



*Serran Prayers in the Hilton Ballroom Adoration Chapel*

## NCDVD Adorers

**"To affirm and promote vocations," the substance of the Serra mission.**

by MaryAnne Frank

In a very real way, we were asked to enact our mission by praying in the Adoration Chapel for the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD). Our local apostolate along with other Serrans have responded generously by signing up in 2 – 3 hour stretches of prayer while the Vocation Directors participate in the ongoing conference, learning best practices to encourage religious vocations within their dioceses.

Roscella Connelly and I arrived at the Hilton Hotel Ballroom at 7:20 am for the first Monday "shift" of Adoration. We quietly positioned ourselves in the back of the Ballroom turned Chapel, noting that a number of priests were seriously at prayer. A Sanctuary with Altar, Tabernacle and Monstrance were the center of attention and adorned by colorful bouquets of flowers. We joined in chanted Morning Prayer as more priests joined to begin their day. Fr. Augustine from Indianapolis gave a brief introduction, describing blessings of the Chapel and each floor of the Hotel the previous night. Citing the restful beauty of flowers and plants at the Hotel entrance, he shared that he would have enjoyed staying in the moment; then he also reminded his brother priests that the world has built in distractions to draw us off course. He spoke of the risk of the devil to work on our sense of inadequacy to do God's work, our envy of gifts that others have been given

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 10 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm

Church of St. William

Speaker: Janae Bower

The Second Holy Family

**Sept 17 - Board Meeting** 8:45 am

St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

**Sept 24 - Mass** 11:30 am, Fr. Derek Gilde

Church of St. William

**Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm

Speakers: Fr. Derek Gilde

**Sept 29 - Priesthood Sunday**

**Oct 08 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm

Church of St. William

Speaker: Maureen Stanoch

Family Consecration

**Oct 15 - Board Meeting** 8:45 am

St Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

**Oct 22 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm

Church of St William

Speaker: Sister Joseph Marie, LSP

**Oct 28 - Bishop Kenney Ordination** 1:00 pm

Cathedral of St Paul

**Nov 12 - Lunch Meeting** 12:15 pm

Church of St William **Memorial Service**

for deceased North-Minneapolis Serrans/

Speakers: Presentations by Committee VP's

**Nov. 22 - Regional Conference** 9:30 am

King's House Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

**Nov 22-24 - Serra Retreat** 8:00 pm

King's House Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tim Regan

**Holiness: Withdrawal or Engagement**

When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected pope, and took the name Benedict XVI, the secular media were mystified. *Benedict?*, they asked... *Why this archaic name? Why not John, Paul, or John Paul?* The media didn't quite understand that in choosing this name, Pope Benedict was sending us a message about Europe. For those who know their history, St. Benedict of Nursia, the founder of western monasticism, was also the father of "Europe" as we know it today. In St. Benedict's day, Europe was just emerging from the chaos

of the Barbarian invasions. The European world was in a state of war, ignorance, and poverty. Roman civilization and culture had become a distant memory.

St. Benedict founded his monastery in southern Italy, but his "Rule for Monasteries" inspired a movement that spread through every land north of the Alps and west of the Pyrenees. Benedictine monks educated both the sons of the nobility and the children of peasants. They taught the people the basics of classical education, theology and philosophy, as well as practical sciences: animal husbandry and crop rotation. The new learning helped to create the great medieval universities of Paris, Bologna and Oxford. The hard work of the monks fostered a new European civilization. Benedictines were not just monks; they were missionaries.

*What's my point?* you may well ask!

Just this: a Christian's commitment to "withdraw from the world" does not necessarily require total disengagement. The genius of Catholicism is that it encourages a rich variety of religious expression and practices, in all vocations and walks of life.

Which brings me to the subject of our friends in Russia: the Sisters in Jesus the Lord. These young women have given up marriage, promising careers, and comfortable surroundings in their homeland, to live in a dangerous country. Their objective is to help young women who suffer from the evil effects of a rampant abortion, and to lift people out of the deadening holdovers of communism. They minister by teaching, catechesis, music, and, most importantly, by their community prayer life.

