July 2025

SERRA CLUB of PORTLAND BULLETIN

Serra Club 3 / District 1S / Pacific Northwest Region

SERRAN CALENDAR

June 25-29 **Serra International Convention**
Kansas City, KS

Wed, Jul 2 — 11 AM Board Meeting
Noon Serra Meeting
Speaker: Fr. Rito Guzman MSpS
Parochial Vicar, St. Matthew Catholic Church

Wed, Jul 16 — Noon Mass
Serra Meeting
Speaker: Katie Jo LaRiviere, Mt Angel
Asst. Professor of Literature
Topic: Hazelnut Catholic/Research

Wed, Aug 6 — 11 AM Board Meeting
Noon Serra Meeting
Speaker: Fr. Gary Smith, SJ

Wed, Aug 20 — No Meeting

Sept 28 — Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon

The Serra Club of Portland celebrated Charter Day on June 18, marking 87 years that the club has been in existence.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1	St Junipero Serra
Aug 11-14	Quo Vadis Days
Sep 28	Priesthood Sunday
Nov 2-8	National Vocation Awareness Wk

President's Message

Your trust in me to lead and share the inspiring mission of the Serra Club makes me feel incredibly humble and honored. Our primary focus is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayers and active commitment, with a special emphasis on supporting seminarians from the Archdiocese of Portland.

Our mission resonates with a heartfelt commitment: praying for the salvation of all priests and the world. This year we are eager to raise awareness and to inspire more individuals within our local church to join in prayer for more vocations and to support priests on their sacred journey to sanctify the people of God. As we wrapped up the visitation of the Saint Pope John Paul II (JP II) Vocations Monstrance here in our Archdiocese of Portland, let us remember what the Pope said on Vocation, "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and everyone of us. Each one of us is hand-picked and called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation!"

Thank you for being a part of this vital mission. Together, let's nurture more vocations and support our religious leaders in their divine callings here in Oregon.

Melliza Palazo, President of the Portland Serra Club

St . Junipero Serra, Pray for us!

Serra Club of Portland

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Reflections from June 4 Serra Meeting :

Vocations and Seminarian Update

Fr. Peter Julia, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Portland

The diocese is looking at some initiatives to attract more men to the priesthood: reestablishing vocation committees in parishes, (several were disbanded during the pandemic), and implementing "Called By Name", a program that encourages priests and laity to identify men in the diocese who might have a vocation and to invite them to discern their calling. Some may just need the invitation to explore the possibility of the priesthood. Fr. Peter's classmate, a vocation director in Texas, has had great success with this program. In a few years after its implementation, the diocese saw a surge in new seminarians, from four in a year to 24.

Our diocese currently has Quo Vadis Days, a program for young men ages 15-18 who are invited to a four-day vocation discernment camp to explore their life's calling. They have a chance to share a meal with Archbishop Alexander Sample while learning about discernment, seminary life and priesthood.

Concluding the presentation, Fr. Peter provided a detailed description of the stringent admissions process, which encompassed essays, psychological assessments, academic transcripts, and additional evaluations. We will have a total of about 35 seminarians in formation when the new candidates for the seminary are admitted this fall.

Reflections from June 18 Serra Meeting:

Charter Day Celebration & Financial Update

Ed O'Hanlon, Treasurer of the Serra Club of Portland

On June 18th Serrans celebrated Charter Day and the feast of St. Junipero Serra Saint Day a few days early which is on July 1st. Melliza's daughter Melaudie helped at the reception desk, greeting Serrans and guests and collecting money for the lunch. Ed O'Hanlon provided an update of the finances of the Serra Club of Portland.

June 4, 2025 Serra Club Meeting Fr. Peter Julia

Fr. Peter Julia gave his assessment of vocations within our Archdiocese at our Serra Club Meeting in the photo above. This was the last time Paul Harris addressed the members as President of the Serra Club as he passed on the reins of the presidency to Melliza Palazo in the photo to the left. To the right are Dan Jones, Fr. Pat McNamee, Fr. Peter Julia, Melliza Palazo, Paul Harris and in front, Fr. Don Buxman.

ORDINATIONS

7/01	Rev. William Holtzinger
	Rev. Charles Wood
7/03	Rev. Joseph Barita, ALCP
7/04	Rev. Silverino Kwebuza, AJ
7/08	Rev. Odo Recker, OSB
7/12	Rev. Michael Johnston
	Rev. Martin King
	Rev. Augustine Manyama, AJ
	Rev. Gary Zerr
7/14	Rev. Maximo Stöck, SSJ
7/15	Rev. Mark Bachmeier
	Rev. Stephen Clovis
7/22	Rev. Panneer Selvam
	Rev. Msgr. Gerard O'Connor
7/26	Rev. Nazario Atukunda

