

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 Very Rev. Msgr. Patrick Brennan
Rev. Michael Vuky
Rev. Robert Wolf
- 6/09 Rev. Patrick Donoghue
Rev. Michael Maslowsky
- 6/11 Rev. Jose' Campos
- 6/14 Rev. James Mayo
- 6/15 Rev. Charles Wood
- 6/18 Rev. William Wickham, CSC
- 6/19 Rev. Louis Urbanski
- 6/20 Rev. Herbert Wheatley
- 6/22 Rev. Gerard Olinger, CSC
- 6/23 Rev. James Coleman
- 6/26 Rev. David Schiferl
- 6/29 Rev. Frank Knusel

JUNE Ordination Anniversaries

- 6/1 Rev. Nicolaus Marandu, ALCP
Most Rev. Alexander Sample
- 6/2 Rev. Bruce Cwiekowski
Rev. Charles Zach
Rev. John Hung Tran, SDD
Rev. Ronald Wasowski, CSC
- 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
- 6/6 Rev. Francisco Bringuela
Rev. Moises Leal Gonzalez
Rev. Martin Tavares Hernandez
Rev. Julio Cesar Torres Montejó
- 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

President's Message



This past month I have had three separate experiences which have brought to light the beauty of being a Serran. Those experiences include attending our Serra Leadership Planning Conference, being a facilitator in our parish bible study, and attending the Archdiocese Pastoral Conference on the family.

I dragged my feet at attending the Spring Leadership Conference in Kennewick, but was thankful I attended and that I was re-united with Serran brethren from the Northwest and was re-energized with the fervor and zeal all Serrans have for our Church. Hopefully more of our leadership and members will attend the gathering next year in Vancouver.

Our bible study on New Evangelization fits the Serran mission like a glove. Just as the New Evangelization and our Easter season gospel readings call out for all of us to go out in the world to proclaim the good news, Serrans are active Disciples of Christ, both within and outside of our Catholic communities, as we promote and affirm religious vocations.

At the Archdiocese Pastoral Conference on Family there was much discussion about the importance of the family unit, faith development of our youth and young adults, teaching and living our faith within the family unit, and in building a sense of family within each of our parishes. As many subjects were discussed, I kept thinking how important it is to have holy marriages and families. Without them how else could we nurture the call to religious vocations in our Church? I see Serrans as a special Church family, always evangelizing, reflecting the joy of Christ in all we do, and in being role models within our own families, our parishes, and the greater Church. We need to continue to promote and foster the call to religious vocations. "Thank You" for all you do as Serrans.

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



JUNE - Ordination Anniversaries

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| 6/9 | Rev. James Graham
Rev. Matthew Libra
Rev. Jeffrey Meeuwssen
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. Msgr. Don Buxman
Rev. Msgr. John Cihak
Rev. Mariano Escano
Rev. David Jaspers
Rev. Theodore Lange
Rev. Thomas Layton
Rev. Cary Reniva
Rev. Herbert Wheatley
Rev. Thomas McCarthy, SJ
Rev. Brian Mullady, OP |
| 6/10 | Rev. Steve Geer
Rev. David Shaw
Rev. Andrew Thomas
Rev. Michael Vuky | 6/16 | Rev. James Dowd |
| 6/11 | Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart
Rev. Noel Hickie
Rev. Peter O'Brien
Rev. Michael Walker | 6/19 | Rev. James Mayo
Rev. Paul Peri
Rev. John Waldron |
| 6/12 | Rev. Joseph Hoang
Rev. John Ridgway, SJ
Rev. Richard Rossman
Rev. Lawrence Robinson, SJ | 6/20 | Rev. Partick McNamee |
| 6/13 | Rev. Eric Anderson
Rev. Fred Anthony | 6/22 | Rev. John Kerns |
| | | 6/23 | Rev. James Coleman
Rev. Msgr. Richard Hunegar |
| | | 6/24 | Rev. Joel K. Adams, SJ |
| | | 6/25 | Rev. Robert Barricks
Rev. Luan Tran |
| | | 6/29 | Rev. Craig S. Boly, SJ
Rev. Kevin T. Clarke, SJ
Rev. John Henderson OFM
Rev. Joseph S. McMahon |

PROGRAM RECAPS

April 1, 2015 - Joel Kiebler and Charlie Fraga spoke to our Serra Club at the April 1 meeting. These two men are members of the People of Praise Christian Lay Community. They explained that the participants in this group choose to join and participate in a Catholic Community which is outside of their normal parish boundaries in order to live and share a Catholic life of deep faith. The People of Praise was formed in South Bend, Indiana in 1970 during the years of the formation of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The people (men, women, and children) in this community sought a committed life with each other which brought a deeper spiritual life.