Speaking of holiness – here's a chance for Serrans to withdraw from the world (briefly), in order to engage it more effectively: our upcoming Serra Retreat at King's House in Buffalo. Our retreat leader will be Deacon Joe Michalak, a brilliant and insightful man. The retreat will be held on the weekend of November 22-24, following our yearly Regional Conference and meeting. Be there!

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## SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



## CURATIO

June 11, 2024  
by Jo Lohnes

Dianne Marie Johnson RN, MA, OCN, received her nursing license in 1972 and recently retired after 44 years of bedside nursing. She graduated from St. Mary's College (now St. Catherine's) and in 1998 received her B.A. with double majors in Philosophy and Catholic Studies. In 2006, she received a M.A. in Catholic Studies with emphasis in biomedical ethics from the University of St. Thomas in St Paul.



Dianne Johnson

In 2001, Dianne founded Curatio. Aided by a few priests in the Archdiocese and St. Thomas professors, in part to answer her own longing for integrity between her faith and her work, and in part, to answer Pope John Paul II's call for re-evangelization of the modern world, Curatio functioned to recover the sacred, sacramental vision of the human person in health care.

Curatio's mission is to strengthen the faith of all Catholic Healthcare Professionals so that, animated from the Heart of Christ and growing in holiness, we are equipped to reclaim our sacred vocation of caring, witnessing with zeal to the Gospel of Life. (Curatio means healing in Latin. Curatio ex-corde Christi, Healing from the Heart of Christ). Dianne wanted not only to illustrate the importance of the Curatio Apostolate but also show how intimately the apostolate is connected to Jesus through prayer and the sacraments. She also knew that it would only bear fruit to the extent that time was spent with Jesus; just to be with Him.

But first, some background. The modern profession of health care in any meaningful sense was invented by the Church. Not only were its first practitioners members of religious societies, but the whole set of animating principles and ethical rules that framed it were all based on a thoroughly Christian worldview. That day is gone. The original drivers of health care have been usurped by a utilitarian worldview, which is about 1.) The elimination of pain, rather than the restoration of health, and compassion (suffering with) when health cannot be restored; 2.) Customers who demand that they receive what they want (pleasure and the absence of pain) rather than patients who seek to be restored to their proper functioning; 3.) The replacement of the medical professional with the medical practitioner whose concern is to give the customers what they want; 4.) A view of that customer as a collection of replaceable parts that can be changed to match the customer's desires, rather than as an integral whole with a discoverable nature that is the basis of saying what counts as health.



Dianne Johnson and Larry Gillespie

Catholic medical professionals are working in a hostile environment, oftentimes even in the purportedly Catholic hospital. Curatio apostolate is attempting to strengthen those medical professionals to be what they are called by God to be, and perhaps one day to restore medicine to its Christian roots.

Secondly, Dianne shared an excerpt from "The Gift of Faith" by Father Tadeusz Dajczer. It examines knowing the importance and difference between rich and humble means within the Church. The French philosopher, Jacques Maritain, studied these means and divides temporal means that may be used for spiritual ends into two categories: rich temporal means and humble temporal means. Rich means are visible, tangible things like organizations, meetings, marches, church architecture

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## CLUB EVENTS &amp; NEWS

## NCDVD Adorers Continued from page 3 ...



*MaryAnne Frank and Roscella Connelly posed at the NCDVD Conference Serra Display Table.*

and the perhaps misplaced sense that “we’ve got it!” ~ all means of paralyzing our efforts to serve well. (I could easily apply his words to our work as Serrans!)

During our Chapel stay, Roscella and I had rich opportunity to pray for the success of this Conference. I began decades of the Rosary (a Hail Mary at each chair) for the priest who would be seated there, asking Our Blessed Mother to cover each priest with her mantle of love. With more chairs than Hail Mary’s proffered, I asked Ann Radtke, NW Hennepin Serrans, who arrived with a friend, and Bob Labat to take over a shift of prayer, to continue praying over the remaining chairs.

Before leaving, Roscella and I met Cathy Ahern, Serra North Central Regional Director, Candice Tyrrell, USC Membership VP, and Dr. Anne Roat, Serra USC President.

