



# SERRA CLUB of PORTLAND BULLETIN

Serra Club 3 / District 1S / Pacific Northwest Region  
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## SERRAN CALENDAR

Sun, Feb 2 - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, 11 AM Mass, Cathedral

Wed, Feb 5      11 AM Board Meeting  
                    Noon Serra Meeting  
Speaker:        TBA

Wed, Feb 19    Noon    Mass  
   Serra Meeting  
Speaker:        Elias Moos, Director of Catholic Education

Wed, Mar 5      11 AM Board Meeting  
                    Noon Serra Meeting

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb 2            World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
- March 5        Ash Wednesday
- Mar 8-14       Catholic Sisters Week
- Apr 20          Easter
- May 11          World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 1           Religious Brothers Day
- June 25-29    International Serra Convention Kansas City, KS
- Jun 27          World Day of of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests
- Jul 1            St Junipero Serra
- Aug 11-14     Quo Vadis Days
- Sep 28          Priesthood Sunday
- Nov 2-8        National Vocation Awareness Wk

## President's Message

### Serrans, All Are Called!

I was moved by Sunday's reading: Corinthians 12:4-11, "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." On Feb 2, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord and World Day of Consecrated Life. We give thanks for all those who have been called to Consecrated Life. All Consecrated are like the light on the bed stand, radiating the light and love of Christ out to all the world. We pray for each and every one of you, every day, giving thanks to God for you saying "Yes" to Christ and hoping that more will be called to Consecrated Life. On this special day, as those who in Consecrated Life have done, I ask you to meditate on the reading above and ask yourself; "What are the special talents the Holy Spirit and God have blessed me with and am I using those talents to the fullest? We pray, Lord, let us all be the light of Christ in the world. Amen

Saint Junipero Serra, Pray for Us!  
*Paul Harris*  
*President, Portland Serra Club*

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**Office of  
Vocations**

During the weekend of January 3-5, men discerning the priesthood were invited to join Archbishop Sample and the Archdiocese seminarians for a time of prayer and conversation. In the photo to the right, Fr. Peter Julia, the Archdiocese of Portland Vocation Director, is blessing the Griffin Retreat Center where the Discernment Retreat was held.



*“Lord, grant these men the grace they need to one day become faithful servants as priests. Let the light of Christ shine through them to everyone they meet.”*



In all, 22 young men, (in the photo above,) attended the retreat with Archbishop Alexander Sample, along with Fr. Peter Julia, Fr. Randy Hoang, Fr. Tim Furlow, and the Archdiocese of Portland seminarians, all assisting the Archbishop.

In the photo to the right, Marcos Alvarado Transmonte, in front of Mauricio Duran; then from left to right, Joseph Canepa, Andy Sanchez, Dawn Bentz, Melliza Palazzo, Andrew Seeber, Geraldo Perez Roblero, Noah Maffett, John Nguyen, and Beto Montes-Contreras. These men are some of the Archdiocese of Portland seminarians. Dawn is the Archdiocese Clergy Coordinator. Serran Melliza and her daughter prepared and served the meals during the retreat with the help also of Megan Schuver, Development Coordinator from St. Rose of Lima. Serran Gail Wilhelms helped with registration.



## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/5 Rev. Secil Raj Savarimuthu, HGN
- 2/11 Rev. Patrick Hannon, CSC
- 2/17 Rev. Richard Berg, CSC

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 Rev. Edmund Smith, OSB  
Rev. Peter O'Brien
- 2/4 Rev. Jean Bernard Dubos, OJSS
- 2/6 Rev. Piotr Dzikowski, S.CH  
Rev. Jack Krouse, SJ
- 2/8 Most Rev. Peter Smith
- 2/9 Rev. James Ladd
- 2/10 Rev. Peter Phong Nguyen, SDD
- 2/12 Rev. Martin Grassel, OSB  
Rev. Sean Weeks
- 2/13 Rev. James Rigert, CSC
- 2/14 Rev. Michael Biewend  
Rev. Paul Ybarra, CSC
- 2/15 Rev. John Boyle  
Rev. Garry Cappleman, OP  
Rev. Michael Kueber
- 2/16 Rev. Thomas Gaughan, CSC  
Rev. Daniel Thomas Harris, MMJMJ
- 2/17 Rev. Francesco DePuydt, OJSS
- 2/19 Rev. Joseph Francis  
Rev. Philip Waibel, OSB
- 2/21 Msgr. Donald Buxman
- 2/22 Most Rev John G. Vlazny (Emeritus)
- 2/23 Rev. Rito Guzman, MSpS
- 2/24 Rev. Anthony Hoangphan
- 2/25 Rev. Jegathesh Thiru Selvam, HGN
- 2/27 Rev. Peter Do, OP
- 2/28 Rev. John Paul Le, OSB

