



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



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### Letter from our President

Ann Voskamp, author of the book, *One Thousand Gifts*, related a story, reprinted in the *Magnificat*, about her young daughter. One morning at breakfast Ann had been talking with her little girl about how we have to be ready to give Jesus' love to all those around us. Later in the day her daughter asked her to tape a heart she had cut out of white paper to her chest. She explained to her mother, "We need to tape hearts right to us, Mama. So we always know his love's around us everywhere." This child wanted to become an outward visible sign of the love of Jesus we are all asked to share every moment of every day.



I began to think about this visible heart and Serra's 3 objectives and purposes:

1. To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood..... and to support priests in their sacred ministry.
2. To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life.
3. To assist one another to recognize and respond.....to God's call to personal holiness in Jesus Christ.

We are encouraged to show our love for our priests and sisters with even more than private prayers. Our smiles, gratitude, and friendship remind them daily that their sacrifice and efforts are appreciated and valued. Serra's appreciation events are a very public affirmation of our gratitude for the gifts of these men and women. We support one another's quest for holiness through our shared faith and friendships. We also have the opportunity to formally further this quest for holiness through educational and inspirational programs at our general meetings.

Without wearing a visible symbol would others recognize us as Serrans in our actions and words? Do our words of encouragement, support and compassion convict us as people our priests and consecrated religious can count on for unconditional love? Do we consciously strive to attain the holiness Jesus asked of us, and are we always ready to help our brothers and sisters in their quest for holiness? In thinking over the many Serrans I have had the great blessing of meeting over the past years my answer is an emphatic YES! Yes, Serrans can be recognized by their love for God, his church, their families, our priests and sisters and most definitely one another.

I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Spokane Serra. Getting to know new friends, being inspired by amazing people, and most of all being allowed to pray and grow with all of you has been a life changing experience.

Please keep all of our priests, religious and new Serra Board in your prayers.

God bless you and your families,  
*Sue*

## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Serrans,  
Alleluia! He is Risen!

Popes have a lot of power to change things. While most times that power is exercised in areas like canon law or ecclesial governance, occasionally the Pope has an effect on grammar.

From April 8-11 Pope Francis convened a meeting at the Vatican of the Missionaries of Mercy from all over the world. This was a chance to come together in fraternity, sharing our experiences and receiving guidance and formation from the Holy Father and others on how to exercise this ministry in the world today.

It was clear to all that mercy is the primary theme of this pontificate. As his papal motto indicates (*Miserando atque eligendo*, or "Mercifying and choosing") Pope Francis invites the Church to see "mercy" as a verb, not merely a noun. This grammatical change requires a corresponding change in our way of thinking and acting.

This echoes what one of my closest priest friends has always said: "A priest proclaims the mercy of God." In fact, each of the baptized-not merely the priest-is to proclaim the mercy of God. We are to do so in our lives, in each of our actions, especially through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. One of the ways we exercise mercy is by praying for the living and the dead, and by helping each person discover and fulfill his or her vocation. Mercy is a verb, not merely a noun.

In order for us to proclaim the mercy of God, we must first receive mercy. The primary vocation of each of the baptized-and thus, the vocation of each Serran-is to become holy in every aspect of our being. In other words, we ourselves must be mercified. God our Father is longing to shower us with His mercy, and transform us into vessels of His mercy for others.

Therefore, I encourage each Serran to commit to regularly allowing yourself to receive and be transformed by the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will not only receive his peace, but you will be helping the priest fulfill his duty of proclaiming the mercy of God.

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

In Christ,  
Fr. Daniel Barnett  
Director of Vocations



## Prayer Requests

Serra Club of Spokane has a prayer request book available at every meeting and event. Please include the book of requests in your prayers. It is the goal of our Vice President for Communications, Steve Domini, to list new requests as they are received. Following are the most recent requests:

*Rest of the soul of Rob Strobe, son-in-law of Serran Martin Weber*  
*Dorothy Didier, health concerns, wife of Serran Ernest Didier*  
*Fr. Michael Wagner, health concerns, priest for the Archdiocese of Seattle*

## Membership Gatherings

*by Steve Domini, VP of Communications*

### March Luncheon Meeting

Your intrepid newsletter editor was not in attendance at the March 9 luncheon. Neither were your president, vice president for communications, treasurer, and a trustee. Word is that vice president for programs, Al Hanson, provided a Call to Holiness discussion. During the meeting portion of the day, the members in attendance voted on the officers for 2018/19. The officers elected are:

