

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



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

JUNE Birthdays



- 6/01 Rev. Panneer Selvam
- 6/06 Rev. Msgr. Patrick Brennan
Rev. Michael Vuky
Rev. Robert Wolf
- 6/07 Rev. Randall Rentner
- 6/09 Rev. Patrick Donoghue
Rev. Michael Maslowsky
Rev. John Murphy, SJ
- 6/11 Rev. Jose' Campos
- 6/14 Rev. James Mayo
- 6/15 Rev. Peter Byrne, SJ
Rev. Charles Wood
- 6/18 Rev. William Wickham
- 6/19 Rev. Louis Urbanski
- 6/20 Rev. Herbert Wheatley
- 6/22 Rev. Gerard Olinger
- 6/23 Rev. James Coleman
- 6/25 Rev. J. Brendan Fleming
- 6/26 Rev. David Schiferl

JUNE

Ordination

Anniversaries

- 6/1 Rev. Nicolaus Marandu, ALCP
Most Rev. Alexander Sample
- 6/2 Rev. Bruce Cwiekowski
Rev. Charles Zach
Rev. Ronald Wasowski
- 6/4 Rev. Mark Gikenyi
Rev. O. Bryce McProud
Rev. Msgr. Richard Paperini
Rev. William Ryan, OSA
- 6/5 Rev. Ysrael Bien
Rev. Henry Guillen-Vega
Rev. Raul Marquez
Rev. Robert Wolf
Rev. Thomas Yurchak
- 6/7 Rev. Luan Nguyen
Rev. Kenneth Sampson
- 6/8 Rev. Mark Bentz
Rev. George Bernard
Rev. Paolo Dayto
Rev. Aniceto Guiriba III
Rev. James Herrera
Rev. Peter Nhat Hoang
Rev. Charles Holden
Rev. John Marshall
Rev. Chrispine Otieno
- 6/9 Rev. Justus Alaeto
Rev. David Brown
Rev. David Clark
Rev. Rodel de Mesa
Rev. Jeffrey Eirvin
Rev. James Graham
Rev. Matthew Libra
Rev. Jeffrey Meeuwssen

President's Message



The Portland Serra Club is working with the Newman Connection organization to keep college-bound high school seniors connected to their Catholic religion. Our Serra Club will be contacting Portland area Catholic high schools to begin the program. The basic concept of the program is to keep Catholic students closely associated with their religion so they will continue growing in their faith during their college experience. The Newman organization will be communicating with those Catholic high schools outside of the Portland area with the same information that Serra Club members are distributing locally.

In addition to contacting the parochial high schools, Paul Harris, incoming president of our club, has arranged with Father John Henderson, presently our Serra Club Chaplain, to distribute to all parishes in the archdiocese a notice for placement in their parish bulletin. The notice will read: "COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: Do you want to stay connected to your Catholic faith while away from home? You can get connected with your college Catholic Newman Center today through their new national website.

Please go to www.newmanconnection.com. Click on the "connect button" and you will be on your way. Once you enter your data, not only will you be able to find information about your Newman Center, but your Newman Center will also be able to contact you upon your arrival at your school"



Dean Petittt, Club President

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL PORTLAND SERRA CLUB MASS AT THE GROTTA

The Annual Mass at the Grotto is scheduled for **Sunday, July 27 at noon, with lunch following at 1:15 p.m.** Cost is \$20 per person and guests are welcome! Salem-Keizer and Columbia River Clubs are invited and encouraged to attend!!

JUNE - Ordination Anniversaries

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| 6/9 | Rev. William Moisant
Rev. Joseph Nguyen
Rev. Henry Rufo
Rev. Arturo Romero-Bautista
Rev. David Schiferl
Most Rev. Peter Smith
Rev. James Stange
Rev. Richard Thompson | 6/13 | Rev. Mariano Escano
Rev. David Jaspers
Rev. Theodore Lange
Rev. Thomas Layton
Rev. Cary Reniva
Rev. Herbert Wheatley |
| 6/10 | Rev. Steve Geer
Very Rev. Patrick J. Lee, SJ
Rev. David Shaw
Rev. Andrew Thomas
Rev. Michael Vuky | 6/14 | Rev. Peter Byrne, SJ
Rev. William E. Hayes, SJ |
| 6/11 | Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart
Rev. Noel Hickie
Rev. Peter O'Brien
Rev. Michael Walker | 6/16 | Rev. Thomas McCarthy, SJ
Rev. Brian Mullady, OP |
| 6/12 | Rev. Joseph Hoang
Rev. John Ridgway, SJ
Rev. Richard Rossman
Rev. Lawrence Robinson, SJ | 6/17 | Rev. James Dowd |
| 6/13 | Rev. Eric Anderson
Rev. Fred Anthony
Rev. Msgr. Don Buxman
Rev. Msgr. John Cihak | 6/19 | Rev. James Mayo
Rev. Paul Peri
Rev. John Waldron
Rev. Patrick McNamee
Rev. Paul H. Grubb, SJ
Rev. John V. Murphy, SJ |
| | | 6/20 | Rev. John Kerns |
| | | 6/21 | Rev. J. Brendan Fleming |
| | | 6/22 | Rev. James Coleman
Rev. Msgr. Richard Hunegar |
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Rev. Msgr. Richard Hunegar |
| | | 6/29 | Rev. Rev. James Coleman
Rev. Msgr. Richard Hunegar |

