



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



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Letter from our President

Dear Serrans,

The feast of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, May 7 is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the midst of celebrating the joy of Christ's resurrection what a wonderful time for the church to remind us to pray for our Shepherds who follow in his footsteps every day. Our dedicated and hard-working priests and bishops need our prayers and support, and they need to know we are praying for them. A FOCUS volunteer listed 19 ways to support your parish priest from ideas he got from priests young and old.

We all pray for our priests every day but how many of us tell him? Hearing these words may be just what he needs to carry on with a difficult task that day. Thanksgiving also needs to be expressed. I know most of us thank Father after mass but how uplifting would it be for him to receive a short note thanking him specifically for something he said that touched your heart or made you think? Always let your priest know you have his back.

Don't be a part of the drama that seems to crop up in every parish from time to time. Do your best to defuse these always damaging situations even if all you can do is pray for the parties involved. Of course there were several ideas that included meals and dinner invitations. Always try to discern what would be most appreciated at the time. During a particularly busy time maybe find out what his favorite meal is and take it to him so he has something to look forward to after a hard week. Of course including your priest in family celebrations and dinners with friends is a great way to build lasting relationships. There are many more ideas if you want to check them out at <https://focusoncampus.org/content/19-ways-to-let-your-parish-priest-know-you-appreciate-him-e1286f5a-6811-464a-8fc9-a34b98b8b376>.

Besides taking the time to show appreciation to our priests the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is also the perfect time to increase our daily prayers for vocations. If you have a 31 Club in your parish invite parishioners to recommit to their prayer day and if they haven't already signed up to consider doing so. The Serran prayer, the 6th decade of the rosary, a weekly holy hour, or a mass offered specifically for vocations are all going to help Father Barnett fill Bishop White Seminary very soon. As I remind our parish priest once in awhile, "Serrans are working diligently on his retirement plan."

God bless you,

Sue

The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,

Alleluia! He is Risen!

At this time of year parishes and schools ordinarily start winding down as everyone's thoughts begin to turn toward vacation. Yet the old adage still holds true: "There is no vacation from vocation."

The Church celebrates the Easter season for 50 days to help drive home this fundamental fact which continues to change history: Jesus is alive and present to each of us, inviting us to share His life here and now, and then eternal in heaven. This is our vocation--holiness--which is to be lived as married couples, singles, priests, or consecrated religious.

As Serrans, we are called to a particular way of living that holiness which is based on and flows from that fundamental vocation: we are called to be holy especially by helping others discover their vocations. Bishop Daly is asking Serrans to do this in three stages.

First, we are to facilitate encounters between Jesus Christ and young men and women. This takes the form of supporting events such as the Hundredfold Vocations Summit, the Catholic Youth Celebration, Quo Vadis Days, Vocare, Steubenville Northwest, as well as the various parish vocation ministries.

Second, we are to accompany the response of participants. Each of these events will strike a person in unique ways. A Serran is to accompany each participant--and help others in this accompaniment--so that each person can respond to the grace which he or she has received.

Third, a Serran is called to sustain both the encounter and the response with a deep life of prayer. Thus, each of us must continually return to the source of our own encounter with the Risen Lord, and daily respond to His call, "Come, follow me."

Please pray for me, and know of my prayers for you.

In Christ,
Fr. B.



*Rev. Daniel Barnett
Chaplain*

Serra Club Meeting Recaps

by Steve Domini

March 10 Meeting

Our Friday, March 10 membership meeting at IHRC featured Mitchell Palmquist, the editor of the new diocesan news magazine, the *Inland Catholic*. Mitchell is also the executive director of communications for the Diocese of Spokane.

The *Inland Catholic* has replaced the *Inland Register* newspaper. Mitchell gave us a history of diocesan news coverage, beginning with the *Inland Empire Catholic Messenger* in 1919, followed by the *Inland Catholic Newspaper* in 1931. The *Inland Register*, and its various iterations, began publication in 1942 and ceased in 2016.

