



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



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### Letter from our President

#### Moving Forward in God's Will

As Serrans we recognize our primary ministry is to pray for men and women to carefully discern their vocation, be it married or single life, or the ordained priesthood or consecrated life. Fr. Barnett has insightfully noted that while we talk about Building a Culture of Vocations, what we really need is a Culture of Discernment. Discernment is a necessary skill we must practice and refine because we all use it daily. We face decisions every day about how we will use the skills and talents God has gifted to us. Some choices are rather innocuous, should we have that piece of chocolate cake for dessert or the fruit cup? Some choices carry a little more importance, what TV shows and books will we allow into our home? What friends will we choose and cultivate? How will we use our free time? These choices and many others shape and mold us into the people God wants us to be. These everyday decisions are so important Pope Francis has asked his Jesuit brothers, all of whom are well schooled in the Ignatian method of discernment, to step out and work to help the people of God cultivate this skill.

There are critical choices requiring much prayer and discernment facing Spokane Serrans called to holiness. These decisions will affect our ability to effectively carry out our ministry of being "The Vocation Arm of the Catholic Church" as commissioned by Pope St. John Paul II. Some are administrative decisions, for instance how many meetings should we have a month? Where should we meet? Can we maintain our support of a weekly Holy Hour? How many social events should we have a year? These are all issues your board has been praying about for the past year and we would appreciate your thoughts and insights. Please contact any Board member with your ideas.

However, the foundational issue is the future leadership of this amazing group of people. Board members have all prayed the novena to St. Serra this past month asking God to whisper in the ear of those Serrans he is calling to servant leadership. Now we are asking each of you to also pray to God through the intercession of our patron Saint to discern how God is calling you to live out your Serran vocation. Sometimes we Catholics allow a false sense of humility to dissuade us from accepting a position of responsibility. God doesn't give us gifts to keep them hidden under a bushel basket. We are confident God has gifted Serra with individuals who will help us continue to "Build a Culture of Discernment" for ourselves and for the future of the church. When you are asked, or perhaps you are being called to volunteer, please prayerfully discern how you can help Spokane Serra to move "Always Forward, Never Back".

God bless you, *Sue*



## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

Often we hear it said that we need to “create a culture of vocation.” However, I propose that it is more accurate to say that our task, as Serrans and as Catholics, is to generate a culture of discernment. There are at least two reasons for this.

First, from all eternity, we already have received a vocation. God calls each of us, and has created us with a particular destiny. That is an article of faith, and our challenge is to actually hear, understand, and accept that call. As Christians, our task is to discern and follow God’s voice in a very noisy world. As Serrans, our task is to help others discern and follow their vocation.

Second, culture is not something that we create. Pope Francis often speaks about the prevalent “technological paradigm,” a world-view which sees everything--and everyone--as products of manufacturing. He invites us, as did St. John Paul II, to see the human person as an end, and never merely as a means. We cannot create a culture. A culture is generated, and in the same way that babies are generated: between two people who love one another.

St. John Paul also reminded us that at the heart of culture is cult, or worship. Maintaining a loving relationship with Jesus and each other allows us to fulfill our vocation, and help others discern and fulfill theirs.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and please pray for me.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Daniel Barnett, Chaplain*



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

### Ordinations

Dec. 22, 1974	Fr. Joachim Hien
Dec. 30, 1978	Fr. Michael Kwiatowski
Dec. 21, 2005	Fr. Vincent

### Birthdays

Nov. 18	Fr. Mark Pautler
Dec. 1	Fr. Roy Floch
Dec. 7	Fr. Patrick Hartin



# Serra Club 2016 Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Event held November 3, 2016



*Proud Serran Grandchildren, Jacob Manfred and Kathleen McGann*



## Abundantly Blessed, Greatly Tasked

by Sue Manfred

The addition of 8 seminarians at Bishop White Seminary, bringing the total of young men living there to 13 has been a source of hope and joy to all Serrans. However this joy brings with it some responsibilities. As Jesus tells us, to those whom much is given, much will be asked. God is gifting us with young men willing to listen to his call to priesthood and now we are tasked with making sure that can happen. This year room and board expenses have more than doubled as has the diocesan share of tuition and educational costs. Even though we are blessed with a new building maintenance costs and upgrades necessary for a safe and productive learning environment grow every year.



Many years ago leaders in the Serra Club of Spokane prayed for the day our seminary would be full and they established an endowment that would help to support that eventuality. Anyone wanting to support the priesthood can contribute to this endowment fund and over the years Serrans have been very generous. The endowment is invested through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington. Each year a regular portion of the endowment's proceeds is made available to Bishop White Seminary to help offset education and operation expenses.