With thanks to our North-Minneapolis Serra Club members who helped fill the adoration time slots:

Ken Cobian, Judie Collodora, Rosella Connelly, Mark and Michelle Eastham, MaryAnne Frank, Larry Gillespie, Judy Makowske, Jim McGuire, and Mary Szydluk

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and decoration, audio visual and mass media. A characteristic trait of rich means is their influence on one’s self-love because their effects and results are apparent. There is danger in claiming these results as our own and as a result, adopting an attitude of triumph. The second type of means is humble means. In humble means, a true paradox of the dynamism of faith can be observed: the poorer they are—that is, the more destitute, the more insignificant in themselves, and the less visible---the more efficacious they are. Humble means is not dependent on tangible success.

In our lives and in the Church, we are used to relying on “rich means”. We so very much desire to see the victory and triumph of Christ and to see His might and authority. Meanwhile, He is hidden; He is poor in Bethlehem, even poorer on Mount Calvary and maybe He is poorest of all in the Eucharist.

Thirdly, knowing the significance of humility and gratitude to God so He can heal us. In Dianne’s last 15 or so years in radiation oncology, she was often present when the physician told the patient they had a terminal disease. She usually expected immediate tears under the immense weight of hearing this. But more often than tears, there would be a numbing unspeakable silence in the face of powerlessness and helplessness.

She personally finds the same kind of unspeakable silence at times after Holy Communion, and at other times when deep down she recognizes she can do nothing to save herself or her situation and, although she often thinks she can, it truly depends on the grace of God and when she realizes that--- she has no words to express such profound gratitude. It’s in that moment when we can all realize the infinite love God has for us, and how God humbles Himself, became dependent and helpless as a child. To understand this humility, God will often bring us to a point where we are totally helpless and it’s then He is showing us, helping us to really have faith in Him and not in us. We must die to ourselves like a grain of wheat and only if we die will we produce much fruit.

## CLUB EVENTS &amp; NEWS

## ESSAY WINNERS

## April 24 – Vocations Awareness Visits JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Girls visited the Little Sisters of the Poor,  
Holy Family Residence



Following the Serra Club Vocation Trip to Little Sisters of the Poor, Yarezy is pictured with the Award Certificate for Best Girl's Essay at Saint John Paul II Catholic School.

### Yarezy - John Paul II Catholic School Vocations Essay Girls First Place Award

This past Friday, my school went to visit a convent. We met the Little Sisters of the Poor. While we were there, I learned a few things that the sisters do while taking care of the elderly. When they are dying, the sisters sit with them so they don't die alone. Or sometimes they will wait for their families to be in the room. The sisters serve the elderly day and night, hoping to meet their needs and to make them happy. They have lots of residences all around the world, so the sisters can help the elderly wherever they can. The order was founded by Jeanne Jugan in 1847, later on the congregation started spreading all over France and then took over in England in 1851, then Belgium, Spain, Ireland, and North Africa. In 1868 the first sisters came to America where thirteen homes were made in the United States in the first four years.

Some things I found interesting about one sister's story, was how she was called to become a sister when she was in 5th grade, and when she was in high school she met a guy and they dated for a while, even almost got married, but they didn't because she knew God was calling her to become a sister. She ended up telling her boyfriend and they broke up. He wished her the best on becoming a sister. Years later some of the sisters from the convent went to California. The sisters were at a church and started talking with a priest. He asked the sisters about her after 50 years and he became a priest.

This story she told us about, I really liked because I thought it was cute how he asked about her after 50 years and still remembered her. Even though they almost got married he never forgot about her and supported her on becoming a sister, even wishing her the best on becoming a sister.

Boys visited St. John Vianney Seminary  
and St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity



Jim McGuire presented the Serra Club of North-Minneapolis Best Boy's Essay Award to Alex at Saint John Paul II Catholic School in Northeast Minneapolis.

