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Ordination Anniversaries

APRIL



- 4/3 Rev. Michael Lau
- 4/21 Rev. John Wironen, CSC
- 4/15 Rev. William Wickham, CSC
- 4/26 Rev. Augustine Alvares
- 4/29 Rev. Msgr. James Ninh Pham



Happy Birthday

APRIL

- 4/04 Rev. John Wironen, CSC
- 4/05 Rev. John Betts
- 4/06 Rev. John McGuire
- 4/07 Rev. Joseph Barita, ALCP
- 4'08 Rev. John McGrann
- 4/10 Rev. Donald Gutmann
- 4/12 Rev. Italo De Pra
- 4/17 Rev. Gerard Steckler, SJ
- 4/20 Rev. Michael Belinsky, CSC
- 4/20 Rev. Bruce Brown
- 4/20 Rev. John Henderson, OFM, Conv.
- 4/23 Rev. James Conyard, SJ
- 4/23 Rev. J. Michael Morrissey
- 4/24 Rev. Gerald Quintal
- 4/26 Rev. Michael Walker
- 4/28 Rev. Martin King, CH, MAJ-SEL
- Rev. Victoriano Delgado Perez

PRAYER

*Whatever will come my way,
 whether good or bad, may I accept
 it calmly, and always give thanks to
 God, who has ever shown me how I
 should believe in God, unfailing and
 without end.*

St. Patrick



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last month a joint meeting of the vocation and membership committees was held. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a consensus as to the best way to get vocation committees established in more parishes and at the same time to increase our Serra Club membership.

The committees targeted the following parishes for this venture: St. Joseph the Worker, the Cathedral, St. Cecelia, St. John Fisher, St. Juan Diego, St. Thomas More, Holy Family and Our Lady of Sorrows. For each of these parishes one of our Serrans has been designated to make contact with the pastor and ask him for names of potential parishioners who might be interested in establishing a vocation committee. If your parish does not have a vocation committee and you are interested in helping establish one, please contact Dean Pettit.

Our goals are to

- (1) Add vocation committees in at least six more parishes by the end of this year
- (2) Increase our own Serra membership to 100 members (presently at 86).

I ask you to be either an active participant in these efforts and/or include these projects in your daily prayers.

Junipero Serra, Pray for us!

Ken Harris, President

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

March 6 was the scene of the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner which was held at the Doubletree Hotel at the Lloyd Center. Once again, due to the superb efforts of the chairperson, Lynn Jones, the event was a great success. There were more than seventy-five priests and deacons and almost 50 members of our Portland Serra Club in attendance. The festivities began at 6:00 with a social hour which featured much reminiscing and the piano music of Arletta O'Hearn.

The social hour was followed by a sit-down dinner and the featured speaker was our own Archbishop John Vlazny. He expressed his deep appreciation for all that the clergy have contributed to the Catholics of the Portland Archdiocese. He also complimented the work of the Serra Club in its efforts to promote vocations. The entertainment portion of the program was provided by Quenton Czuba and was enjoyed by all.

Everyone was asked to MARK their CALENDARS to **SAVE THE DATE** for next year's event scheduled for **Sunday, February 19, 2012** at the Double Tree Lloyd Center!

SPRING LEADERSHIP PLANNING CONFERENCE APRIL 8-10

Region 12 Spring Leadership Planning Conference (SLPC) for all **incoming officers** is scheduled for **Friday April 8th to Sunday April 10th in Kennewick, WA.** All incoming officers should have received a registration packet with agenda and details in the mail. If not, contact Jack Talbott or Ken Harris.

We hope to have 100% participation from our incoming officers at this conference.



MEETING RECAPS

March 2 — Art Diederich introduced Reverend Robert Wolf speaking on Quo Vadis Days. Father Wolf was ordained in 2010 and is currently serving at Our Lady of the Lake parish in Lake Oswego. “ Quo Vadis” literally means “where are you going”. Father Cihak is the founder of the program, and Father Theodore Lange is the current contact for the Oregon Chapter.

The 12th annual Oregon Quo Vadis Days are scheduled for Aug. 2-5 at Little River Christian Camp in Glide, OR. Young men ages 13-17 are invited to this retreat to explore a call to the religious life. Father Wolf attended several years and found the experience meaningful in his vocation decision. He outlined a typical daily schedule. For more information about Quo Vadis Days check out their website: <http://www.qvdays.org>

March 16 - Father Lucas Laborde who is a member of the St. John Society spoke on College Campus Ministry. Father Laborde is pastor of St. Patrick’s Church and works with campus ministry at Portland State University. The St. John Society resides in Corvallis and has ministered to students at Oregon State University for the past 6 years. “Fragua” is a program successful in reaching out to college students - challenging them to choose personal faith....to go against the “flow” which is hard but possible and can be “cool”. The program is 10 weeks long plus a weekend retreat. Only new students are invited, 35 or 40 each time. So far 400 students have attended.

STAY THE COURSE

In spite of the turmoil of USAC and Serra International, Serrans must continue to do the activities that we have always done which are necessary to promote vocations .

May 15 2011 is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. What are you doing special in your club or parish? You can order the World Day of Prayer packet from USAC. Consider ordering 20 copies and hand deliver them to your parish or a neighboring parish.

College Connection for Catholics is still going strong and a great program. Are you participating?

Many other programs promote vocations for our youth like **Vocations Rally (Focus 11)**, **Quo Vadis Days**. We must continue to support the growth of these programs.

And one of the more successful activities in parishes is called **Parish Vocation Committees/Contact Program** (a ministry). Have you asked your pastor to give a homily on Vocations at all Liturgies one weekend?

Serrans do lots of great things to promote vocations. Don’t stop because of turmoil -- stay focused..... “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few” !!

The following is an excerpt from the message of Pope Benedict XVI concerning the World Day of Prayer for Vocations .

“The 48th **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, to be celebrated on 15 May 2011, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, invites us to reflect on the theme: “ Proposing Vocations in the Local Church”. Seventy years ago, Venerable Pius XII established the Pontifical Work of Priestly Vocations. Similar bodies, led by priests and members of the lay faithful, were subsequently established by Bishops in many dioceses as a response to the call of the Good Shepherd who, *when he saw the crowds, had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd*” and went on to say: *The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest!*” (Mt. 9:36-38)

New Membership Drive—Upcoming Event

All Portland Serrans are asked to invite at least one person to attend a special new membership luncheon scheduled on **Wednesday, May 18th** at the regularly scheduled Serra Club meeting. This event will feature our own Archbishop John G. Vlazny. This luncheon will help us attain our increased membership goals. All prospective members lunches will be as our guest. Serrans’ lunch price is \$16/pp. RSVP to Jack Kloster by May 11.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

April 6, 2011

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Fr. Don Buxman, The humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ

April 20, 2011

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Sister Charlene Herinckx, 125th Celebration Year of SSMO

May 4, 2011

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Fr. Richard Ganz, How Laity can assist vocations

May 18, 2011

NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SPECIAL LUNCHEON

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

Keynote Speaker: Archbishop Vlazny

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fri-Sun, April 8-10, 2011
Spring Leadership Planning Conference - Kennewick

Easter, April 24, 2011

Thursday, April 28, 2011
RESCHEDULED Vocation Rally at St. Pius 8:45 am – 1:45 pm

Sunday, May 15, 2011
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

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