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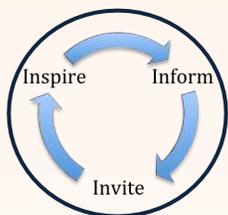
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Letter from Our President



A new school year brings excitement and wonderful opportunities to grow in holiness for Serrans, as well as opportunities to bring new members into the club.

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As the academic year begins, so does First Friday Mass at Bishop White Seminary. Come to holy Mass with the seminarians on Friday, September 6, at 7:00 am and enjoy a light continental breakfast with them afterward. You will have the opportunity get to know them and offer your prayers and support. This year, there are 23 seminarians, so to make them feel welcome and at home, I urge all of us to attend.

There is also this spiritual benefit of attending nine consecutive First Friday Masses in honor and in reparation to His Most Sacred Heart: "I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those . . . the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment." — Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary.

Recognizing that the Friday luncheon meetings are difficult for our working members to attend and that the fourth Saturday breakfast meeting is no longer feasible, we have gone in an exciting new direction.

On Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 pm, we join Father Barnett for a Holy Hour in reparation for the sins of the members of the Church and to pray for more vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Spokane. Fr. Barnett has asked us to join him every first Thursday. Our mission is to pray for vocations. Most of the seminarians at Bishop White are from other dioceses. This is our opportunity to really focus and pray that young men from the Spokane diocese truly discern God's call to the priesthood.

Join us afterward in the Bishop White room, across from the chapel, for conversation and delicious snacks. It's fun! There is no cost, no structured meeting, or presentation. Come eat and visit! This evening would be a wonderful way to introduce a guest to the Serran experience.

I hope every Serran can attend one or both of these events each month.

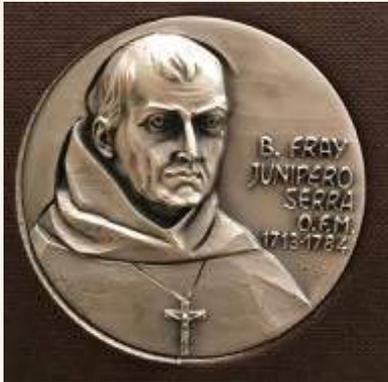
And now, to everyone who contributed to Quo Vadis Days, Vocare, and the BBQ Dinner for Priests – Serra Club is all about supporting and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life and all of these events do so eloquently and without words. To our members, thank you:

- Barrie Baird
- Bob & Diana Boehme
- Bill & Barbara Boniface
- Eugene Cunneely
- Nick & Sue Curalli
- George & Sharon Czerwonka
- Mary Druffel
- Carolyn Entel
- Rufus Hoefler
- Pat Kenney Sr
- Emily Klein
- Cathy Lewis
- Gerry & Sue Manfred
- Dave McGann
- Paul McNabb
- Geneva Moloney
- Cindy Omlin
- Pat Paullin
- Greg & Doreen Takisaki
- Martin Weber

May God continue to bless all of you,
Steve Domini

St. Junípero Serra Medallion

Remember last month's newsletter where it was reported that Sr. Sharon Bongiorno, FSPA, gave the Serra Club a gift? Yes? There is a "rest of the story!" Sr. Colleen Byrne, OSC, shared a much better description than was originally provided by your newsletter editor, Karen Domini. Here is Sr. Colleen's description:



The cast medallion of St. Junípero Serra given to the Serra Club of Spokane was one of many that were cast in honor of his beatification in 1988 by St. John Paul II at Mission Carmel in Carmel, CA.

The front of the medal shows the face of St. Junípero and the years of his life.

The back shows his motto in Spanish, translated to English as "Always go forward, never back" and his signature. Also pictured are 11 mission bells which mark the mission sites he founded on the California coast. Next to the motto is his Caravaca cross (crucifix) and the island of Mallorca, Spain, from which he came. Beneath the

crucifix is his beatification date in Latin and the signature of Pope John Paul II.

But the story is not over – Karen did not know what a "Caravaca cross" was, so she conducted an internet search. The Caravaca cross – with double cross bar, body of Christ, and two angels – takes its name from Caravaca (now known as Caravaca de la Cruz), Spain, a town in the province of Murcia. Fr. Junípero Serra (1713-1784), brought a Caravaca cross with him when he set out from Mallorca, Spain. In 1943, when his burial crypt was opened, a Caravaca style relic cross was found on his chest.

