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## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES DECEMBER

- 12/3 Rev. David Sherrer, CSC
- 12/6 Rev. Harry Holwell
- 12/16 Rev. Msgr. Gregory Moys
- 12/18 Rev. Robert Antonelli, CSC  
Rev. Claude Pomerleau, CSC
- 12/19 Rev. Msgr. Art Dernbach  
Rev. Richard Rutherford, CSC  
Rev. Jack Topper, OSM
- 12/20 **Most Rev. John G. Vlazny**  
**(Emeritus)**  
Rev. Donald Durand
- 12/21 Rev. Amancio Rodrigues  
Rev. Paul Duffner, OP

## Happy Birthday

### DECEMBER

- 12/01 Rev. Richard Berg, CSC
- 12/02 Rev. John Kerns
- 12/04 Rev. Msgr. Richard Huneger
- 12/06 Rev. Jeffrey Schneibel, CSC
- 12/07 Rev. Donald Durand
- 12/09 Rev. James Dowd  
Rev. George Kuforiji  
Rev. Kenneth Olsen
- 12/10 Rev. Manual Becerra Penaranda
- 12/13 Rev. John Ridgway, SJ
- 12/14 Rev. John Domin
- 12/15 Rev. Mariano Escano  
Rev. Scott Vandehey
- 12/19 Rev. Msgr. Arthur Dernbach
- 12/27 Rev. Timothy Furlow
- 12/28 Rev. Edmond Bliven  
Rev. Henry Guillen-Vega

## SAVE THE DATE

### SERRA CHRISTMAS PARTY ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Lunch is \$20/pp  
Hosted cocktail social  
11:30 a.m.  
Invite your spouse,  
parish priests and  
retired priests

## President's Message



**Faith over Fear** – On December 20, 2015, Most Rev. Donald Wuerl Archbishop of Washington, Episcopal Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, and Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig of Washington Hebrew Congregation convened a Faith over Fear pilgrimage to make a stand against religious bigotry and in solidarity with immigrants. Rabbi Lustig spoke in front of the National Cathedral and I have excerpted from his remarks.

We gather this day a mixed multitude of race, creed, and gender. We are young, and we are old. We are rich, and we are poor. We are the dignity of difference. We are America. We are a people who choose faith over fear. We will not let hate enter our hearts, we will not build walls on our borders. Nor will we allow politics to divide us, for as it is written on the Statue of Liberty, and upon our hearts "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

We will heed the biblical injunction to welcome the stranger and not oppress the stranger among us. We will not close our borders to the war-torn refugees of Syria. We will not shun them; rather, we will welcome them. Nor will we allow fear mongers to oppress those among us.

I am a first-generation American. I am the child of a holocaust survivor. My mother, at age 9, was told to wear a yellow star on her clothes so she could be recognized as the stranger, even though her family had lived in her hometown in Germany for more than 400 years. She was lucky. She was given refuge here in America, and I was given life. Every refugee is grateful, and we should be grateful to them. There are over 100,000 foreign-born men and women who serve in our armed forces this very day defending our homeland.

We believe in faith, not fear. America – the beautiful America – the land where strangers are welcomed with open arms and open hearts. At the fire of our faith, let courage be kindled that we may live as we pray. So that, unashamed, we may transmit to generations to come an America better than ours; an America of love, dignity and hope for the stranger in all of us! Hear our prayer, oh God! Amen

This message was taken from an article appearing in the summer 2016 issue of "Cathedral Age"

Mary, Mother of Vocations and Saint Junipero Serra, Pray for us.



Art Diederich  
President

### DEACON APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, Dec 4, 2016

5:30 p.m. at the GROTTA

Dinner \$40/person includes complimentary entry to  
Festival of Lights

**Deacons and wives are GUESTS of Serra**

Invitations are in the mail

RSVP and/or questions: Contact Paul Harris 503-657-4614

## SI Executive Committee Meeting Congregation for the Clergy at the Vatican October 2016

Serra International Executive Committee met in Rome for 3 days in October and were invited to attend a meeting of the Congregation of the Clergy on the pastoral work of vocations. The **Congregation** for the **Clergy** (Latin: Congregatio pro Clericis; formerly the Sacred **Congregation** for the **Clergy** and Sacred **Congregation** of the Council) is the **congregation** of the Roman Curia responsible for overseeing matters regarding priests and deacons not belonging to religious orders. Serra's Executive Committee members were invited because Serra is the only lay organization under the direction of the Congregation. In attendance were 3 Cardinals; 40 Bishops/Archbishops; 200 Priests; several Religious and about a dozen lay people (which included Serrans).

