



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



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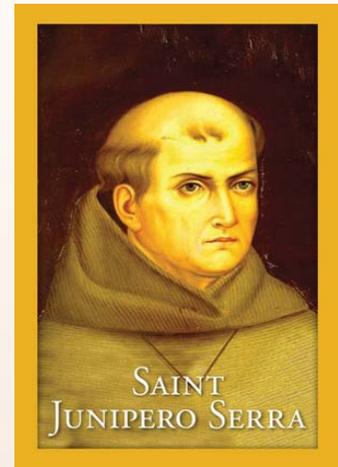
Letter from our President

Divine Collaborators

“Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.” (Prayer for Vocations, St. John Paul II Society)

Your Spokane Serra Club proved on February 11th they do not lack missionary zeal and dedication to the cause of the Gospel. The hard work and generosity of these dedicated individuals helped to contribute in a very real way to the success of the first Vocation Summit in the Diocese of Spokane. Many, many thanks go out to:

- Dave McGann
- Steve and Karen Domini
- Bob and Diana Boehme
- Martin Weber
- Bill and Barbara Boniface
- Emily Klein
- Kirk and Lori Neumann
- George and Sharon Czerwonka
- Gerry Manfred



These divine collaborators disguised as loyal Serrans said yes when called to help others create a culture of vocations in their parishes and families. They truly followed in the footsteps of St. Serra as they made it possible for them to be energized, enthused, and educated in how to promote vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, and single life. When Serrans combine our primary ministry of prayer with generous gifts of time, talent and treasure our priests, seminarians, and holy sisters will be blessed with the multitude of graces they need to fulfill God’s plan for them and for the church.

Please keep your officers in your prayers as we pray and discern how Serra of Spokane can best continue to fulfill this vital and exciting ministry. The Novena to St. Junipero Serra in your Serran Handbook is a very powerful prayer and if all Spokane Serrans could offer it once in the next 2 months I know God will gift us with the grace of His wisdom. We ask you to pray with us as we endeavor to listen to the Holy Spirit and to seek the help of Mary, the Mother of Vocations.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say “Yes to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the Divine Design of Salvation” (Prayer for Vocations, St. John Paul II Society)

God bless you,
Sue

The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,
Praised be Jesus Christ!

Recently the Diocese of Spokane was privileged to host Rhonda Gruenewald and Leticia Ramirez for the Hundredfold Vocations Summit 2017. Over 100 parishioners from around the diocese were inspired to work toward our goal of generating a culture of discernment in their parishes. The three Serra Clubs of our diocese worked hard to ensure that everyone was welcomed, fed, and supported as they join in this apostolate.



Yet it would be a mistake to miss this point: we Serrans have a great deal to receive from this endeavor. It is so easy to be caught up in the many tasks which must be done—preparing food, making copies, setting up book tables, etc.—that we can miss the forest for the trees. In short, it is very easy for us to allow the Serra Club to become task-oriented instead of person-oriented. When we do so, we fall into a rut, and eventually suffer fatigue and burnout.

There will always be things to do, and people for whom to do them. However, our fundamental vocation as Serrans is to focus our energy on fostering, celebrating, strengthening, and supporting persons. We must not confuse the means (programs, workshops, etc.) and the ends (the people). We must remember that each vocation is, first and foremost, a call to a relationship: the relationship of married couples, of consecrated religious, of priests, of consecrated single men and women. For example, the call to priesthood is not primarily a call to perform tasks (even holy tasks), but to be united with Christ so profoundly that a man can act in Persona Christi.

To keep our own vocation fresh, I invite each of us to focus our thoughts, prayers, and works on celebrating, strengthening, and supporting each person in his or her vocation. Let us keep persons at the center: the persons of priest, of married couples, of religious, and of single persons. When we do that, our involvement in Serra will generate new life in those whom we serve, and invite others into that same service.



Be assured of my prayers for you, and please pray for me.
Always forward—never back!

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel Barnett
Chaplain



Steve & Karen Save the Day! January 13, 2017 Meeting

When the dreaded flu forced our scheduled speaker to cancel on January 13th Steve and Karen Domini put the Serrans to the test with quiz questions every Catholic should know. Hint: not every Catholic knew the answers to these brain teasers.



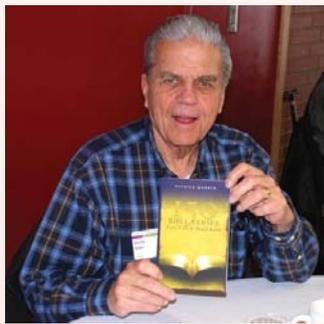
Quiz Masters checking accuracy of Serrans' answers



World-famous Game Show Host, Steve Domini, stumping the Serrans



Steve's beautiful and efficient assistant passing out score sheets



And the winner is...Steve Ellis!



Very perplexed Serrans



The program that is yet to be

Thanks to Steve and Karen for turning what could have been a great disappointment into an hour of fun and laughter. Thank you both for your creativity and lively sense of humor.

Congratulations to newly elected 2017-2018 officers of Spokane Serra!

These officers will be installed at our annual spring Anniversary Dinner:

- Trustees: Martin Weber, Bob Boehme, Gerry Manfred
- Treasurer: Karen Domini
- Secretary: Judy Luce
- Vice-President of Membership: Greg Takisaki
- Vice-President of Vocations: Bill Boniface
- Vice-President of Programs: Al Hanson
- Vice-President of Communications: Steve Domini
- President: Sue Manfred

Attention Serrans:

Please be watching your mailbox (snail mail not email) for an important survey from your officers. Your Board needs your ideas and thoughts about the future direction of Serra. If you fill out the questionnaire and return it you will have a voice in planning our upcoming activities.

