

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



*Support our Priests
Send a card—Say a Prayer
Let them know that we care*

Ordination

Anniversaries

MARCH

- 3/6 Rev. John McGuire
- 3/24 Rev. Cletus Osuji
- 3/25 Rev. John Domin
Rev. Edmond Bliven
- 3/30 Rev. Francis Chun

Happy Birthday



MARCH

- 3/01 Rev. Roy Antunez, SJ
- 3/02 Rev. Msgr. Timothy Murphy
- 3/05 Rev. Mark Bachmeier
- 3/10 Rev. Mark DeMott, CSC
- 3/12 Rev. Rodell de Mesa
- 3/13 Rev. Andrew Thomas
- 3/14 Rev. David Clark
- 3/17 Rev. Juan Jose Gonzalez
- 3/20 Rev. Msgr. Gregory Moys
- 3/21 Rev. Dale Waddill
- 3/24 Rev. Joseph S. McMahon
- 3/26 Rev. Patrick Walsh
- 3/31 Rev. Ronald Wasowski, CSC

Today, more than ever, we need to pray for the light to know the will of God, for the love to accept the will of God, for the way to do the will of God.

- Mother Teresa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Being a Serran is a blessing that keeps giving. I give thanks to God for the many opportunities that Serra provides us. I find it humbling to be among such a faithful community who are all so dedicated to promoting religious vocations. I just had the privilege to attend the Serra Rally in Houston, Texas. I can say that both the US Council and Serra International have joined hands, healed old wounds, and are moving forward. One area that impressed me was how Serra was so integrated with the US Catholic Conference of Bishops and their vocation arm, the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors. (NCDVD)

Recently the NCDVD published a pamphlet, "Have I Been With You?" It is a personal prayer for young disciples. It was written to encourage the kind of prayer that is not just another task or mysterious technique, but rather a response to the presence and love of Jesus. This pamphlet is a wonderful tool for any young teen or person discerning their call to holiness. You can order the pamphlet from NCDVD via e-mail (office@ncdvd.org/www.ncdvd.org) for only \$2. Now, you may ask: "Why am I, a Serran, promoting this pamphlet?" I suppose it is because we all could use a little help to improve our prayer life. But another reason is that you Serrans made this pamphlet possible by your donations to Serra and Serra International.

Now I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous donations to our Serra Club and the greater Serran mission. Our club has a good financial standing and our board insures that our funds are well managed. Sometimes we do ask for additional donations. For example, we recently helped assist Father Jeff acquire some vocation books for diocesan priests.

As mentioned by several priests and Bishop Cozzens (United States Council Episcopal Advisor) at the Serra Rally perhaps Serrans are the best promoters of vocations that the Church could ever ask for. Serrans make a lot of sacrifices which help to deepen their spirituality and holiness. Serrans become known in their parish community as promoters of religious vocations. By attending Mass and adoration, by having a prayerful devotion and personal relationship with Christ, you are being the role models for all and are certainly helping to build a culture of vocations in our Catholic Church.

Blessed Junipero Serra, Pray For Us!

PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Cocktails at 6 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

DOUBLETREE AT LLOYD CENTER

RSVP BY FEB 2



All priests are invited as our guests for this annual event. Serrans are respectfully asked to send in your RSVP with payment. by February 2 We need payment in advance to ease check-in. Serrans who are unable to attend, we encourage you to sponsor a priest by making a donation! Contact person: Lynn Jones at lcayanusjones@frontier.com

SERRA RALLY - HOUSTON TEXAS

United States Council of Serra International held a "Serra Rally" January 15 thru 18th in Houston Texas. The RALLY replaced the January Super Weekend usually held in Chicago and was held in conjunction with the Serra International Board meeting. This allowed SI and USAC to join together and share in Mass, meals, social hours and shared programs. It was attended by approximately 150 people and was full of enthusiasm and positive energy and celebration with the timely news of Father Junipero Serra's forthcoming canonization! It was a wonderful event attended by 8 Region 12 members. We hope to see this event grow each year!!



