

Speaking about the native Indian Kumeyaay people, St. Junipero Serra said, "their beautiful physique, comportment, friendliness, and happiness have won all our hearts." September 2020



Statue of St. Junipero Serra, Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa

SERRA CLUB of PORTLAND BULLETIN

President's Message



We have a newsletter! YAY! It has been a long while (March 2020) since we put together a newsletter and it's good to be able to share some thoughts with you all. Many things that we took for granted are changing rapidly since the onslaught of the Covid virus. We are probably all missing the way we used to do simple things like talking to friends and neighbors without a mask! Our Serra club is no different. Changes are happening. You'll see later in this issue that after 17 years of publishing the newsletter Lynn Jones and Margret Harris have stepped away from this effort. However, Lynn plans to stay active and help with communications as needed. We wish Lynn and Margret well and I personally will miss their help when I write my column for the newsletter. They did a great job editing and making it more professional. Thank you both! Starting with this issue, Monique Harris will take over as VP of communication. Thank you, Monique for stepping up to take on this task.

I am trusting in the Lord that you all have been weathering the storms that have befallen us over these last 6 months or so. I think it is time to start considering when and how we will meet going forward. I will be in communication with the board of directors asking for their guidance on how we will do this. Many things have to be considered, so it may take a while to get things organized. We ask for your patience as we chart these unfamiliar waters.

I would also like some input from our members. Would you be willing to meet again soon with social distancing guidelines in place and possible limited seating? Send me your thoughts at earnieeirvin@gmail.com. Even a simple yes or no will help us in discerning how to move forward.

The effort to support our seminarians and discerners continues through all this uncertainty. Please continue to support those young men in prayer as they negotiate this new way of living and studying. Also, please keep our priests and religious in your prayers.

Thank you all for being patient with us during this time. We appreciate and miss seeing everyone each month. I will continue to keep everyone in my prayers and we can soon meet again.

Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for us,

Jeff Eirvin

President, Serra Club of Portland



Priesthood Sunday ~ September 27

Don't forget to remember your parish priest!
Take time to recognize their sacrifice and devotion to Christ's vocational call.

WE REGRET TO INFORM EVERYONE

that the **Sisters Appreciation Luncheon** October 4, 2020

Is **CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, Oct 3 - Rosary Bowl
Sun, Nov 1 -Seminarian
Benefit Gathering



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER

- 10/2 David Zegar
- 10/14 Rev. Richard Sirianni
- 10/18 Rev Joseph Heuberger

BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

- 10/2 Rev. Francis Nguyen, SDD
Rev. Stephen Kenyon
Rev. Edwin Sanchez Romero
- 10/5 Rev. Jeffrey Meeuwsen
Rev. Chrispine Otieno
- 10/6 Rev. James Graham
Rev. William Hammelman, OSB
- 10/9 Rev. Thomas Hosinski, CSC
Rev. Jack Krall
Rev. Ignacio Llorente, SSJ
Rev. Michael Sprauer
- 10/12 Rev. Craig Boly, SJ
- 10/14 Rev. Rock Sassano
- 10/15 Rev. Ronald Nelson
- 10/17 Rev. Peter Nhat Hoang
- 10/19 Rev. Bryce McProud
- 10/21 Rev. Jose Luis Gonzales
- 10/22 Rev. Julio Torres
Rev. Gabriel Moshert, OP
- 10/23 Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart
- 10/25 Rev. Peter Julia
- 10/26 Rev. Basil Lawrence, OSB
- 10/29 Rev. Jorge Hernandez
Rev. Todd Molinari
Rev. Leslie Sieg
- 10/31 Rev. Theodore Weber

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” | Matthew 6:33

Dear Serrans,

As we move into Fall, I am delighted to give a brief update on the Office of Vocations and our Portland Seminarians. First, our seminarians. This year we accepted three new seminarians: Jacob McDougall (St. Rose of Lima Parish, Portland), Erik Morris (St. Stephen’s Parish, Portland), and Jim Tabor (Immaculate Conception Parish, Stayton). They are acclimating well to seminary life and have been assured of your prayers and support.



With the addition of three new seminarians we also had two seminarians discern out: Tony Beyer and Benjamin Ramirez. Both Tony and Benjamin are at peace with their decision and know the door is open if they feel called to return in the future. Please pray for our 27 seminarians for the 2020-2021 academic year! They are all healthy and at their respective seminaries partaking in a mixture of on-line and in-person classes.

