

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



Support our Priests
Send a card—Say a Prayer
Let them know that we care



Ordination Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

- 9/5 Rev. Liam Cary
Rev. Terry O'Connell
- 9/8 Rev. Victoriano Perez
- 9/11 Rev. Ronald Millican
- 9/13 Rev. Donald Gutmann
- 9/24 Rev. Patrick Brennan

Birthdays



SEPTEMBER

- 9/02 Rev. Henry Rufo
- 9/05 Rev. Gary Zerr
- 9/06 Rev. Robert Cieslinski
- 9/06 Rev. Michael Johnston
- 9/07 Rev. Kevin Clarke, SJ
- 9/07 Rev. Kevin O'Connor, OMI
- 9/08 Rev. James Dieringer
- 9/10 Rev. Nicholaus Nilema, ALCP
- 9/14 Rev. Benedict Innes, OFM
- 9/17 Rev. Robert Loughery, CSC
- 9/17 Rev. Charles Zach
- 9/18 Rev. Michael Evernden, CSP
- 9/18 Rev. Richard Rossman
- 9/19 Rev. Theodore Prentice
- 9/21 Rev. Jack Mosbrucker
- 9/27 Rev. Edward Altstock
- 9/27 Rev. Patrick Stewart, SJ
- 9/28 Rev. Robert Beltrami, OFM
- 9/28 Rev. Michael Hemming
- 9/30 Rev. Thomas DeMan, OP
- 9/30 Rev. William McHugh, OMI



“Prayer is the highest achievement of which the human person is capable.”

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

President's Message

One of our top priorities for our Serra Club is to increase our membership in such a way that our membership would represent more of our parishes in this Archdiocese. Presently, approximately 50% of our members come from St. Pius X and the Madeleine parishes. If we can get our “foot in the door” in some more parishes, then it is realistic to believe that we can then expect to increase the number of parishes who will have an active vocation committee.

Your Serra board members are exploring the possibility of seeking volunteers from our present membership who would be willing to communicate with the pastor of their parish, or a nearby parish, about recruitment for the Serra Club. This would entail contacting the pastor and presenting him with the idea of having him give some brief “info” about the Serra Club at his most popular daily Mass. Then one of our members would be in the vestibule with our Serra brochure and would be available to provide assistance to Mass attendees.

Hopefully many of you will be able to participate in our effort to increase our Serra membership in more parishes, which will increase the opportunities to establish vocational committees, thus increasing our promotion of religious vocations.

Junipero Serra, pray for us
Ken Harris, President

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Thursday Sept 2 - Sunday, Sept 5, 2010 Anchorage, Alaska

THEME: “Bringing the Bread of Life—True Manna in the Wildness”

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| Thurs Sept 2 | Mass 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Welcome Reception 7:45 - 8:30 pm
The Hotel Captain Cook |
| Fri Sept 3 | Mass 9:00 a.m. Archbishop Felix Job
Convention Sessions |
| Sat Sept 4 | Mass 9:00 a.m. Bishop Donald Kettler
Convention Sessions
Theme Night Reception / Dinner 6:30 p.m. |
| Sun Sept 5 | Mass 9:00 a.m. / Convention Sessions
Annual Reception and Banquet 6:30 p.m. |

To register or obtain more info: www.serra.org

SEMINARIAN GOLF TOURNEY EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE – MT. ANGEL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

GOLF-2:00 P.M.

“Attitude Adjustment” HOUR / DINNER-5:30

GOLF=\$14 (pay at course) DINNER=\$22

CHECK FOR DINNER (SERRA CLUB) TO: DAVE HUGHES

1950 NW 192nd Ave, #272

Beaverton, OR 97006 (503-533-4080)

INVITE YOUR PARISH PRIEST(S)

PRIESTS/SEMINARIANS = FREE

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED

PROGRAM RECAPS

July 21, 2010 - Father Peter Siamoo, who is a priest in residence at St. Pius X parish, presented a program on reconciliation and forgiveness and how the Holy spirit works within us. He related a true story of when he was doing his internship for his Masters degree in mental health counseling. While completing this internship he did not wear his priestly collar and was not known by patients to be a priest.