Vatican II is the source for the Charismatic Renewal in Christian communities of both Protestant and Catholic faiths. Though the People of Praise is heavily Catholic, it is structured to be an ecumenical organization that encourages unity by breaking down the walls behind the various Christian faiths. This Community is known for coming together in Christ through baptism, bringing a committed belief in the Nicene Creed. Over the years the People of Praise grew and spread to many cities in the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands. There are about 2400 people in twenty-one branch communities. New community starts require existing communities to support them and are generally in very poor economic areas.

The Brotherhood of the People of Praise in Oregon is a mixed community of Catholic priests and laymen and Protestant leaders. There are two houses: one in St. Paul and one in Portland. The Brotherhood came out to Oregon at the encouragement of Bishop Francis George of Yakima. The Brotherhood worked with him when he was appointed Archbishop of Portland and then with Archbishop John Vlazny. Archbishop Vlazny blessed the community in 1999 and made priestly ordinations possible for the group.

The Brotherhood is a part of the new evangelization that sprung forth from Vatican II. Many of the men live a mutually supportive life of apostolic activity, prayer and charity. It does not appear that the involvement of the Brotherhood with other members of the community is a problem. For instance, Joel Kiebler is head of his house in Iowa although he is serving as a lay leader. All members regularly pray for grace in their lives and to be open to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Peter Smith, for instance, has demonstrated a gift of healing.

The Peoples of Praise Community in Portland began a formal education program for the people of their community beginning in 1981. Trinity Academy in North Portland is now the fourth school teaching children in grades six thru twelve. The Academy is in the former North LaSalle Elementary School at North Lombard and Mississippi. The school presently has forty-six students and has a scheduled enrollment of seventy students for the 2015-16 school-year. It is a Christian school, studying from classical textbooks with strong programs in science, math, and both Catholic and Protestant theology. The Trinity school is funded through tuition, gifts, and an endowment fund.

April 15 2015 - Unbound is a program whose goals are very much aligned with the goals of the Serra Club. It was founded in 1981 by lay people with the goal to provide aid to those who suffer from the bonds of poverty in foreign countries. Dave Herbison is a member of St. Cecilia parish in Beaverton and is on the governing board of Unbound. He provided the following information as to what Unbound does for those who live in poverty.

Unbound serves people in 21 countries. No matter the religious faith of those in need, Unbound works to give them an opportunity to free themselves from their poverty. This program presently has over 260,000 individuals/families who sponsor more than 300,000 people who live in poverty. Recipients receive financial aid for those in need of schooling, job training, etc.

This program has the highest percentage of donations that go directly to those being sponsored. Only 7% of their donations go to the administration of this program. It has the highest rating (an A+) of any non-profit organization in the United States. Mr. Herbison asked those at the Serra meeting if they had heard of Unbound. Several raised their hands and at least 4-5 indicated that they were sponsors for this program. At the conclusion of his talk several Serrans indicated a desire to find out how they could become a sponsor. Unbound can be contacted at: 800-875-6564 or UNBOUND.ORG

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

May 6, 2015

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Spring Leadership Conference Report, Paul Harris & Dan Jones

May 20, 2015

NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mass at Noon
12:30 Lunch

PROGRAM: Father Jeff Eirvin, Chaplain

June 3, 2015

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

PROGRAM: Andy Noethe, L'Arche

June 17, 2015

Mass Noon
New Member Induction

78th Anniversary

CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION

(Official date is June 19, 1937)