The Office of Vocations kicked off our annual Archdiocesan Seminarian Appeal on Sunday, September 20th at the Cathedral. We drew a small crowd of 40 due to COVID-19 restrictions and had a nice Q&A session after Mass with Dina Marie Hale and a couple seminarians. Archbishop Sample was scheduled to celebrate the Mass but was called to Southern Oregon at the last minute to be with his priests and lay faithful displaced by the wildfires. I was honored to be the main celebrant at Mass to kick off the appeal in prayer. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting Seminarian Education for the Archdiocese of Portland!

Lastly, a note of deep gratitude to Lynn Jones and Margret Harris for their faithful service to the Serra Club of Portland as editors of our award-winning newsletter. As they pass the baton, we are indebted to their love of the Church, the priesthood, and their determination to communicate the goodness of the Serra Club to the people of God. Thank you, Lynn and Margret!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jeff Eirvin
Chaplain, Serra Club of Portland





The Serra Club of Portland congratulates ALL newly ordained priests and other religious, including sisters, monks, permanent deacons, and consecrated virgins who have professed vows.



Mt Angel Seminary & Abbey

a place of peace, solitude, and refuge, - within this world of unrest, fear, and terror - a place where God gives each soul an opportunity to grow in faith, love and joy... a place where vocations are born, nourished and matured.



Reverend Raymond Napuli,
Associate Pastor
Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá
San Diego, California



Reverend Dominic Sternhagen,
Parochial Vicar
The Madeleine Cathedral
Salt Lake City, Utah



Rev. Timothy Kalange, OSB



Rev. Mr. Randy Hoang
transitional deacon



Rev. Ephrem Martinez, OSB



Rev. Mr. Tony Galati
transitional deacon



Br. Anselm Flores, OSB

Brothers Albert, Matthew & David, OSB, with Abbot Jeremy, Mt Angel



Sisters of Providence professed vows:

- Sr. Marie-Thérèse Gnamazo, SP
- Sr. Marita Capili, SP
- Sr. Phuong Ha Nguyen, SP



These 3 fine men were ordained last fall to the **Permanent Diaconate:** Greg Pashley

- James Thurman
- Rolly Perez

Thank you for your service to the Lord!



Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon



- Sr. Alexa Rebecca, SSMO
- Sr. Anna Nguyen, SSMO
- Sr. Maria Kieu, SSMO

The Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon celebrated three Sisters as they professed their vows during Community Days in August. Sister Maria Kieu Tran joined the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon as a novice. Sister Alexa Rebecca Weight made her temporary profession of vows. Sister Anna Nguyen made her perpetual profession of vows.

Franciscan Sisters of Sorrow

- Sr. Maria Chiara Melendez, OSF
- Sr. Maria Benedicta Hemminger, OSF



After a home visit to Germany in 2013, Ingrid Hemminger became a novice and received her religious name and title Sr. Maria Benedicta of the Cross. This year she professed Perpetual vows and Sister Maria Chiara Melende professed first Temporary vows.
(Sr. Anne Marie Warren, OSF, is in the center of the photo.)

Consecrated Virgins

Miriam Marston

Skyla Chamard



Pope Francis sends his greeting to consecrated virgins worldwide on this year's 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the renewed Rite, made available for women living in the world. There are now about 5,000 consecrated virgins worldwide.

The Diocese of Salt Lake City

Joyfully Announces
The Laying on of Hands for the Order of Priest
by
The Most Reverend Oscar A Solís
for

Dominic J. Sternhagen

on Friday, August 14, 2020
at 7:00 pm

The Cathedral of the Madeleine
Salt Lake City, Utah



Melliza Palazo, Paul & Monique Harris, Portland Serrans, were honored to be invited as guests



Above: Newly ordained Fr. Dominic, blessing his mother, Mimi, and his father, Don



Fr. Dominic with his parents, Mimi and Don Sternhagen, and good friend, Portland Serran, Melliza Palazo



Joshua Falce, Boise, ID; Fr. Joseph Baltz, Santa Fe, NM; Fr. Stephen Kenyon, Central Point., OR; Fr. Dominic Sternhagen, SLC, UT; Fr. Stephen Wood Sacramento, CA; Fr. Raymond Philip Napuli, San Diego, CA; Brody Stewart, Seattle, WA (Mt Angel seminarians and alumni)

Fr. Dominic was a seminarian for 21 years! In 1999 he entered the Benedictine Minor Seminary of Christ the King in British Columbia, Canada, then 4 years later joined the Legionaries of Christ. Fr. Dominic was Dean of Studies at the Legionary Novitiate in Dublin, Ireland, an English teacher, choir leader, Latin and Greek tutor, etc...