Support Vocations! Send a card ~ Say a Prayer

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JULY

JULY 11

PROFESSION OF ANNIVERSARIES

Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, OSB - 62 yrs
Sr. Susan Casey, OSB - 49 yrs
Sr. Donna Marie Chartraw, OSB - 65 yrs
Sr. Joseph Fennimore, OSB - 69 yrs
Sr. Miriam Hendrikson, OSB - 19 yrs
Sr. Maureen Niedermeyer, OSB - 69 yrs
Sr. Rebecca Pirkl - 63 yrs
Sr. Joan Pokorny, OSB - 61 yrs
Sr. Dorothy Pulkka, OSB - 34 yrs
Sr. Alice Ann Schaefer, OSB - 63 yrs
Sr. Marietta Schindler, OSB - 62 yrs

FEAST DAYS

7/16	Sr. Teresa Francis Wilkins, OCD
7/26	Sr. Mary Anne Mushiya Biata, OCD
7/26	Sr. Anne Vandecoevering, SSMO
7/26	Sr. Marianne Giesel, SSMO
7/26	Sr. Anna Nguyen, SSMO

BIRTHDAYS

7/02	Rev. Ralph Recker, OSB
7/04	Rev. Paul Materu, ALCP
	Rev. Tim Mockaitis
7/06	Rev. Charles Lienert
7/07	Rev. Joseph Sebasty
	Rev Thomas Yurchak
7/17	Rev. Luan Nguyen
7/21	Rev. Ephrem Martínez, OSB
7/23	Rev. Arthur Wheeler, CSC
7/24	Rev. Eric Andersen
7/26	Rev. David Brown
7/28	Rev. Dennis O'Donovan
	Rev. Luan Tran
7/29	Rev. Amalanathan Irudayaraj

SISTERS

7/02	Sr. Veronica Schueler, FSE
7/05	Sr. Rita Rose, SSMO
7/08	Sr. Thanh Pham, SSMO
7/17	Sr. Marie Elise O'Brien, OCD
7/18	Sr. Katherine Smith, SP
	Sr. Rosina Pham, SSMO
7/22	Sr. Elma Heesaker, SSMO
7/23	Sr. Juanita Villarreal, SSMO
7/29	Sr. Alison Green, SSMO

The Rite of Ordination of Deacons
Saturday, June 21, 2025
St Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Each candidate is called by name, answers questions about the office of the deacon, and makes a commitment to celibacy and to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

The Elect prostrate themselves while the Litany of Saints is sung. Above right, Archbishop Sample lays hands on the Elect.

The newly ordained are clothed with their vestments proper to their ministry.

They are given the fraternal kiss of peace by Deacons present.

Deacons Zach and Nicholas assist at the altar while Deacon Shawn gives Communion.

We offer our Congratulations to these newly ordained Transitional Deacons! May God bless them on their journey to the Priesthood!

All present at the Diaconate Ordinations were invited to a reception in the Cathedral School after the Mass and had an opportunity to visit with the newly-ordained Deacons, seminarians and priests within our Archdiocese of Portland, to include Archbishop Alexander Sample. What a joyful occasion this was! May the Lord continue to guide and bless our archbishop, bishops, priests, deacons and seminarians.

Above: Melliza & Melaudie Palazo, Beto Montes-Contreras, Deacon Shawn Daniel and Luis Mercado-Olivera.

Left to right: Teresa Lopez, newly ordained Deacons Shawn Daniel, Zachary Muñoz, Nicholas Martell, and Hope Jensen. Teresa did the first reading for the Diaconate Mass at the Cathedral. Deacon Zach is wearing a lei he received in Hawaii where he had attended another ordination. Hope Jensen presented Deacon Nicholas a gift of a special handbag stitched with the logo of the Year of Hope.

Remembering Archbishop Vlazny through the years :
At our Priest Appreciation Dinners

May 7, 2024

May 22, 2022

May 22, 2023

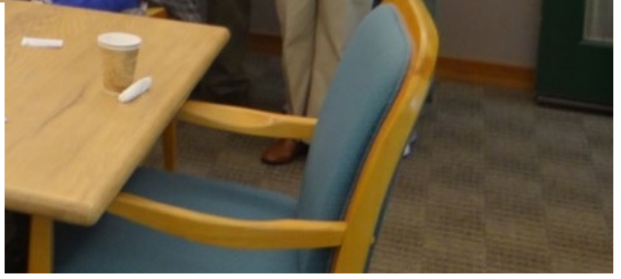
Remembering Archbishop Vlazny through the years :
At our Serra Christmas/Advent Parties

December 7, 2022

December 15, 2021

Remembering Archbishop Vlazny through the years :
At the Vianney House

Mav 3. 2017



Remembering Archbishop Vlazny through the years :
At our Serra Christmas/Advent Parties

December 3, 2014

Remembering Archbishop Vlazny through the years :
At our Serra Christmas/Advent Parties

December 4, 2013