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Letter from Our President

As president I get to do fun things, such as make check presentations and thank Serrans for their generosity.

I would like to begin by thanking the following members for regularly contributing to Bishop White Seminary along with their dues:

Barrie Baird	Carolyn Entel
Maria Baumbauer	Cathy Lewis
Bill and Barbara Boniface	Dave McGann
Phil Brennan	Pat Paullin
Earle Doohan	Claire Schaubel
Mary Druffel	Al Stadtmueller

Because of their generosity, we were able to give Bishop White Seminary a check for \$463.65.

I would also like to thank all the members that contributed to the Serra Endowment for the Education of Seminarians along with their dues. For more on this story, please see the article on page 5.

Recently, I attended the Vocare luncheon at IHRC. The final day is always exciting. Sitting in the dining room, I watched as young ladies, parents, and siblings filed out of the chapel and into the buffet line. All are wearing Vocare t-shirts. You can feel the youthful excitement and joy that comes from spending 4 days with friends old and new and learning about the charisms and ministries of various religious communities.

Each time I attend this event, I marvel at God's love for His creation and His church. On behalf of the Serra Club of Spokane, I presented Sr. Bongiorno with a check for \$1,200. The room was full, and lunch was almost over, but Sister made sure everyone saw and heard the presentation. She said many nice things about the Serrans and our support of this event.

Sister also gave me a thank you card, signed by many of the attendees and sisters, and a large medallion of St. Junipero Serra. These items are pictured on page 7.

During the same four-day period, Quo Vadis Days was happening. This event is geared to young men who learn to listen to God and discern what God wants for them. They examine their prayer life, draw closer to God, and learn to listen more intently to the Lord and follow where He calls them. Serra Club of Spokane supports Quo Vadis Days with a contribution of \$1,200 to the Office of Vocations.

In mid-July, the priests of the Diocese of Spokane and several from the Diocese of Boise (northern Idaho), will gather at BWS for a festive evening of dinner, conversation, and fellowship. This is a special event just for them, a necessary and important time to relax. We financially support this event and we will be setting tables, making salads, etc. But then we're outta there.

Our financial support of these events is important to their success, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed. I do not yet have a list compiled for donations to Vocare, Quo Vadis, and the dinner, be looking for that in the next issue.

Always remember our Serra mission and that we are the lay apostolate for vocations. This gives us a unique perspective on the discernment and formation process for priesthood and consecrated religious life. As you know, we have many liturgical and social opportunities to interact with seminarians, deacons, priests, and sisters.

It is such a pleasure to be associated with such fine people as the Serrans.

Thank you again for your support and know that it is another way that we work in the Lord's vineyard.

Steve Domini



The Chaplain's Corner



Dear Serrans,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

July 1 was the Feast Day of St. Juniper Serra! This is a fitting time to thank you for all the support you provide for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those of us who are consecrated by those vows and sacred promises.

Your ongoing prayers and generous support are a tremendous aid to me in my role of Vocation Director for the Diocese of Spokane. Thank you!

In a particular way, I want to thank you for the help with *Quo Vadis Days* and *Vocare* which were held June 22 through June 25. Over 70 young men and women participated, and plans are already underway for next year.

I offered Mass the morning of July 1 for the Serra Club, and assure you of my continuing prayers. Please pray for our young people to have the courage and strength to say "Yes!" to the call which the Lord is addressing to their hearts.

God bless you! *Siempre adelante!*

In Christ,
Very Rev. Daniel Barnett

Serra Endowment for the Education of Seminarians

Prayerfully consider a contribution.

**This endowment fund supports our
seminarians in perpetuity.**

To contribute:

Include an endowment contribution with your next dues payment to make a 100% tax deductible donation.

Contact Sue Manfred at 926-1067 or
Bob Boehme at 924-2405 with questions.

