



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



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Letter from our President

We All Thirst

I must admit that before this Jubilee Year, I didn't give the corporal and spiritual works of mercy too much thought. I could have probably named most of them if pushed, but even when I did perform one of the works I wasn't likely to think of it in those terms. Now I find myself thinking more deeply about each of them. When contemplating the exhortation to "give drink to the thirsty" I remember Mother Teresa's belief that when Jesus said "I thirst" from the cross he wasn't so much talking about a physical thirst for water (although he most certainly would have been thirsty) but how he was thirsting for souls. She spent her life trying to assuage this thirst.

Human beings thirst for much more than water. As Catholic Christians we thirst for God's love, and for eventual happiness with Him in heaven. As human beings we thirst for human love or friendship, and approval. These are very natural longings most of us find assuaged by family and friends. Providing this love, friendship and approval for our priests and nuns can be a very powerful act of mercy. How can we Serrans fulfill their longing for friendship and approval?

Of course we are committed to pray for them. Let them know you are praying for them. A simple, "Father, or Sister, I offered my mass, or a rosary for you today" will be worth more than any monetary gift.

Secondly, thank you, thank you, and thank you. Always thank Father after mass, for after all he is the reason Christ is there in the Blessed Sacrament. Nothing in the world beats a hand-written thank you note. You can thank our priests and sisters for something specific they have done, or just for saying yes to God.

This mid-summer season when many priests receive new assignments is a wonderful opportunity to both publicly and privately express our gratitude to them. If your pastor is moving, now is a good time to write that appreciation note. The parish may hold a reception and that is welcome, but the private note will be kept. If your parish is welcoming a new priest, take the time to get to know him and help him to navigate a new city or perhaps just the neighborhood. Even if your pastor is not moving now is a good time to do something special to express your gratitude for his years of devotion. In fact, if he is not moving perhaps the good wishes will be even more appreciated because they are unexpected. There are many ways to "give drink to the thirsty". Let us Serrans always be willing to assuage that thirst for friendship and approval for our priests and sisters.

God bless you,

Sue



The Chalice

The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In these summer days, with schools out and many families going on vacation, I remember the phrase of my own seminary rector: "There's no vacation from vocation!" Those words are important for each of us to recall at every moment, for they remind us that the Lord Jesus continues to call us *siempre adelante* ("always forward!"), inviting us to a deeper and more profound union with Him, both in being and in action.

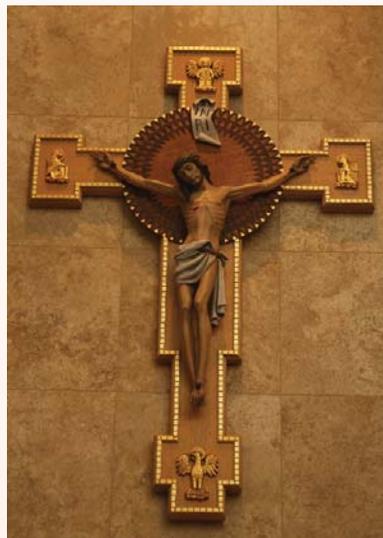


As Serrans, these two aspects of prayer and action have been visible in the support you provided to both the Vocare retreat (for young ladies) and Quo Vadis Days camp (for young men). Your participation at weekly adoration, and specifically your prayers for the young people, as well as your generous financial support, helped ensure the success of these two events.

I have often noted that an essential part of each person's vocation is to help each and every other person discern his or her place in the mission of the Church. This aspect of our vocation does not end, even with death. It merely changes form. Thank you for saying yes to the call of supporting vocations with your prayers and with your actions. May God reward you for your generosity!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Daniel Barnett, Chaplain



Crucifix from the Seminary Chapel

2016 Serra Club Clergy Golf Tournament



Dinner committee Karen & Steve Domini and Barbara & Bill Boniface



Serra guest Barbara Byington and Emeritus Golf Chair Madeleine Durkin



Our favorite threesome: Fr. Rich Poole, Fr. George Haspedis and Fr. Charlie Skok



Winners ALL (L to R): Tom Sokol, George Czerwonka, Sharon Czerwonka and Fr. Pat Kerst



Long-time Serra Golf Supporter Mike Doohan and golfer Rita Drake



Barry Baird and Gerry Manfred digging in at the BBQ



Enjoying dessert, Geneva Moloney and Diane Brennan



More winners: Greg & Doreen Takisaki and Marie Sokol

Called by God

by Steve Domini

If you attended our May 13 meeting at IHRC, you heard the joyful vocation story of transitional deacon, Daniel Spotswood, SJ. Deacon Daniel is an avid mountain climber, with a smile you cannot forget.