On a pilgrimage to Rome in 2015, Archbishop Blase Cupich presented the burial cross of soon-to-be St. Junípero Serra to Pope Francis, who kissed and blessed it. The pope was very moved upon seeing the cross, so he requested that it be on the altar during Serra's canonization Mass in Washington, D.C. on September 23, 2015. The cross is back in the Diocese of Monterey and on display at the Carmel Mission Museum.



A Caravaca cross with angels is pictured on the left. Fr. Junípero Serra's Caravaca cross is on the right.

Serra Endowment for the Education of Seminarians

Prayerfully consider a contribution.
This endowment 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 if you have questions.

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Membership Gatherings

July – Mr. Brian Kraut – Spokane Diocese Director of Evangelization



In July we heard from Brian Kraut, director of evangelization for the Spokane Diocese. We can all rest assured the office is in very capable and enthusiastic hands.

While at a retreat when he was 14, Brian became a Catholic.

While still a teenager, he read the entire Bible and at 19 led a youth ministry group to Mexico. He was still considered a minor, so his mother had to go along as the chaperone.

He spent some time volunteering with a non-denominational ministry in Seattle and was in Canada during the Olympics where he served the Lord by serving coffee. This gave him many opportunities to witness for the Lord.

He eventually earned a teaching degree at Lewis and Clark College in Lewiston and met his wife, Susie. Brian stated that Proverbs 31 led him to her as they both aspired to be witnesses to the faith.

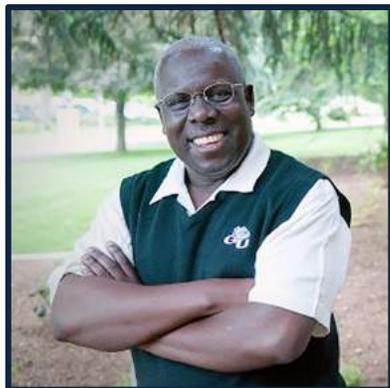
Several years ago, Brian interviewed for the youth minister position at St. Peter's in Coeur d'Alene but did not get the job. Fr. Andy Schumacher had hired the previous four youth ministers and they each lasted one year. The committee told Fr. Andy they would do the interviewing the next time. The committee wanted someone who could be a role model for their children. Brian reapplied and was hired.

He spent 21 years at St. Peter's and had no intention of leaving when out of the blue, Fr. Mike Savelesky called him five years ago. Brian was the only choice of then Bishop Cupich to head the Parish Support Office. It was a big change, but Brian felt called to come to Spokane.

Two years ago, Bishop Daly asked him to expand his role and become the Director of Evangelization for the diocese. It has been a great move for him, his wife and family. The responsibilities continue to grow as he becomes more settled in the position.

Something we may look forward to is the likelihood of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) coming to more of our parishes.

August – Fr. Patrick Wanakuta Baraza, Ph.D. – Missionary in Pokot, Kenya



In August, Fr. Patrick Baraza told the Serrans about his early years as a priest in Kenya. Following ordination, Fr. Baraza taught school. During a talk with his bishop about his future, he expressed a desire to have a parish somewhere from which it was not easy to return.

It was a wish that fit the bishop's plans. He was assigned to begin a parish in Pokot, a remote tribal area in Kenya. It is so remote there were no roads to Pokot.

Upon arrival, Fr. Baraza had to learn the language of the people of Pokot. He then began his mission by building a school for boys and a school for girls. He wanted to educate the youth for a future beyond the brutal life of Pokot.

You see, in Pokot three things are important: grass, guns, and cattle. Cattle is king and a primary definer of wealth. He showed pictures of men herding cattle while carrying AK-47s. Cattle raids by and against the Turkana are ongoing. There was a picture of a man with many small tattoos that resembled small raised dots across his upper chest. Each dot represents a man he had killed.

As Father surveyed the villages and recognized the harshness of the people's lives, he wondered how he would inculcate Christianity – "how to evangelize?"

Fr. Patrick Wanakuta Baraza, Ph.D. – continued

Then there was the man that brought camels to the village. The camels were very valuable, and the Pokot did not want them to leave. To prevent the man from taking them away, they blinded him. They did not do so because of animosity, but only to ensure the camels remained. “How to evangelize?”

A lad named Cornelius was abandoned by his father because he lost finger and would be unable to fire an AK-47. Fr. Baraza adopted him. Cornelius is now a minister in the Kenyan government.

