



SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY

- 02/03 Rev. Peter O'Brien
Rev. Edmond Smith, OSB
- 02/06 Rev. Piotr Dzikowski, S.CH
- 02/08 Most Rev. Peter Smith
- 02/12 Rev. Sean Weeks
- 02/13 Rev. James Rigert, CSC
- 02/14 Rev. Michael Biewend
- 02/15 Rev. John Boyle
- 02/16 Rev. Eugene Smith, OSM
- 02/19 Rev. David Janes
- 02/20 Rev. Joseph Hau Duc Nguyen
Rev. Philip Waibel, OSB
- 02/21 Msgr. Donald Buxman
Rev. Shane McKee, SOLT
- 02/22 **Most Rev John G. Vlazny**
(Emeritus)
- 02/27 Rev. Peter Do, OP

Ordination

Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

- 02/02 Rev. Kenneth Olsen
- 02/11 Rev. Patrick Hannon, CSC
- 02/17 Rev. Richard Berg, CSC



To pray with power we need to rid ourselves of pride. Our intelligence, our abilities, our talents, our gifts, our looks, everything we are or have comes from God. We did nothing to earn it. The emptier we are the more we can surrender to God. Then, his love and power can flow through us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The holidays are over and by now we are all trying to get back into our normal routines. For some this means back to work. For others (like me) it means putting away the cookies and pie! The Serra club also has to get back into its "normal" routine; being as it has been over a month since we last met. So, that begs a question; what is our "normal" routine? Part of our routine is our twice monthly meetings, but that's not the only thing. In fact, I think it is the least important "routine" that we have as a club. What should our routine be? First and foremost, it should be prayer for our discerners, seminarians, priests and religious. That's the primary purpose we have as Serrans. Pray the rosary and try to get to adoration at least once a week. As I stated in previous newsletters, prayer is a powerful weapon!

Secondly, our routine should be making an effort to keep the Serra Club as visible as we can in our family and parish community. It's important to let others know how the priest and religious shortage is affecting our church and how Serrans are trying to mitigate that crisis by prayer and support.

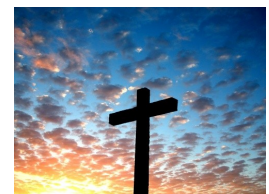
Serra International is asking us all to increase membership in our clubs. Why is this important? On the surface adding more members adds money to the coffers, but that is not what it's all about. It's about adding members to join us in prayer and support for our discerners, seminarians, priests and religious. The more we promote the value of the Serra organization the more we all benefit. Without priests, we will not have the Eucharist and without that, our whole world suffers. We need priests to keep our parishes open and thriving. We need the religious to continue their efforts in supporting the church's outreach.

Thank you all for being members and supporting the Serran vocation efforts. Your participation is what makes this a great and thriving club!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting which will be Wednesday, January 15th (*weather dependent*) at 11:30 at St. Pius X's church hall. Father Jeff, our chaplain has returned from his 30-day retreat and will be present to celebrate mass for us at noon. Please bring your enthusiasm and a friend or two!

Mary, Mother of Vocations, Pray for us.

E. Jeff Eirvin, President



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2020

Invitations will be mailed in February!

Cocktails /Appetizers at 6 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

DOUBLETREE AT LLOYD CENTER

All priests are invited as our guests

SAVE THE DATE

REGIONAL CONVENTION / RETREAT

MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY RETREAT HOUSE

FRIDAY, OCT 16 THRU SUNDAY OCT 18

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

Jan 15, 2020

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Deacon Dominc Sternhagen, Seminarian from Salt Lake City

Feb 5, 2020

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Fr. William Dillard, Director of Spiritual Formation Mount Angel Abbey/Seminary

Feb 19, 2020

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBD

March 4, 2020

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Rebecca Harris, Young Catholic Professions

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 16-19, 2020

USAC Serra Rally, Ventura, CA

February 2, 2020

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

March 11, 2020

Vocations Rally - St. Joseph/Salem

March 12, 2020

Vocations Rally - St. Anthony/Tigard

Tuesday March 24, 2020

**Annual Priest Appreciation Dinner
The Double Tree/Lloyd Center**



*Mother Teresa
of Calcutta*

The fruit of **SILENCE** is Prayer
The fruit of **PRAYER** is Faith
The fruit of **FAITH** is Love
The fruit of **LOVE** is Service
The fruit of **SERVICE** is Peace

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FAITH

**FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE
OF THINGS HOPED FOR
AND THE CONVICTION OF
THINGS UNSEEN**



Hebrews 11:1