



# SERRA CLUB of PORTLAND BULLETIN

Serra Club 3 / District 1S / Pacific Northwest Region  
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## SERRAN CALENDAR

- Wed, Mar 4      11 AM Board Meeting  
                    Noon Serra Meeting  
Speaker:      Fr. Timothy Kalange, OSB  
Topic: What do monks do at the Abbey?
  
- Wed, Mar 18    9:30 - 3:30 pm - Lenten Retreat:  
Sr. Angelicah, Fr. Rito Guzman & Fr. Cary Reniva
  
- Wed, Apr 1      11 AM Board Meeting  
                    Noon Serra Meeting  
Deacon Jerry Giger  
Topic:          Spiritual journey as a deacon
  
- Wed, Apr 15    Noon Mass  
                    Serra Meeting  
Speaker:      Fr. Peter Julia, Vocation Director  
Topic:          Seminarian Update
  
- Wed, May 6     11 AM Board Meeting  
                    Noon Serra Meeting  
Speaker:      John Limb  
Topic:          The History & Demise of the  
Catholic Sentinel
  
- Wed, May 20    Noon Mass  
                    Serra Meeting  
Speaker:      Seminarian, Dc. Shawn Daniel
  
- Sunday, May 31 PRIEST APPRECIATION  
DINNER, Portland Golf Club**
  
- Wed, June 3     11 AM Board Meeting  
                    Noon Serra Meeting  
Speaker:      Brendan O'Scannlain, Attorney  
Topic:          Growing up in a Catholic  
household/son of Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain
  
- Wed, June 17    Noon Mass  
                    Serra Meeting- Charter Day  
Speaker:      Ed O'Hanlon, Treasurer  
Topic:          Financial update, history

## President's Message

### Vocations

This Lent, I invite all of you dear Serrans to live these forty days as a shared retreat for **vocations**. Lent is a time of conversion, and also a privileged moment to ask: “Lord, how are You calling me to serve Your Church today—and whom are You calling next?” As Serrans, we are dedicated to fostering and supporting priestly and religious vocations and work closely with our priests, who daily live the gift we promote. This season can sharpen our listening to God’s call and deepen our concrete support for those the Lord is still calling.

To help others discover their vocation, we must first let Lent renew our own. That means rediscovering our call as lay apostles for vocations and remembering that our prayers, sacrifices, and encouragement are part of our identity in the Church. This Lent, each of us can resolve to pray daily for vocations, offer small penances for seminarians, priests, and religious, and be especially attentive to young people who may be called.

Lent is also a graced time to recall how the Lord first invited us into deeper service. When we remember the joy and gratitude of our own call, our hearts become more generous and hopeful. In prayer, we can reflect on the people and moments God used to draw us closer to Him and ask how He may want to use us now in the lives of others.

Lent is not only about looking inward but also about reaching outward in faith.

# ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

# MARCH

- 3/6 Rev. John McGuire
- 3/8 Rev. John Boyle
- 3/12 Rev. Lucas Laborde
- 3/19 Rt. Rev. Jonathan Decker, MMJMJ
- 3/24 Rev. Cletus Osuji



# BIRTHDAYS



- 3/2 Rev. Msgr. Timothy Murphy
- 3/3 Rev. Dismas Sayre, OP
- 3/5 Rev. Mark Bachmeier
- 3/12 Rev. Rodell de Mesa
- 3/13 Rev. Andrew Thomas
- 3/16 Rev. Peter Đoàn, SDD
- 3/17 Rev. Juan José Gonzalez, MSPS
- 3/20 Rev. Kieren Healy, OP
- Rev. Msgr. Gregory Moys
- 3/21 Rt. Rev. Jonathan Decker, MMJMJ
- Rev. Dale Waddill
- 3/28 Rev. Maxy D'Costa
- 3/29 Rev. Arturo Romero
- Rev. Joseph Vo, SDD

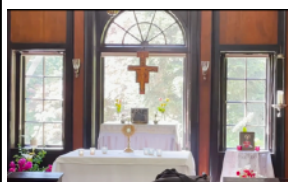
# SISTERS

- 3/1 Sr. Marianne Giesel, SSMO
- 3/13 Sr. Patricia Lulay, SSMO
- 3/14 Sr. Miriam Hendrikson, OSB
- 3/16 Sr. Juliana Monti, SSMO
- 3/20 Sr. Mother Elizabeth Mary St. Onge, OCD
- 3/25 Sr. Susan Casey, OSB
- 3/30 Sr. Theresa Hathaway, SSMO

# FEAST DAYS

- 3/19 Sr. Joseph Fennimore, OSB
- 3/25 Sr. Marietta Schindler, OSB

**The Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon** celebrate their 140th anniversary as a congregation this month! The Sisters and their sponsored ministries rejoice in the gift that their Foundresses witnessed in saying, "YES!" when God called them forward in 1886! They are inspired and motivated to continue living their charism and the SSMO core values:  
Live Valiantly, Strive for Excellence, Honor the Unique Gifts of Each Person and Celebrate God and Life!



In the light of the **plenary indulgence** granted to all faithful who make a **pilgrimage to any place of worship dedicated to St. Francis** in any part of the world, the **Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist**

will be opening their chapel for **Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on the second Sunday of every month.** The address is 48100 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Bridal Veil, OR 97010, 503-695-2375. The dates are: March 8, 2026, April 12, 2026, May 10, 2026, June 14, 2026, July 12, 2026, August 9, 2026, September 13, 2026, October 11, 2026, November 8, 2026 and December 13, 2026.

As Serrans, we are uniquely placed to make vocations more visible and more loved in our parishes and communities. Every prayer, small sacrifice, and word of encouragement can help open a door for someone God may be calling.