Daniel was born in Mobile, Alabama, one of nine children. He came to the northwest after joining the Jesuit Volunteers. He entered the Society of Jesus for the Oregon province in 2006. He taught at Gonzaga Prep, then earned a masters degree in theology in Bogota, Columbia. He was most recently stationed at St. Aloysius Parish. His presentations at the 2016 Novena of Grace and his homilies at Mass were noteworthy.

On Saturday, June 11, Daniel, along with 6 other Jesuits, was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Daly, at St. Aloysius. It was an honor to witness Daniel's rite of ordination, and to be able to receive Holy Communion from him.



Deacon Daniel Spotswood, S.J.

Membership in Serra provides us with an opportunity to meet and interact with the people called by God to the priesthood and consecrated life. If this opportunity is important to you, why not take the next step. Get more involved in membership, vocations, communications, and programs.

By doing this, you will meet and interact with people like Father Spotswood. Don't forget, your input with them is important.

Steve Domini

Vice President for Programs and Membership

Interested in joining SERRA Club?

Contact:

Steve Domini

VP of Programs & Membership

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The “31 Club” for Vocations

Parishioners from parishes around the diocese are asked to join 31 Club by selecting one day of the month, for all of the next 12 months, to attend Mass and pray for vocations. If, on the date selected a person cannot attend Mass it is asked that instead they say the rosary or spend an hour in prayer for an increase of those called to the priesthood or religious life? More than one person from a parish may signup for the same monthly date.



Doreen Takisaki

To join 31 Club there are no dues and no meetings, but prayers are oh so powerful. Our strongest ally when it comes to vocations is prayer! We hope to have as many parishioners as possible praying for vocations every day of every month, and build a spirit of vocations in every parish. So far reports of strong participation are coming in from parishes where Club 31 has been introduced.

Interested in Joining 31 Club?

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

Ordinations

Jul 7, 2006	Fr. Gustavo Ruiz-Juarez
Jul 7, 2007	Fr. Alejandro Zepeda-Labastida
Jul 8, 1978	Fr. Brian Mee
Jul 9, 1977	Fr. Paul Vevik
Aug 1, 1986	Fr. Albert Grasher
Aug 3, 1974	Fr. Mark Pautler
Aug 4, 2006	Fr. Peraza P. Bautista
Aug 4, 1973	Fr. Michael J. Savelesky
Aug 11, 2000	Fr. Miguel Angel Mejia
Aug 11, 2000	Fr. Jose Luis Millan
Aug 15, 1976	Fr. David Baronti
Aug 15, 1971	Fr. Patrick Hartin
Aug 25, 1979	Fr. Kevin Codd

Birthdays

July 16	Fr. Michael Kwiatowski
July 23	Fr. Abbot Adrian Parcher, OSB
July 31	Fr. James Kuhns
July 31	Fr. Paul Vevik
July 31	Fr. Michael J. Savelesky

Schedule of Events

JULY 2016

- Fri. July 1, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Fri. July 8, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Fri. July 8, Noon - **Luncheon Meeting** at IHRC
- Fri. July 15, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Fri. July 21, 5:15 pm - **Board Meeting** at BWS
- Fri., July 22, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- ~~Sat., July 23, 9:00 am - **Mass and Breakfast Meeting** - CANCELLED~~
- Fri., July 29, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC

AUGUST 2016

- Fri. Aug 5, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Fri. Aug 12, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- ~~Fri. Aug 12, Noon - **Luncheon Meeting** at IHRC - CANCELLED~~
- Sat. Aug 13, 5:00 pm - **Serra Annual Mass and Picnic**; Gerry and Sue Manfred's residence;
Address: 10907 E. 24th Avenue, Spokane Valley
- Thu. Aug 18, 5:15 pm - **Board Meeting** at BWS
- Fri. Aug 19, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Fri. Aug 26, 11:00 am - **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Sat. Aug 27, 9:00 am - **Mass and Breakfast Meeting** at TBD

Thank You Letters

Dear Serrans,

Thank you for the great honor of being chosen to receive the Michael & Winifred Doohan Award for 2016. I am both honored and humbled. There are so many Serrans deserving of this award, it makes it even more special. Little did I know when Jim Merriman invited me to join the SERRA Club that I would be part of an organization that was so dedicated to the vocations and love for our priests and religion. Also to be part of the most sincere and nicest people ever!! Our loyalty to one another and to our Catholic faith is inspiring and comforting to know we are in one another's prayers.

*Love to all,
Madeleine Durkin*

St. Junipero Serra - Pray for Us!