He slowly spread his message of love and caring. He worked for five years before he was able to baptize his first soul. It was eight years before the people raised a cross and began to truly accept Christ.

As the people became more accepting of him, they wanted to do him a favor. They brought him two young girls to be his brides. It took a bit of explaining before they would accept that he really did not want a wife. A humorous story for us, but an important milestone for him.

Today, Fr. Baraza teaches at Gonzaga University and is pastor of St. Ann’s Parish for the Diocese of Spokane. A missionary group from Italy serves the people of Pokot.

He has many amazing and inspirational stories of his time in Pokot and his enthusiasm in reciting them was inspiring. We are so blessed to have Fr. Baraza in our community.

Thank You Letters

Dear Serrans,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Thank you for your recent donations of \$463.65 (Serrans contributed this amount with their dues) and \$1,398.22 (this was a disbursement from the Serra Endowment). I am truly grateful for your generosity. We give thanks to God for another year of blessings, and for the work He has given us to do here at the Seminary. Please be assured of my prayers for you and please pray for me and the young men who are discerning a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Very Rev. Daniel J. Barnett
Rector, Bishop White Seminary*

Dear Serrans,

The Sisters are grateful for your sweet birthday remembrance and greeting. May the joy and delight of God’s gift of life and love shared by the Serrans return to each of you a hundred-fold! Thank you for all that you do for vocations.

*God bless and reward you,
Sr. Maria Consuela, SMMC*

Dear Serrans,

I want to thank you for your continued support of Quo Vadis Days. You are unfailingly generous financially, spiritually, and even when it comes to supplying cookies for ravenous young campers! Quo Vadis Days 2019 had 35 happy, busy, and energetic young high school men. It was a joy to see them prayerfully assisting at Mass one moment and then struggling to see who was “king of the mountain” on a giant beachball the next. Please be assured of my prayers for you and please pray for me and the young men who are discerning a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Very Rev. Daniel J. Barnett*

Welcome to Bishop White Seminary Dinner

On Saturday, August 17, the Serrans hosted the annual “welcome back dinner” at BWS. This was the largest dinner ever, with over 80 people in attendance: 23 seminarians, their families, clergy, and Serrans from the Spokane and North Idaho clubs. The seminarians are from the dioceses of Spokane, WA; Boise, ID; Baker and Portland, OR; and Orange, San Francisco, and Oakland, CA.



Welcome to Bishop White Seminary Dinner, continued



It was a fun evening. The Serra Club of North Idaho president, Steve Gonnella, is pictured at the grill with our own Bob Boehme. We upped our dinner service by having two buffet lines and everything went smoothly! Thank you to all who helped.

Volunteer Opportunity – Serra Needs YOU

It is with heavy hearts that Bill and Barbara Boniface have had to step down from serving as our co-Vice Presidents for Vocations. While they will continue as members, they can no longer take on leadership roles. They will be happy to hand off all their knowledge and contacts.

Thank you, Bill and Barbara, for your service to the Serra Club of Spokane. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you, and we are so fortunate that you were our vice presidents and grateful that you will continue as members!

This creates an opportunity for you – yes, you – to assist us in our vocations efforts.

Bill and Barbara worked as a team on this vice presidency and you, too, can find a partner and work as a team. USA Council and Serra International have several vocations programs now that can be implemented. Please prayerfully consider stepping into this role.

Vice President for Vocations

Position Description:

- Attends as many Club functions and meetings, and Board of Trustees and Vocations Committee meetings as possible.
- Establishes and serves as the chair of the Vocations Committee.
- Implements the current goals and programs of the USA Council Vocations Committee.
- Participates as a vital part of the Club leadership.
- Represents Club vocations efforts with the bishop, vocations director, and other organizations involved in vocations ministry.
- Attends and actively participates at the Spring Leadership Training Conferences.
- Assists and attends Regional District Conventions as appropriate.

Position Requirements:

- Thorough knowledge of Serra and its objectives and purposes and the USA Council and its objectives and purposes.
- Knowledge of current Catholic Church issues.
- Ability to work collaboratively.
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely.

It would also help if you are comfortable using email. You do not have to be a computer whiz, but email is a common method for communication among board members and with USA Council vocations committee members.

We know you're interested! Call or email President Steve – 590-7079 or dominis60@gmail.com

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.