### Alex - John Paul II Catholic School Vocations Essay Boys First Place Award

The Vocations Field Trip was an informative trip where the students of St. John Paul II, Sacred Heart, and Immaculate Conception got to learn about the religious life and what it takes to make a religious vocation. Our trip consisted of a visit to the St. John Vianney Seminary, followed by a tour of the University of St. Thomas, later followed by a visit to the St. Paul Seminary where we ate and had mass. My favorite part was the Mass that we attended at the St. Paul Seminary. We also heard stories from seminarians and how God called them to religious life and many of us found those stories interesting and inspiring. I learned many things, including the fact that the seminarians study and live at the seminary. I found this really interesting because the seminary practically serves as their home and serves as a place where they spend most of their time. I also learned that it can take anywhere from five to eight years to become either a deacon or a priest, which surprised me.

Many things during this trip stood out, one of those being the fact that seminarians spend most of their time together in class, mass, and in many other ways throughout their journey. This made me realize that seminarians are like brothers who work towards their goals together. I found this beautiful as it demonstrates that God can not only bring us closer to Him, but He can also bring humanity closer as well. Before this trip, the thought of spending years on years with others didn't really seem like something I would gladly do, or pick as my first choice, but this trip made me realize that the bond between humans is a special bond and serves as an example of God's work in people. God calls us to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39) and by spending time with one another and growing together, we can accomplish this commandment instructed by God. To me, the seminary serves as a way in which the instruction given to us by God in Matthew 22:39 is fulfilled. By being in bonds of brotherhood, the seminarians set a great example of how we should act towards God's call.

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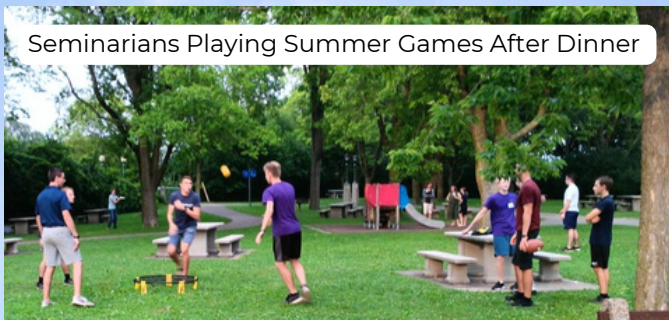


## ANNUAL SEMINARIAN AND FAMILY PICNIC HIGHLAND PARK PAVILION, ST. PAUL, AUGUST 20, 2024

by Ken Cobian

The annual picnic was well attended by seminarians and their families, as well as Serrans who did the cooking and serving of the dinner. The reception was held in the Pavilion at Highland Park, which was very accommodating and well equipped with kitchen facilities and an overhead enclosure to shield us from rain or sunshine. I did not take a head count, but it was estimated that this event was attended by 150 – 175 seminarians and their family members. This event was also well attended by Serrans, with representatives from all the clubs within our Archdiocese. It was a great opportunity for me, and other Serrans, to meet and dialogue with seminarians and their families, as well as with each other. Patty McQuillan from the Archdiocese Office of Vocations attended. Attendees from the Serra Club of North- Minneapolis included Tim Regan and Ken Cobian. Our former Serran, Lorri Kaas and her husband, Francis, did an outstanding job procuring and delivering a plentiful supply of refreshments (bottled water and sodas) to this event. The food was very good and I enjoyed interacting and socializing with many seminarians, their family members, as well as Serra members from other local clubs. After the meal many of the seminarians enjoyed playing summer games outside the pavilion. I look forward very much to attending this seminarian and family picnic next year.

Seminarians Playing Summer Games After Dinner



### Essay Winners continued from page 5 ...

*Another thing that stuck out to me was the amount of time the seminarians spend studying. As stated before, seminarians spend anywhere from five to eight years working towards their goal of becoming priests or deacons. When I first heard this, I was surprised because five to eight years seemed like a long time, and although it may be a long time, I also learned that the seminarians love God above everything and that they are willing to do anything in order to serve Him. I found this incredible because it serves as a reminder that seminarians are people, just like us, and that if seminarians can achieve this tremendous amount of love for God, then we can too.*

