

# SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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## Ordination Anniversaries

### JULY

- 7/01 Rev. William Holtzinger  
Rev. Michael Kueber  
Rev. Charles Wood
- 7/02 Rev. Italo DePra
- 7/03 Rev. Nicholas Nilema, ALCP
- 7/12 Rev. John Amsberry  
Rev. Petrus Binh Hoang  
Rev. Michael Johnston  
Rev. Martin King, CH, MAJ-SEL  
Rev. Kelly Vandehey  
Rev. Gary Zerr
- 7/13 Rev. Ignacio Llorente, SSJ
- 7/15 Rev. Mark Bachmeier  
Rev. Stephen Clovis
- 7/22 Rev. Panneer Selvam
- 7/28 Rev. Michael Patrick

## Birthdays



### JULY

- 7/01 Rev. Cletus Osuji  
Rev. James Stange
- 7/04 Rev. Timothy Mockaitis
- 7/06 Rev. Joseph Baccellieri
- 7/06 Rev. Msgr. Charles Leinert
- 7/07 Rev. Joseph Sebasty  
Rev. Thomas Yurchak
- 7/09 Rev. James Kolb, CSP
- 7/12 Rev. Vincent Cunniff
- 7/14 Rev. John Amsberry
- 7/18 Rev. Jeffrey McDougall, SJ
- 7/19 Rev. Terry O'Connell
- 7/23 Rev. Joseph Beno
- 7/25 Rev. James Clifford, OSA
- 7/26 Rev. David Brown
- 7/28 Rev. Msgr. Dennis O'Donovan  
Rev. Luan Tran
- 7/29 Rev. Irudayaraj Amalanathan
- 7/30 Rev. Edward McTighe, SJ
- 7/31 Rev. Anthony Patalano, OP  
Rev. Elwin Schwab



## PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Above the clouds the sky is  
always blue.

St. Therese of Lisieux



## Father Don Buxman resigns as Portland Serra Club Chaplain after 33 years of service

It is with sad hearts & mixed emotions we accepted the resignation of **Father Don Buxman** pastor of Christ the King, Milwaukie, as our **Portland Serra Club Chaplain after 33 years of dedication and service.** Father Don is passing the role over to newly appointed Archdiocese Vocations Director, Father John Henderson and we warmly welcome Fr. John aboard!

We also just learned of Father Don's **new appointment as Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese** as well as his accepting membership on the Mt. Angel Abbey Foundation Board of Trustees.

All Serrans know that a critical component for a successful Serra Club is to have a supportive Chaplain who is actively involved. The Portland Serra Club has been very blessed for the last 33 years to have had Father Don Buxman. When Father Don was Vocations Director of the Archdiocese he realized the important role which the Serra Club could play in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as supporting those following their vocations. In 1978 he was appointed Chaplain of the Serra Club of Portland. **His dedication and superior performance earned him International recognition as the outstanding Serra Club Chaplain for 2009-2010. Father Don received the Serra International's Archbishop Cousins Award in 2010 after serving 32 years of service as Portland Serra Club Chaplain and he celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary on June 13<sup>th</sup> of 2010.**

He has regularly attended Portland Serra Club board and general meetings, as well as offered mass on a monthly basis. When the board faced challenges and was looking for creative solutions, Father Don always seems to be able to come up with one! His homilies have been thought provoking and his advice has been sound and kept our club on the correct track. He attends all Serrans funerals, except on the rare occasion of an emergency within his parish. Father Don also holds an annual memorial Mass honoring all Serrans who have died in the past year. Father Don attends and participates in all Club activities: dinners, brunches, and golf events. As Serra Chaplain, he attends almost all of the ordinations of priests and deacons of the Archdiocese. He frequently teaches at the Seminary at Mt. Angel. Almost every year, he hosts Seminars for their intern year, which is a testament to his leadership and training skills - as well as his dedication to vocation to the priesthood and diaconate.

When the highly explosive issue of admitting women to Portland Serra came up, he almost single handedly held the club together as the debate raged on and finally passed; which is a tribute to his pastoral skills. Father Don is known for his witty sense of humor and he is also conciliatory, which has a healing effect on club members when there is anything being discussed that has the potential for adversarial confrontation.

Father Don regularly attended Regional Conferences and Annual Serra International Conferences all over the world because of his commitment and support of Serra. He is not only well respected and admired in Portland, but all over the world. Thank you Father Don for your service, commitment and friendship! You are truly a role model for Serran Chaplains around the world.

## Annual Grotto Mass Brunch Sunday, July 24

All Serrans (including members of Salem-Keizer, Bend & Columbia River Clubs) are invited to attend our Annual Serra Grotto Mass at noon followed by a Brunch at 1:15. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$20 per person. The Grotto is off NE 82nd at 8840 NE Skidmore Street. **RSVP by July 20th** to Ed Watkins (503) 223-9355 or edcwatkins@netscape.com OR you can sign up at the next Portland Serra Meeting.