So let us each ask simply: “What can I do this Lent to help promote vocations?” It might be speaking about vocations where we would normally be silent, inviting a young person to consider God’s plan for their life, or quietly offering a sacrifice for someone discerning. No effort is too small when offered in faith and love. If we live this Lent with hearts turned toward vocations—praying, sacrificing, and gently encouraging—we can trust that God will use our efforts in ways we may never see. May this season be a true retreat for us Serrans and a time when the seeds of many future vocations are planted.

Saint Junipero, Serra Pray For Us  
*Melliza Palazo,*  
President, Serra Club of Portland

Support Vocations! Send a card ~ Say a Prayer

Let them know

Link to:  
[Oregon Catholic Directory](#)

**WE CARE!**

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# Reflections from February 4 Serra Meeting : *The Serra Rally*

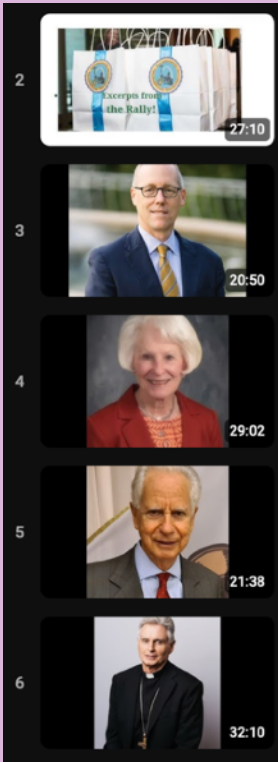
January 22-25 in St Louis, MO

Melliza Palazzo, President



If you weren't able to attend the Serra Rally in January, click on this link: [The Serra Leadership Rally 2026](#), to listen to the podcasts, sitting in your favorite armchair at home!

At our February 4 meeting, we focused on just one of these speakers. The message that President Costa brought to the Rally and insisted on, was **Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Letter, "A Fidelity that Generates the Future"**, a must reading for all Serrans, addressing the profound nature of the priestly vocation, how it arises, is nurtured and maintained, and especially, the role of the lay faithful in its formation. Here's the list of all of the speakers at the Serra Rally, along with links to their talks!



2 - **Excerpts from the Rally Presentations**  
Under 30 minutes!

3 - **Dr. Timothy Gray**  
Welcome to Serra Rally, 2006  
Augustine Institute President

4 - **Dr. Anne Roat** - Welcomes Serrans to the Serra Leadership Rally  
US Council President

5 - **Emanuele Costa**  
Serra International President

6 - **Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Daly**  
Servant Leadership  
Episcopal Adviser to US Serra

7 - **Fr. Jorge Torres**

The State of Vocations in the US  
Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and  
Vocations for the USCCB

8 - **Sr. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM**  
Her Experiences as a Vocation Director

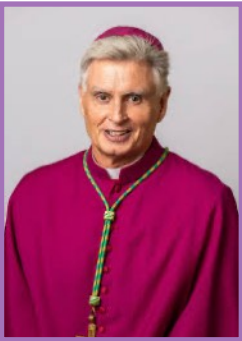
9 - **Fr. Paul Hoelsing**  
Supporting Vocations in the New Apostolic Age  
President/Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

10 - **Most Rev. Paul M. Rozanski**  
Homily: message to Serrans

11 - **Fr. Paul Ritter**  
Building up our parishes and families  
Vocation Director



## Reflections from February 18 Serra Meeting: **Servant Leadership, 2026 Rally** Bishop Thomas Daly, Bishop of Spokane



*Bishop Thomas Anthony Daly is a native of San Francisco, attended the University of San Francisco, entered St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, and was ordained in San Francisco on May 9, 1987. In 2001, he was appointed Vocation Director of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and in 2003, he became President of Marin Catholic High School. He served faithfully in both roles until his ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose in May 2011.*

*Pope Francis appointed Bishop Thomas A. Daly to lead the Diocese of Spokane on March 12, 2015. Throughout his years as a bishop, he has served on various committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), including Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, and Home Missions. He completed a three-year term as Chair of the Committee on Catholic Education in November 2024 and continues to serve as a member of that committee. Bishop Daly also serves as the Bishop Advisor to Serra International in the United States.*

Bishop Thomas Daly, the Episcopal Adviser for Serra USA, addressed the 2026 Serra Leadership Rally on the topic of [Servant Leadership](#). His presentation emphasized that true leadership in the context of fostering vocations requires humility, gratitude, and a deeply rooted, active prayer life to serve the Church effectively. Key themes from his 2026 engagement and recent reflections include:

- **Servant Leadership and Gratitude:** Bishop Daly highlighted that leaders must develop a spirit of gratitude by recognizing the contributions of others, a trait rooted in humility.
- **Active Faith:** He emphasized that a Serran's commitment to the faith must be active, involving a personal, deep relationship with Jesus through prayer.
- **Vocation Focus:** As the episcopal advisor for Serra USA, he continues to support the mission of praying for, encouraging, and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- **Spiritual Maturity:** He described a spiritual person as one who has the capacity for transcendence, recognizing God's presence, and understanding his/her vocation as a divine mission rather than just a task.

His recent talks often reflect on his own vocational journey, including his time in San Francisco and his current service in the Diocese of Spokane.

# SAVE THE DATES



***PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER, SUNDAY, May 31, 2026***



***Kevin Van Hoomissen Honorary Sisters' APPRECIATION Luncheon - SUNDAY, October 11, 2026***

**Catholic Sisters Week March 8-14**

We give our thanks to all the religious Sisters for their prayers, tireless work and sacrifices in all that they do.

May God bless them with good health, joy, and an abundance of new vocations to the religious life in their Communities.