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Letter from our President

Formation. A big word. It comes from the Latin, *formare*, meaning "to form."

Seminarians go through many years of formation in order to enter the priesthood. In our work life, we are formed into certain occupations. Husbands and wives are formed into married life. Catholics are formed into our beautiful faith.

We Serrans also undergo formation. Serrans support vocations to the priesthood and support priests in their ministry. We do the same for the consecrated religious. We assist fellow Serrans to recognize and respond to God's call to holiness in Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This is our Serra formation.

Have you ever recognized these principles in the practice of your own faith? I recognized the Serran influence on a recent trip to the Jesuit residence in Los Gatos, California. Karen and I went to visit a retired Jesuit who has been a family friend for many years. We had a wonderful visit. We met 12 retired Jesuits from both the Oregon and California Provinces. Some of them were teachers whom I knew during my time at Gonzaga Prep.

One evening as I prayed the rosary in their beautiful chapel, I realized I was not just there as a visitor. No, I was there as a Serran. During each encounter with these priests, I was constantly aware of their vocation and their need for prayer. I felt a kinship with them that I had never thought of before. I realized that I understood them in their priesthood in a way that is only possible as a Serran. I prayed for them in ways only a Serran could understand.

Like all good things in life, this Serran-awareness does not come overnight or without effort. Each of us must take the Serran mission to heart. We must participate in our twice-monthly meetings and attend our events. We must accept board and leadership responsibilities. We must encourage friends and acquaintances to become members. These efforts become our formation.

Only by interacting with other Serrans can we truly know what being a Serran is all about. We can't receive this formation unless we are able to see others in their walk with Jesus. Serrans consistently recognize that friendship with other members is a major reason why they like the Serran experience.

Bishop Daly has recently accepted the position of Episcopal Advisor to the United States Council of Serra International. We will be praying the Novena to St. Junipero Serra for his intentions, for the next 9 months, at our Friday noon luncheon meeting at IHRC.

Let us keep the focus on our Serra formation as we pray together for Bishop Daly.

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.
Steve



The Chaplain's Corner

This year at Bishop White Seminary we have several young men from California. Among other things, they are having their first experience of autumn. After a warm summer, the spectacular colorful flash of fall foliage—accompanied by markedly cooler temperatures—has amazed them. They are now beginning to brace themselves with a bit of fear, resignation, and distaste for the coming winter cold. Though we emphasize them to be faithful to prayer, study, rest, and the support of mutual friendship, it is hard for them. They don't know what to expect, and are distracted and a bit frightened of what is coming but unknown.



The change in weather is a metaphor for our world. These are dramatic times to be Catholic, to be a seminarian, and to be a Serran. Yet the call of Jesus still echoes through the ages: "Come, follow me. You will suffer in the world, but do not be afraid: I have overcome the world. Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

There are many challenges facing us, both within the Church and outside it. It is particularly painful that the greatest challenges have been encountered from within the ranks of the priesthood that we love and for which we are sacrificing. As Serrans, we have a unique insight into the suffering that this crisis has caused our Lord and our Blessed Mother. Like our seminarians, we Serrans also have a privileged place in the renewal that both ardently desire and which is so desperately needed.

I have great hope. Knowing our seminarians, and others who are still coming forward to apply—at a greatly increased number—it is clear that God is still at work. Yes, there is work to be done. Yes, there will be some cold, wet, dreary days ahead. But Jesus is still at work in our world, and He is still calling us to help in the great work of the New Evangelization. Do not be afraid! Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch!

In Christ,
Very Rev. Daniel Barnett

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 the former Vice President for Communications to list new requests as they are received. Following are the most recent requests.

