



SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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President's Message



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

- 12/7 Rev. Robert Palladino
12/6 Rev. Harry Holwell
12/16 Rev. Msgr. Gregory Moys
12/18 Rev. Richard Keolker
Rev. Robert Cieslinski
Rev. Cornelius Linehan
12/19 Rev. Msgr. Art Dernbach
12/20 Most Rev. John G. Vlazny
Rev. Donald Durand
12/21 Rev. Amancio Rodrigues
Rev. Paul Duffner, OP
12/22 Rev. Robert Beltrami OFM

JANUARY

- 1/10 Rev. Stephen Fister OSB

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

- 12/02 Rev. John Kerns
12/04 Rev. Msgr. Richard Huneger
Rev. Thomas More McGreevy, OP
12/07 Rev. Donald Durand
12/09 Rev. James Dowd
Rev. Kenneth Olsen
12/13 Rev. John Ridgway, SJ
12/14 Rev. John Domin
12/15 Rev. Scott Vandehey
12/19 Rev. Msgr. Francis Campbell
Rev. Msgr. Arthur Dernbach
12/28 Rev. Edmond Bliven
12/31 Rev. Carl Flach

JANUARY

- 01/01 Rev. Petrus Binh Hoang
Rev. Paul Peri
01/02 Rev. Noel Hickie
Rev. John Waldron
Rev. David Zegar
01/05 Rev. Donald McHugh
01/08 Rev. Gary Jacobson
01/11 Rev. Brian Allbright
01/13 Rev. Lucas Laborde
Rev. Steve Stobie
01/15 Rev. Steve Geer
01/16 Rev. Msgr. John Cihak
01/19 Rev. Thomas McCarthy, SJ
01/20 Rev. David Cullings
Rev. Stephen Fister
Rev. Robert Krueger

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge & controversy.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Many people consider this to be the most joyous part of their year. We have Thanksgiving this week and then our Advent season comes along to prepare us for the celebration of the birthday of Christ.

If in his thirty-third year Christ had celebrated Thanksgiving, what would he have been thankful for? The obvious would be his fantastic parents, Joseph and Mary. And not to be forgotten would be the many disciples (friends) he had accumulated over His last three years. Not much different from what most of us give thanks in our prayers to Christ and his Father. Most of us think often of our parents, whether living or deceased. And we, too, must always be extremely grateful for the many friends we have accumulated over the years.

Christ quite often showed his love for his parents and for his friends. Let us be sure that we do the same for ours.

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to those of you who actively participate in our meetings and special activities. Here is a partial list of those who take on the role of chairperson:

- Seminarians Golf and Dinner - Dave Hughes and Jack Talbott
Adopt a Seminarian - Mary Ann Perlot
Christmas Party - Ann and Quenton Czuba

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

SERRA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 15 at St. Patrick's

Please plan to attend the annual Portland Serra Club Christmas celebration on Dec 15th. Hosted cocktail social begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$16 per person. Serrans are encouraged to invite your spouses, parish priests and retired Priest's from our diocese.

DINNER TO HONOR PORTLAND ARCHDIOCESE SEMINARIANS & FAMILIES - JANUARY 8, 2011

Portland Serra Club will host a special dinner honoring Portland Archdiocese Seminarians on Saturday evening January 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's. SAVE THE DATE! Cost for Serrans & their guests is \$16/pp. Seminarians and their family members are free.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - JANUARY 9-15, 2011

Attention all Serrans and Parish Vocations Committees - Vocations Awareness Week is shortly after the beginning of the new year: January 9 thru 15. Take a few moments to start making plans to help make Vocations Awareness Week effective in your parish. You can contact USAC at 1-888-777-6681 and order Vocations Awareness Week packets for use in your parish. The kits will help you plan activities.

PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER - SUNDAY, MARCH 6 At the DOUBLE TREE AGAIN!