Contributions to the endowment can be easily made when you pay your annual dues. You will notice on the invoice a place to make a donation to the endowment in addition to your yearly dues. Any monies designated to the endowment are 100% tax deductible and will immediately begin earning interest that will be used to support our seminary and our seminarians in perpetuity. As we increase our prayers for more vocations I would encourage each Serran to consider making a gift that will leave a legacy for our present and future priests. If you have any questions please call Sue Manfred at 926-1067 or Bob Boehme at 924-2405.

### Prayerfully Consider an Endowment Contribution

*This endowment fund supports our seminarians in perpetuity.*

#### **To contribute:**

Add an additional endowment contribution on your next annual dues invoice to make a 100% tax deductible donation or contact Sue Manfred at 926-1067 or Bob Boehme at 924-2405.



## World Youth Day

by Steve Domini

World Youth Day-2016 came to Bishop White Seminary on September 22 as the Serrans heard seminarians Michael Barbarossa and John Paul Tomassi recount their experiences in Poland. Seminarian Kyle Poje, unable to attend due to a prior commitment, helped organize the presentation.

World Youth Day 2016 was held in Krakow, Poland. This event is really for the young! Heat, sun, rain, and 3 million people are things I don't think many of us would want to experience!

Many of the experiences were very emotional for them. John Paul described how Birkenau concentration camp is visible from a church steeple and that grass grows on top of what was an open burial ground at the camp. Michael spoke about the country and their travels to the major events.

There was much Catholicism to see: the Lady of Chestahova icon, St. Mary's, the 14th century basilica; the Divine Mercy Shrine, and seeing where Sister Faustina Kowalska lived.

As we know Sister Faustina experienced visions from Jesus and this led to devotion to the Divine Mercy and her canonization by John Paul II in 2000. John Paul and Michael talked a lot about hope, as they traveled from the concentration camps to the home of St. John Paul II, whom they said brought hope to a broken Europe. The evil of the concentration camps and the hope from John Paul II will certainly have an impact on their discernment to Priesthood.

Serran membership offers a unique opportunity to view this discernment. Don't miss the opportunities - attend the meetings!

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### Wanted - New Serra Club Board Members

Several of our club board members are on triple over-term (like over-time). We have served on the board for several terms and are anxious to step back and let 2017 be a year of new input. We are pleased to announce that Virginia Ellis and Emily Klein have agreed to come onto the board, but additional new members are needed. We do not want positions, required of every club by Serra International, to go vacant. Please consider how you can contribute as a club officer and call Martin Weber at (509) 466-7784, or Bob Boehme at (509) 981-0098 for further discussion.

Training for each position is available. We pray for continued strong club leadership.

*Your Board of Directors*



*Michael Barbarossa Seminarian  
and Emily Klein Serran*



*Elma and Mary Druffel,  
Serrans from Colton*



*Seminarian John Paul Tomassi  
and Martin Weber Serran*



# Mother Teresa: The Legacy

by Steve Domini

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was canonized a saint on September 4. On September 9, our membership enjoyed a very moving DVD presentation about her life, death and funeral. Entitled, "Mother Teresa: The Legacy," it was the official film of the occasion of her beatification in Rome in 2003. We heard the wisdom of Mother Teresa, as she spoke about her life, the suffering of the people, and the mercy of Jesus.

I was struck by her holiness and ability to communicate such meaningful stories of hope and love. She and her sisters care for the poorest of the poor. We saw this poverty on the streets of India, and the love and care provided by Mother, and the religious order she established. A major portion of the presentation was her last days and funeral. We heard much from her fellow Missionaries of Charity, and the love they had for Mother.

The world media was there to report her death and funeral. Imagine, a state funeral with many world leaders in attendance. We saw a poor Catholic nun receive the accolade and respect, usually reserved for a president or prime minister. Afterward, each Serran in attendance received two holy cards and Mother Teresa's "business card." The cards were provided by Sister Rosalie from the Spokane-based Missionaries of Charity convent. They are not available for sale.

Several Serrans wanted to borrow the DVD to their family members. If anyone would like to do so, let me know; dominis60@gmail.com or (509) 590-7079.

## Description of Mother Teresa holy cards:

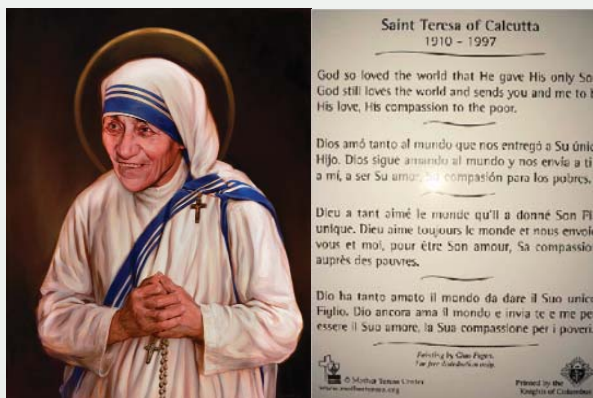
1. This is the official canonization image which was displayed at the Vatican during the ceremony on September 4.