St. Joseph's Parish Mass & Breakfast

By Steve Domini

Our January 21, Saturday Mass and Breakfast meeting was held at St. Joseph Parish in Colbert. Fr. Brian Sattler, pastor at the parish, was both our Celebrant and speaker.

Fr. Sattler's topic was Lectio Divina, a prayer practice that uses Sacred Scripture as a context for prayer. An understanding of Lectio Divina leads us to an intimate encounter with the living God. Father Sattler has had much expertise in Lectio Divina, having given many presentations throughout the diocese. Learning more about Lectio Divina helps us gain a fuller prayer life and closeness to God.



Fr. Sattler



Sue Manfred

Special thanks to Davida and the staff at St. Joseph's, for helping make our event a very pleasant experience.

Attend our meetings! You will learn something new about your faith and have an opportunity to interact with your fellow Serrans.

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

Ordinations

Apr. 12, 1969	Rev. Msgr. John Steiner
Apr. 30, 1952	Fr. Charles D. Skok

Birthdays

Mar. 2	Most Rev William Skylstad
Mar. 7	Fr. Daniel Barnett
Mar. 11	Fr. Patrick Kerst
Mar. 11	Fr. Rory Pitstick
Mar. 22	Fr. Joseph Bell
Apr. 3	Fr. Richard Semple
Apr. 26	Fr. Joachim Hien
Apr. 28	Rev. Msgr Robert Pearson

Serra Meeting, February 10

by Steve Domini

The February 10 meeting featured Fr. James Kelleher, SOLT. Father came to us from Texas, to promote the Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade, to be held in Spokane on Sunday, July 23, 2017, at 7:00 pm at Avista Stadium.

Father Kelleher is the founder and director of the EFRC. He has been to Spokane several times and will continue to come to Spokane to promote the Rosary Crusade and meet with students in each Catholic school explaining to them the need to pray the family Rosary.

You may have seen posters for this event in your parish (see below). The Diocese of Spokane is also a sponsor of the event. Remember, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the Fatima appearances.



Fr. Kelleher

A special thanks to Serran Dave McGann for being a sponsor of the event.



Save the Date! Sunday, July 23, 2017

The Diocese of Spokane and the Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade presents "Come Worship the King of Kings" event to be held Sunday, July 23 at 7pm at Avista Stadium.

Fr James Kelleher, SOLT (pictured above) is the founder and director of Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade (EFRC). inspired by the mission of the Blessed Mother and Fr Patrick Peyton CSC Fr. Jim preaches the importance of praying the daily family Rosary to school children and people throughout the world to obtain world peace. 2017 is the 100th anniversary of Fatima. He is coming to promote the EFRC that will be held in Spokane on Sunday, July 23, 2017, 7:00pm, Avista Stadium (the baseball park).

Serra's Annual Sister's Appreciation Brunch

Don't forget to make your reservations now for Serra's Annual Sister's Appreciation Brunch

- When?** Saturday, March 25, 2017
Mass will begin at 11:00 and will be celebrated by Bishop Daly
Social time follows with lunch starting at Noon
- Where?** St. Charles Parish, 4515 N. Alberta St.
- Cost?** \$25 per person, which will provide lunch and a gift for the Sisters



You can mail your check to Serra Club of Spokane, PO Box 31535, Spokane, WA 99223.
Or you can make reservations by emailing Karen Domini at kdomini81@gmail.com or calling Karen at (509) 468-6774. If you cannot attend your donation to support the Sisters would be very welcome.

Schedule of Events

MARCH 2017

Fri	Mar 3	7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri	Mar 3	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sun	Mar 5		World Day for Consecrated Life
Fri	Mar 10	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC
Fri	Mar 17	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Tue	Mar 21	5:30 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS
Fri	Mar 24	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Mar 25	11:00 am	Sisters Appreciation Mass and Lunch. Mass celebrated by Bishop Daly.

APRIL 2017

Fri	Apr 7	7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri	Apr 7	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sun	Apr 9		Palm Sunday
Tue	Apr 11	5:30 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS
Thu	Apr 13		Holy Thursday
Fri	Apr 14		No Luncheon Meeting - Good Friday
Sat	Apr 15		Holy Saturday
Sun	Apr 16		Easter Sunday
Fri	Apr 21	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Apr 22	9:00 am	Mass and Breakfast Meeting at TBD
Sun	Apr 23		Divine Mercy Sunday
Fri	Apr 28	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC

Thank You Letters

The following letter was received with a donation to the Spokane Serra Club Endowment which is to be used for the education of seminarians and is managed by the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington:

Enclosed you will find a check made payable to the (sic) Serra Club Foundation of Spokane in the amount of \$2,000. As personal representative for James T. Bertis, I am honored to present you with this contribution on behalf of Dad, knowing it will add to the resources you need to continue your endeavors.

Thank you for all the warmth of community that you shared with my dad for all the years he enjoyed belonging to and leading Serra Club. Supporting vocations always was a very personally meaningful focus in his life, and he valued the people with whom he shared that heartfelt focus.

I am confident that Dad knew this gift would be welcomed as a means of extending his support for the continued good work that Serra does in this community and by extension, the world.

Sincerely,

*Joan T. Hunt, Personal Representative
Estate of James T. Bertis*

The following note was received from Fr. Michael Blackburn, OFM:

I am sorry this card comes so late. Time has a way of escaping me. I want to thank you so very much for the gift card and the dinner this past November 3, 2016. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do to support the clergy and vocations. May God bless you all.

~ In Christ, Fr. Michael Blackburn, OFM