

# SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



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

## Birthdays



### JULY

- 7/01 Rev. Cletus Osuji  
Rev. James Stange
- 7/04 Rev. Timothy Mockaitis
- 7/06 Rev. Msgr. Charles Lienert
- 7/07 Rev. Joseph Sebasty  
Rev. Thomas Yurchak
- 7/09 Rev. James Kolb, CSP
- 7/12 Rev. Vincent Cunniff
- 7/14 Rev. John Amsberry
- 7/19 Rev. Terry O'Connell
- 7/23 Rev. Joseph Beno  
Rev. Jack Topper, OSM  
Rev. Arthur Wheeler, CSC
- 7/25 Rev. James Clifford, OSA
- 7/26 Rev. David Brown
- 7/28 Rev. Msgr. Dennis O'Donovan  
Rev. Luan Tran
- 7/31 Rev. Elwin Schwab

## Ordination Anniversaries



### JULY

- 7/01 Rev. William Holtzinger  
Rev. Charles Wood
- 7/02 Rev. Italo DePra
- 7/03 Rev. Nicholas Nilema, ALCP
- 7/12 Rev. John Amsberry  
Rev. Petrus Binh Hoang  
Rev. Michael Johnston  
Rev. Martin King, CH, MAJ-SEL  
Rev. Kelly Vandehey  
Rev. Gary Zerr
- 7/13 Rev. Ignacio Llorente, SSJ
- 7/15 Rev. Mark Bachmeier  
Rev. Stephen Clovis
- 7/22 Rev. Panneer Selvam

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Don't let your worries get the best of you.  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case!

# President's Message



Building a culture of vocations within our church is akin to being a good gardener. So, here I sit with spring almost over and summer fast approaching and I ask myself: "What have I done this year to help cultivate and enrich the soil, plant the seeds, fertilize, water, and tend the tender sprouts for an abundant harvest in religious vocations?" At first I get overwhelmed as it seems to be a huge task for one person to tackle, but then my confidence builds, knowing that we have many hands helping. First and foremost we have Christ, the Master Gardener, giving us all hope; we have our many Catholic brethren, each doing their own part in making the harvest rich. Serrans also have many programs to help tend our garden and promote the call to religious vocations. All these programs are wonderful. The one thing I strongly believe is our greatest asset is in the person of each and every Serran in being exactly who they are. We are all called to be witnesses of faith, promoting the call to religious vocations.

Establishing relationships with people, cultivating those relationships and evangelizing vocations is important. In reading a recent USAC Serran newsletter I was again reminded that almost 50% of those persons called to religious life were encouraged or asked to consider it by priests, other religious, or friends. I believe with the fewer priests and sisters that we now have, we Serrans need to get out of our comfort zone and perhaps do more. Serra has a great program - "Called by Name". It just fits our need. The call to be a religious is not for everyone, but it surely does not do any harm to just ask someone you know: "Have you ever considered being called to a religious vocation?" Don't forget to look within your own family.

In that USAC newsletter the impact of family was noteworthy. Oddly, only about 25% of the religious were encouraged by their mothers in a positive manner and 15% by their fathers. Discouragement percentages for both were the same. Significantly, 36% of other family members discouraged religious vocations. So, I believe we need to focus on families as well. Encourage families to take time for Christ, read the gospels together as a family, have a time of family prayer, petition for an increase of religious vocations at each meal blessing and live a Christ-centered life emulating the Holy family. Remember that through prayer, we learn to know Christ better, love Him more, and to do His will.

Mary, Mother of Vocations Pray for Us  
Paul Harris,  
President



### **PLAN TO ATTEND - MARK YOUR CALENDAR ANNUAL PORTLAND SERRA CLUB MASS AT THE GROTTO TO HONOR DEACONS AND WIVES**

This year's Annual Mass at the Grotto will HONOR all the permanent deacons and their wives! This special event is scheduled for **Sunday, July 26 at noon, with lunch following at 1:15 p.m.** Formal invitations have been mailed to all deacons & spouses inviting them as our special guests for Mass and brunch! Deacons' RSVP's will be mailed to Monique and Paul Harris.

Cost for Serrans and guests is \$25 per person and guests are welcome! Salem-Keizer and Columbia River Clubs are invited and encouraged to attend!! RSVP to Ed Watkins at 503-223-9355 OR Paul Harris at 503-657-4614.

This is a great opportunity to honor our deacons and families. We hope to see you there!