REGION 12 ATTENDEES
 Couples L to R: District Gov Aileen Garrehy Fields & her husband Jim;
 Portland Club Pres & Secretary, Paul & Monique Harris;
 Lynn & Dan Jones
 Back row: District Gov. Andy Tassani & Reg Director, Martin Weber

At the SI Board meeting our own Dan Jones was elected Vice President and will serve on the Serra International Executive Committee & Board.

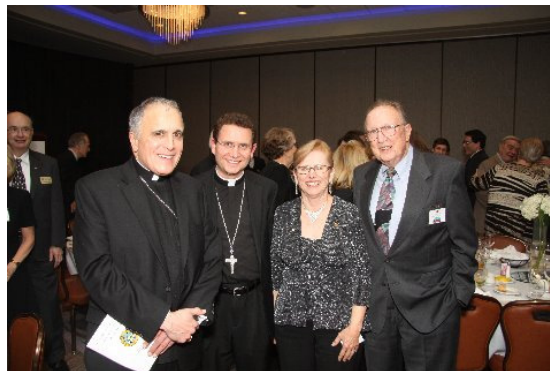
Photo right:
 Dan is being congratulated by SI Board President-Elect Tim O'Neill



Photo Above: Mass on Saturday night celebrant was His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston



SERRA INTERNATIONAL PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE LEADERS
 Photo (L to R): President-Elect Tim O'Neill (Omaha); Past President Sean Yeo (Singapore); Current SI President Daniel Grady (Grand Rapids); and SI Executive Director, John Liston



(Photo left to right)
 Archbishop DiNardo;
 Bishop Andrew Cozzens of Minneapolis & Episcopal Advisor to the United States Council & proud Serran parents Judy and Jack Cozzens



One of the many highlights of the program was the Ministry Panel with NET Ministries, Saint Paul's Outreach, FOCUS, Newman Connection, Labour Society and Vianney Vocations - "Collaborative Organizations: How they impact our faith and vocations!"
 Panel moderators: Bob Labat, Fr. Shawn McNight and Rose Sullivan



After Saturday night banquet Archbishop DiNardo & Bishop Cozzens take time for a photo with seminarians!!



Artwork by George Pollard

SAINT Junípero Serra!

: Serrans,

prayers have been answered! On his visit to the United States for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September, **Pope Francis is expected to canonize our patron, Blessed Junípero Serra.**

Calling Serra "the great evangelizer," **Pope Francis will announce "express" canonization of the 18th-century Franciscan friar**, which is to say that the normal protocol of verification of three miracles attributed to Padre Serra's intercession will not be required (so far, Serra has two verified miracles to his name).

This expedited process, called "equipollent" canonization, is used when "in practice, this person is venerated as a saint," said Pope Francis.

The path to our patron's sainthood has been followed closely by Serrans and his cause is dear to our hearts. **Please share this thrilling news with others and let its positivity infuse your devotion and visible enthusiasm for our Serran mission for vocations.**

[Read more about Serra's canonization at Catholic World Report](#)

**ANNUAL PORTLAND SERRA CLUB
SEMINARIAN DINNER
HONORING PORTLAND ARCHDIOCESE SEMINARIANS
Saturday, March 7th
St. Patrick's Parish
5:30 p.m.**

FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME.

Email invites will be sent to Seminarians with request to RSVP to Mary Keith
mary-keith@q.com or 503-287-4073

VOCATIONS RALLY !

A Vocations Rally provides an opportunity for sixth grade students to spend a day to learn more about and have interaction with priests, brothers and sisters. All religious communities are invited and many are expected to participate.

The 8th Annual Vocations Rallies are scheduled to be held at **St. Anthony's in Tigard on Wednesday, March 18.** and **Queen of Peace in Salem on Thursday, March 19;** from **9:00 am - 2:00 pm.** The regularly scheduled Portland Serra Club Meeting will be held at St. Anthony's as part of the Vocations Rally.