Mitchell talked about the process the magazine staff has been through to create and publish this magazine including new software and distribution issues. He explained that the magazine is a work in progress and story ideas, news and events that effect large areas of the diocese are welcome.

Mitchell mentioned some of the previous editors of the *Inland Register*, many of whom we remember, Fr. Terence Tully, Monsignor John Donnelly, Fr. Mike Savelesky, and most recently Eric Meisfjord. He explained the reasons for the move to a magazine format, and how the *Inland Catholic* combines local news and information with nationally known Catholic writers, such as Bishop Robert Barron and Sister Ann Shields.

Mitchell said the goals are to cover the events and good works in the diocese, to strengthen our faith, and help us to evangelize and share our faith with others. The *Inland Catholic* plans new and exciting things in the future. If you don't already subscribe, do so today! You can also check it out online. As Serrans, you have the opportunity to hear from our diocesan leaders directly. Don't miss the opportunity to learn. Attend the meetings!

April 22 Meeting

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes was the meeting place for our Saturday, April 22 meeting. Fr. Sean Thomson, priest in residence at the Cathedral, celebrated a special Mass for us at 9:00 am. He was also our speaker. After Mass, we adjourned to O'Connor Hall. A big thank you goes to Fr. Connall, Carolyn Berry, and Bill Oakley for making this meeting location possible.

Fr. Thomson gave us a wonderful presentation. He told us about his growing up years and family, along with his love of Jesus and the Mass. His journey into the priesthood was very moving because of the various directions the journey took. He shared some very entertaining stories about some of the occupations he held before priesthood.



Fr. Thomson has had some personal challenges in his life and he shared them with us in an open, sincere, and humorous way. Our membership really enjoyed his time with us. We are blessed to have him in our diocese. Thanks to all of the Serrans who have been attending our Saturday meetings at various parishes over the last year or so. We have had the opportunity to meet priests and hear from them as our speakers. I encourage all of you to make the effort to attend our meetings. It will be worth the effort.

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

Ordinations

May 14, 1966	Fr. Joseph Weitensteiner	Jun 12, 1996	Fr. Edgar Borchartd
May 19, 1982	Fr. Robert Turner	Jun 12, 1996	Fr. Timothy Hays
May 21, 1982	Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM	Jun 18, 1950	Fr. Felix Lorge
May 21, 1961	Fr. James Kuhns	Jun 19, 2015	Fr. David Kruse
May 21, 1988	Fr. Edward Marier	Jun 19, 2015	Fr. Kyle Ratuiste
May 21, 2010	Fr. Lutakome Nsubuga	Jun 23, 2000	Fr. Daniel Barnett
May 21, 1960	Most Rev. William Skylstad	Jun 23, 2000	Fr. Victor Blazovich
May 22, 1998	Fr. Robert McNeese	Jun 23, 2000	Fr. Thomas Connolly
May 22, 1998	Fr. Steven Werner	Jun 23, 1994	Fr. Rory Pitstick
May 23, 1990	Fr. Patrick Kerst	Jun 23, 1994	Fr. Richard Poole
May 23, 1990	Fr. Richard Root	Jun 23, 2000	Fr. Richard Semple
May 24, 2002	Fr. Jose Jamie Maldonado	Jun 25, 1982	Fr. Michael Venneri
May 25, 2001	Fr. Bonaventure Obisike	Jun 26, 2009	Fr. David Kuttner
May 26, 1956	Rev. Msgr. Frank Bach	Jun 26, 2009	Fr. Kevin Oiland
May 26, 2011	Fr. Jeffrey Core	Jun 27, 1974	Fr. Joseph Bell
May 26, 2011	Fr. Jason Hiner	Jun 27, 2014	Fr. David Gaines
May 26, 2011	Fr. Jeffrey Lewis	Jun 27, 2014	Fr. Paul Heric
May 26, 2011	Fr. Tyler Smedley	Jun 27, 2008	Fr. Matthew Nicks
May 27, 1972	Fr. Stanley Malnar, M.D.	Jun 27, 2014	Fr. Brian Sattler
May 28, 1966	Fr. Thomas Caswell	Jun 27, 2014	Fr. Curtis Seidel
May 29, 1992	Fr. Darrin Connall	Jun 27, 2014	Fr. Dale Tuckerman
May 29, 1987	Most Rev. Thomas Daly	Jun 29, 1985	Fr. Steven Dublinski
May 29, 1965	Rev. Msgr. Robert Pearson	Jun 29, 1999	Fr. Jose Luis Hernandez
May 30, 2003	Fr. Joseph Sullivan, Jr.	Jun 29, 2007	Fr. James Peak
Jun 7, 1969	Fr. John Krier	Jun 29, 2007	Fr. Kenny St. Hilaire
Jun 9, 1973	Fr. Tyrone Schaff	Jun 29, 2007	Fr. Lucas Tomson