*When I first put things into perspective, I thought that the seminarians had just spent the best years of their life towards restless studying, but they set a great reminder that God should always be our number one, that He should always be in our hearts and that He should always be deserving of our praise no matter the circumstance, difficulty, or time. After this, I realized the God had spoken to me through the reminder that the seminarians gave. I realized that God was asking me to be patient with Him, to give my time to Him, to love Him now, to desire Him now, and to devote my best self to Him. The seminarians set an example that God can be loved no matter what's going on in our lives and that we don't have to wait until we reach a certain age to love Him, we can do it now.*

*In conclusion, the trip taught me many things that have transformed my thoughts and ambitions and has allowed me to gain a newfound interest in the Catholic Faith. It taught me that God works wonders not just through the Eucharist, but also through regular people like me. God also spoke to me during this trip, instructing me to seek Him now and for a long time, just like the seminarians. This trip will always be in my memory and will always serve as a reminder of what God wants me to do.*



## CLUB EVENTS &amp; NEWS

## SEVEN SERRANS

We are now entering our 5th year of commitment to serve as Seven Serrans for the dioceses of New Ulm, Minnesota and Helena, Montana. We are hoping that as members of our Club avail themselves for hours of Adoration during the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD), they might meet with the Vocation Director for whom they are praying.



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Committing an hour of prayer one day a week for Fr. Brendan Rolling and Fr. Tanner Thooft are the following Seven Serrans:

- Monday ~ Kay Cooley
- Tuesday ~ Bette Litchy
- Wednesday ~ Rita Ranallo
- Thursday ~ Bonnie Conroy
- Friday ~ Ken Cobian
- Saturday ~ Loretta Thielen
- Sunday ~ Elizabeth Moldenhauer

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- Tuesday ~ Donna Engelmeyer
- Wednesday ~ Dee Madden
- Thursday ~ Bonnie Conroy
- Friday ~ Loretta Thielen
- Saturday ~ Lorrie Morse
- Sunday ~ Esther Guzik

Both New Ulm and Helena Dioceses have men studying at our St. Paul Seminary.

Thank you to those who have kept their pledge to pray for the past 4 years and to those who are taking up the banner of prayer for one hour on their chosen day of the week! Your commitment continues the mission of Serra!

The Vocation Committee

## CLUB EVENTS &amp; NEWS

## ANNIVERSARY DATES

The Serra Club of North-Minneapolis (via Michaeline Loomis in the name of our Club President) sends a greeting on the anniversary of ordination or profession to each of the religious who are associated with Churches in our charter area. We ask you to remember in your prayers those who are serving the church. Your personal note and prayers would be a beautiful gift to them.

Fr. Biju Pattasseril	9/05/98	St. Boniface
Fr. Dale Korogi	9/10/83	Ascension
Sr. Joseph Marie, LSP	9/21/74	Little Sisters of the Poor/Holy Family Residence



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YEARS

**Sr. Joseph Marie was our Vocation Bus Trip hostess at Little Sisters of the Poor for the girls of five 8th grade classes on April 10 and April 24 last spring. She is an amazing blessing for our program as she lives out her vocation in loving care of the elderly and models what it means to be a bride of Christ to all who enter her presence. She will be the featured speaker at our Serra Meeting on October 22.**



## THE FAIR-EST ONE OF ALL!

Calling all Serrans to check your Parish calendar: Is your Parish hosting a Ministry Fair? Fairs are an excellent way to introduce the work of our Serra apostolate to fellow parishioners! Let our Vocation Committee (Mary Szydluk or me, MaryAnne Frank) know so that we can provide materials and support after Masses. As of this printing, we know of Ministry Fairs at St. William (Sept 28/29), St. Raphael (Sept 7/8), and St. Charles Borromeo (Sept 8).

Just step behind a table, wear your Serra Badge, smile, and be ready to tell your parish about how Serrans create awareness, support, affirm and pray for religious vocations. We have the materials, you have the personal touch!