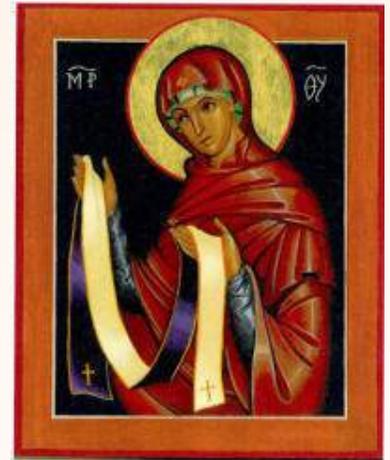
Pray for Carolyn Entel's grandson as he recovers from malignant melanoma.

Sr. Mary Eucharista asks us to pray for a very special intention.

Pray for member Steve Ellis, he is suffering from several tumors.

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. Eugene Tracy

Sep 6, 1991

Fr. Roy Floch

Oct 29, 1977

Fr. Patrick Baraza

Sep 25, 1982

Upcoming Events – Save the dates and plan to attend now!

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Thursday, September 12 – Please join the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church for the Golden Jubilee celebration of Mother Kathryn Joseph, SMMC, and Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SMMC at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. Celebrant is The Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane. A dessert Reception will follow.

Friday, September 13 – It's our second Friday Adoration and Luncheon meeting at IHRC beginning at 11:00 am. Our speaker will be Fr. Eugene Tracy. For those that attended the talk given by Sr. Mary Tracy – yes, they are siblings – this may be another eye opener! Invite your friends and family.

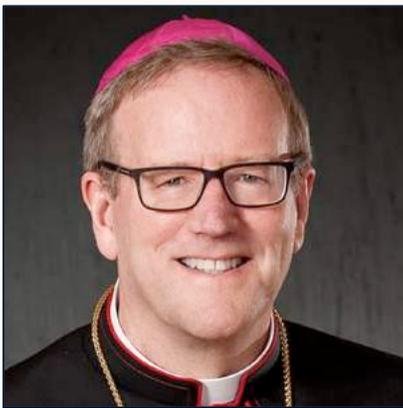
Friday, October 11 – It's our second Friday Adoration and Luncheon meeting at IHRC beginning at 11:00 am. Our speaker will be Kathy Hicks. She is with the diocesan education office and will speak about the Traveling Crucifix kits our club has placed in the diocesan schools. We will also be conducting a brief new member induction ceremony for the following members: Carol Dunne, Rick Keith, Shirley Keith, Maria Baumbauer, Sue Curalli, and Cindy Omlin. Invite your friends and family.

Tuesday, October 29 – Clergy Appreciation Dinner! We all look forward to this event so much. Bishop Daly has been invited. It will begin with social time at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. We will again be at St. Thomas More Parish Hall. Invitations will be forthcoming. Invite your friends and family

The Serra Club's full calendar for September and October can be found on page 9.

2020

January 15-19, 2020 – Serra Rally in Ventura, California



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.

Stay tuned for even more exciting speakers and for registration details! Rooms can be booked now at the Rally venue, the Ventura Beach Marriott:

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October 16-18, 2020 – the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, "20/20 Vision," will be at Mount Angel Seminary. More information as the date gets closer.

Schedule of Events

September 2019

Thu	Sep 5	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 afterward.
Fri	Sep 6	7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri	Sep 6	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Thu	Sep 12	6:00 pm	Golden Jubilee Celebration at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral for Mother Kathryn Joseph, SMMC, and Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SMMC.
Fri	Sep 13	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC. Our speaker will be Fr. Eugene Tracy.
Mon	Sep 16	5:15 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS
Fri	Sep 20	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri	Sep 27	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC

October 2019

Thu	Oct 3	7:00 pm	Holy Hour at BWS. See Sep 5 for more information.
Fri	Oct 4	7:00 am	First Friday Mass at BWS
Fri	Oct 4	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Fri	Oct 11	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations and Luncheon Meeting at IHRC. Our speaker will be Kathy Hicks. She is with the diocesan education office and will speak about the Traveling Crucifix kits our club has placed in the diocesan schools.
Fri	Oct 18	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Mon	Oct 21	5:15 pm	Mass and Board Meeting at BWS
Fri	Oct 25	11:00 am	Adoration for Vocations at IHRC
Tue	Oct 29	5:30 pm	Clergy Appreciation Social and Dinner ; St. Thomas More Parish; 5:30 Social; 6:00 Dinner. Bishop Thomas Daly has been invited.

Serra International Events

Serra International Rosary for Vocations will be on **September 28 and October 26**: 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.