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Membership Gatherings

May – Mr. Rick McLean – Holy Cross Funeral and Cemetery Services



Our speaker on May 10 was Rick McLean, the executive director of Holy Cross Funeral and Cemetery Services. Rick took an unlikely route to Holy Cross. While he spent the majority of his career as the president and owner of Mid Valley Chrysler Dodge and Jeep in Grandview, Washington, he has a passion and commitment to serving

his brothers and sisters in Christ through the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead.

Rick is very fervent and articulate. He mixed theology, spirituality, and evangelization into his presentation. As an example, he spoke about the importance of the body after death, because we received the body and blood of Jesus during life. He discussed how we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We must respect the body. The composting of a body should never occur. He discussed the importance of the funeral Mass. He said the last act of our baptism is the funeral Mass. Christian burial is so critical. If you scatter the ashes, where do we visit the deceased?

He finished his talk with a poem by St. Teresa of Calcutta. We are fortunate to have Rick as part of our diocesan team.

June – Mr. Greg Takasaki – Serra Membership Drive

Serrans had the pleasure of hearing Greg Takasaki describe our club's plan for recruiting and retaining members. Greg began by stressing the importance of setting goals that are specific and realistic. The goal this year is 6 new members; to date 5 have joined!

Then he explained that the first step is for each Serran to consider themselves a member of the membership committee and invite two people to join. How do you do this? Greg shared with us a plan with an acronym from his working days, ADKAR:

- Awareness
- Desire
- Knowledge
- Ability
- Reinforcement

Each of us needs to be **aware** of what Serra means to us and how it influences our lives and the life of the church. What we do, who we interact with, and the available activities and events. This awareness is then expressed with a **desire** to share the blessings of Serra with fellow Catholics.

To act upon this desire, we need the **knowledge** of how and why others should join. These questions and more are answered in the Club's pamphlet, "Serra Club of Spokane Invites You to Vocations Ministry." It can be an invaluable aid in reaching out to new members by providing answers to who, what, when, where, why and how. Once we are aware and desire to provide the

needed knowledge, we need the **ability** to move forward. This entails asking someone to an activity or event of the club that you enjoy.

Finally, there must be **reinforcement** of the prior steps. Once people have joined it is important for them to become involved in what the Serrans do. To this end the board is discussing ways to organize activities and planning functions to involve more members.



Greg then asked the question, "How many groups or clubs have you joined without an invitation?" Probably none. We need to ask. Many may remember Jim Bertis, a tireless advocate of the Serra Club. He was warm, friendly, persistent, and happy. Traits that will go a long way in our efforts to grow membership.

If you need a copy – or three – of the pamphlet mentioned above, please call Greg or Steve.

Anniversary Dinner and Installation of Officers

Serra Club of Spokane celebrated its 82nd anniversary with a dinner on Saturday, June 8, at St. John Vianney Church. Many members attended the parish vigil mass before the dinner. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Kevin Oiland with Fr. Barnett and they joined us for dinner. A wonderful dinner featuring Beef Wellington was prepared by SJV chef-in-residence, Brent Stubbers, and superbly served by the Gonzaga Prep Knights and Ancilla. Everyone enjoyed this delightful evening of fun, fellowship, laughter, and fine dining.

During the program portion of the evening, Celine Peterson, District Governor for Serra's United States Council, installed our officers for the 2019/2020 year:

Steve Domini, President

Fr. Dan Barnett, Chaplain

Bill and Barbara Boniface, co-Vice Presidents for Vocations

Greg Takisaki, Vice President for Membership

Al Hanson, Vice President for Programs

Gerry Manfred, Vice President for Communications

Judy Luce, Secretary

Karen Domini, Treasurer

Martin Weber, Trustee

Bob Boehme, Trustee

Sue Manfred, Trustee

It was then time to acknowledge Serrans for their service and membership.



Lee Bayley, a Serran for 26 years, was recognized with the Mike and Winnie Doohan Serran Loyalty Award for his many years of chairing the annual Sisters Appreciation Mass and Luncheon event.

