



Ordination

TO THE PRIESTHOOD

by MaryAnne Frank

A double blessing for the men being ordained on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary! The Cathedral was filled to capacity with the faithful as bishops and brother priests from the archdiocese processed into the Sanctuary surrounded by the beauty of organ and sung hymn: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, Praise your God, O Zion: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna - sons of David! ~ a rousing greeting of jubilation inviting all to worship and celebrate God's generous gifts.

In his homily for the ordination Mass, Archbishop Hebda reminded us that in this 2025 year, of Jubilee, on the day of the 100 anniversary of St. John Vianney's canonization as well as the Feast of the Visitation, we are ALL bearers of God. His fatherly advice to the ordinands: "stay close to Mary. Be a credible witness to God's presence among us."

Judie Collodora was among the District Serrans who led a decade of the Rosary before Mass. She and a number of parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church were there to witness the ordination of Deacon Alexander Marquette to Priesthood. He was assigned as a seminarian to their parish for a number of years as his teaching parish.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 28 – Junipero Serra Feast Celebration
Mass at SJV Seminary Chapel – 9:00am
Light breakfast and speaker to follow.
All Serrans and families are welcome!

July 01 – Feast of St. Junipero Serra
Blessings on all Serra Members

July 15 – Board Meeting 8:45 am
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

July 22 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: TBD

August – Phantom Garage Sale

Aug 12 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Sharon Hedman and Phillip Rief

Aug 19 – Board Meeting 8:45 am
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

Aug 26 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Natasha Sager

Sept 09 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: TBD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tim Regan

LEO XIV THE MAN WILL WRITE!

Soon after the recent papal election my good friend Matt said to me: I wonder if our new pope will be a teacher like St. John Paul the Great? Will he write a great new modern encyclical?

My answer: he is an Augustinian. St. Augustine was a brilliant rhetorician, and the most beautiful writer in the history of the Church. The pope's namesake is Leo XIII, who set the gold standard for papal encyclicals in our modern era. The man will write.

Here's what I think and hope he will write about: Do you remember when Yours Truly was a "guest speaker" at one of our membership meetings, and we discussed the history of heresy in the life of the Church? Of all those heresies, Gnosticism has been the most insidious and persistent.

In the very early Church, the Gnostics denied the physical, bodily reality of Christ. There are two forces at work in the world, they said: Good and Evil. "Spirit" is good; "Body" is bad. Sex is low, nasty and evil. Woman are dirty and bad. Mary Magdalene was not a woman but a man seeming to be a woman. etc. etc.

The really weird thing about Gnosticism is that it keeps showing up in history, again and again. For example, it raised its ugly head again in the early Middle Ages in the form of Albigensianism. St. Junipero Serra, who, before he went to the missions was a brilliant theologian and seminary professor, would have been very familiar with that new version.

And now we face yet another Gnosticism: the transgender movement. It's hard to pin down, but its advocates say this: The Body is not as important as the Mind. Sex is just a "construct." I, in my own mind, can create and construct my own sexuality, my own reality.

See what I mean?

Pope Francis started to address these issues in his encyclical letter *Delixit Nos*, in which he warned against the "recrudescence of Gnosticism ... which refused to recognize the reality of salvation in the Flesh." The aim of Francis' letter was to avoid the danger of "withdrawal to a disembodied spirituality which treats the world as evil."

Pope Francis was on the right track, but we need more. The whole world is going Looney Tunes right now. We need a great Teacher.

One big cheer for our new Holy Father Leo XIV!

Viva el Papa!

Long may he live!

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



A PREDICTION FROM MEDJUGORJE IS FULFILLED

May 13, 2025

Our Serra Club of North-Minneapolis invited Father James Bernard to celebrate Mass, install our officers for the year of 2025-2026, and to share his vocation story. He is currently the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Saint Paul. Below is a reprint of Father James' vocation story written by Norma Swanson as printed in our June 2021 Serra newsletter. It begs a second look.



by Norma Swanson

"This young man will be a priest and I will come to Minnesota for his ordination."

Fr. Jozo, the Parish Priest in Medjugorje when James Bernard was a young boy of 17 years.

Jimmy had come to Medjugorje at that time with his Aunt, Stephanie Percic, and his family and when Fr. Jozo placed his hands on Jimmy's head and made that statement, the whole family was amazed.

A bit of background: Stephanie has led Pilgrimages to Medjugorje for 33 years and is blessed to know personally each of the Visionaries. This year, 2021, Fr. Jozo's prediction has come true as "Jimmy" was one of 5 priests ordained for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Unfortunately, Fr. Jozo's advanced age prohibits him now to travel this far but he will be remembering Jimmy by offering a Mass for him on Ordination Day. One of the Visionaries, Vicka, offered to present a rosary to the Blessed Mother at one of her apparitions and ask Her to bless if for this new Priest, Father James Bernard, whose vocation was predicted there in Medjugorje. It will then be gifted to the new Fr. Bernard.