Prayers for a Serran's 80-year-old friend who broke a shoulder.
Prayers for a baby born prematurely, now weighs 1 lb. 13 oz.
Prayers for Cecilia Jones who has cancer and is not doing well.
Prayers for those with cancer including Mark, Joe, Mark, Judy, Karen, Randy.
Prayers for Max Moss who has autism, he is Al and Bev Hanson's grandson
Prayers for the repose of the souls of John Fay and Gaye Powers.
Prayers for the repose of the soul of Tri-Cities Serran, Dick St. Hilaire
Prayers for the repose of the soul of Spokane Serran, Dr. Victor Carnell
Prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. George Haspedis



Membership is Everyone's Business

Serrans all over the world are gearing up to meet President Biscardi's challenge for each member to bring in one new Serran in 2018 and again in 2019. It's an individual and a group effort. While the Serra Club of Spokane is perhaps not that ambitious, it has embarked on a goal of 6 new members for the 2018/2019 year.

A digital edition of The Serran magazine focuses exclusively on membership and how we can meet – and exceed – our club's membership goals. The digital magazine is available here: <https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/serran-november-2018.pdf>

Vice President for Membership Greg Takisaki is pleased to announce we are well on our way with four new members and counting: Maria Baumbauer, St. Thomas More Parish; Rick and Shirley Keith, St. John Vianney Parish; and Sue Curalli, St. Mary Parish.

In addition, recognizing that we do have members who may not have received proper orientation or any orientation at all, a special program is being planned for December. Serra is changing and to assist all of us, we will be watching a video that will help us become acquainted – or reacquainted – with Serra and what it's all about. If your calendar isn't marked already, plan to attend adoration and the luncheon meeting on Friday, December 14.

Membership Gatherings

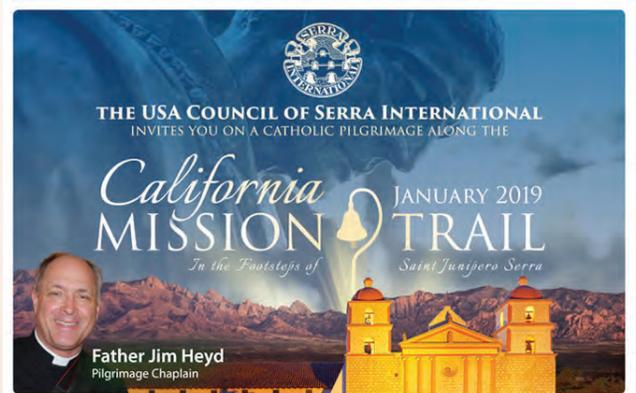
Serra's USA Council's popular annual Serra Rally event is moving to Ventura, California! It will be held January 17-20, 2019. Expect a super-charged leadership and inspirational weekend in a place infused by the spiritual presence of our patron, Saint Junípero Serra.

The purpose is to keep Serrans powerfully connected to and enthusiastic about their vocations mission. For information on the Serra Rally, call Serra's USA Council office in Chicago at (312) 201-6549 or visit <https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2019/>. Following the Rally is a special opportunity to make a California Mission Trail Pilgrimage in St.

Junípero Serra's footsteps! It will be a spiritually enriching time where you can pray for vocations in a special way, visit the mission where St. Junípero Serra is buried, and spend time with fellow Serrans from around the US. It is also an exciting chance to engage your friends and family in the work of Serra; to provide exposure and a shared experience with those who may be interested in becoming Serrans, or who after sharing this journey with you, may like to begin supporting your important mission.

Fr. Jim Heyd will be the chaplain for this pilgrimage. Ordained a priest in 1989, Fr. Heyd is a member of the Archdiocese of Chicago. A 1985 graduate of Notre Dame with a major in history, Fr. Jim appreciates the life, legacy and meaning of St. Junípero Serra and the California missions. Fr. Jim played a role in the Tricentenary of the birth of St. Serra (1713-2013) and has traveled throughout Mallorca, Mexico, and California to learn and understand St. Serra. Fr. Jim sees him as one of the pivotal mission disciples of the evangelization of the Americas, a staunch defender of human dignity, and a learned and saintly man.

The pilgrimage is scheduled for January 20-24, 2019. For more information, call (800) 653-0017 or visit <https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/serra-international>



Membership Gatherings

September Luncheon Meeting – Deacon John Ruscheinsky, Love and Mercy

The Deaconate is a place to be a foot washer. What crosses do we bear and share? Even through anger, we must show love and mercy.

