

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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Ordination Anniversaries



OCTOBER

- 10/5 Rev. David Zegar
- 10/14 Rev. Richard Sirianni
- 10/18 Rev. Joseph Heuberger
- 1023 Rev. Steve Stobie

Birthdays

OCTOBER



- 10/05 Rev. Jeffrey Meeuwse
- 10/06 Rev. William Hammelman, OSB
- 10/09 Rev. Msgr. Carl Gimpl
- Rev. Thomas Hosinski, CSC
- Rev. Jack Krall
- Rev. Michael Sprauer
- 10/11 Rev. Daniel Reynolds
- 10/12 Rev. Craig Boly, SJ
- Rev. Ysrael Bien
- 10/14 Rev. Rock Sassano
- 10/15 Rev. Ronald Nelson
- 10/17 Rev. John Brouillard
- 10/21 Rev. Jose Luis Gonzales
- 10/23 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart
- 10/27 Rev. Ronald Millican
- 10/29 Rev. Todd Molinari
- Rev. Leslie Sieg
- 10/31 Rev. William Ryan, OSA
- Rev. Theodore Weber

“Be kind! Be the loving expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your eyes, kindness in your face, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greetings. I believe that the way in which an act of kindness is done is as important as the action itself.”

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



President's Message



Many times I have walked out of church and asked myself: “How was I moved by today’s readings and sermon?” More often than naught, I have had to reach far down to capture fast escaping thoughts. It’s not a bad idea to take a small notebook to Mass and record how the readings and sermon have moved you. Then you may reflect upon them later in the week.

On the Feast of the Assumption, I was really moved by the readings and reminded how Mary is such a wonderful role model for Serrans. Discerning God’s will is a huge task. It takes a lot of work for us mere mortals to develop the relationship with Christ which allows us to fully communicate with Him. In endeavoring to do that, Mary’s prayer (The Magnificat) gives us a great start for praising our Lord, humbling ourselves, and giving us all eternal hope. The capability to discern God’s will, as Mary did, requires our continual attention and work. We all have a most challenging task in promoting the call to religious vocations and calling other Catholics to the Serran mission. Sometimes when we are hard on ourselves and become a little disheartened, we need to look to Mary. I find joy in what St. John Paul II said about Mary. He said: *“However dark the shadows that sometimes appear on the horizon and however incomprehensible certain events may appear to be in human history, we must never lose trust and peace. Today’s Feast (Assumption) invites us to entrust ourselves to Mary who, like a shining star from heaven, directs our daily journey on earth.”*

With Christ our Lord and Mary our mother, we have a great winning team along with our Serran leadership (regional and district leaders) and most importantly, you our Portland Serra club members. We are certainly blessed with the Serran mission and to have such wonderful people as you working and praying every day. God bless you all.

Paul Harris, President



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014
Kevin Van Hoomissen Honorary
SISTERS’ APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
Double Tree - Lloyd Center
Social 1:00 p.m.
Lunch 2:00 p.m.

Lunch \$35 per person

Watch your mailbox for invitations soon!

8th Annual Rosary Bowl NW

Saturday, October 4, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion - Salem
Mass at 10 am
Archbishop Alexander Sample

Details in flyer sent with bulletin emails as a separate attachment

PROGRAM RECAPS

Aug 6, 2014 - Mary Jo Tully began her talk at the Serra club with the following statement: "Who am I? The truth, according to my mother, is what lies half way between what is said by others, and what is said on a person's driver's license. Accordingly, I don't show my driver's license."

Mary Jo related that her first visit to the Serra club occurred about 25 years ago on a day in which the club voted to continue not to allow women to be members. Fortunately times have changed.

The topic for the day was celibacy. Mary Jo shared her own experiences of having chosen the single, chaste, lay person life. She indicated that she chose a life of celibacy of her own free will. Celibacy is a chosen vocation. It may be fostered by a desire for career independence or a desire to support elder parents in their needs or a chance to pursue one's special interests. Celibacy needs to be religiously motivated. It is an effective, life commitment to Christ. It is a "calling" and, therefore, must be discerned, accepted and embraced just like the grace that comes from the sacrament of marriage. It is like a baptism and it is under the direction of God. Celibacy is not a noble choice. It is a grace.