Program: KateLe Blanc, Contemplative Outreach

July 1, 2015

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBD

July 15, 2015

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBD

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 23, 2015

Diaconate Ordinations at the Cathedral 11:00 am

FRIDAY, June 5, 2015

Priest Ordinations at the Cathedral 4:00 pm

June 19, 2015 78th Anniversary
Portland Club Official Charter Day (1937)

June 22-25, 2015

Portland 16th Annual Quo Vadis Days - CYO Camp Howard

July 1, 2015

Feast of Blessed Juniper Serra

July 30—Aug 2, 2015

Serra International Convention
Melbourne, Australia

July 26, 2015

Annual Mass at Grotto Noon
Honoring Deacons and wives

**SEMINARIANS TO BE ORDAINED AS TRANSITIONAL DEACONS
SATURDAY, MAY 23 AT 11:00 A.M.
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**



Anthony Ahamefule
Mount Angel Seminary
Pastoral year



John Janer Becerra
Mount Angel Seminary
Theology III



Hans Mueller
North American College
Theology III

**SEMINARIANS TO BE ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD
FRIDAY, JUNE 5 AT 4:00 P.M.
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**



Deacon Scott Baier
Mount Angel Seminary
Theology IV



Deacon Timothy Furlow
North American College
Theology IV



Deacon Manuel Becerra
St. Patrick Seminary
Theology IV



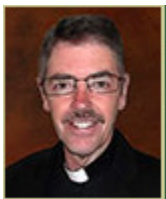
Deacon George Kuforiji
Sacred Heart Seminary
Theology IV



Deacon Fredy Bonilla
Mount Angel Seminary
Theology IV



Deacon Edgar Eloy Rivera
Mount Angel Seminary
Theology IV



Greg Bronsema
North American College
Theology IV



Deacon Edwin Sanchez
St. Patrick Seminary
Theology IV

*Please Pray for vocations daily. Promote vocations in your parish!
All Serrans are encouraged to attend the ordinations and keep these young men in our prayers!*

**SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL PORTLAND SERRA CLUB MASS AT THE GROTTA
HONORING PERMANENT DEACONS AND WIVES**

The Annual Mass at the Grotto is scheduled for **Sunday, July 26 at noon, with lunch following at 1:15 p.m.** Permanent Deacons and wives will receive an invitation to be our guests. Cost is \$20 per person and guests are welcome! Salem-Keizer and Columbia River Clubs are invited and encouraged to attend!! Watch the mail for invitations soon!!

**WE'RE INTERESTED IN FORMING A
NEW SOUTHWEST PORTLAND SERRA CLUB
YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND AN
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 p.m.

Heavy appetizers/refreshments

St. Cecilia Parish

5105 SW Franklin Avenue
Beaverton, OR 97005

RSVP

Vanessa Blake

503-973-0220 OR vanessab@harsch.com



If you know of individuals who would be good candidates to join Serra but are unable to meet at lunchtime due to schedule conflicts, this could be an opportunity to get involved!! We're spreading the good word after masses at some of our Southwest parishes.

Portland Serra Club members are needed to support and participate in our efforts by inviting potential Serrans and attending the meeting and visiting perspective Serrans!

**We hope you can join us!
All are welcome!**

Left is a photo of Dan Jones, Father John Henderson (who will be the new club's Chaplain) and District Gov. Ken Harris who met with St. Anthony parishioners at coffee/donuts after mass.

PORTLAND SERRA CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MAY 20

We are asking every Serran to bring a friend to our May 20th meeting. We are having a Membership Drive and we need your help! Some Serrans have been good at inviting friends to attend our Serra meetings throughout the year, but it is always good to highlight efforts on one day a year where special effort is to be made to invite new prospective members. To help plan headcount we'd ask that you let Dick Safranski know if you're bringing a friend. Lunch is complimentary for guests. As a note, if persons are interested in Serra but unable to attend our noon meeting, please let them know that there will also be a Serra Informational Meeting for a new Southwest Club to be held at St Cecilia (info above). All are welcome to attend.

Dick Safranski, VP Membership, 503-289-0140



**SERRA
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

**For more info or
to register go to:
www.serrainternational.org**

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