2. This image from photographer, Marie Constantin, is the official photograph for Mother Teresa's beatification on October 19, 2003.

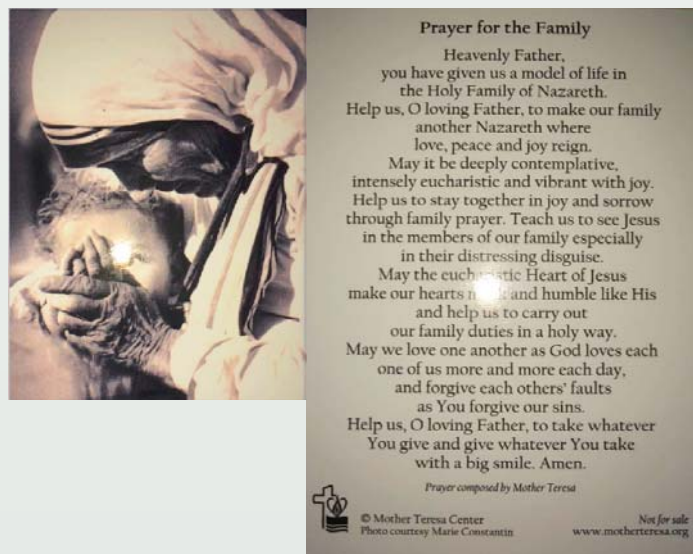
3. Mother Teresa's "business card." She would give this card to people whom she met.

These cards came from Sister Rosalie at the Missionaries of Charity convent in Spokane. None of these cards are available for purchase.

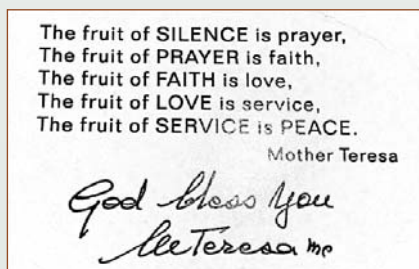
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## Schedule of Events

### NOVEMBER 2016

Fri; Nov 3; 5:15pm; Clergy Appreciation Social and Dinner, St. Thomas More Parish  
Fri; Nov. 4; 7:00am; First Friday Mass at BWS  
Fri; Nov. 4; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC  
Nov. 6-12: NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK  
Fri; Nov. 11; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC  
Thu; Nov. 17; 5:30 pm; Mass and Board Meeting at BWS  
Fri; Nov. 18; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC  
Thu; Nov. 24; Thanksgiving  
Fri; Nov. 25; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC  
Sat; Nov. 26; No Mass and Breakfast Meeting; Thanksgiving Weekend

### DECEMBER 2016

Fri; Dec. 2; 7:00 am; First Friday Mass at BWS  
Fri; Dec. 2; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC  
Fri; Dec. 9; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC  
Thu; Dec. 15; No Mass and Board Meeting at BWS  
Fri; Dec. 16; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC  
Fri; Dec. 23; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC  
Sat; Dec. 24; No Mass and Breakfast Meeting, Christmas Weekend  
Sun; Dec. 25; Christmas Day/Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord  
Fri; Dec. 30; 11:00 am; Adoration for Vocations at IHRC

### Thank You Letters

Dear Serra Club Members,

*Please accept my sincere gratitude for hosting supper for the seminarians and their families last Friday evening. I know that organizing and providing food and drinks for so many people is not a simple or inexpensive task and I appreciate the hard work and generosity required from each of you. In addition to the meal, however, your cheerful presence served as a welcome reminder of the support shown to the seminary by faithful Catholics throughout the area.*

*As you know, there are thirteen men in the seminary community this semester, including nine men who are new to the priestly formation program. Four men are studying for the Diocese of Spokane, two for the Diocese of Boise, and seven for the Diocese of Seattle. Nearly all the rooms are occupied, and the building is filled with their energy and enthusiasm. It is both a privilege and challenge for me to work with these fine young men as they discern their vocation and mature in their physical and spiritual lives. I am truly grateful for your prayers and support.*

*Thank you again for your generosity. You will be remembered, along with all our donors, in our daily prayers.*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Daniel J. Barnett, Rector  
Bishop White Seminary*

Serra Club,

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you for your prayers and support at the death of our mother, Annette. Losing a parent is never easy, but the grace received in prayer and love from so many comforts greatly. Know that all of you in Serra are in my thoughts and prayers.

Once again, many thanks,

