**. (Please remember that Fr. Larry is a pastor of a parish first!)*

Parish Missions

Fr. Larry has done many Parish Missions. Because of his own parish commitments, he cannot come to a parish unless the parish has *at least 1000 families*. The Mission starts with Fr. Larry speaking at all the parish weekend Masses **through a 10 minute DVD**. Again since he is a full time pastor he needs to be at his parish on weekends, the DVD works very well and it **MUST** be shown at the Masses if Fr. Larry is going to do the mission. He then gives talks each night from 7-9 PM (or 6:30-8:30 PM) beginning Sunday or Monday evening and running through Wednesday or Thursday evening. The themes for these nights are as follows: First night is ***God's Love and Prayer***; Second night, done in the context of a Mass, deals with ***Love of Others***; Third night is the talk on the ***Passion of Christ and the need for confession*** and is followed by individual confessions; Last night is on ***Adoration and Healing*** and is done in the context of Eucharistic Adoration and a Healing Service. *Please note: This is the only way Fr. Larry does Parish Missions, and **will not** change the format. If there is something that the pastor is not comfortable with, then Fr. Larry would rather not come to do the mission at all.* PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE ENTIRE PACKET AND SHARE IT WITH THE PASTOR FIRST, THE PASTOR MUST BE IN 100% AGGREEMENT WITH THE WHOLE PACKET! Your pastor (NOT a delegate) then must write saying that he has read all the Parish Mission Material and that he agrees to do everything that is necessary for the mission. Only then will the mission be booked.

Travel

All travel expenses are to be covered by the sponsoring parish. If Father Larry drives to your location, mileage is paid by your parish at a rate of 55 cents per mile, and any hotel expenses incurred are also your responsibility. If he flies, Father Larry would prefer that his travel agent take care of the flight arrangements and then bill your parish. You can be assured that Father Larry always secures the least expensive and most direct flights. Unless he is doing a Parish Mission, he needs to be back in Erie by late afternoon or evening on Saturday so he can be back available for Sunday Mass. The sponsoring parish is responsible for picking up Father Larry at the airport and making sure he gets

taken back to the airport. Please have a check made out to “*The Reason For Our Hope Foundation*” to cover traveling costs.

At the parish:

Please cancel all other Parish activities such as Bingo, etc. while Father Larry is conducting a Mission. It is an ALL-Parish Mission, which means that the pastor and the entire staff attend every night of the Mission. Also, if you have a High School Youth Group, please get them involved! They can read, hand out materials, etc. The youth will bring their parents!

Sale of Media and Books:

Media and books to be sold at the Parish Mission will be provided by The Reason For Our Hope Foundation. It is requested that no other vendors offer for sale media and books by Father Larry, i.e. Lighthouse Media, Ignatius Press, and book store retailers. Prior to your Parish Mission, contact the office at 814-455-7364 to provide the name address, email and phone number of the person in charge of media and book sales. Media and books will be mailed in advance of the event to the person in charge. Arrangements should be made to have at least two persons available at the table during the Parish Mission to handle sales.

Meals & Accommodations:

Fr. Larry would prefer not to stay in an individual’s home for a Parish Mission. He should be housed at either a hotel or a parish rectory. Please note, though, if he is staying at a particular parish, make sure that the pastor is open and welcoming of this! He has been at places where the pastor is not very welcoming, and it makes for a tense atmosphere. While at a particular place, ALL meals are to be provided. *Fr. Larry is a Diabetic, and needs to watch his diet, so please have bottled water & diet soda and his meals need to be low-carbohydrate. (One note – he hates fish! 😊)*

Cost:

Fr. Larry does not have a set fee for a Parish Mission. After all expenses are paid, he asks that a free-will collection be taken at the end of a Parish Mission.

More Information:

If you would like to receive further information about having Fr. Larry speak at your parish, please contact Mary Therese Craig at 814-455-7364. ***Please note that only requests submitted to her will be considered by Fr. Larry.***