

# SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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## Ordination Anniversaries

### November

11/7 Rev. Ed Coleman

## Birthdays



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11/01 Rev. Jon Buffington  
11/04 Very Rev. Prior Vincent Trujillo, OSB  
11/07 **Archbishop Alexander Sample**  
11/08 Rev. David Gutmann  
11/09 Rev. Hugo Maese  
11/10 Very Rev. Vincent Kelber, OP  
11/10 Rev. Joel Adams, SJ  
11/11 Rev. Patrick Hannon, CSC  
11/11 Rev. Jose Ortega, MSpS  
11/15 Rev. William Holtzinger  
11/18 Rev. Msgr. Richard Paperini  
11/19 Rev. Francis Chun  
11/23 Rev. Ed Coleman  
11/25 **Most Rev. Kenneth Steiner**  
11/25 Rev. Gregg Bronsema  
11/25 Rev. Moises Kumulmac  
11/25 Rev. John Dougherty, CSC  
11/27 Rev. Charles Gordon, CSC  
11/30 Rev. Bruce Cwiekowski



### IN REMEMBRANCE

On September 26 we lost a fellow Serran, **Jack Kloster**. He passed away due to heart failure. Jack was a devoted Serran of 12 years and his wife, Donna, joined Serra in 2013. Jack was a devoted Catholic and dedicated Serran. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Prayers for Donna and their family.

## President's Message



This week God called on Jonah to prophecy in Nineveh. The people were walking into sin, and He wanted them to repent. But Jonah did not want to answer God's call. He left in the other direction taking a boat to Tarshish. Jonah was not listening to God.

Our God is always with us. He is in us and works through us; if we believe, and know the truth, and grow in faith. There are times when He may seek our cooperation as He did when He called Jonah to Nineveh. What is the world like around us today? We have experienced great devastation, both naturally and man-made in our urban centers. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria totally devastated Texas and Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands. These were super hurricanes with great, destructive force. Wildfires are consuming our western forests and now the California grasslands, threatening many communities and destroying the natural environment. Earthquakes shattered cities in Mexico. These great disasters were overtaken by man-made havoc in the cities of Paris, London, and Las Vegas where terrorists and deranged individuals took up vehicles, arms, and ammunition and shattered the lives of innocent people who walked into their traps. A darkness has descended upon the world, and all peoples are losing their sense of right and wrong.

But God has not given up. He promised never to abandon us. Hope is near like the new light that appears after a passing eclipse of the sun. The darkness we are in is passing. Jonah discovered that God was not going to allow him passage to Tarshish. He was caught up in an immense storm, and the ship's crew threw him overboard as a sacrifice to calm the winds. A large fish swallowed him and spat him out on shore 3 days later. Jonah repented and followed God to Nineveh.

Likewise God is calling us to pray for vocations. He wants us to persist in moving out of the darkness. He is willing to increase laborers for the harvest if only we will persistently raise our voices for laborers to go out into the harvest. Sister Michael Francine told us last Wednesday, "I have seen a renewed interest in vocations, from those who have attended our vocational rallies, and others visiting our convent." She senses a new interest in exploring religious life as a career choice in young people today.

My brothers and sisters, continue to make daily prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life a continuous, persistent effort. God will answer us. Even now Jesus is calling young men and women to discern His call. Yes, we have been in the shadows, but the eclipse is passing and the true light will soon shine brightly.

Robert C. Turner,  
President, Serra Club Portland

### SEMINARIANS ORDAINED AS TRANSITIONAL DEACONS



Deacon Richard LeFavre

Two seminarians studying in Rome to become priests of the Archdiocese of Portland were ordained deacons the morning of Sept. 28 in St. Peter's Basilica.

Bishop James Checchio of Metuchen, New Jersey, ordained Peter Julia and Richard LeFavre II along with more than 40 other students from the Pontifical North American College, where U.S. bishops send seminarians to experience Rome and get a sense of the universal church.



Deacon Peter Julia

**Honor all Priests**  
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY October 29, 2017**

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**  
**November 5-11, 2017**



### NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION

**LtoR - Michael and Natalie Schneck, Sarah Nanson, Melba Ganaban and Cecilia Arboleda - VP Membership, Melliza Palazo and President, Robert Turner. (Missing Thomas Streckert)**

At the October 2 Serra Meeting the Portland Serra Club inducted 5 new members (out of 6 total). Congratulations to all the new members and welcome to Serra!

## PROGRAM RECAPS

**Oct 4, 2107** - **SISTER MICHAEL FRANCINE** was our guest speaker. She is currently a member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon. She was brought up with 8 sisters and left home at an early age, when a friend and she decided to go to Europe. After their travels, she began to look for work in England and landed a job with British Gas where she stayed for 25 years

She returned to Oregon where two of her sisters lived. She attended Queen of Peace Parish. She was intrigued by an ad in their bulletin, "Vocations 18-40". She spoke with Sr. Joyce Barsotti and accepted an invitation to attend a retreat in March.

She took home many brochures to review. The Lord was leading her. She moved into the house in May. Her parents visited her in June. That was it. It was all God's inspiration. She saw it as her chance to give back to the world. She lived humbly and simply during her Novitiate.

Sister Michael Francine went into social work where she got a degree in mental health counseling at Lewis and Clark. All these elements helped her to assess those seeking to take the steps into religious life. She currently works with Father Jeff Eirvin in reviewing the men seeking to discern their choice to accept the call into the priesthood.

Now she is finding that vocation numbers are beginning to rise among men and women. But many people do not know God. People are yearning for and hungry for God.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

*Double Tree - Lloyd Center  
Pacific Northwest Ballroom*

*Social 1:00 p.m.*

*Lunch 2:00 p.m.*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

ANNUAL SERRA  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
will be held  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6  
Social and Luncheon  
starting at 11:30 a.m.

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SERRA MEETINGS

**Oct 18, 2017**

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

*PROGRAM: Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Camino for Vocations*

**Nov 1, 2017**

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

*PROGRAM: Catherine Mater, Pinchot Institute for Conservation*

**Nov 15, 2017**

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

*PROGRAM: Sarah Kresse, Nun-Run*

**Dec 6, 2017**

*Christmas Party 11:30 Social*

**Dec 20, 2017**

*NO MEETING*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Oct 22, 2017**

*Kevin Van Hoomissen  
Honorary Sisters'  
Appreciation Luncheon*

**October 29, 2017**

*Priesthood Sunday*

**Nov 5, 2017**

*14th Annual Mount Angel  
Seminarian Benefit Dinner*

**Nov 5-11, 2017**

*Vocations Awareness  
Week*

**Pray  
For  
Vocations**