# President's Message



Sometimes it is difficult to accept change, especially for those of us who are in our "golden years". But accept it we must. No longer will we see the smiling face of Father Don Buxman at our meetings & conventions. However, the new chaplain of our Portland Serra Club comes with glowing recommendations from Fr. Don and all those who know him. Father John Henderson has been the pastor at St. Mary's in Corvallis. He has volunteered cheerfully to take on the role of Serran chaplain.

Another priest devoted to the promotion of vocations and has worked closely with our Serra Club is Father Kelly Vandehey, who is moving back into parish work in Medford. He also will be missed. Father Henderson is his replacement as Archdiocesan vocation director. Sister Patti Novak, OSF, is another advocate of vocations who will no longer be a member of the Archdiocesan vocation committee. At our last meeting she was invited as our guest for lunch so Serrans could thank her for her many contributions to the cause of vocations.

With the transition to our new board members, I want to thank Mary Lu Love for her fine work as Vice-President of membership.

Junipero Serra, pray for us

**Ken Harris, President**

## PROGRAM RECAPS

**June 1, 2011** - Debra Elliott introduced our speaker, Joseph Salazar, Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph parish in Vancouver, WA. His topic was "Lay Vocations". Joseph told his own story of discernment. He was in college when he became dissatisfied with the direction his studies were leading. He had a professor who asked him if he might consider a vocation to the priesthood. He decided to enter the seminary where he studied several years. A spiritual advisor was very helpful throughout. Although Joseph did not become a priest, this time spent at the seminary helped him be better prepared for his vocation today. He is married and has three children. John Paul II's "Meaning of Vocation" and "Best Path to Salvation" are two booklets he recommended.

### June 15, 2011 - CELEBRATION OF PORTLAND CHARTER DAY

The Portland Serra Club celebrates its 74th anniversary on June 19. Ken Harris announced & presented pins to the following Serrans celebrating milestones :

<u>50 Years</u> Jim O'Hanlon	<u>25 Years</u> Mark Wiese	<u>5 Years</u> Lois Hughes Dale Allen
<u>40 Years</u> John Archer	<u>10 Years</u> Quenton Czuba	Ken Harris Margret Harris

David Endres, Director of Development for KBVM, Catholic Radio was our speaker. He gave a brief history of KBVM: founded in 1983, first lay owned and operated Catholic radio station in the U.S. KBVM, located on the University of Portland campus, is a non-profit operation, donations supported, two "sharathons" a year. David announced KBVM has acquired two radio frequencies in Eugene-Springfield area and will now broadcast to the entire Willamette Valley for the first time. He expressed commitment to partnering with Serra to promote and foster vocations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR—SEMINARIAN GOLF TOURNEY**  
**EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE – MT. ANGEL**  
**Wednesday, September 28, 2011**

**GOLF-2:00 P.M. "Attitude Adjustment" HOUR / DINNER-5:30**  
**PRIESTS / SEMINARIANS ARE OUR GUESTS**

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE - REGION 12 CONVENTION**  
**Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2, 2011**  
**"VOCATIONS FOR SERVICE OF GOD AND COUNTRY"**  
**Keynote Speaker: Archbishop Timothy Broglio, AMS**  
 LaQuinta Inn—Tacoma, WA  
 Registration packets will be mailed to Club Presidents in July



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SERRA MEETINGS

#### July 6, 2011

Board Meeting 10:30  
 Lunch/Meeting Noon  
 PROGRAM: Fr. John Tuohey, Medical ethics at end of life

#### July 20, 2011

Mass Noon  
 Lunch/Meeting  
 PROGRAM: New Member induction

#### Aug 3, 2011

Board Meeting 10:30  
 Lunch/Meeting Noon  
 PROGRAM: Fr. John Henderson, New Portland Club Chaplain

#### Aug 17, 2011

Mass Noon  
 Lunch/Meeting  
 PROGRAM: Fr. John Kerns, A new parish story

## SPECIAL EVENTS

#### July 1, 2011

Feast of Blessed Junipero Serra

#### July 24, 2011

Annual Mass at Grotto Noon  
 Lunch 1:15

#### Aug 2-5, 2011

Quo Vadis Days Portland Archdiocese

#### Sep 30—Oct 2, 2011 \*\*

Regional Conference in Tacoma, WA

#### Oct 30, 2011

Priesthood Sunday  
 8th Annual Mt. Angel Seminarian  
 Benefit Dinner

#### Nov 6, 2011

Sisters Appreciation Brunch  
 Double Tree Lloyd Center

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