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers:

Jean Buchmann  
Louis Cellette  
Tom Fahrenholz  
Dorothy Pearson  
Esther Guzik  
Jack Quesnell  
Tim Regan  
Joe Spano  
Chris Struble\*  
Norma Swanson  
Marlene Tacheny  
Lorraine Weinmeyer  
Marilyn Zappia

*\*Son-in-Law of MaryAnne & Steve*

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

- Fr. Mark Pavlak  
New Vocations Director
- Fr. Brian Fischer and the  
Archdiocesan Hermitage
- Deacon Alex Hall -  
"Walk With Me Seminarian"
- Sisters in Jesus the Lord in  
Russia
- Fiat Women's Discernment  
Retreat (Sept 27-29)

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

- Bishop-Elect Kevin Kenney
- for the cascading success of  
the National Eucharistic  
Revival
- the youth in our parishes who  
attended retreats and camps  
to grow in love and  
knowledge of Jesus
- and, for all those we hold in  
our hearts.



## CLUB EVENTS &amp; NEWS

## CALL TO HOLINESS



## FLAWED HUMANITY IS CALLED TO BE HOLY!

by MaryAnne Frank

Holiness means submitting to God's will in our lives ~ an effort that requires perfect love and being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Even in our imperfect love, the limited love of our flawed humanity, we are called to be holy as we journey on our earthly pilgrimage. Knowing that each of us was made for a specific purpose, we need to constantly be in touch with the Holy Spirit through prayer, action and through frequent presence at Mass to discern our call and respond to God's will as we give of ourselves.



## CELEBRATING PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

CELEBRATE YOUR PRIEST! Serra International promotes priesthood throughout the United States on the last Sunday of September. This year, on September 29, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday to affirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and the significance of His gift to the life of the Church. Plan to affirm the priests who have followed their call to give their lives to the Church. Our Vocations Committee has Bookmark/Prayer Cards available to distribute at Mass to remember in prayer those ordained men who serve us. Spiritual Bouquet signups will be available for each parish in our charter ~ please contact Mary or MaryAnne if you can be available to encourage prayer participation within your parish! You may wish to drop a note of appreciation to your priest thanking him for providing the Eucharist and the gift of the sacraments. As an added benefit, through Priesthood Sunday activities, young people can get to know their pastor or another priest being honored and have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the vocation of priesthood.



## HOW DO YOU SIGN YOURSELF?

by MaryAnne Frank

Noted in passing in Catholic media: 'The Sign of the Cross is not just for use to begin and end prayer.'

'Early tradition has it that the Sign of the Cross was used in the third century as a minor exorcism of baptism, during ablutions, before praying at fixed prayer times, and in times of temptation.' (Wikipedia)

Mid month, we will celebrate the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, a timely reminder of the blessing we have received through the Cross ~ our source of salvation!

Many customs have derived from the awareness of the power of the Cross: signing oneself while driving past a Catholic Church, using Holy Water for the blessing, teaching children and grandchildren confused by which shoulder to touch first that we must "reach to be holy" as we draw our hand to our left shoulder...

## The Sign of the Cross

AN ADORATION MEDITATION

By Judy Makowske 01/29/2011

Bless me Father, Bless me His Son, Bless me  
Spirit - three in One.

With fingers to forehead in Father's Name  
My God - Creator, forever the same.  
Tracing my faith from brow to breast,  
I invite the Almighty to be my guest.

Hand down to chest, which holds my heart  
Encasing Love's redeeming part.  
Shoulder to shoulder next I glide  
Sanctifying my person for Spirit to abide.

Cruciform imaged my body be  
On pilgrimage to eternity.  
Bless me Father, Bless me His Son,  
Bless me Spirit - three in One.

## NOTABLE NEWS

# SERRA INTERNATIONAL

## North Central Region

### Conference and Retreat



**The Regional Conference** on Friday, November 22 from 9:30 a.m.– 4:30p.m. is an amazing gathering of Serrans in Buffalo, MN at King's House Retreat Center, from the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Representatives from nearly 20 Serra Clubs bring the best offerings of vocation projects, programs, and prayers to share. Reservations can be made by calling Charlene Zachman at 763-497-3305 or email [charzach2015@gmail.com](mailto:charzach2015@gmail.com).

#### Retreat Dates: November 22 – 24, 2024

Friday, November 22, 2024: Check-in from 4 to 8 pm. Retreat begins at 8 pm.

Sunday, November 24, 2024: Conclusion of retreat after lunch.