The example of how the Holy Spirit works started with Father Peter's encounter with a 49 year old woman who was dying of cancer. The woman's patient log listed her religious affiliation as Baptist. Father's initial visit with her did not elicit much dialog. Two days later he once again had little success in communicating with the woman. However, as he was leaving he asked her if she had any last request. (enter the Holy Spirit) She began to cry, and said she would like to return to her church, but that she knew this was not possible. Father Peter assured her that he could contact a nearby Baptist church for her and that they would come to visit her. The lady then told Father that she was not a Baptist. She was a Catholic. She had left her faith when she married because her husband would not marry a Catholic. Father Peter assured her that she could return to her Catholic faith. He contacted her husband and told him of his wife's wish. The husband was surprised and upset that she had not told him of her wishes earlier. However, he supported her present request.

The couple had two sons and a daughter. The brothers were estranged from each other and their Dad. Father Peter phoned the brothers and convinced them to visit their mother. When they arrived two days later, Father told them that their mother knew she would soon be in heaven, but she was sad because they were not a united family. He then sent the two brothers out and told them to work out a reconciliation. The two brothers came back in fifteen minutes arm in arm and crying. Father Peter then sent the sons out with the Dad and about 20 minutes later they all came back crying and arm in arm. The family had forgiven each other. While the family was out of the room, Father Peter heard the woman's confession, anointed her, and welcomed her back to the Catholic Church.

The husband was overjoyed and insisted they celebrate with a family meal in the hospital room and that Father Peter participate. The woman, who had previously needed help just to turn over in her bed, sat in a chair, and rejoiced in having her family back. The husband told his wife that there must be something about the Catholic faith and he asked to join the church. The sons and daughters also joined. The mother died the next day.

August 4, 2010 - Dan Jones led the program sharing Serra USAC focus on **New Vocations**. Dan pointed out as Serrans we do a wonderful job affirming vocations and we need to continue to do so. Additionally, we need to ask ourselves....."What can I do?" to promote new vocations to priesthood and religious life. A DVD was shared which emphasized the impact of our shortage of priests and the reality of not having enough priests to have mass and share in the Eucharist. Lynn Jones and Walt Bernard joined with Dan in two skit presentations which were originally presented at Super Weekend in Chicago this past June. The goal is for Serra Clubs to get more involved in programs & processes to help promote New Vocations. There will be follow-up session at a future meeting with more ideas on how we can initiate new ways to promote NEW Vocations – like Quo Vadis Days!

Portland Archdiocese Quo Vadis Days

Father Theodore Lange led the 10th annual Quo Vadis Days held in Glide, OR August 2-5th. There were 6 priests and 4 seminarians who participated in this year's camp which had a theme of "Zeal for God – Zeal for Souls". The Portland Serra Club sponsored the bus for this event & Dan Jones rode down as one of the chaperones. The bus was overloaded so they actually had to exchange for a larger bus in Woodburn which is GREAT news! There were a total of 52 young men who participated in this 4-day camp which included games, recreation, liturgy, vespers, Mass, rosary, meditation, confession, testimonials and conferences. Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions shared their production on *John Vianney* on Aug 4th (which was the Feast Day of Saint John Vianney). The event was a great success and many thanks to all Serrans who made donations to support the bus transportation to and from the camp.

Annual Grotto Mass / Brunch Great Success!!

The Portland Serra Club hosted the annual Grotto Mass and Brunch with 36 Serrans attending—including attendees from Salem/Keizer and Columbia River clubs. Rev Jack Topper, OSM acknowledged Serrans for their support of vocations. Many thanks to Ed Watkins and Don Shaw for another great event.

POPE NAMES LOCAL PRIESTS MONSIGNORS

Archbishop Vlazny announced that Pope Benedict XVI has named three local priests Monsignors. Those honored are Rev. Msgr. Richard Paperini, Rev. Msgr. Richard Huneger and Rev. Msgr. John Cihak. Congratulations and you remain in our prayers.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 18, 2010

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: *Mary Ann Perlot, Adopt a Seminarian Program*

Sept 1, 2010

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: *Fr. Theodore Lange, Quo Vadis Days (tentative date)*

Sept 15, 2010

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: *Dan Jones, Vocations Part II*

Oct 6, 2010

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: *Ted Watkins - Catholica Collection and Fr. Serra Letter*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 2-5, 2010

Serra International
Convention in Anchorage, AK

October 1, 2010

Seminarian Golf Tourney

October 31, 2010

Priesthood Sunday

Nov 7, 2010

Sisters' Appreciation Brunch
Mt Angel Seminary Benefit Dinner

Please Pray for
vocations daily.
Promote vocations in
your parish!



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