When listening to the news, instead of thinking, “s/he deserves it,” pray for that person, then write a card and let the person know you are praying for them. This is just some of the wisdom we received from our September 14 speaker, Deacon John Ruscheinsky. Deacon John, director at IHRC, stepped in to speak to us when our scheduled speaker was unavailable.

In the brief amount of time he had to prepare, he included in his talk aspects of that day’s Gospel reading and an article he had just read on just this type of occasion – speaking at the last minute.

He also recounted leading a 30-day retreat for the Missionaries of Charity. Can you imagine leading such a retreat? He remembered something Mother Theresa talked about, where she described the poor and most abandoned and that this is where the Missionaries of Charity serve. This is similar to the Deacon, who is called to embody the image of Christ the servant. Thank you, Deacon John, for enlightening us, and on such short notice.



Deacon John Ruscheinsky

September Mass and Breakfast Meeting – Jeremy Cassidy, FOCUS

Jeremy Cassidy gave an inspirational speech on Saturday, September 22, in O’Malley Hall. He is the North-west Regional Director of FOCUS – the Fellowship of Catholic University Students.

While attending Carroll College in Helena, Jeremy was in danger of becoming one of the 80% of college students who leaves the faith by the time they leave campus. He had fallen prey to the typical college lifestyle and found himself in a wrong relationship with a young woman. Jeremy shared his story of meeting Scott Powell, a FOCUS missionary, and how his life changed radically after that encounter. Jeremy became a FOCUS missionary and most recently was invited into regional leadership and helped to spearhead FOCUS expansion in the Northwest (7 NW campuses, so far).



Jeremy Cassidy

Since the first FOCUS campus, founded at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, with two missionaries, FOCUS has grown to more than 660 missionaries on 150 campuses across America and Europe. Serving over 1000 students in one-on-one discipleship and over 10,000 in bible studies. The impact it is having on the Catholic Church and its youth is a blessing.

FOCUS is looking to take its programs into parishes. While no parish in Spokane has embarked on the journey, some are looking at the possibility. It is a testament to the dedication of the missionaries that they are required to raise their own salary during their tenure with FOCUS.

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Membership Gatherings (cont.)



Sr. Mary Eucharista

October Luncheon Meeting – Sr. Mary Eucharista, SMMC, “Angels”

It is nice to have a good friend who is an angel. Sister Mary Eucharista, SMMC, our local angel expert, told the Serrans on October 12 that the angels of God are our friends, guides, and guardians. Sister Eucharista then described three dramatic angel events: a car accident in Pennsylvania; a marine in Korea; and Sister Eucharista herself facing a bull elk on an icy hill; where intervention by an angel probably saved three lives.

The word “angel” means “messenger” and they form relationships with us. Angels are extremely powerful and intelligent beings. They are a being of a specific kind. Angels see God and follow His will and plan perfectly. Sister explained the angel hierarchy of 9 levels and the many Biblical references

to them. Thank you Sister, for a great course in angelology.

October Mass and Breakfast Meeting – Scott Cooper, “Faithful Citizenship”

Scott Cooper, parish social ministries director for Catholic Charities, presented a stirring talk on forming consciences for faithful citizenship on Saturday, October 27, in O’Malley Hall.

The discussion was based in large part on the document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. The document is a call to political responsibility for Catholics and is available online at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

Scott opened the discussion by stating most people vote on emotions – how they feel; feeling about a party, feeling about a candidate, feeling about policy positions. All of these feelings are the product of the society we live in rather than an expression of an informed conscience.



Scott Cooper

As Catholics we are called to vote on principles. It is a matter of rights and responsibilities that form a sense of civic duty and fulfill a moral obligation to participate in the political process. He made it very clear that the Church does not take a position on a candidate, but may take positions on issues. Even when it does take a position, the individual Catholic must exercise their own judgment in voting. The Church does not tell us how to vote, because to do so would violate our free will. Rather, the Church assists us in forming our consciences as we approach the ballot box.

