

MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
**SERRA CLUB OF SPOKANE**  
*Friday, March 10, 2017*

**SERRA PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND PERSEVERANCE OF VOCATIONS:** Sue Manfred called the meeting to order and led the prayers.

**SPEAKER:** Steve Domini introduced Mitchell Palmquist, Editor of the *Inland Catholic* magazine. Mitchell Palmquist was an Eagle Scout, and received this award in 2005. He worked/was involved with the Gonzaga Witness publication while attending the university. Another experience that prepared Mitchell to become an editor, was his job at the House of Charity. There he learned to listen to people's stories. Mitchell provided a brief history of publications that the Diocese has had. Previous to the *Inland Catholic* magazine, the Diocese had a newspaper format. Mitchell explained that research shows that more people particularly those under age 35 are more apt to read a magazine than a newspaper. So in the interest of reaching a broader population, the Diocese decided to use a magazine format. He requested that we let him know of any stories from the parish that demonstrate how God is working and changing peoples' lives; i.e., witness stories. These stories help share the mission of the Church to bring people closer to God. The goal of the magazine is to evangelize through the publication. Mitchell then answered several questions from the audience.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. **HOLY WEEK RETREATS:** Sister Mary Eucharista spoke to the Serrans about two upcoming IHRC Holy Week Retreats: one for women April 10-12, 2017 and another for men April 13-15, 2017 featuring Fr. Michael Maher, S.J. as the retreat master. His talks are very much enjoyed and the theme of the retreats is "Walking with Our Lord and His Cross Towards the Resurrection." Attendees may stay at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center (IHRC) during the retreat, or they may commute each day. If you bring someone with you who has never been on a retreat at the Immaculate Heart, the cost for the entire retreat will be reduced to \$106 per each of you. To register call 448-1224 or online [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net). Sister Mary Eucharista said that this is an opportunity to allow the retreat to turn us back to God. The world, the devil and ourselves can pull us away from God. She advises at least one retreat per year to bring us back to the real focus of our lives, which is to live for God.

2. **SERRA RALLY:** Martin Weber shared news from the rally held in Phoenix, Feb 16-19, 2017.

- a. The speaker at the dinner was Bishop Eduardo Nevaes, Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix. He gave a remarkable speech about what Latinos bring to this country, such as the value of dedication to family.
- b. Aileen Fields was a recipient of the "Face of Serran" Award. She has done so much for our region with the addition of new clubs and much more.
- c. Martin also announced that due to estate donations, USAC was able to write off approximately \$300K in unpaid dues from 36 clubs. They now have a fresh start and chance; however, if these 36 clubs don't start paying dues, then their charters will be revoked.

3. **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Steve Domini encouraged Serrans to attend the First Friday Masses at the Seminary. The seminarians love to see the Serrans. One of the Serrans mentioned that

Raymond Kalema is going to be ordained a Deacon in Washington D.C. and we should keep him in our prayers.

4. **SERRA CLUB ALTAR SERVER AWARD:** Barrie Baird developed a wonderful way for pastors to recognize their altar servers. He created a wonderful certificate template. Please let your pastors know about this in case they may be interested in administering this award. Barry would just need the name of the altar server and the pastor and he is willing to create the certificate.

5. **PUTTING TALENTS TO USE FOR SERRA:** Sue announced her gratitude to Doreen Takisaki for designing and making 60 gift bags for the Sisters that have been invited to upcoming Appreciation Brunch.

6. **SURVEY FOR THE MEMBERSHIP:** Sue announced that the board is looking forward to creating and sending out a survey to the members. This will be the members' opportunity to share their thoughts about the Serra Club.

7. **NOVENA TO ST. JUNIPERO SERRA:** Sue is asking each Serran to open their Serra Handbook to page 167 and pray the Novena to St. Junipero Serra. We need to know what direction God wants us to take as a club.

8. **ANNIVERSARY DINNER:** Sue announced that we finally have a date for the Anniversary Dinner: Sunday, June 11, 2017. It was very difficult to arrange any other day due to graduations, unavailability of the chef and the parish hall.

9. **SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:** Aileen Fields provided a glimpse of the May 6, 2017 conference itinerary to be held at St. Thomas More. Father Barnett will be speaking at the conference. There will be break out sessions primarily for Vice Presidents of the Board. Every one of our members is encouraged to come! The conference will conclude with a 4:30 Mass.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Decade of rosary for vocations.