



*A ministry to foster and promote vocations  
through prayer, awareness, affirmation  
and support*



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### Letter from our President

*Siempre adelante nunca atras.  
Always go forward and never go back.*

This was the motto of our patron, soon to be saint Blessed Junipero Serra, and it is the motto of all Serrans. Your Spokane Serra Club is taking this motto to heart as we go forward under the patronage of the church's newest saint and with the spiritual guidance of Bishop Daly and our new chaplain, Fr. Dan Barnett.

Our first goal is to strive for personal holiness by strengthening our personal prayer life through daily prayer time, frequent mass attendance, confession and Adoration. As we are often reminded, Jesus commanded us to "be holy as His Father is holy" and Jesus would never command us to do something he wasn't ready to help us attain.

Secondly we want to strengthen our prayer lives as Serrans. Our prayer as a committed people of God can work miracles. Father Barnett reminded us at our board meeting that there were only eleven apostles chosen to convert the world. By praying together with one mind and one heart for true discernment of God's calling for every person, we will soon see a church filled with people living the lives God wants for them.

With these goals in mind you will begin to see more opportunities to join with your fellow Serrans in prayer and to spread the word of our mission to many more people in the diocese. The first opportunity is the chance to join with Serrans world-wide in praying the Novena to Blessed Serra starting on September 15th and ending on the day of his canonization, September 23rd. The link for the novena is [http://www.serraus.org/resources/usac\\_si/jsnovena.pdf](http://www.serraus.org/resources/usac_si/jsnovena.pdf). I encourage each of you to go to this site and download the novena. It is not only a truly inspiring prayer but contains much information about our truly holy patron.

Another exciting opportunity is an invitation to join with Bishop Daly at mass at our regular Saturday meeting at 9:00 AM on September 26th at Bishop White. This is a wonderful time to invite friends who would like to join us in prayer as well as a chance to welcome our new Bishop and assure him of our unflinching support in his effort to increase vocations in our diocese.

God bless you all and let us always go forward remembering that Serrans are people who pray.

Sue

## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I am very pleased and honored to serve as Chaplain to the Spokane Serra Club, a position which corresponds with my role as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Spokane.

Of all the many tasks and responsibilities facing our new Shepherd, Bishop Thomas Daly, he has identified one call which stands out above all others: inspiring each and every baptized person—without any exception whatever—to ask and answer the question, “What is my vocation?” Our vocation, in other words, is to fulfill our vocation, and to help each other do so as well. Isn't that what being a Serran is all about? Come to think of it, isn't that what being a Christian is about?

Our common vocation is to become saints—to be holy as God is holy. How is God holy? Well, He is a Father who gives freely, generating new life and sustaining that life, giving it purpose and meaning. And He is a Father who knows and loves His children, who calls, challenges, invites, and helps his children to find their purpose, the destiny for which He has made them.

That seems to me a pretty good description of what a Serran should be: someone who knows and loves his or her fellow Catholics, who invites and helps them find their purpose, their destiny, with a special care for those whose destiny is to be conformed to the image of Jesus the Priest. This is our common destiny, and I look forward to sharing it with you.

Let us keep each other in prayer!

In Christ,  
Fr. Daniel Barnett, Chaplain



*Gerry and Sue Manfred presenting a check from the Serran Club Endowment Fund for general seminary support to Father Dan Barnett, new rector of Bishop White Seminary and Chaplain of Serra Club.*

## Thank you Serra Members

*Joan Pearson shares a thank you card from Gene, Alice & The Cunneely Family:*

“During our time of sorrow we realize how much our family and friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Mary Elizabeth Cunneely.”

“Joan: Thank you and please pass on the appreciation of the Cunneely Family for their thoughts and prayers of the Spokane Serra club. Knowing that so many good Catholic men and women are praying for Mary's soul and those of us who survive her is very comforting. Again - Many thanks.”

Gene, Alice & Family

## Faith In Action

by Sue Manfred

Thank You for Faith Alive!

In the letter of St. James we read that faith without works is dead. In looking back over the past few months I have realized the faith of our Serrans is definitely alive and lively as demonstrated by the work they have done for the people of God.

Just looking at this summer is inspiring. First Tim Coyle and his team: Steve and Virginia Ellis, Thomas Kilbourne, Anthony Curran, Lisa Weber, Elizabeth Thweatt, Rick and Robin Sparrow, and Martin Howser put on a beautiful reception for the ordination of our two newest priests. Many, many thanks to these outstanding Serrans and all the work they did.