Lee schedules the date, gathers the cooking crew, sets the menu, orders the food, and many of the details associated with the Mass and setting up St. Charles' school gym for the event.

He works very hard every year behind the scene to make it the success it is – every year.

Thank you, Lee!

Ernie Didier was awarded his 25 Year Membership pin in absentia.

The following members were awarded their 10 Year Membership pins and are pictured from left to right: Karen Domini, Pat Kenney, Gerry Manfred, and Sue Manfred.



Anniversary Dinner, continued



At the conclusion of the program, President Steve Domini, on behalf of all Serrans, presented Fr. Barnett with a check for \$1,398.22 from the Serra Endowment for the Education of Seminarians

Every year the Club is asked by the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington if they would like to take the disbursement from the our endowment. We said yes! The money then goes to Bishop White Seminary for the education of seminarians.

Thank you, Serrans, for your donations to the endowment with your dues payments over the past year:

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| Phil Brennan | Paul and Judy Jaremko |
| Carolyn Entel | Claire Schaubel |
| Pat Paullin | Al Stadtmueller |
| Mary Druffel | |



Pictured above, left to right: Cindy Omlin, Kirk Neumann, Lori Neumann, Dianna Boehme, Carol Kerley.



Pictured above, left to right: Earle Doohan, John Omlin, Aileen Fields, Kathleen Kerley.

Altar Server Award

Serra Club of Spokane recognized Elias DeLeon for outstanding service as an altar server and trainer of younger students during his 7th and 8th grade years at St. Aloysius Gonzaga School.

The award was presented at the school's graduation dinner on June 6 by St. Aloysius pastor, Fr. Tom Lamanna, SJ. Fr. Lamanna stated he was very pleased to be able to honor Elias with this award and was grateful to the Serra Club for the opportunity.



The recognition of parish altar servers is a tradition Serra Club of Spokane is seeking to revive.

If your pastor or ministry director would like to recognize a server for outstanding service, please offer them the opportunity to present this award at any time they deem appropriate.

For more information call Sue Manfred at (509) 926-1067 or email her at sgmanfred@comcast.net.

What's Going On

The First Thursday of Every Month is Holy

As mentioned in our last couple of issues, we've been discussing the monthly Saturday meetings which have been sparsely scheduled and when held, sparsely attended. The board has struggled with different options including maintaining the fourth Saturday; changing to a different Saturday; changing to an evening; and a few others.



After prayer and several discussions and attempts at different venues, dates, etc., we have decided to adopt the First Thursday Holy Hour as one of our monthly club activities.

As Serrans, our primary ministry, after striving for personal holiness, is praying for vocations and supporting our ordained and consecrated religious. Serrans have been offered the opportunity to participate in this ministry every first Thursday of the month at a Holy Hour for repentance and vocations at Bishop White Seminary from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

A social time featuring conversation, snacks, and beverages will follow in the Bishop White Room.

This will not be a formal meeting, but a chance to visit with Fr. Barnett, seminarians, Serrans, and fellow Catholics.

Every Serran is encouraged to make every effort to be a part of this special prayer ministry.

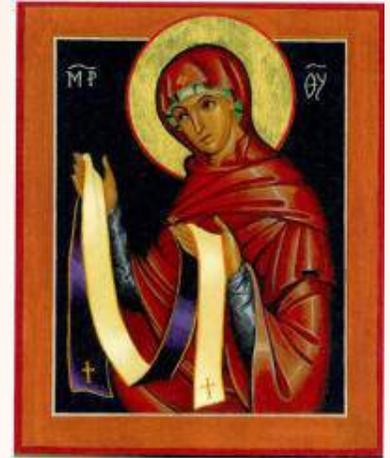
Prayer Requests

Serra Club of Spokane has a prayer request book available at every meeting and event. Please include the book of requests in your prayers. New requests will be printed as they are received.

For the repose of the soul of Michelle Walker.

A Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who've absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I've assisted and who've given me Your Body
and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who've taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, especially (fill in a name)
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.
Amen.



