



SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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President's Message



WHO IS THAT MAN?

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

- 12/7 Rev. Robert Palladino
12/6 Rev. Harry Holwell
12/16 Rev. Msgr. Gregory Moys
12/18 Rev. Richard Keolker
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

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
Rev. Henry Guillen-Vega
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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.

Mother Teresa

Who is the new fellow who has been to some of our meetings lately? He appears to enjoy our lunches, often exhibits a great sense of humor, as well as having serious discussions with members. I tried to sit with him at the last meeting but his table was at maximum capacity.

I meant to ask one of our members about him but was interrupted by the need to get the money squared away for our caterer and make some announcements. Then it was time for our speaker. After congratulating our speaker on his presentation I looked around for this fellow once more, but he was gone.

He is a relatively short man with rosy cheeks and a stylish hair-do. He exhibited a wonderful singing voice during the Mass. In fact, he celebrated the Mass. Obviously I am "pulling your leg" (an old Irish saying). Who else could I be describing other than our new chaplain, the Reverend John Henderson?

Obviously the good Lord is looking after the Portland Serra club. Our beloved Father Don Buxman spent so many years as our chaplain and now we have Father John, whose main job is to be the Diocesan Vocation Director. We have been and are truly blessed. Father John has expressed a sincere desire to make parish vocation committees a real priority. On behalf of all Portland Serrans I want to extend a hearty "welcome"! He's a "keeper".

Blessed Junipero Serra, pray for us.

President, Ken Harris

SERRA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 7th at St. Patrick's

Please note CHANGE OF DATE for our annual Portland Serra Club Christmas celebration on December 7th. 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 priests from our diocese.

DINNER TO HONOR PORTLAND ARCHDIOCESE SEMINARIANS & FAMILIES - NEW DATE - February 4, 2012

Portland Serra Club will host a special dinner honoring Portland Archdiocese Seminarians on Saturday evening February 4, 2012 at 5:30 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 9-14, 2012

Attention all Serrans and Parish Vocations Committees - Vocations Awareness Week is shortly after the beginning of the new year: January 9 thru 14. 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, FEBRUARY 19, 2012 At the DOUBLE TREE AGAIN!

The Serra Club is proud to announce we will be hosting our Annual Priest Appreciation Dinner on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 at the Double Tree Lloyd Center starting at 6:00 p.m. In December SAVE THE DATE emails will be sent to all priests and formal invitations and RSVP information will be sent in mid-January. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

SAVE THE DATES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 8

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

MEETING RECAPS

November 2, 2011 – Father Paul Grubb, Jesuit Priest, was our featured speaker. His topic: “Sex and drugs vs. faith and religion”. Father Paul is a native Oregonian growing up and attending St. Pius X School. He felt a call to the priesthood beginning in 3rd grade. Father Paul attended Gonzaga University, Loyola University in Chicago and University of Toronto. Following the Nov. 16, 1989 tragic killing of 6 priests in Guatemala, he knew he was called to be a priest but wasn’t sure he would be accepted. He was full of fear. For 2 years he traveled extensively living in his car.

While in Mexico, Father Paul suddenly found the courage to join the Jesuits. In 2008 he was ordained a priest and began teaching freshmen Faith Formation at Jesuit High School in Portland. He gave wonderful examples of how he relates with the students using current technology, films and social media in relationship to religion and faith formation. Father Paul is Jesuit’s head ski racing coach. During the summers he works with kids in the criminal justice system, teaching jobs skills in construction and landscaping.

November 16, 2011 - Dan Murphy, General Manager of the Broadway Rose Theatre Company was our guest speaker. He and his wife, Sharon Marony. (Artistic Director) came to Portland in 1992 and produced the musical “Joseph’s Coat” their first season at the Tigard High School auditorium. There were 60 people in the audience. This is in contrast to 2011 when every seat is filled in the two state of the art facilities. Dan has built a partnership with the Tigard-Tualatin School District and works in education and outreach with school children. The Broadway Rose Theatre Company produces two children’s musicals in the summer and an annual teen musical. Dan is serving as President of Tigard Chamber of Commerce and is a Rotarian.