The Serra Club is proud to announce we will be hosting our Annual Priest Appreciation Dinner on SUNDAY, MARCH 6 at the Double Tree Lloyd Center starting at 6:00 p.m. In December SAVE THE DATE cards and emails will be sent to all priests and formal invitations and RSVP information will be sent in early February. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

SAVE THE DATE(S) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Vocations Rally (Focus 11) to be held at Queen of Peace in Salem & St. Pius X in Portland
Volunteers will be needed- more info to follow

Portland Serra Club's WEBSITE has a NEW LOOK

Many of you might not know our Portland Serra Club website has a new look. Many thanks to ex-Serran Jim Shaffer for his many hours of design support and training with Webmaster Lynn Jones Check it out-it's pretty cool:

www.serraportland.org

EVENT RECAP

The Portland Serra Club held its Annual Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, November 7th at the Lloyd Center Double Tree. Over 100 Sisters were welcomed by 49 Serrans and guests and presented with chocolates by Moonstruck. A wine/cheese social kicked off the event with volunteer pianist from St. Pius X, Arletta O'Hearn tickling the ivories on a baby grand piano providing lovely background music. The Sisters thoroughly enjoyed their social time which provided them an opportunity to visit with friends they often only see at this annual event.

After reacquainting themselves, everyone celebrated with a wonderful London broil luncheon topped off with a lemon mousse cake. There were 14 orders represented some with only one in attendance and as high as 40 nuns attending from Sisters of the Holy Names. Each order and attendee were recognized and acknowledged for their dedication and service. They were a very happy group and it was a very joyful and heart-warming event.

MEETING RECAPS

November 3, 2010 Meeting RECAP - In the last 8 years, three or four times we have had what we have called Multi-parish vocation meetings held at the Archdiocese. We had a high number of Serrans and members of the Archdiocese Vocation Committee members present but maybe a few additional people. As a result, we tried having the meeting at a regular Serra Club meeting and we had over 45 in attendance - which was a great response!

Presentations were made by Fr. Kelly about his role as Vocation Director of the Archdiocese which includes taking care of the 54 seminarians. Sisters Marietta and Immaculata talked about the Vocation Rally which is going into its fourth year. There were over 400 in attendance last year. The Sisters also shared information about their visits to Catholic high schools on an annual basis, as well as attending the youth rally in Seaside. Visitations have also been made to Newman Centers at the colleges. Serrans were encouraged to help establish a Vocation Committee in their parish. We feel this is the best way

November 17, 2010 Meeting RECAP - Serrans throughout the country do great work of affirming vocations of priesthood, sisters, religious life....but maybe not as well in the area of promoting new vocations. In this light, a program was performed in June of 2010 at the USAC meeting and the material was made available for all Serra clubs. Our first presentation to the Portland Serra club was in August and included a 7 minute film as well as some role playing from Serra club members.

This presentation explained 4 different programs at three levels that have successfully done throughout the US: at the PARISH level, at the CLUB level, and at the ARCHDIOCESE level. Each attending Serran was given a copy of the each of these 4 program at each level; as well as a booklet of Best Practices of promoting New Vocations from across the United States. The goal is to pick one New Vocation activity and start it at the Parish level, one for the Club level and one for the Archdiocese level. Who have you told lately that they would make a good priest of sister?

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ANOTHER THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No matter how insignificant the thing you have to do, do it as well as you can, give it as much of your care and attention as you would give to the thing you regard as most important. For it will be by those small things that you shall be judged.
 Mahatma Gandhi

Due to the holidays our next bulletin will not be published until Jan 2011.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 1, 2010

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

*PROGRAM: Paul & Monique Harris
 "Teams of our Lady"*

December 15, 2010

11:30 a.m. - Christmas Party

January 5, 2011

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: TBD

January 19, 2011

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: TBD

February 2, 2011

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: TBD

February 16, 2011

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Fr. Craig Boly, St. Pius X

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 8, 2011

Portland Archdiocese Seminarians & families 6 PM St. Patrick's Parish

January 9-15, 2011

National Vocations Awareness Week

January 13, 2011

Dist Gov / Reg Director Planning Conference (Chicago)

January 14-16, 2011

USAC Super Weekend (Chicago)

Feb 6, 2011

National Day of Consecrated Life

Feb 23, 2011

VOCATIONS RALLY (Focus 11) Salem—Queen of Peace

Feb 24, 2011

VOCATIONS RALLY (Focus 11) St. Pius X

Sunday March 6, 2011

**Priest Appreciation Dinner
 DOUBLE TREE LLOYD CENTER**