### FEBRUARY



## SISTERS FEAST DAYS

- 2/5 Sr. Agatha Radoli, OCD  
Sr. Agatha Thuy Hang Tran, MTG
- 2/6 Sr. Dorothy Pulkka, OSB  
Sr. Dorothy Rausch, OSB
- 2/10 Sr. Diana Jean Neumayer, SSMO
- 2/11 Sr. Marie Bernadette George, SSMO
- 2/21 Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2/7 Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB
- 2/8 Sr. Joyce Green, SP  
Sr. Mary Thuan Pham, MTG
- 2/12 Sr. Barbara Schamber, SP
- 2/14 Sr. Dorothy Pulkka, OSB
- 2/28 Sr. Therese Gutting, FSE

Sr. Regina Rausch, OSB, will celebrate 70 years of monastic profession on February 10, the feast of Saint Scholastica, with a Jubilee Mass followed by a festive dinner, at Queen of Angels Monastery, Mt. Angel.



Support Vocations! Send a card ~ Say a Prayer

Let them know

**WE CARE!**

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[Oregon Catholic Directory](http://OregonCatholicDirectory.org)



## Traveling Chalice/Crucifix



The Traveling Chalice/Crucifix Program is a simple and effective way to get parishioners directly involved in supporting vocations. It can be done in several ways, and in both schools and parishes. For example, on Sunday the priest can present the chalice/crucifix at the end of Mass to a family, who then could put it in a prominent place at home and pray daily for vocations. This may be part of a kit with prayer cards, a log book for prayers, thoughts, and inspirations, and a rosary.

For more ideas about this program, go to [serraspark.org](http://serraspark.org).

# Reflections from January 15 Serra Meeting : *Let the Fire Fall* *Lessons Learned About the Call for Religious Vocations*

Video presentation of

## Serra Meets Fr. Jonathan St. André



Our speaker, (from one of the many excellent videos from Serra Meets), was Franciscan Fr. Jonathan Andre, TOR, a 1996 graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville and ordained in 2006. He began his talk by reading Luke 10:1-12, the passage where Jesus sends out his 72 disciples into towns to spread the word of Christ. Fr. Jonathan described the passage as a lesson for us to share our call to be holy and vibrant people in the Church today, and to promote and encourage men and women who are called to live a consecrated life. We should never take for granted the gift that the Lord has given us and what He has called us to be, as laborers to go on ahead, just like the 72 disciples.

We need to pray for laborers. Our prayers are working to attract people. We should meet young people where they are and build relationships with them. Be a role model. Bring the peace of Christ to others. Every person has a call that is needed in some way in the life of the Church. Fr Jonathan then shared several lessons that he has learned, ways to be open to the Holy Spirit and promote the call of vocations:

1. **To be seen, known, and invited is powerful.** We all need this. We should let people in our lives know we appreciate them. Father Jonathan had not thought of a religious vocation until friends told him they could see him in that role.
2. **People need support** to grow in their roots as people, to become healthy, physically and mentally. Spiritual formation is extremely important, but human formation is also really important.
3. **Action produces clarity.** You can't discern a call in your head. You have to have the courage to take a step- that may be to fill out an application.
4. **Pray for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit,** for the Church, for our nation, and for the world. We want to pray to the Holy Spirit, to ignite hearts on fire, so those hearts can respond to the call of the Lord more fully.

### Quenton Czuba

#### **Active and long time Serran member**

Quenton Czuba passed away quietly in his sleep on January 6, 2025. Our prayers go out to Ann and her family at this difficult time. We'll always remember Quenton, his smile, sense of humor and faithfulness to the mission of the Serra Club. May his soul rest in peace.

There will be a rosary at 10:30 a.m. prior to the **Funeral Mass** at **11:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Madeleine, (St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church), located at 3123 NE 24 Ave., Portland 97229. There will be a reception following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made for St. Vincent de Paul through the Madeleine.



2014 Christmas Social  
Mary Ann Perlot, Ann and Quenton Czuba