In July our newest Serrans, Rick and Robin Sparrow, coordinated and put on the reception at St. Augustine's for the 100th Anniversary of the Franciscan Sisters in Spokane. They served over 300 people with the help of Elizabeth Thweatt. Thank you for your dedication and making the Sisters' special celebration so wonderful. What a generous gift for their first week as official members of Serra!

In August Jim Bertis and his family hosted a lovely evening at Jim's home for about 30 Serrans and their guests. Dave McGann's sandwiches from Arby's were a special treat. Steve and Karen Domini once again provided beverages and snacks in spite of the attack of killer bees! Many thanks to Joan Pearson, Martin Weber, Greg Takisaki and Gerry Manfred for serving at the mass presided over by Fr. McNeese.

And of course we want to extend a very special thank you to our retiring chaplain, Fr. Bob McNeese. We are so grateful for the time he spent with us and for his fatherly concern and love for each Serran. His wisdom and thoughtful counsel was always welcome and beneficial to all of us. We wish him well in his new life journey.

## Junipero Serra's Canonization

Our patron, Blessed Junipero Serra, will be canonized by Pope Francis on Sept. 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

From the Basilica's website:

Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, rector of the National Shrine, states, "We are truly delighted that Pope Francis is following in the footsteps of his predecessors Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI in visiting the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception during his apostolic visit to the United States. We are honored that the Holy Father will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and canonize Blessed Junipero Serra, the first-ever canonization to take place on American soil."



*From serraus.org, The US council of Serra International*

Serra Members: Access the novena to Junipero Serra here:  
[http://www.serraus.org/resources/usac\\_si/jsnovena.pdf](http://www.serraus.org/resources/usac_si/jsnovena.pdf)



*Fr Bob McNeese*



*Jane McElroy, Emily Kline, Steve Domini, Karen Domini, Marietta Gilmore, Lisa Weber, Madeleine Durkin, Kathryn Corrigan, Aileen Fields*



*Greg Takisaki*



*Fr Bob McNeese, Joan Pearson, Greg Takisaki, Jane McElroy, Emily Kline, Paul McNab, Barbara McNabb*



*Steve and Karen Domini, Sue and Gerry Manfred*



*Katherine Corrigan, Madeleine Durkin*



*Phil Brennan, (others as noted above) and Dave McGann at right*

*Thanks to all  
who attended and supported  
our 2015 Serra Club Picnic!*



*Jim Bertis, Dennis Rae*

## Schedule of Events

Aug 29 - Sat Welcome Back Dinner for Seminarians *Bishop White Seminary, 429 E. Sharp*

Sept 4 - Fri 7:00 am First Friday Mass *BWS*

Sept 11 - Fri noon Luncheon Meeting *Immaculate Heart Retreat Center,  
6910 S. Ben Burr Rd.*

Sept 15 - Tues 5:15 pm Mass and Board Meeting *BWS*

Sept 15 - Tues Begin Novena to Blessed Junipero Serra (ending on Sept. 23,  
the day of his canonization)

Sept 26 - Sat 9:00 am Mass and Breakfast Meeting *BWS*

Our speaker will be Bishop Thomas Daly

**Share Serra! Invite a friend to lunch!**

Oct 2 - Fri 7:00 am First Friday Mass *BWS*

Oct 9 - Fri noon Luncheon Meeting *IHRC*

Our speaker will be Serra Club's new chaplain, Fr. Barnett

Oct 13 - Tues 5:30 pm Clergy Appreciation Social and Dinner - *St. Thomas Moore  
515 W. St. Thomas Moore Way, Spokane*

Oct 18 - Sun World Mission Sunday

Oct 20 - Tues 5:15 pm Mass and Board Meeting *BWS*

Oct 24 - Sat 9:00 am Mass and Breakfast Meeting **Please note location change:**  
*Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 1517 E. 33rd Ave., Spokane*

Oct 25 - Sun Priesthood Sunday

*We invite you to recognize your diocesan priests' special occasions  
and remember them in your prayers*

### **Anniversary of Ordination**

*Sept 6, 1991 Fr Eugene Tracy*

*Sept 25, 1982 Fr Patrick Baraza*

*Oct 29, 1977 Fr Roy Floch*

### **Birthday**

*Sept 23 Fr Felix Lorge*

*Sept 27 Fr. Robert McNeese*

*Oct 2 Fr Jose Luis Millan*

*Oct 7 Fr Richard Root*

*Oct 9 Fr Bonaventure Obisike*

*Oct 11 Fr Msgr Frank Bach*

*Oct 27 Fr Kevin Codd*

*We appreciate you!*