PROGRAM RECAPS

April 2, 2014 - SPECIAL EVENT—LUNCHEON AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY. Serrans do a superb job of honoring our parish priests, sisters, seminarians and other religious; but this year's visit to our retired priests at St. John Vianney in Beaverton was very special in many ways. Thanks go to Serran Jim O' Hanlon who arranged the visit. Serrans gathered at St. John Vianney on April 2 to socialize with the priests and share lunch and then listened as our retired priests related their respective vocational calls.

One priest related his experiences during World War II. He was a B-24 air crew member. He survived without a scratch which was probably a miracle. After his overseas tour he made the decision to pursue a religious vocation, turning down an offer to remain in the military and become a pilot.

Another touching moment came near the end of the visit. One of the retired priests came up to a Serran and thanked him for taking the time to come over to him during the visit and talking to him. It brightened his day.

The visit reminded the Serrans how much is owed to our retired priests. Serrans need to constantly remember them in their prayers. These priests have devoted their lives to their parishioners. The Portland Serra Club extends its thanks to Monsignor Arthur Dernbach for hosting this event.

April 16, 2014 - Guest speaker Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart, President-Rector at Mount Angel Seminary. Why am I in the priesthood? I fell madly in love with Jesus Christ. I wanted to be all His and I wanted Him to be all mine. Jesus Christ gave Himself to me even with all my sins and inadequacies, so that others might learn of His love. We can all be united as one in Jesus Christ. To be in love with Jesus Christ we can live with, through, and in Him.

Adam and Eve lived in divine love. It was in and all around them. It was manifested in them, shared between He and them as well as within and between them. But Adam and Eve rejected this love as a divine gift from God. Instead they used love as a commodity. Love was something to be taken, received, used and disposed. And often times we do the same. In the world of today we are experiencing a loss of real love. All the suffering and all the plagues between us is a disengagement from God's love. We are separated and absent from His divine love. We all need His love. We are restless. Like the Israelites, we are wandering in the desert with our hearts in confusion. We are made for God, yet we forget to love Him and we leave our love in the wrong places.

Love must be received by us as a true fit. The priesthood is the love of Jesus Christ. God's divine love is restored to us personally. He demands a response. We must change our hearts to receive and share God's love with others. The sacraments are encounters with the divine love. Priests are empowered to receive that love. They share in Christ's power on the cross. We can live as He lived, and love as He loved. It is all around us, through us, and in us. God's love is the very air that we breathe. We are the sheep in the pasture of the good Shepherd. Better than that, we are being carried upon His shoulders. Everything we receive and experience is a gift. We experience the love that our very heart desires. In it we are not afraid. We walk in the truth and share in the misery that mankind has experienced in its waywardness. Through the work of our life we become united in God now and forever. We must love in God's way. We must love as we are loved by God. Only in this way can we rest our restless hearts.

It is only through the grace of God that we can be who we can be. We are not perfect. We are made of the same flesh as everyone else. We need redemption. We try, we fail and we betray our calling. But it is in our weakness that God manifests His love and tender mercy. It is through God's love that others know they have been touched profoundly by the divine spirit. God knows us personally and intimately. He loves us in spite of ourselves. God is good and He loves us because we can be good.

We need priests who are with us, providing us with God's life-sustaining love forever. Our priests are called into this special life-giving relationship with God. What about our children? How do they discern the vocational calling of God? The biggest obstacle to answering a quiet, yet persistent call to the priesthood appears to be parents who hold them back and discourage them from responding to the vocational commitment. But the family can change. The family can become supportive and encouraging. It requires prayer: prayers of the candidate, prayers of the family, and prayers of the Catholic community that receives his commitment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

May 21, 2014

**NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
SPECIAL LUNCHEON**

Mass at Noon

12:30 Lunch

*PROGRAM: Father John Henderson,
Chaplain*

June 4, 2014

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

June 18, 2014

Mass Noon

New Member Induction

Special Lunch 76th Anniversary

CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION

(Official date is June 19, 1937)

July 2, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBD

July 16, 2014

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBD

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 11, 2014

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Hour for VOCATIONS at the

Cathedral from 3:30—4:30 pm

All are invited!

