



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



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## SERRA CLUB OF SPOKANE

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### Letter from our President

#### Pilgrims on the Move

When Gerry and I were blessed to go on a trip to the Holy Land, we were told by our leader Steve Ray on the first day that we were pilgrims, not tourists, and since pilgrims are people who move, we would start every day on the bus and ready to go at 7:00 AM sharp! One of the things that made the 7:00 AM start time so important were the tremendous distances Jesus and his apostles traveled. They walked from the headwaters of the Jordan River (one of the most beautiful places in Israel by the way) to Jerusalem with various side trips to Jericho, Capernaum, Nazareth and other places in between. They covered many hundreds of miles, always on foot, not in an air conditioned motor coach complete with rest room. Jesus was constantly on the move searching for his lost sheep.

Even before he was born he was on the move. His Blessed Mother took him to Judea to visit Elizabeth and his cousin, John the Baptist. Mary's trip takes barely a sentence in the bible, "In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah..." Lk 1:39. St. Luke makes it sound like a trip across town but in reality, "It is a long way—nearly a hundred miles—from Nazareth to Ain Karim, the little town in the hills of Judea where, according to tradition, Zachary and Elizabeth lived." (J.A. Laorte, Life of Mary, Opus Dei website). I can testify from personal experience that the walk up the hill where Elizabeth's house was purported to be is not for the faint of heart, lungs or legs. Yet Mary made this arduous journey, through deserts where the heat can easily reach over 100 degrees in the summer and below freezing in the winter, when she was at least 3 months pregnant and SHE WALKED THE WHOLE WAY and back.

Just as Jesus didn't sit at home in Nazareth and wait for the people to come him, neither did our patron Saint Junipero Serra. He was always on the move seeking out people who didn't know the good news of the gospel. Spokane Serra Club is following the examples our Lord, his Blessed Mother, and our Patron Saint. We are not waiting for the people of God to find us. We don't have to walk from town to town as Jesus and his Mother and Saint Serra did but we are going to be present to the people around our diocese to introduce them to Serra and invite them to join with us in prayer for vocations and for our ordained clergy and vowed religious. We are a pilgrim people, always on the move encouraging others to join with us in our mission of prayer and service.

God bless you all and remember Serrans are people who pray (and move!),

Sue Manfred

## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

On November 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. The following day (All Souls' Day) we pray for all those who have died and are undergoing the purification known as "Purgatory." The juxtaposition of these two feasts points to the drama of each of our lives: holiness is possible for each of the baptized, yet the gift of grace demands a response on our part. "From those to whom much is given, much will be expected" (Luke 12:48).

Recognizing the inestimable value of the gift we have been given in the sacraments, we know that in order to share fully with the saints in heaven, we must cooperate fully here on earth with the grace we have received. Serrans do this especially by helping young men and women discern a call to the priesthood or religious life, and supporting those who are ordained or consecrated.

In short, a Serran is called to be a saint by helping others discern and exercise their vocations.

This year, November 1 is also the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. In the Diocese of Spokane, this will mark the start of a continual effort to promote vocations—not merely for one week, but throughout the year. The Serra Club will be essential in this ongoing effort, but we must begin in prayer.

I ask that each Serran commit some definite time each day (start with 15 minutes) to listen to God the Father tell you how much He loves you. Thank Him for the fact that you exist, and ask Him to make you more aware of His gifts to you and others, and more grateful. I will offer other specific ideas in my next column.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Daniel Barnett, Chaplain



*Bishop Daly and Fr. Barnett speak at recent Mass and Breakfast events*

# Thank You

by Sue Manfred

Our first “road trip” or rather, pilgrimage, to Fatima Parish on the South Hill was an unmitigated success. Fr. Miguel and the people of Fatima were most gracious and welcoming. Many, many thanks to Joan Pearson for all her hard work preparing for our arrival. Fr. Miguel afforded her the opportunity to share Serra with several groups in the parish prior to our meeting. Many thanks also to the over 40 Serrans and guests in attendance. Your willingness to try something new for Jesus is a blessing to all. We will be on the move again in January, more details to come.

Siempre adelante  
nunca atras.

*Always go forward and  
never go back.*



*Sister Eucharista at the  
Mass and breakfast at  
Fatima Parish, Oct. 24*



*Sister Eucharista and  
Sue Manfred,  
Fatima Parish*



*Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
1517 E 33rd Ave, Spokane*



## Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Spokane, WA Oct 13



*Paul McNabb and Father Bell*



*Fr Pautler and Jane Weber*

*Dear Serra Club,*

*Thanks for the dinner, gift certificate to Momma Mia's, and your many prayers throughout the year.*

*God's Blessings,  
Father Charlie Skok*

*Dear Sue and Serra Club,*

*Just a note to say thank you for the wonderful meal and gift at the Clergy Appreciation Night. Please know how much I appreciate your kindness and support. May God bless you for being such a blessing to us.*

*In Christ,  
Fr. Michael Blackburn*



*Fr. Steve Werner of St. Patrick's parish in Pasco, with Aileen Fields, Martin Weber and four of the parish's five permanent Deacons*

## Clergy Appreciation Dinner Pasco, WA Oct. 21



*Aileen Fields, Gerry and Sue Manfred*



*Martin Weber sharing Serra updates*



*Aileen Fields*

## Schedule of Events

Nov 1-7 - National Vocations Awareness Week

Nov 6 - Fri 7:00 am First Friday Mass *Bishop White Seminary, 429 E. Sharp*

Nov 13 - Fri noon Luncheon Meeting *Immaculate Heart Retreat Center,  
6910 S. Ben Burr Rd.*

Nov 17 - Tues 5:15 pm Mass and Board Meeting *BWS*

Nov 21 - Sat 11:00 am Mass for closing of the year of consecrated life *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
***We need volunteers to help with set up, serving and clean up. Call Sue at 926-1067***

Nov 28 - Sat **NO** Mass and Breakfats Meeting (Thanksgiving weekend)



*Share Serra! Invite a friend to lunch!*

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

Dec 11 - Fri noon Luncheon Meeting *IHRC*

Dec 15 - Tues **NO** Mass and Board Meeting

Dec 26 - Sat **NO** Mass and Breakfats Meeting (Christmas weekend)

*A note about our new newsletter header:*

*For some time, we have wanted to make our newsletter header more Spokane centered and directly related to supporting vocations in our region. Jim Bertis suggested a photo of Bishop White Seminary and Doreen Takasaki acquired the photo you see in the header. She took the photo of the crucifix in the chapel that appears in the Chaplain's Corner. Thanks Jim and Doreen for providing our new look!*

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

### **Anniversary of Ordination**

*Dec 22, 1974 Fr Joachim Hien*

*Dec 30, 1978 Fr Michael Kwiatowski*

*Dec 21, 2005 Fr. Vincent*

### **Birthday**

*Nov 18 Fr Mark Pautler*

*Dec 1 Fr Roy Floch*

*Dec 7 Fr Patrick Hartin*

*We appreciate you!*