

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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Ordination Anniversaries

November

11/7 Rev. Ed Coleman

Birthdays



November

11/05 Rev. Robert Palladino
11/07 Archbishop Alexander Sample
 11/08 Rev. David Gutmann
 11/10 Rev. Joel Adams, SJ
 11/11 Rev. Patrick Hannon, CSC
 11/15 Rev. William Holtzinger
 11/18 Rev. Msgr. Richard Paperini
 11/19 Rev. Francis Chun
 11/23 Rev. Ed Coleman
 11/27 Rev. Charles Gordon, CSC
 11/30 Rev. Bruce Cwiekowski

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

ANNUAL SERRA CHRISTMAS PARTY
will be held
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
Social and Luncheon
starting at 11:30 a.m.

*Serrans are encouraged to
 invite your spouses,
 parish priests & retired priests*

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President's Message



We give thanks to The Madeleine Parish and Father Mike Biewend, for their steadfast support of the Portland Serra Club. The Madeleine has a very vibrant and active vocations ministry. Father Mike is working diligently to recruit more Serrans. We pray that more parishes will replicate the dedication and passion he has for religious vocations.

I think about what Matthew Kelly said about active Catholics: About 7% of Catholics do 90-100% of the work in a given parish. If we could only increase that number by 1-2% in each parish, it would mean that the universal church would benefit by having tens of thousands more workers in the faith.

We are blessed to have new Serrans join us in our mission and thank Father Mike and others who have and continue to recruit new Serrans. Take time to get to know the new Serrans and help them get settled into activities so that they too can receive the many joys of Christ's blessings that we receive in promoting the call to priesthood and religious life.

A reminder to RSVP to Monique Harris for the October 19th Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon and that Sunday, October 26th is Priesthood Sunday. Check our website (www.serraportland.org) and newsletters for details.

Blessed Junipero Serra Pray for us!

Paul Harris, President



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, Our Father, today may I have an opportunity by my actions to encourage a vocation to the religious life.

Help me to conduct myself in a Christian manner so that I might give proper example particularly to the young.

Through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, may I also support those in religious life in their vocation of service to Your Church.

May the sincerity of my prayer and my concern for vocations result in an increase of laborers for Jesus and His Church. AMEN



**KEVIN VAN HOOMISSEN HONORARY
 SISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
 DOUBLE TREE LLOYD CENTER
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**\$35 / per person
 1:00 Wine Social
 2:00 Luncheon**

RSVP's due October 14, 2014

**Sisters are guests of Serra Club
 DONATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED & WELCOME**

PROGRAM RECAPS

September 17 - Father Charles Gordon gave a wonderful talk on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: "**The Joy of the Gospel**". An "apostolic exhortation" is a particular kind of papal document, which has less authority than an encyclical, but more authority than other kinds of papal writings. It does not define doctrine; but rather, it encourages some particular community to undertake some specific action. The action it encourages is a new chapter of evangelization. Evangelization means to share the Gospel with others. The pope is inviting all of us to participate in this new chapter of evangelization, which is to be centered on the joy of the gospel! The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.

Pope Francis tempers his talk with a reflection on "consumerism" which he defines as the practice of taking on more and more frivolous pleasures, a meaningless activity that misdirects our attention away from Jesus. That is, we become self-centered. It's all about us. There is no room for God or other people. We shrivel up spiritually. We experience emptiness inside each one of us that can only be filled by God.

The bottom line, whatever our circumstances, is the deep conviction, born of our encounter with Jesus Christ, that we are infinitely loved. Consumerism can supply pleasure, but it cannot supply this joy. The fact is that the most beautiful and natural expressions of joy is seen in poor people who had little to hold onto.

The New Evangelization is to take place in three setting:

- Ordinary pastoral ministry (those who are regular churchgoers and not so regular churchgoers)
- The nominally baptized
- Those who don't know Jesus or who have always rejected him.

Review of what is being asked of us:

- Reject a life based on consumerism
- Renew yourselves into a new personal encounter with Jesus Christ every day
- Feel the joy you receive through this experience.
- Share that joy with others
- When we share the joy, we are evangelizing.
- We evangelize not by imposing obligations, but by attraction!

October 1 - For the first time Portland hosted the Quo Vadis days in the Portland area at Camp Howard. The event took the name of "Quo Vadis" to remind us of St. Peter's words to Jesus before he was crucified: "Where are you going?"

Rev. Msgr. John Cihak is the founder of Quo Vadis Days. Father Theodore Lange has been actively involved in running Quo Vadis Days. He indicated that the purpose of the event is to offer a peaceful environment for young men to discern what to do with their lives. What does God want them to do? Camp Howard generously donated their facilities and food for the 70 campers. The Serra Club has been a strong supporter of Quo Vadis which also helps keep the costs down.

A listing of activities on a typical day is as follows:

Early arising - prayer in the chapel – breakfast
Talk – sharing – Mass – sport activity – prayer
Lunch – hike – dinner – rosary - bonfire

The rate of campers who return for at least a second year is very high. It is definitely a worthwhile activity. We must remember that discernment generally occurs in the junior year of college. Next year, Father Jeff Eirvin, Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, will be the director of Quo Vadis Days and Father Lange will serve as co-director.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

October 15, 2014

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Sr. Hilda Kleiman, Queen of Angels Monastery - icons

November 5, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Alexis Packard, St. Vincent DePaul

November 19, 2014

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, Queen of Angels Monastery, Spiritual Direction

December 3, 2014

11:30 a.m.—Christmas Party

December 17, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Sarah Kresse, St. Joseph's in Salem, Youth Ministry and Vocations

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 19, 2014

**Kevin Van Hoomissen's Honorary Sisters' Appreciation Brunch
Double Tree / Lloyd Center
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

October 26, 2014

Priesthood Sunday

November 2, 2014

**Mount Angel Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner
Convention Center 4:00 pm**

November 2-8, 2014

National Vocation Awareness Week



Pray the Rosary