



Serra Club of Spokane

How we communicate:

Websites for Serra:

Spokane: www.serraclubofspokane.com

Serra International: www.serrainternational.org

USA Council of Serra International: <https://serraus.org/>

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Serra-Club-of-Spokane-102848712483398/

Email: Karen Domini sends meeting reminders, prayer requests, etc., by email. Her email address is kdomini81@gmail.com. In addition, we have an email address anyone can use on promotional material, spokane@serrainternational.org

Phonevite: We use Phonevite to place “robocall” reminders of meetings and events. While the phone call is automated it is Karen Domini that records the message. The Domini home phone number, (509) 468-6774, is the Caller ID.

A bimonthly newsletter that is mailed and posted to the website.

Regular email newsletter from USAC/SI called “Always Forward, Never Back.”

The Serran; a quarterly magazine published by Serra International that is mailed and posted to the web,

Monthly Gatherings:

Holy Hours for Holy Vocations with seminarians followed by refreshments and conversation. It is held monthly on the Vigil of First Friday (a Thursday night, but not always the first Thursday night) at 7:00 pm, at Bishop White Seminary. The holy hour includes silent as well as guided prayer.

Adoration and Luncheon Program is held monthly on the second Friday. We meet at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center and begin with Adoration at 11:00 am in the chapel; followed by lunch and a speaker or other program. IHRC charges \$19 per person for lunch, which is collected as nametags are distributed

Member Induction Ceremonies are held throughout the year at monthly luncheons.

Serra Meets is a series of virtual lectures from leading clergy and experts on the topic of Catholic vocations organized by our national component, USAC. They are held via live streaming on the second Saturday of each month and begin at 9:00 am PST. After the live event, the video is available on Serra International’s YouTube channel.

Serra International Rosary for Vocations is held monthly on the last Saturday. Serrans from around the world gather by phone or computer to pray the rosary. It can be in any language that represents a country that has a Serra club

Vocations Activities:

Seven Serran Prayer Team uses the Seven Sisters Apostolate model. Our goal is to have a Serran praying for the vocations director, Fr. Kyle Ratuiste and Fr. Daniel Barnett at Bishop White Seminary and Cor Christi for one hour a day, seven days a week.

Traveling Crucifix Kits: The School Traveling Crucifix Program provides students with a significant focal point for daily prayer in the classroom—and for conversation about the importance of vocations. The crucifix “travels” to different classrooms in a school, with each class committing to host the crucifix for one week and to pray daily for vocations. There is at least one in every diocesan elementary school.

Adopt-a-Seminarian Program; more information to come.

Honor Priest Ordination Anniversaries: cards are mailed to each priest for whom we have the date and a valid address.

Honor Consecrated Women Religious Birthdays: cards are mailed to each nun or sister that has provided us a birthdate and for whom we have a valid address.

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday; held yearly in September.

Newman College Connection. Newman Outreach Ministries connects students with a Catholic community on campus so their faith thrives in college and beyond. Names of high school graduates and the colleges they plan to attend can be sent to Cassie Campton, ccampton@newmanministry.com, Director of Newman Ministries Outreach. Once received, the on-campus Catholic Newman Ministry will invite the student to get involved with their fellow Catholic students. Students can also directly connect with their Newman Ministry via the Newman Connect app.

Events:

Sisters’ Appreciation Mass and Luncheon was held yearly in March or April at St. Charles Parish, avoiding Palm Sunday and Easter. It is currently on hold as most of the sisters and nuns in the area are in the vulnerable population. All the nuns and sisters serving in the Diocese of Spokane were invited. Bishop Daly was invited to celebrate the Mass and the pastor at St. Charles Parish was invited to concelebrate.

Anniversary Dinner and Installation of Officers is held every year in May or June at St. John Vianney Parish. This dinner is to celebrate the anniversary of our charter as a club with Serra International. We install our officers and acknowledge members for 10 years, 25 years, and 50 years of membership.

Priest BBQ Dinner is held every year in July at Bishop White Seminary. We pay all expenses and may provide setup services. We do not attend.

Welcome Back Dinner for Seminarians and Families is held every year in August at Bishop White Seminary. We provide the food and beverages, set up and clean up.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner: This event was held yearly in October or November and celebrated our priests and deacons. We invited deacons’ spouses and the seminarians, too. For the clergy in attendance, Jubilee Anniversaries were acknowledged and gift certificates for a local restaurant were given. At the last dinner in 2019, a rose was given to each deacon’s spouse. Attendance has been in decline, and the event is currently on hold.

Contributions and Donations:

Serra Club of Spokane offers the following donation opportunities:

Serra Endowment for the Education of Seminarians: Every year members are given the opportunity to donate with their dues. The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Washington manages the endowment.

Bishop White Seminary and Cor Christi: Every year members are given the opportunity to donate with their dues. This amount is added to the disbursement from the endowment and a check is presented to our chaplain at the Anniversary Dinner.

Quo Vadis Days is a diocesan come-and-see event for young men held yearly in June sponsored by the Office of Vocations. Our club donates to the support of this event.

Opportunities for conventions, conferences, officer training, etc.:

Serra International Convention sponsored by Serra International; held yearly, usually in June or July and can be located anywhere in the world there is a Serra Club.

Serra Rally sponsored by our national component, USAC; held yearly, usually in January. It has been in Chicago, the Dallas area, and near some of the California Missions. It's an opportunity to get to know Serrans from across the United States and Canada and learn best practices.

PNW Regional Conference resumed in October 2021, sponsored by the Serra Club of Portland at Mt. Angel Abbey. Instead of offering it yearly, it will be every other year and hopefully keep Mt. Angel Abbey as the location. The 2023 conference is currently in the planning stages.

Serra Officer Conference Calls are sponsored by the USAC president and vice presidents. Our officer titles mirror theirs. There are regular conference calls for the president, and the vice presidents for communications, membership, programs, and vocations. Any member may participate, however.

Serra Officer Training: USAC/SI has made this training available by live stream and then posts it to YouTube. There's a training for each office and it is held yearly.