#### Includes:

- Conferences
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Serra Memorial Service
- Silence and Quiet Time
- Celebration of the Eucharist
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Opportunity for Individual Spiritual Direction
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## MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>POPE FRANCIS</b>	2 <b>YOUR PASTOR</b>	3 REV. DENNIS JOSEPH DEASE ORD 1969	4 REV. JAMES ROBERT DEBRUYCKER ORD 1982	5 REV. JAMES W. (JIM) DEVORAK ORD 1972	6 REV. WILLIAM THOMAS (BILL) DEZIEL ORD 1997	7 REV. GORDON MATHIAS DOFFING ORD 1960
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WILL **YOU** PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

To be added to the email recipients, send an email to Marie Ziesmer at:

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Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- mass, rosary, fasting
- day of offering
- Eucharistic Adoration
- offering of sufferings or prayer
- what the Lord inspires you to offer Him

## FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we trust You to call others to the priesthood to continue Your work in our Archdiocese.

## SERRA CLUB OF NORTH-MINNEAPOLIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

8/20/24

**Board Members Present:** Ken Cobian, Maureen Collins, Judie Collodora, Mark Eastham, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Larry Gillespie, Jo Lohnes, Dave Loomis, Judy Makowske, Ted McCrossan, Jim McGuire, Tim Regan, Mary Szydluk. **Serrans Present by Phone:** Norma Swanson, Marilyn Zappia.

**Meeting Opened** with prayer by **President T. Regan** at 8:50 am. Minutes from 7/16/24 were approved.

**Communications: J. Makowske and N. Swanson: J. Makowske** thanked those who have signed up for a Eucharistic Adoration time at the downtown Minneapolis Hilton for the NCDVD Conference, Aug 24-29. There are displays from vendors for the various National Vocation Directors and an opportunity to meet and converse with them. If National Directors from New Ulm, MN or Helena, MT are encountered, they'll be pleased to meet members from our club who are praying for them as they do not have local Serra Clubs to support them.

**Vocations: MA Frank, M. Szydluk: MA Frank** reported gearing up in anticipation for Priesthood Sunday. A number of thank you notes have been received from different groups ranging from grade school, high school, college age and families who are enjoying God's creation at retreats and summer camps while nurturing their souls. They're very appreciative of our prayers. **M. Szydluk** reported working on the traveling classroom chalices to get them returned to the schools with updated information. Requested Serra prayer folders are being sent to AK. An inventory of prayer folders is being taken. **MA Frank** added that Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters of Bloomington requested prayers for a discernment retreat on Nov 8-10. **J. Makowske** added that **Sr. Joseph Marie**, Little Sisters of the Poor, is celebrating her 50th anniversary as a nun in Sept and suggests notes of appreciation can be sent to her via the Holy Family Residence in St. Paul. Sr. will be speaking at our Serra Luncheon Meeting in Oct. There was a query for the status of Little Sisters of the Poor request to the Serra Foundation for vocational outreach at two upcoming conventions. **M. Eastham** added he received an email inviting us to the annual festival with the Archbishop on Sept 8 at St. Peter Claver at which a missionary sister will be making her final profession.

**Vocation Bus Trips: J. McGuire and M. Eastham: M. Eastham** reported that thank you notes have been received for donations made to the religious groups visited last school year and will be emailed to the board. Dates have been set for fall vocation bus trips of students on Oct 7 and Oct 21, involving every 8th grade class within our Serra Club's region: from St. Charles, St Raphael's, St Stephen's and Epiphany Schools, the same as last year. Religious sites to be visited need to be determined and volunteers identified by early Sept. Generous donations have been received for the bus program from the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart and St Raphael's Churches.