President: Steve Domini  
Past President: Sue Manfred  
Chaplain: Rev. Daniel Barnett  
Vice President for Vocations: Bill Boniface  
Vice President for Programs: Al Hanson  
Vice President for Membership: Greg Takisaki  
Vice President for Communications: Karen Burgard  
Secretary: Judy Luce  
Treasurer: Karen Domini  
Trustees: Bob Boehme, Gerry Manfred, Martin Weber

### **Pilgrimage with Fr. Jeff Lewis and Fr. Michael J. Maher, SJ**

Six Serrans had the great (mis)fortune to go on pilgrimage to Assisi, Orvieto, Rome, and Ostia Antica with Fr. Jeff Lewis and Fr. Michael Maher, SJ. We joke about the (mis)fortune as there were injuries and illnesses, but we learned and saw so much. As Dr. Anthony Clark said recently, "Fr. Maher knows every detail of every cobblestone in Rome." Might we add in Assisi, Orvieto, and Ostia Antica.

While in Rome, we were able to visit and have lunch with Kyle Poje, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Seattle who studied at Gonzaga University and Bishop White Seminary. Many of us got to know him while he was here and it was so good to hear how he is doing at the North American College. Because his classes are in Italian, he has had to learn the language but feels he is doing better day by day. He wanted us to convey his thanks for Serran's prayers and he misses First Friday Mass at BWS!

Pictured below are (starting left back) Barbara and Bill Boniface, Steve and Karen Domini, (crossing to right front) Gerry and Sue Manfred, Kyle Poje, Fr. Jeff Lewis. Salute!



## Membership Gatherings (cont.)

### March Prayer and Breakfast Meeting – The Triduum

Fr. Patrick Baraza was unable to be our speaker. We are going to go for a third try on Saturday, April 28. Our vice president for programs, Al Hanson, provided us with a Call to Holiness program from Serra, “The Triduum.” He started with a prayer and then read a scripture passage for our reflection. Discussion questions were distributed to each person and after answering them, we shared with the membership at large. These were the questions:

1. What religious traditions have you enjoyed in the past but watch with pain as they fade away?
2. What new religious traditions had you resisted at first but finally came to accept and appreciate? How did you adjust to them?
3. How is your Serra Club participating in the rebirth of our Lord? How does your group accept and appreciate this?



Karen Domini found the first question particularly interesting. She is a convert from Presbyterianism to Catholicism – talk about the change in religious traditions!

Al Hanson also distributed a chart on the 40 days of Lent. He explained that while Lent is 40 days, it is much longer as Sundays are a feast day and not counted. Holy Friday and Holy Saturday are also not counted in the 40 days of Lent. If anyone would like to have a copy of this cart, please contact Steve Domini at 468-6774 or [dominis@gmail.com](mailto:dominis@gmail.com).



### Spring Leadership Planning Conference

Several board members attended the annual Spring Leadership Planning Conference in Pasco at St. Patrick’s Parish. The Serra Club of the Tri-Cities was a wonderful host, providing morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch. District Governor Morie Ratuiste led the day.

There were breakout sessions for each board position and several Serra Club of Spokane board members led these sessions.

In reporting to the large group, the Serra Club of North Idaho expressed such enthusiasm and excitement about their programs for the upcoming year. We were inspired to go visit them or have them visit us!

Regional Director Martin Weber announced some changes for USAC officers. Morie Ratuiste will become Regional Director on June 1 and Celine Petersen will become District Governor. Both are members of the Serra Club of the Tri-Cities.

Pictured above left are Serrans listening to Tri-Cities chaplain, Fr. Rex Familiar, who is pictured at right.



## April Luncheon Meeting: Vocation Story

If you were not in attendance on Friday, April 13, you missed a wonderful vocation story. Sr. Mary Tracy, SNJM, was our speaker. She is pictured at left with Serran Paul McNabb.



During her presentation, she discussed connections from childhood to today. Her brother is Fr. Eugene Tracy whom many of us know. She went to elementary school at St. Aloysius with Steve Domini and Greg Takisaki's sister. She graduated from Marycliff with Greg's sister. As the Executive Director for the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington, she works with Serrans Dave McGann, Bob Boehme, and Paul McNabb who serve on the board of trustees.

She told us about her non-Catholic mother and Catholic father. How her mother converted when Sr. Mary was in the eighth grade. She graduated from Marycliff and her entire class was so proud that none of them entered the convent (community) upon graduation. Today, she doesn't know how she could've been proud of that.

She went to Frt. Wright and as she watched the sisters reach out to the Spokane community and work with the disadvantaged, she began to feel she was being called. She did join (her profession of final vows was on August 19, 1979) and she eventually became a teacher, dean of students, and principal. Her career in education was mostly in Catholic schools on the west side of Washington. She learned how to attract students and raise money.