Taking a year out to do pastoral work in Philadelphia, he realized God was calling him in another direction, a calling as a diocesan priest...leading him first to the Diocese of Salt Lake City, and then to Mount Angel Seminary.

December 3, 2014

Margret Harris and Lynn Jones were honored for their U.S. Serran award as best newsletter. They received a certificate from U.S. Serra and a wonderful box of chocolates from the Portland Club. Archbishop Sample shared a few thoughts about the importance of Serrans and emphasized that vocations start with the family. It was a delightful and inspirational gathering of great people!



Above L to R: Dan and Lynn Jones; Margret & Ken Harris Margret and Lynn were awarded USAC best newsletter. They are a team working with their husbands who help edit, proofread and then they celebrate their finished product with a toast of wine (or beer in Ken's case) and go to dinner afterwards! It's a winning combination!!

In my 40 years of Serra, you, Lynn and Margaret have produced the BEST newsletters I have seen. Thanks for keeping us so much in the loop. God bless.

Bruce Asmus

We Portland Serrans have been truly blessed by the generosity and dedication of Lynn and Margaret. Their newsletters have provided current and comprehensive information for our members. The expertise with which they have formatted and delivered information has been outstanding. They have most certainly shared their treasure. It is a treasure of grace through the Holy Spirit. Many thanks for their years of service to their fellow Serrans. Thank you, Lynn and Margaret. Blessings to you both,

Jocelyn Hoffman

February 17, 2019



Monique Harris taking on the reigns of the Serran Newsletter from Margret Harris and Lynn Jones

*Dear Lynn and Margret,
What a magnificent job of producing an excellent newsletter — and for 17 years!
Thank you so much!
and God Bless!
Apt and Sandy*

OUR GREAT THANKS TO LYNN JONES & MARGRET HARRIS
17 YEARS AS EDITORS OF THE SERRAN CLUB NEWSLETTER!

Lynn & Margret, you are amazing! With love, Monique & Paul

*Dear Lynn and Margaret,
It is always a joy to read the Portland Serra Club Newsletter, and I know that it requires a lot of work and good planning, with great photos and layout.
Thank you so much for all your work these past 17 years!*

*Sincerely in Christ,
Kathleen Guloy*

Carol and I want to thank both of you for your years of dedication to the Serra Club. We have enjoyed reading the newsletter. You have been a dynamic duo.

*Love and Prayers,
Dean and Carol Pettit*

Lynn and Margaret deserve much appreciation! Jack and I have not been attending Serra Club meetings but always read with interest in the Newsletter the programs and photos! Please convey our best wishes!

Ruth Talbot

I am in awe of the 17 years of dedication to turning out an interesting and informative newsletter as shown by Lynn and Margret. It has been a real gift to us as Serrans and served to keep us unified as a club and up to date on who to pray for, what is happening with our club not only locally and regionally, but internationally as well. It has helped me be a better and more dedicated Serran. Thank you to them both.

God be with you,

Susan Gallagher

Dear Lynn and Margaret,

Thank you for your faithful service in preparing and sending the Serran newsletter. It is easy to take such faithful service for granted, but thanks to you I could keep my personal calendar up to date. Though you will no longer be doing the newsletter, I have no doubt your dedication will continue to sustain us all. Blessings, and happy "retirement",

Jennifer Cullen



Join us for the 14th Annual Rosary Bowl: A Marian and Eucharistic Celebration

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday Oct. 3rd

- Live Stream
- Radio Broadcast and
- In-Person at: St. Edward Church, Keizer, OR 8-10:30am

Details and REGISTER at: www.rosarybowlnw.org

Support our Priests
Send a card
Say a Prayer



Prayer of St. Francis De Sales

Do not look forward in fear to the changes and chances of this life;

Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise,

God, to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them.

He has guided you thus far in life, and He will lead you safely through all trials;

and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Amen.

Registration is GOING ON NOW!

