

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



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Ordination Anniversaries



FEBRUARY

2/2 Rev. Kenneth Olsen

Happy Birthday



FEBRUARY

- 02/03 Rev. Peter O'Brien
- 02/08 Rev. Peter Smith
- 02/12 Rev. Sean Weeks
- 02/13 Rev. William Hayes, SJ
- 02/14 Rev. Michael Biewend, CJ
- 02/15 Rev. Michael Kueber
- 02/19 Rev. David Janes
- 02/20 Rev. Joseph Hau Duc Nguyen
- Rev. Philip Waibel, OSB
- 02/21 Rev. Donald Buxman
- 02/22 **Archbishop John Vlazny**
- 02/24 Rev. Lawrence Robinson, SJ

VESPERS HONORING CONSECRATED LIFE

Archbishop John Vlazny will lead a Vesper Prayer Service on **Saturday, Feb 4 at the Cathedral celebrating World Day of Consecrated Life** which is Sunday, Feb 5.

World Day of Consecrated Life was initiated by Pope John Paul in 1997 to educate parishioners about people who serve God in countless, unexpected ways, while maintaining their commitment to a consecrated life.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Have you ever wondered what makes Dan Jones and others like him get so enthused about the work of USAC and the individual Serra clubs? Earlier this month I had the opportunity to attend a USAC workshop in Chicago for District Governors-Elect. I also attended one of the Board Meetings of USAC. Wow! You talk about dedicated Serrans!

At the workshop the presenters were almost overwhelming in their enthusiasm for getting new members for each Serra club and for developing and adopting new programs that will promote vocations. I returned home re-energized. Most Serrans will not attend a USAC workshop, but I believe we have some of the same opportunities at our Regional Conferences in the Spring and Fall. The Spring Leadership Conference will be held in Vancouver and our own Serra club will be sponsoring the Fall Conference. I hope you will plan to attend.

At the board meeting I was able to see our own Dan Jones in action. As the President-Elect of USAC he was at the head table and contributed often to the discussions of the various issues on the agenda. The first item on the board's agenda was the conflict with USAC and Serra International. By some co-incidence Serra International's Board was meeting in downtown Chicago at the same time. There was hope that a reconciliation might occur very soon.

Blessed Junipero Serra, Pray for us.
Ken Harris, President

5th ANNUAL VOCATIONS RALLY

The Annual Vocations Rally provides an opportunity to young students to spend a day to learn more about and have interaction with priests, brothers, and sisters. All religious communities are invited & many are expected to participate.

The program will again be held at **St. Pius X** on **Wednesday, March 7** and at Queen of Peace in Salem on **Thursday, March 8**. Serrans are needed as volunteers to help support this event.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the VOCATIONS RALLY being held on a SERRA CLUB WEDNESDAY there will not be a normal Serra meeting at St. Patrick's that day. We will gather at St. Pius X to support this event. All Serrans are encouraged to participate. Details on timing, activities and location will follow.

The Board Meeting normally scheduled for 10:30 will be moved to the 21st of March. Lunch will be catered by our own caterer and will cost the same. Lunch will be offered to the Sisters and those sponsoring the event.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, FEBRUARY 19

Cocktails at 6 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

DOUBLETREE AT LLOYD CENTER
Cascade Ballroom—NEW Room Upstairs

All priests, brothers, & deacons are invited as our guest for this annual event. Formal invitations have been mailed to everyone and RSVP's are coming in! We hope to see everyone there. If you are unable to attend, please sponsor a priest by making a donation!

MEETING RECAPS

January 4, 2012 - Ken Harris introduced our fellow Serran, Bob Turner, as our speaker. Bob has graciously agreed to step into the VP of Programs position to finish out the term. Bob's talk was titled "A Walk Through Wonderland –Our Role in Sponsoring Vocations". He indicated his intent and efforts as VP of Programs will be to present programs that expand our focus on vocations and issues that arise in the Catholic community.

January 18, 2012 - Bob Turner introduced our own Serra Chaplain, Father John Henderson as our featured speaker. Father John, Director of the Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese, presented an update and overview on his program for and emphasis on vocations. He plans to address our club twice a year and work closely with us in promoting vocations. Father John unveiled a new poster with photos of all the seminarians which will be sent to all parishes & schools. His goal is to establish Vocations Committees in all parishes. He also showed a new bracelet with "You Are The One" inscribed, which is the theme he is using in reaching out to the community, building relationships. The bracelets are available to everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
will be held in **SPAIN**
TO CELEBRATE THE **300TH ANNIVERSARY OF**
BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA'S BIRTHDAY
Watch for details soon!!



ARCHBISHOP JOHN G. VLAZNY WILL JOIN US.....

As a member of the Serra Club of Portland you have 3 months before our annual "New Members" luncheon on **May 2**. This should be plenty of time for each member to set his/her sights on at least **three prospective new members** for our Serra Club. Archbishop Vlazny has always been a great supporter of our club and its continual efforts to add to its membership and he has agreed to join us for this luncheon. If you make at least 3 contacts with potential Serrans, he will most likely use his influence to obtain for you a front row seat in heaven. Ergo, the board members of our Portland Serra Club are encouraging you to make a list of members of your parish, friends, relatives, etc. whom you think could be Serrans. Then relate to 3 or more of these people the need for religious vocations and what the Serra Club does to fulfill this need.

IN LOVING MEMORY

FRED FARRELL

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of former Serran, Fred Farrell. Fred was 88 years old and he passed away on December 29th. He was a long-time parishioner of the Madeleine.

DR. CHRISTOPHER BERNARDS

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Serran Walt Bernards and his wife, Jerry who lost their son, Christopher Bernards on January 12. He lived in Seattle and was only 53 years old. The family is holding a memorial service in Portland at St. Thomas More at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 28th.

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SERRA MEETINGS

February 1, 2012

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

*PROGRAM: John Brockamp, Serran,
"Tarhumara Wellness Story"*

February 15, 2012

SPECIAL LUNCHEON for
RETIRED PRIESTS at
St. John Vianney

March 7, 2012

Serra Meeting will be at St. Pius X
In support of VOCATIONS RALLY
Lunch will be served by our caterer
BOARD MEETING MOVED TO 21ST

March 21, 2012

Board Meeting 10:30
Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBA

PRAY
FOR
VOCATIONS



SPECIAL EVENTS

Feb 4, 2012

Portland Archdiocese Seminarian & Families Dinner 5:30 at St. Patrick's

Feb 5, 2012

National Day of Consecrated Life
SERVICE at Cathedral on Feb 4th

Sunday, February 19, 2012

Clergy Appreciation Dinner
Double Tree at Lloyd Center

March 7, 2012

Vocations Rally—St. Pius X Portland

March 8, 2012

Vocations Rally—Queen of Peace in Salem

Sunday, April 8, 2012 EASTER

Fri-Sat, April 13-15, 2012

Spring Leadership Conference
Vancouver, Washington