## MEETING RECAPS

**May 6, 2015** - As a Trustee of Serra International, Dan Jones, gave an update on Serra International and USA Council. Dan distributed a handout entitled "Leadership with Humility". Pope Francis demonstrates that a humble person can produce great results in the life of an organization.

Serra International and USA Council are working together in the new Chicago offices. John Liston has proven to be a strong executive leader. He has initiated using teleconferencing instead of requiring people to fly to Chicago and meet at the SI office.

Serra International has recently chartered 5 new clubs around the World. It has set the Annual Serra Conferences in Melbourne, Australia this summer; St. Louis, Missouri in 2016; and Rome, Italy in 2017.

Serra is working on a new membership data system which should enhance communications between clubs, councils and SI. They are also updating and enhancing websites! Please watch for enhancements to their website as well as taking advantage of the rich resources of many programs.

**May 20, 2015** - Father Jeff thanked the Serrans in attendance for all their prayers and the support they provide in the task of seeking more vocations to the religious life, and specifically for their support of Mount Angel Seminary.

He indicated the Portland Archdiocese has 29 men studying for the priesthood at the seminary. This is a smaller number than in past years. There were 3 new transitional deacons in May and 8 men who will be ordained to the priesthood in June. Two of these priests will attend the North American Seminary in Rome for at least one more year of study after their ordination.

This summer the seminarians will be on the road: taking part in Spanish immersion training in Mexico; seminarian training in Rome; attending the Institute for Priestly Formation by taking Theology I or II in Omaha; and in the Clinical Pastoral Education at nearby hospitals or clinics.

The Office of Vocations is progressing and is instituting learning units this summer by attendance at a workshop every Wednesday through the Oregon Catholic Press. This includes a radio tour of KBVM. There will be a "Come and See Weekend" at Mount Angel, inviting students to participate in the seminary experience. Interested students will start the discernment process by being invited to the "discernment house" for a weekend. The promotion of the discernment process is on KBVM radio through the program "Answering the Call", a weekly program with Dina Marie and Father Jeff on Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.

Father Jeff expressed his thanks to all Serrans, for donations, prayers and service in support of vocations. He needs us to continue to provide the

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### ARCHBISHOP TO ORDAIN 8 PRIESTS

Eight men will be ordained priests at **4:00 p.m. Friday, June 5** at St. Mary Cathedral by Archbishop Alexander Sample. Those being ordained are Revs. Mr. Scott Baier, Manuel Becerra, Fredy Bonilla, Greg Bronsema, Timothy Furlow, George Kuforiji, Edgar Eloy Rivera, Edwin Sanchez. Serrans are encouraged to attend! Our blessings and congratulations to all eight of these fine young men.

All Serrans are encouraged to attend the



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### June 3, 2015

**Board Meeting 10:30**  
**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

*Installation of New Officers*  
*PROGRAM: Andy Noethe, L'Arche*

### June 17, 2015

**Mass Noon**  
**Lunch/Meeting**

*PROGRAM: Kate Le Blanc, Contemplative Outreach*

### July 1, 2015

**Board Meeting 10:30**  
**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

*NEW MEMBER INDUCTION*  
*Special Celebration Lunch 77th Anniversary of Portland Serra Club Charter*  
*Official Date: June 19, 1937*

### July 15, 2015

**Mass Noon**  
**Lunch/Meeting**

*PROGRAM: Fr. John Kerns, Our Lady of the Lake, "Rebuilt"*

### Aug 5, 2015

**Board Meeting 10:30**  
**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

*PROGRAM: Heidi Franklin, Board Chair, Spiritual Exercises in Every Day Life*

### Aug 19, 2015 Noon

**Lunch/Meeting**

*PROGRAM: Cheri Crocker, Pregnancy Support Centers & Fr. Taaffe Homes for single mothers*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### June 5, 2015

**Priest Ordination - St. Mary Cathedral 4:00 p.m.**

### June 19, 2015

**Official Portland Serra Club Charter Day -78 years (1937)**

### June 22-25, 2015

**15th Annual Portland Quo Vadis Days**  
**CYO Camp Howard**

### July 1, 2015

**Feast of Blessed Junipero Serra**

### July 27, 2015

**Annual Mass at Grotto noon**  
**DEACON EVENT Lunch 1:15 p.m.**

### July 30 - Aug 2, 2015

**Serra International Convention**  
**Melbourne, Australia**