Our prayers make a difference! Join us for the 14th Annual Rosary Bowl on Saturday, October 3rd at St. Edward Catholic Church in Keizer, Oregon. This Marian and Eucharistic Celebration combines the best of virtual and social in one location.

In-Person Option:

- 8 am - Doors open at St. Edward Church, Keizer
- 8:30 am - Holy Mass with Archbishop Sample
- 9:30 am - Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady Help of All Persecuted Christians
- 10:30 am - Confessions will be available
- Donations accepted at the door

Virtual Option:

- 8:30 am – Listen to Mater Dei Radio 88.3 FM for the live radio broadcast or watch the live stream online at: www.rosarybowlnw.org
- Virtual and In-Person: 8:30 am - Limited seating at Queen of Peace Parish, Salem to view the Live Stream in the Gathering area.

For details and links to online registrations:

www.rosarybowlnw.org

Email us at: info@rosarybowlnw.org.

St. Edward Church is located at: 5303 River Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303.

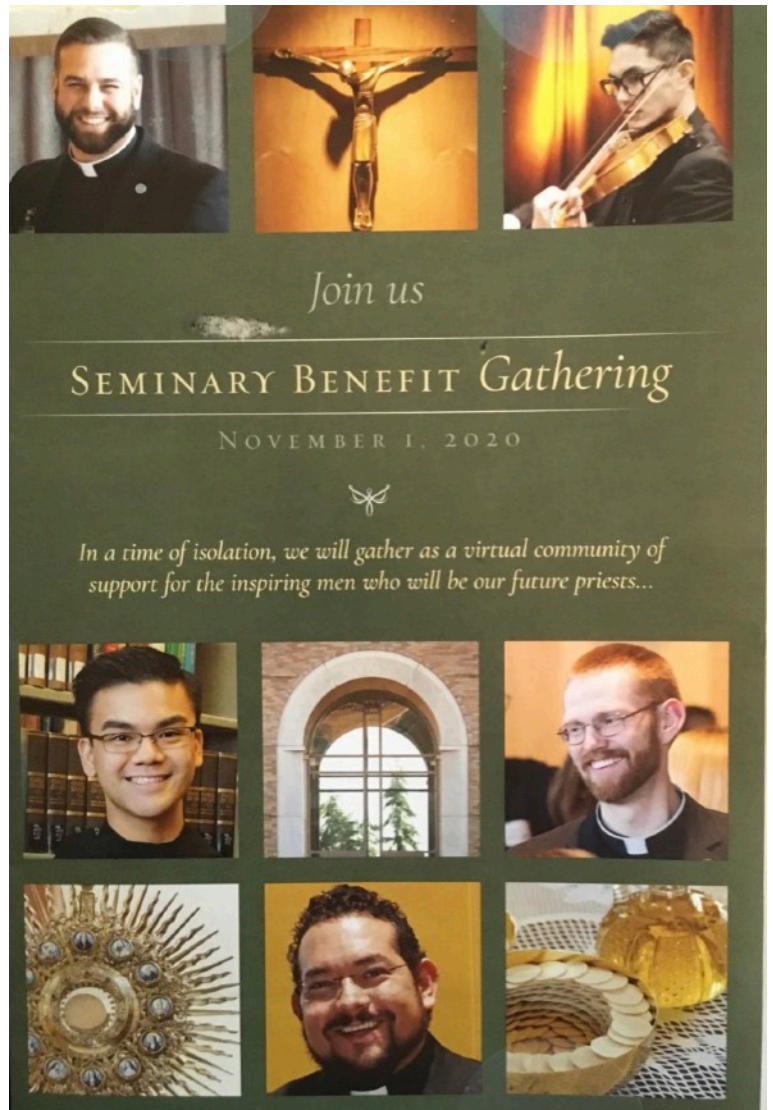
Seminarian Benefit Gathering

Sunday, Nov 1 4:30 to 6:30

Help support Mt Angel Seminary by joining this virtual gathering! The program will be similar as to past events, plus you will get a look into the life inside the Abbey. In addition, each sponsor and their guests at your virtual table will receive a wine gift package!

This past year there were 39 seminarian graduates, 8 transitional deacons and 9 priests ordained. This is the Abbey's primary fundraiser for the year, to help and educate our future priests, so we do invite you to join and participate in this fine event!

Questions: call 503-845-3030
or email at: sbd@mtangel.edu



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Fill your heart with love

Fill your mind with

kindness

Fill your soul with peace

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