The meeting included an audience with the Pope, where he spoke to the group then greeted every individual in attendance. Our own Dan Jones, SI President-Elect, had the great honor of meeting Pope Francis and shaking his hand. Dan said he thanked him for the canonization of Saint Junipero Serra. (Photo below). The Pope was so engaged and joyful - truly a once in a lifetime experience for Dan!

To learn more about the Congregation for the Clergy check out their websites:

Clergy site

<http://www.clerus.va/content/clerus/en.html>

Vatican site

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cclergy/index.htm](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cclergy/index.htm)



SI Executive Committee (L to R): Bertha Acuna, John Liston, Tim O'Neill, Most Rev Jorge Carlos Wong, Dante Vannini, Kurt Metyko, Mario Biscardi, and Dan Jones



SI President-Elect, Dan Jones, meeting the Pope



Dan Jones, John Liston, Rose Sullivan, Tim O'Neill, and Kurt Metyko



(L to R) SI President, Dante Vannini; Fr. Jeff Eirvin; President-Elect Dan Jones; Past President, Tim O'Neill

## MEETING RECAPS

**Oct 5, 2016** - Dan Jones was our speaker providing an overview of the Serra International Convention held in St. Louis this past June/July. Although it had been a few months since the event, he emphasized the important features and factors to encourage attendance at an SI Convention. His focus was on the speakers, liturgies, and synergy of meeting Serrans from around the world! He shared quotes and snippets from speakers such as Father Brett Brannen\* (*see quote from his book below*), Patty Schneider and Rhonda Gruenewald.

Dan also talked about the formal meetings of both Serra International and USAC boards; plus Delegates meeting, awards luncheon and formal dinner with installation of new SI officers. There are also many vendors with exhibits and materials to buy. There are fun events included outside the formal meetings each year - like the baseball game in St. Louis! He encouraged everyone to consider attending a Serra International convention - it's a wonderful experience.

In addition to talking about International Conventions, Dan reviewed the recent Charter of 2 new clubs in our region. Installation Masses were held in September for Serra Club of the Blue Mountains in Walla Walla, WA; and Serra Club of North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene. He shared a video presentation with photos of both events which were featured in last month's bulletin.

**Oct 19, 2016** - Jon Ulsh, Executive Director of Maybelle Center for Community was our guest speaker. Jon comes to the Maybelle Center with extensive nonprofit leadership, development, and consulting experience in education, healthcare, social services and the arts. Jon grew up in Latin America and Florida and earned a degree in geology and education from Lawrence University in Wisconsin. He and his family have been privileged to call Portland home since 1998.

Maybelle Center for Community believes that no one deserves to live in isolation. They have been building community and relationships with individuals in Old Town/Downtown Portland for 25 years. They live out this belief by visiting and creating community with their "members". While many members receive volunteers at their homes, for some, a trip down to the Community Room is a better option. Members are afforded the opportunity to meet with student nurses or just enjoy a chat and watch a movie. For most people, the creation of community is almost automatic. Drawing from friends, family, colleagues and neighbors, many people are able to create a sense of belonging relatively easily. For the majority of the people they serve, their members, the creation of community can be a challenge as they navigate through personal barriers, mental health issues and isolation.

For an example of how Maybelle Center for Community serves; in 2015 they had Support Services of 183 people; Outreach and Visitation for 231 people; and Spiritual Support for 186 people.

Maybelle Center has a 54-unit assisted living facility which opened in 1999. It offers 24-hour care to those who no longer can live on their own. Every resident is funded by Medicaid - the only facility of its kind in Oregon. They also have a 42-unit apartment building which opened in 2012. It offers clean and stylish studio apartments to those who cannot afford standard rents.

For more information check out their website and blogs (which have videos) at: [www.maybellecenter.org](http://www.maybellecenter.org)

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

From Father Brennan's\* book  
"To Save a Thousand Souls"

Chapter on "What is a Vocation in the First Place?"

"What will you do with your life? What are your plans? Have you ever thought of committing your existence totally to Christ? Do you think that there can be anything greater than to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus?"

Pope John Paul II

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SERRA MEETINGS

**Nov 2, 2016**

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

*PROGRAM: Bishop Peter Smith*

**Nov 16, 2016**

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

*PROGRAM: Fr. Jeff Eirvin, World Youth Day*

**December 7, 2016**

**11:30 a.m. - Christmas Party**

**December 21, 2016**

**NO MEETING**

**Jan 4, 2017**

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

*PROGRAM: Marvin Kaiser, Mary's Woods*

**Jan 18, 2017**

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

*PROGRAM: TBD*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**November 6, 2016**

**Mount Angel 13th Annual Seminary Benefit Dinner**

**November 6-12, 2016**

**National Vocations Awareness Week**

**February 2, 2017**

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

**February 17-19, 2017**

**USAC Serra Rally, Phoenix, AZ**

**March 12, 2017**

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

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FOR  
VOCATIONS**