SPECIAL NOTICES REGARDING BULLETIN PUBLICATIONS

As of this publication we are only sending hard copies to Serrans without email. If you have email you will no longer be receiving hard copies via snail mail which will save printing and mailing costs.

Due to the holidays this is a two-month publication and our next bulletin will not be published until January 2012.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. The same Jesus comes again and again in our hearts during Holy Communion. He wants to give the same joy and peace. May his coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that he desires to give. Let us pray much for this grace of peace and joy in our own heart, in our communities, in our Society, and in the church.

Mother Teresa



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



SERRA MEETINGS

December 7, 2011
11:30 a.m. - Christmas Party

December 22, 2011
NO SERRA MEETING

January 4, 2012
Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon
PROGRAM: Rev.Msgr. Richard Paperini

January 18, 2012
Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting
PROGRAM: John Strohecker, SVP,
Trust Department, Heritage Bank

February 1, 2012
Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon
PROGRAM: Joan Smith, Executive
Director, Loaves & Fishes Centers

February 15, 2012
Noon - SPECIAL LUNCHEON
Honoring Retired Priests at St.
John Vianney
4630 SW St. John Vianney Way
Beaverton—DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 9-14, 2012
National Vocations Awareness
Week

January 13, 2012
Dist Governor/ Reg Director
Planning Conference (Chicago)

January 14-16, 2012
USAC Super Weekend (Chicago)

February 4, 2012
Portland Archdiocese Seminarians &
families 6 PM St. Patrick’s Parish

Feb 5, 2012
World Day of Prayer for
Consecrated Life

Feb 19, 2012
Priest Appreciation Dinner
DOUBLE TREE LLOYD CENTER

March 7, 2012
VOCATIONS RALLY (Focus 11)
St. Pius X

March 8, 2012
VOCATIONS RALLY (Focus 11)
Salem—Queen of Peace

EVENT RECAP

SISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Our Annual Sisters' Appreciation luncheon was held Sunday, November 6 at the Double Tree Lloyd Center was dedicated to Kevin Van Hoomissen, a dedicated Serran who lost his long-term struggle with cancer this past year. A major sponsorship gift for this event from his family honored the memory of Kevin, whose great pleasure it was to help Serra introduce this event more than 20 years ago. The fact that Kevin loved the religious sisters throughout his life was no secret. His admiration and gratitude for their faithful commitment and exemplary service found an outlet in 1988 when Serra Club asked for his leadership to further its mission. Thus the first "Nun's Brunch" was launched, at the University of Portland Terrace Room, to recognize and appreciate each sister by name in a special way. The event took off running and has grown to become today's "Annual Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon" *extraordi-*



Roses were presented to Kevin's wife & fellow Serran, Peggy Van Hoomissen family pictured from left to right: Trish (Kevin & Peggy's daughter), Peter, Jean (Kevin's brother & sister-in-law), Peggy and Sister Ida, SNJM

From those early years a particularly fond memory of the brunch set-up committee remains so clear. Picture the bucket bursting with 150 beautiful individual long-stemmed prickly red roses. Serrans stood by, thorn strippers in hand, making each stem finger-friendly before handing it over in warm welcome and gratitude to every arriving sister. Kevin (the romantic) insisted on each charming special touch – the gift of a rose and, the stripping of thorns. While there was always blood shed on those mornings, best it was Serrans' than Sisters'!

On behalf of the Portland Serra Club, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to rename the Luncheon in his honor.

SAVE THE DATE for next year's event which is scheduled for the 2nd weekend in November:

Kevin Van Hoomissen Honorary Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon

**Sunday, November 11, 2012
Double Tree Lloyd Center**



A special note to all the Sisters: We have created an email distribution list for Sisters with emails listed in the 2012 Oregon Catholic Directory so we can send you our monthly bulletins. Hopefully this will keep you more up to date on Serran events and activities. Please keep us posted if your email changes. This month will be the first month we're trying our new distribution list out. Your feedback is welcome!



We wanted to share a few candid photos from this year's Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon.

There were 46 Serrans and approximately 80 Sisters in attendance. The wine social before lunch included Arletta O'Hearn from St. Pius X parish as our featured pianist.

It was a wonderful celebration and based on all the smiles, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



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