May 17, 2014

Diaconate Ordinations at the

Cathedral 11:00 am

Friday, June 6, 2014

Priest Ordinations at the

Cathedral 4:00 pm

June 19, 2014 77th Anniversary

Portland Club Official Charter Day (1937)

June 22-26, 2014

Portland 15th Annual Quo Vadis

Days - CYO Camp Howard

July 1, 2014

Feast of Blessed Juniper Serra

July 10-13, 2014

Serra International Convention

Sacramento, CA

July 27, 2014

Annual Mass at Grotto Noon

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND ORDAINS A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP

Bishop Peter Smith was born in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa and is the oldest of six children. He entered the seminary in 1996, and earned a Master of Arts degree in Theology in 2000 and a Master of Divinity degree in 2001, both from Mount Angel Seminary. Peter was ordained a priest by Archbishop Emeritus John G. Vlazny on June 9, 2001. He is a member of the Brotherhood of the People of Praise, a private association of the faithful. **Pope Francis named Peter Leslie Smith Auxiliary Bishop of Portland in Oregon on March 4, 2014 and he was ordained on April 29, 2014 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.** That evening, family, friends, fellow priests and colleagues celebrated at an Episcopal Ordination dinner honoring Bishop Peter featuring Mount Angel seminarians "Voces Fidei" A Cappella group. **Congratulations Bishop Peter Smith!**



L to R: Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker; Bishop Peter Smith; Most Reverend John G. Vlazny, Archbishop Emeritus of Portland

(Thanks to Bob Kerns of the Sentinel for photo)



Mount Angel Seminarians "Voces Fidei" A Cappella
L to R: Stephen Cieslak, Greg Snyder, Frankie Villanueva, Phillip Shifflet, & John Hesla

UPCOMING EVENT



Abbot Christopher Jamison, O.S.B.

Director for the National Office of Vocation in England and Wales

The Disciples' Call: Theologies of Vocation

*A workshop, book signing, and reception
for vocation leaders and promoters*

**Thursday, May 29, 2014, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Mount Angel Abbey Library Auditorium**

Learn how vocational work in England and Wales has moved from a model of recruitment (of clergy and religious) to one of discernment for all Catholics, as part of the New Evangelization. Discernment programs help people answer the question posed by Pope Benedict XVI to youth in Great Britain: "What kind of person would you really like to be?"

This is a reminder that Serrans are encouraged to attend as guests of the Abbey and the Abbey Foundation of Oregon Board

For more information and to RSVP, contact Sharlene Curnow at 503-845-3064 or sharlene.curnow@mtangel.edu



SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - REGISTER TODAY

We hope to have great support and attendance from the Northwest clubs at the upcoming Serra International Convention scheduled in July in Sacramento! It should be a great event!

Your registration fee (\$400/pp) includes access to all convention events: three dining events, the Opening Reception - consisting of heavy hors d'oeuvres, the Annual Awards Lunch, and the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening. Register by going to SI website at: www.serrainternational.org **Please note this is a new link to the SI website.** You can register from the website by clicking on the top tab CONVENTIONS and there is a drop box where you click on "2014 Sacramento Convention" or below is the direct link to **convention registration**: <http://www.serrainternational.org/index.php/serra-conventions/2014-sacramento-registration.html>

The Hyatt Regency Sacramento is the official convention hotel and is offering Serrans a room rate of \$129.00 per night. There are links to the **Hyatt dedicated convention reservation** website on the SI website OR below is a direct link to the Hyatt reservation site for the convention:

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/10855557/owner/2084/home>

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DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

Archbishop Alexander Sample will ordain 8 men as transitional deacons at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 17 at St. Mary Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. All Serrans are encouraged to attend.

Those being ordained are: Scott Baier, Manuel Becerra, Freddy Bonilla Moreno, George Kuforiji, Edgar Rivera, Edwin Sanchez and two members of The Saint John Society: Teodosio Brea and Juan Ignacio Soria.

Serrans will keep these young men in our prayers! Congratulations to all of you!

*Please Pray for vocations daily.
Promote vocations in your parish!*