



# SERRA CLUB OF SPOKANE

**Invites You to Vocations Ministry**



**“Always go forward.”**

**Junipero Serra, our patron saint**

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*“Along with prayer, the work of fostering vocations also requires a constant effort to bring the need to people’s attention through personal witness, so that God’s call may encounter a ready hearing and generous response in those to whom it is directed. This is the aim of your efforts to spread an authentic culture of vocations”.*

***Saint John Paul II***



*The Diocese of Spokane is greatly blessed with the prayers and support of the Serra Club. The Serrans, a group of Catholic laity, recognize the importance of the Catholic priesthood and consecrated life. As faith-filled men and women, they generously devote their prayer and time to help foster, nurture, and encourage these vocations throughout Eastern Washington. Members of the Serra Club come from all walks of life and have the opportunity to strengthen their own faith while enjoying the friendship of those who have the same aspirations. I am forever grateful for the efforts of the Serra Club and pray that more men and women will participate in this great gift to our Church.*

***Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane***

### Our Mission

**To foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life in the US, and through our ministry, further our members' Catholic faith.**

### Our Goals

1. **Educate** and inform our members and the Catholic Community of the need for the ordained priesthood and vowed religious.
2. **Encourage** and affirm the priesthood and vowed religious life as a positive lifestyle.
3. **Inspire** and call forth a dedicated corps of leaders of Serra by spiritual and practical formation.

## The Four Pillars of Serra Club

1. **Vocations:** Supporting and fostering vocations, through activities such as Quo Vadis Days, Vocare, seminarian picnics, clergy appreciation dinners and Five Star programs.
2. **Programs:** Promoting fellowship, prayer, and continuing Catholic education.
3. **Communications:** Informing and educating members of all club activities and relevant news. A club newsletter is the primary mode of disseminating news to club members.
4. **Membership:** Inspiring and motivating others to become Serrans. Serra is open to all practicing Catholic men and women, eighteen years of age or older.

## History

- 1935 – First Serra Club was formed in Seattle, WA with Junipero Serra as our patron.
- **1937– 2nd Serra Club was formed in Spokane, WA.**
- 1985 –Junipero Serra was venerated by Pope John Paul II.
- 1988 – Pope John Paul II proclaimed Junipero Serra blessed.
- 2000 – Serra Club of the Tri-Cities was chartered.
- 2015 – Pope Francis canonized Junipero Serra as a saint.
- 2016– Serra Clubs in Walla Walla and Coeur d’Alene were chartered.

## Testimonials:

*It is a blessing that God called me I to be part of this amazing prayerful group. Through Serra I am able to support and be friends with priests, seminarians and women religious. Serra's call to personal holiness has strengthened my spiritual life. Through Serra I have made life-long friends with people who want to see our church grow and be strong for future generations.*

**Sue Manfred, Spokane Serra Club President**

*I have enjoyed the association of dedicated people in furthering the work of the Church in supporting our clergy and vowed religious. Speakers at our luncheons have been stimulating and informative in the numerous methods of increasing our spirituality. Serra has been a real blessing for me.*

**Martin Weber, Serra Regional Director**

*Serra is one of the most significant groups to which a Catholic can belong, since it supports the heart of the future of the Church: vocations to priesthood and religious life. The members of Serra have inspired, stimulated, encouraged and drawn forth those who would give their lives to God. My heart is filled with gratitude when I think of the Serra Club!*

**Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC**



October 2017 Clergy Appreciation Dinner





Ordination of **David Kruse and Kyle Ratuiste** as priests by Bishop Thomas Daly of the Diocese of Spokane June 2015 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane, WA.



August 2017 Seminarians' Welcome Dinner

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