Ordination Anniversaries

Ordination anniversary cards are mailed to priests on behalf of the Serra Club by member Andy Harris. Celebrate your own pastor or those priests that have special meaning in your life by attending Mass, saying a prayer, or sending your own card.

Fr. Michael Ishida	Jul 7, 2006	Fr. Pedro Bautista-Peraza	Aug 6, 2004
Fr. Gustavo Ruiz-Juarez	Jul 7, 2006	Fr. Miguel Mejia	Aug 11, 2000
Fr. Alejandro Zepeda-Labastida	Jul 7, 2006	Fr. Jose Millan	Aug 11, 2000
Fr. Brian Mee	Jul 8, 1978	Fr. David Baronti	Aug 15, 1976
Fr. Paul Vevik	Jul 9, 1977	Fr. Patrick Hartin	Aug 15, 1971
Fr. Albert Grasher	Aug 1, 1986	Rev. Msgr. Pedro Ramirez	Aug 3, 1974
Fr. Mark Pautler	Aug 3, 1974	Rev. Msgr. Kevin Codd	Aug 25, 1979
Fr. Michael Savelesky	Aug 4, 1973		

Schedule of Events

July 2019

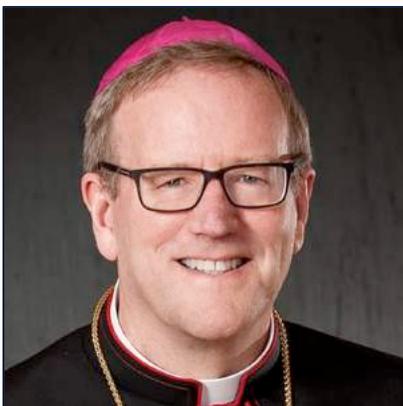
- Fri Jul 12 11:00 am **Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting** at IHRC. Ninth Day of the Novena to St. Junipero Serra for Bishop Daly's intentions. Our speaker will be Brian Kraut, Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Spokane. He will be speaking to us on his journey of faith.
- Wed Jul 17 **Priest Dinner at BWS.** The Serra Club of Spokane will be underwriting this dinner for priests. *We will not be attending.*
- Fri Jul 19 & 26 11:00 am **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC

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- Thu Aug 1 7:00 pm **Holy Hour** at BWS for reparation and purification of sins by members of the church and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Following will be social time with conversation, snacks, and beverages. All Serrans are invited to come pray and socialize afterwards.
- Fri Aug 2 **No First Friday Mass**
- Fri Aug 2 11:00 am **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Fri Aug 9 11:00 am **Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting** at IHRC
- Mon Aug 12 5:15 pm **Board Meeting (No Mass)** at BWS
- Fri Aug 16 11:00 am **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC
- Sat Aug 17 6:00 pm **Welcome Dinner** for Seminarians and their families at BWS
- Fri Aug 23 & 30 11:00 am **Adoration for Vocations** at IHRC

Serra International Events

Serra International Rosary for Vocations will be on July 27 and August 31: 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: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981>. Or using your phone, dial 1 (312) 757-3119 and enter the access code; 314-315-981.



The **USA Council's annual Serra Rally** is a terrific way to kick off the new year with practical workshops, inspirational speakers, spiritual development, and Serran fellowship.

This year USAC is thrilled to announce that Serrans will be joined by the one and only **Bishop Robert Barron**, [Word on Fire](#) global media ministry founder and auxiliary bishop for Los Angeles. Bishop Barron, sometimes called the "bishop of social media," reaches millions through almost every possible communications channel available: through his website, daily Gospel reflection emails, blogs, articles, national news shows, books, and documentaries.

Make plans to attend the Serra Rally in Ventura, California January 15-19, 2020.

Stay tuned for even more exciting speakers and for registration details! Rooms can be booked now at the Rally venue, the Ventura Beach Marriott: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1560203801557&key=GRP&app=resvlink>