Birthdays

May 5	Fr. Thomas Connolly	Jun 14	Fr. Jose Luis Hernandez
May 8	Fr. Victor Blazovich	Jun 15	Fr. Joseph Weitensteiner
May 8	Fr. Joseph Sullivan, Jr.	Jun 21	Fr. Albert Grasher
May 17	Fr. Tyrone Schaff	Jun 21	Fr. Steven Werner
Jun 1	Fr. Matthew Nicks	Jun 22	Fr. Richard Poole
Jun 1	Fr. Charles Skok	Jun 26	Fr. Steven Dublinski
Jun 4	Fr. Timothy Hays	Jun 27	Fr. Jose Jamie Maldonado
Jun 11	Rev. Msgr. John Steiner		

Serra's Annual Sister's Appreciation Brunch



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 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).

Schedule of Events

MAY 2017

Fri., May 5, 7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri., May 5, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat., May 6, 9:00 am	Spring Leadership Training for Officers and Trustees; St. Thomas More Parish; 10:00 am-4:30 pm.
Sun., May 7	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tue., May 9, 5:30 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS
Fri., May 12, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC
Fri., May 19, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri., May 26, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat., May 27	No Mass and Breakfast Meeting; Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE 2017

Fri., Jun 2	No First Friday Mass
Fri., Jun 2, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri., Jun 9, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC
Sun., Jun 11, 4:00 pm	Anniversary Dinner and Installation of Officers; St. John Vianney Parish, 503 N. Walnut Rd., Spokane Valley.
Tue., Jun 13, 5:30 pm	Board Meeting at BWS (no Mass) – subject to change
Fri., Jun 16, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri., Jun 23, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat., Jun 24, 9:00 am	Mass and Breakfast Meeting at TBD
Mon-Thu., Jun 26-29	Quo Vadis Days at Pinelow Park, Deer Park, WA (Come-and-See for young men). Please keep the attendees in your prayers.
Mon-Thu., Jun 26-29	Vocare at IHRC (Come-and-See for young women). Please keep the attendees in your prayers.
Fri., Jun 30, 11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC

Thank You Letters from the Sister's Appreciation Lunch

*I would like to thank the Serra Club for the wonderful gathering, meal and gifts on Saturday! Our table was blessed with having 6 congregations sharing during that time. It was fun!
~ With deep appreciation, Betty Bradley, FSPA*

*A huge THANK YOU to all of the Serrans. Please convey my thanks – I appreciate it!
~ Blessings, Sister Anne Bosserman*

*Serrans – You're wonderful! Each and every one of you. Saturday (March 25) was such a special time. What a blessing you are upon all of us, your support, love, and care is such a blessing. It was wonderful to share liturgy and lunch with you on beautifully decorated tables and then to receive flowers and a sweet, prayer-filled package – you are all so kind. Know you are in my prayers and please keep me in yours. I admire all of you, and Martin (Weber), I especially loved your sharing Fr. Dan's (Martin's brother) quote. That was special.
~ God bless you abundantly in all ways, Sister Celine Steinberger*