Voting is a most morally imperfect act. It is a civic duty, not a religious obligation. We are urged to keep a long-term vision and be willing to move in incremental steps to reach our goal of formed conscience aligned with political goals. In closing, he cautioned that it is after the election that the work begins. We should all strive to build and maintain relationships with elected officials and those in government, regardless of their chosen political party, to help steer them towards faithful citizenship. We should also strive to work within our own political parties (if we have one) to be representative of faithful citizenship.

Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Serra's Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner was held Tuesday, October 30, at St. Thomas More Parish. It was a relaxing and fun evening. Bishop Skylstad began the evening with a blessing and President Steve kept the program moving. Bishop Daly spoke to us as well and it was announced that he is the new Episcopal Advisor for USA Council of Serra International. In congratulating him, Serra Club of Spokane presented him with a statue of St. Junipero Serra and a pledge to pray the Novena to St. Junipero Serra for his intentions at our Friday meetings nine months – beginning November 9. The board also encourages members to pray the novena on their own. It can be found in the book, Handbook for Serrans Called to Holiness.



Bishop Thomas Daly receiving the statue of St. Junipero Serra from President Steve Domini.



Deacon James Kestell, Joyce Baird, Kathy Kestell, and Barrie Baird.



Dick Petersen, member of the Serra Club of the Tri-Cities; our own Martin Weber; Cocot Ratuiste, president of the Serra club of the Tri-Cities; and Morie Ratuiste, Region 12 Director of USA Council of Serra International. Not pictured: Celine Petersen, District Governor for 1-E of USA Council of Serra International.



Kirk Neumann, Fr. Pat Kerst, and Fr. Thomas Lamanna, SJ. Fun fact: They attended Gonzaga Prep together along with Fr. Brian Sattler who was not in attendance.



Barbara McNabb, Bishop-Emeritus William Skylstad, Gerry Manfred, Lee and Dee Bayley.



A delightful evening!

Thank You Letters

The first thank you note is from Sr. Yvonne de Turenne for the Mass celebrated for her natural sister, Sr. Jeannine de Turenne, SNJM, on her death:

*Dear Serra Club Members,
So many thanks for sending me notice that your club is having a Mass celebrated for my sister, Sister Jeanine Marie. That is so thoughtful of you all and a great comfort.
God bless,
~ Sr. Yvonne de Turenne, SNJM*



The next thank you note is from Mary Jane Sever, former administrative assistant at Bishop White Seminary upon the occasion of her retirement:

*Dear Serrans,
Thank you – both for the Holy Mass and the lovely plants. They look lovely in my living room. Thank you, too, for the many ways that the Serrans support the priestly formation program. You certainly made my work much easier!
~ Mary Jane Sever*

The final thank you note is from the family of Dick St. Hilaire (a Serran from the Tri-Cities and the father of Fr. Ken St. Hilaire) for the Mass celebrated on his death:

*Dear Serra of Spokane,
We wish to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the Holy Mass to be offered on December 23 – the greatest gift which brings the greatest consolation. I {We} appreciate it very much.
~ The Dick St. Hilaire Family*

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 Bob Boehme at 924-2405.

Schedule of Events

November 2018

Fri	Nov 16	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Thu	Nov 22		Thanksgiving
Fri	Nov 23	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Nov 24		No Mass or Saturday Meeting; Thanksgiving Weekend

December 2018

Fri	Dec 7	7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri	Dec 7	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Mon	Dec 10	5:15 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS
Fri	Dec 14	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC. Second Day of the Novena to St. Junipero Serra for Bishop Daly's intentions. A special program to become acquainted – or reacquainted – with Serra. Serra is changing and many Serrans have either not received proper orientation or only minimal orientation. We will all learn something new and be invigorated.
Fri	Dec 21	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Sat	Dec 22		No Mass or Saturday Meeting; Christmas Week
Fri	Dec 28	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC

Ordinations

Fr. Vincent Van Dao Nguyen	Dec 21, 2005
Fr. Joe Hien	Dec 22, 1974
Fr. Michael Kwiatowski	Dec 30, 1978