While she worked for a secular company, she realized she wanted to work in the Catholic Church somewhere. About that time, she received a call from Bishop Daly asking her to consider coming back to Spokane. In addition to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington, she's also the Director of Stewardship & Development for the Catholic Diocese of Spokane.

## Thank You Letters

Serra received a thank you note from the Sisters of the Holy Names for offering Masses for Sr. Celine Steinberger and Sr. Laura Michels:

*Thank you. Your cards offering Masses for our Sisters Celine Steinberger and Laura Michels was (sic) was deeply appreciated! Their death (sic) are a great loss to our community . . . your prayers counted on!*

~ Sister Janyce

Serra received a thank you note from St. Peter's Parish for assisting with the Fish Fry for Vocations:

*Dear Sue and Members of Serra Club,  
May the Lord Jesus Christ be praised! Thank you for arranging to be part of St. Peter's first ever Fish Fry for Vocations! It was a great success, in part because of your assistance with cooking and setting up the buffet table and drinks counter. Many hands certainly made light work! Thank you again for your time and for all you do to support a culture of vocations in the Diocese of Spokane.*

*God bless you,*

*~ Sr. Margarite Marie, SMMC  
God bless you always! Fr. Lewis  
Thank you. Deacon Victor Lopez;  
Mitchell Palmquist; Margo Jett;  
Jeanne Adolfsen*

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## Ordinations

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

## More Thanks...

Serra received two thank you notes (sent by email) for hosting and coordinating the Annual Sisters Appreciation Mass and Luncheon:

*Hello,  
Just would like to thank you for the delightful gathering of the Sisters today. Your investment of time and detailed thoughtfulness made for a memorable affair. Please thank all those Serrans who were involved. Blessings to all!*

~ Sister Madonna Buder, SFCC

*Dear Serrans,  
Thank you so very much for the wonderful dinner, the Mass, and the sharing last Saturday. We had a wonderful time. It was great seeing many of the sisters that I knew from working at SHMC from 1990-2004. It was a good time for sharing and catching up. The dinner was delicious. The Serra Club members were all so welcoming and gracious. Thank you, too, for the beautiful mug and the cross with it's special thank you note on it. We had a good trip back and forth. It was a good day for traveling. May God continue to bless you and all you do for so many.  
Love and prayers,*

~ Sr. Chanelle Schuler, OSB  
(Monastery of St. Gertrude,  
Cottonwood, ID)

## Schedule of Events

### MAY 2018

Fri	May 4	7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri	May 4	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Tue	May 8	5:15 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS – NOTE DATE & DAY CHANGE
Fri	May 11	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC
Fri	May 18	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri	May 25	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	May 26		No Prayer Service and Meeting; Memorial Day Weekend
Sat	May 26	6:00 am	Serra International Rosary for Vocations: Serrans from all over the world are invited to join together in a recitation of the Rosary for vocations. To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to: <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981</a> . Or using your phone, dial 1 (312) 757-3119 and enter the access code; 314-315-981

### JUNE 2018

Fri	Jun 1		No First Friday Mass
Fri	Jun 1	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri	Jun 8	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC
Thu	Jun 14	1:00 pm	Board Retreat; location TBD
Fri	Jun 15	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Jun 16	5:00 pm	Anniversary Dinner and Installation of Officers. Event will begin with the St. John Vianney Parish Vigil Mass; St. John Vianney Parish, 503 N. Walnut Rd., Spokane Valley; followed by social, dinner, and installation.
Fri	Jun 22	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Jun 23		Begin praying Novena to St. Junipero Serra
Sat	Jun 23	9:00 am	Prayer Service and Meeting at O'Malley Hall; St. Aloysius Parish.
M-Th	Jun 25-28		Pray for the young men in attendance at Quo Vadis Days at Pinelow Park, Deer Park, WA (Come-and-See)
M-Th	Jun 25-28		Pray for the young women in attendance at Vocare at IHRC (Come-and-See)
W-Su	Jun 27-Jul 1		Serra International Convention; Nashville, TN; <a href="http://www.serrainternational.org/content/serra-international-convention">www.serrainternational.org/content/serra-international-convention</a>
Fri	Jun 29	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Jun 30	6:00 am	Serra International Rosary for Vocations: Serrans from all over the world are invited to join together in a recitation of the Rosary for vocations. To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to: <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981</a> . Or using your phone, dial 1 (312) 757-3119 and enter the access code; 314-315-981

## 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.