**Membership: M. Collins and J. Collodora: J. Collodora** reflected on previous discussion about generating a website for our club and announced new member **M. Krawczynski** has offered to maintain it. MA Frank moved/accepted and welcomed Mary as a new Serra member. **J. Collodora** next discussed recruiting new members and making the meetings available on the website for those unable to attend. Additionally, they intend sending out letters to **Fr. Dufner** at Epiphany and **Fr. Howe** at Holy Cross about meeting with them and inviting parishioners to become members or start a vocation committee. **J. Makowske** commented on a recent beautifully done insert in the St Charles Bulletin promoting the Knights of Columbus and suggested Serra Club could emulate with a one page/two sided insert which each parish could print for their church bulletin. **M. Eastham** described how the Knights of Columbus were inspired to increase membership by creating this striking insert for a parish bulletin, aided by **Michelle Eastham** who skillfully formatted the information. **MA Frank** suggests that past parish contacts have used a three-prong approach, to focus on not only Serra membership but support of the pastor and vocations with increased prayers. **J. Collodora** discussed her conversation with Fr. Peterson of St. Odilia in Shoreview. Discussion continued about looking at changing the day/time/frequency of meetings. A motion was made/seconded for **M. Collins** to produce a survey for discussion at the next board meeting. Club dues were clarified. Discussion returned to doing something about Serra as a bulletin insert for all the parishes in our Club in conjunction with Priesthood Sun on Nov 3, to inform about Serra, promote vocations and increase membership. A motion was made/seconded for **M. Collins, Michelle Eastham** and **R. Franzese** to put together a more developed concept for church bulletin inserts about Serra, geared to each individual parish. **M. Szydluk** spoke about needs at St. Raphael's and proudly talked about two parish seminarians. She and **J. McGuire** want to have an information table at an upcoming ministry fair on the weekend of Sept 7-8. Support and materials are needed. J. Makowske offered copies of our anniversary program.

**Programs: J. Lohnes:** Speakers for membership meetings are scheduled through the end of the year. A Dec meeting has typically been a Christmas Party which was very low-key last year because of the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration. Request to please contribute suggestions for topics of interest to Serrans. They will be much appreciated!

**Seminarian's Picnic: L. Gillespie:** At Hyland Park Pavilion on Montreal St. It's an informal picnic for seminarians of the Major Seminary, their parents and faculty. Our Serrans **L. Gillespie, K. Cobian** and **T. Regan** are responsible for water, soft drinks and Tim's coleslaw. Nice weather predicted. All are invited.

**Retreat: J. Makowske:** Encouraged early registration for the annual retreat Nov 22-24 at beautiful Christ the King Retreat Center with Presenter Deacon Joseph Michalak. On Friday there is an opportunity to interact with other club members of District 7. Each club will make a presentation. We need to decide on our presentation.

**Christmas Party on Dec 8 Suggestions: J. Lohnes** and **M. Zappia** will work on details, including entertainment. We'll bring gifts for the seminarians. **M. Collins** inquired about personalizing the gift giving. That's something to work on with seminary tight/packed schedules.

**Treasurer's Report: T. McCrossan:** Checks are being gathered and deposited for the Phantom Garage Sale, memorial masses, club dues and new members.

**Theresa Lund** was moved/accepted and welcomed as a new Serra member.

**Storage of Serra Supplies: J. Makowske:** Volunteers requested to move supplies from the 2nd floor to new storage space provided in the basement of St Charles Parish Center. Our supplies will now be in one spot. M. Eastham is inventorying to enable knowing what we have and what needs to be ordered.

**Serra Activities Calendar: K. Cobian:** Re-introduced the new valuable tool which he had envisioned years ago and gives credit to M. Zappia for a tremendous effort in its creation. Email comments / corrections / suggestions to M. Zappia. The document is meant to be a living document. The vice presidents are asked to give 'job descriptions' of their committee - ie the WHAT and WHEN, but not the HOW - to M. Zappia. **T. Regan** envisions the future implementation of embedded links.

#### Next Membership Events Meetings:

Aug 27 - **Membership Lunch Meeting** 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.)

Speakers: **Maureen Collins & Larry Gillespie** Highlights of the Eucharistic Congress

Sept 10 - **Membership Lunch Meeting** 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.)

Speaker: **Janae Bower** The Second Holy Family

Sept 17 - **Next Board Meeting** 8:45 am at St. Charles Borromeo Church (Doran Hall)

Sept 24 - **Membership Lunch Meeting** 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.)

Speaker: Father Derek Gilde

**Meeting Adjourned** with prayer led by **President T. Regan** at 10:15 am.