MEETING RECAPS

Dec 17, 2014 - Sarah Kresse is in her eighth year as youth minister at St. Joseph's parish in Salem. She was raised in Sunnyside, Washington and is a product of a Catholic grade and high school education.

Sarah discerned early in her life that she wanted to work with young people as they developed their relationship with their Catholic faith. She attended the University of Washington and was very involved in the activities of the Newman Center at the University. After graduation she was offered the position of youth minister at St. Joseph parish in Salem. At the parish and Salem vicariate levels she provides retreats and various activities at the youth gatherings. At these activities she reviews the work of the saints with them and she calls their attention to the virtue that they should be bringing into their lives.

Each year she takes the girls in her group on a "nun run". This activity means they visit several religious communities in the San Francisco area. From these groups of youngsters five have taken religious vows. One of these young ladies felt she had a "calling" but she could not find a community that reached her heart. However, when the "nun run" group visited a religious community in Carmel, the young lady suddenly cried out: "This is it!"

Last year Sarah did a test run in Oregon. The group participated in a one day discernment trip. They visited the Briggittine Monks as they worked in their chocolate factory. This year the group is planning to visit Father Jeff Eirvin's discernment house. Each spring the group is also involved in the vocation rallies sponsored by the Salem Serra club. They also participated in the Archdiocesan Youth Conferences.

January 7, 2015 - Carol McMenamin is a firm believer in Retrouvaille which is a program for families and marriages that need healing. This program is similar to Marriage Encounter, but reaches out to marriages that need help and rejuvenation. Carol related the crisis that appeared in her own marriage. It came at a time when both she and her husband were living essentially a singles' lifestyle and trying to determine where the marriage was heading. They were struggling to get their lives in order. She related: "We were having a crisis of judgment and blaming each other for our troubles. I felt alone and wretched". Father Joseph Kerns, their pastor, recommended that they attend Retrouvaille.

Carol learned that it takes two to build or destroy a marriage. She and her husband learned that they had to treat each other with real feelings. They were advised to use their energy in a positive manner to reform their marriage. Carol and husband, Kevin, began dating again. Together they prayed the Lord's Prayer and began to forgive one another.

Retrouvaille was started by Marriage Encounter couples in Canada in 1982. Like Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille uses trained couples and a priest through four sessions. The couples learn to listen, to forgive, to communicate, and to build a loving relationship. As in Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille follows a very similar format. Through four afternoons the couples explore their marriage and their love for each other and their family.

Carol indicated that in their own marriage there were hiccups on the road to a solution. For instance, they moved in with Carol's ninety year old mother. Both Carol and her husband had been in an automobile accident forcing them to leave their jobs and recover from their disabilities. That created instability in their lives and a state of tension, which led to the exercise of judgment and blame. When a marriage is in disrepair the children suffer greatly.

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To ignore people of other faiths and ideologies in an increasingly plural society is to be willfully blind. We are severely impoverished if we do not encounter people of other faiths with reverence and respect for their belief and integrity!

**PRAY
 FOR
 VOCATIONS**



**MARK YOUR
 CALENDARS**



SERRA MEETINGS

February 4, 2015

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Dr. Karen Eifler "St. John's Bible"

February 18, 2015

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Jim & Ed O'Hanlon, History of Blanchet House

March 4, 2015

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Tim Hennessy, President of De La Salle North High School

March 18, 2015

No formal meeting

Vocations Rally in lieu of meeting

March 18, 2015

VOCATIONS RALLY at St. Anthony in Tigard

Lunch will be served by our caterer

March 19 2015

VOCATIONS RALLY at Queen of Peace in Salem

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday January 31, 2015

MASS at Cathedral 5:30 pm

World Day of Prayer for

Consecrated Life

NOTE NEW DATE FOR MASS

Feb 2, 2015

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Clergy Appreciation Dinner Double Tree at Lloyd Center

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Portland Archdiocese Seminarian Dinner at St. Patricks

March 8-14, 2015

National Catholic Sisters Week