Aug 20, 2014 - Pat Schreck led a panel discussion sharing Matthew Kelly's inspirational event. Matthew is the founder of Dynamic Catholic and he spoke recently at St. Pius X parish and Central Catholic High School. The primary message is that Catholics need to be bold in their actions as Catholics and they need to concentrate on Catholic youth.

Society today teaches youth that you can be anything you want to be, if you work hard enough. However, Matthew Kelly says that is not really true. He believes that the youth should take the path that their special talents lead them. He prays that the youth will answer the following: Who are you? What is your purpose in life? What matters the least to you? What matters the most to you? What makes you proud to be a Catholic?

In other words the youth of today need to be bold and to be active. They need to be proud of their Catholicism and take advantage of what it has to offer.

Sept 3, 2014 - Dr. Karen Eifler, Co-Director of the University of Portland Garaventa Center was our guest speaker. She shared how the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture is a concept more than a place at UP. They serve as "connective tissue" for the university and matters of Catholic identity and formation in the greater community. She shared examples of their eclectic programming:

- Humor Initiative
- Visio Divina
- Pre-play panels
- St. John's Bible initiatives
- Retreats

The Garaventa Center also has a Podcast series which is available via email blasts. Examples such as: *Fractio Verbi*; *THEOdeon*; *Solloquia Tempestiva* Online video *Visio Divinas* coming soon. Karen provided schedule of events and all are welcome to attend. For more info: wordpress.up.edu/garaventa

Both Dr. Karen Eifler and Father Charlie Gordon are available for guest talks for your parishes or other groups interested in learning more. Co-Director contact information: Dr. Karen Eifler; eifler@up.edu; 503-943-8014 OR Fr. Charlie Gordon CSC; gordon@up.edu; 503-943-8512

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

Sept 17, 2014

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Fr. Charlie Gordon, Co-Dir of Garaventa Center

Oct 1, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Fr. Theodore Lange, Mount Angel Seminary "Quo Vadis"

Oct 15, 2014

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Sr. Hilda Kleiman, "The Spirituality of Icons"

Nov 5, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: TBD

Nov 19, 2014

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

Dec 3, 2014

Serra Annual Christmas Party

Board Meeting Moved to 17th

Dec 17, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30

Lunch/Meeting Noon

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 19, 2014

**Kevin Van Hoomissen Honorary Sisters' Appreciation Brunch
Double Tree Lloyd Center**

October 26, 2014

Priesthood Sunday

Nov 2, 2014

**Mount Angel Seminary
Benefit Dinner**

Nov 2-8, 2014

National Vocation Awareness Week

"What gives us dignity is not our wealth or good fortune or noble birth but a worthy and virtuous life and the dignity of our labor."

St. John XXIII

Upcoming Vocation Awareness Events

“Come and See” Weekends at Mount Angel Seminary

October 16th -19th, 2014
 March 19th -22nd, 2015

This is for young men in high school or college interested in diocesan priesthood. They would attend a Thursday through Sunday retreat and sit in on classes to observe a normal day of a seminarian. Father Jeff Eirvin indicated promotional material forthcoming.

“Come and See” Weekends at Queen of Angels Monastery

October 17-19, 2014
 November 14-16, 2014
 February 27-28, 2015
 April 24-26, 2015

This is for women interested in religious life. An opportunity to come visit and get to know the Benedictine Community. Get input, quiet discussion and prayer. Registration required one week before event. Call 503-845-6141 or email smarietta@juno.com

“Samuel Evenings” at Queen of Angel’s Monastery Sponsored by Benedictine Sisters and Benedictine Monks of Mount Angel

Men and women ages 18 and over - prayer, fellowship and discussion about God’s personal plan for your life. Dates and details can be found in flyers attached to bulletin emails.

Sanctity of Marriage and Family Celebration

Come celebrate your marriages. Serran Couple helping sponsor a Sanctity of Marriage and Family Celebration at St Francis Parish on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Catholic married couples and their families throughout the Portland metropolitan area are invited to attend this Special Mass Celebration with Renewal of Vows with a Reception to follow at St Francis Catholic Church, 15651 SW Oregon St, Sherwood Oregon. Face painting and other activities are planned for children.

For more information, contact Paul & Monique Harris 503-657-4614 OR paulnmonique@comcast.net.

PRAYER

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty,
 My memory, my understanding, and my entire will,
 All that I have and possess.
 You have given all to me, To you, O Lord, I return it.
 All is yours; dispose of it wholly according to your will.
 Give me only your love and your grace,
 For this is enough for me.

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