Stephanie shared this story:

"When Jimmie was 3 years old, his mother, Mary, along with me (his Aunt Stephanie), would go regularly to St. Mary's Hospital to visit his Grandmother who was having tests on the progress of her cancer. Often, during our visits, there was a Seminarian who would come to bring her Communion and Jimmie would hear him say, "The Body of Christ." On this particular visit, Jimmie's mother, Mary, phoned the doctor from her mother's room for a progress report, and this time she was told the cancer had metastasized. When Mary heard this she passed out. Just at that point Jimmy saw the Seminarian coming down the hall and yelled out, **"Mommie! Look! The Body of Christ is coming!"** When Stephanie heard that, she thought, "Wow, this is a future priest. He knows what his mother needs" ... and that was confirmed 15 years later by Fr. Jozo in Medjugorje.

The rest of the story:

His calling to priesthood was not acted on immediately. Rather, Jimmy is what is considered a "late vocation" since he didn't pursue his calling until after his own mother's death. With each trip his Aunt Stephanie made to Medjugorje, special prayers were offered for him by her group and the families of the visionaries who were aware of his journey and Fr. Jozo's prediction. He entered the Seminary when he was 36 years old.

Jimmy was ordained as part of the Ordination Class of 2021 - a year that will be remembered for the Covid lockdowns and the persistence of these men who are now active priests for our Archdiocese. Praise be to God!

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Ordination to the Priesthood Continued . . .*Deacon Randy Skeate in procession.*

Also celebrated was Deacon Ben Eichten who served at St. William for his teaching parish. Parishioners who had followed his growth in faith and understanding were present to witness his ordination as well.

Newly ordained, Father Randy Skeate, a member of St. Patrick in Oak Grove had two claims for recognition by our North-Minneapolis Club. In addition to learning the faith at St. Patrick, his grandparents are daily Mass attendees at St. Charles Borromeo.

Joy rang out within the Cathedral! Witnessing the powerful profession of so many of the priests of our archdiocese and beholding them gathered in the Sanctuary, concelebrating Mass at the Altar, making Jesus present in the Eucharist ~ this is truly a Jubilee Year!



Serran Judy Cozzens from Twin Cities SW Metro Club presenting a corsage to the mother of Deacon Randy Skeate.

*Serran Judie Collodora leading the rosary at the Cathedral.***FIRST MASS OF FATHER ALEX MARQUETTE AT ST. TIMOTHY IN MAPLE LAKE**

by Judie Collodora
Serrans from Immaculate Conception Parish attended Fr. Alex Marquette's Ordination at the Cathedral and his First Mass at St. Timothy's in Maple Lake. A spiritual bond was established as members from his teaching parish in Columbia Heights worked with him over the past few years. Father Alex expressed overwhelming joy and gratitude to be able to offer the Body and Blood of Jesus to those who supported his "journey" to the Priesthood.

Fr. Alex and his custom-made vestment from Poland. The picture on the vestment was made by his friend and transferred to the vestment. Absolutely stunning!



CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

APRIL 11, 2025

VOCATION BUS TRIP

**Franciscan Brothers of Peace
Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus
St. Paul Seminary**

**Schools:
Immaculate Conception
St. John Paul II
Way of the Shepherd Montessori**



**Immaculate Conception School
First Place Boys - Grant L.**

On the 11th of April, the Immaculate Conception Eighth Grade class took a field trip to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. When we got there, Brother Pascal greeted us. We talked with the Franciscans about vocations, meaning our calling in life from God, and prayed the rosary. After eating lunch, we headed to the St. Paul Seminary to attend Latin Mass, which was, in my opinion, better than English Mass.

I found several things about the brothers interesting. It never occurred to me before this trip that someone as stalwart and dedicated to God as a Franciscan Friar could have such an active personal life. One of the brothers, Brother Pio, is a committed and very skilled cyclist! His goal for this biking season is to cycle three hundred miles! I thought it was a little bit strange that many of the Franciscans we met, including Brother Pascal and Brother Pio, had never even thought about becoming friars until late in their lives. I suppose that just shows that God accepts anyone who turns to Him, no matter how old.

After the Latin Mass, two men, a deacon who was nearly a priest, and one of the Franciscans called Didacus, spoke to us. Brother Didacus told us his story, how he had turned away from God in his high school years despite having a loving Christian family. Only after several years did brother Didacus return to his faith and become a friar. His account taught me that there will always be enemies of God surrounding me, but if I hold God's truth close, their arrows of hate and ridicule can't hurt me. His story and the other Franciscans' stories forced me to question who I truly want to be. I can't answer in full at this point, but I know that I want to always stay close to God, and I will do all that I can to continue on that path.



Boys visit the Franciscan Brothers of Peace.

The Holy Spirit brought my heart closer to God on this field trip. I felt a deeper connection to His love and realized that God's plan will never lead me wrong. I might even become a Franciscan friar, if that's what God tells me to do. What's important is that no matter my path, no matter what happens to me when I'm older, I will stand firm in this: I choose Jesus!

**Immaculate Conception School
Second Place Boys - Paul C.**

Going to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace really opened my eyes. Brother Pascal told us about what happens when you decide to become a Franciscan. It's hard work, you have to separate yourself from the world, and are allowed no family. You have to take a vow of chastity, which probably isn't easy to commit to. I think that's very interesting, and I'm amazed at the strength it takes to do something like that. Quickly we prayed a rosary, then we and the kids from the other schools were taken to the food pantry, which was filled with bags of food for less fortunate people in need of things to eat. Brother Pascal said a prayer with us, and we blessed the food and shortly after brought the bags of food up from the food pantry to be ready for pickup for the needy.

After the trip to the friary, we were taken to St. Thomas University. It was a Latin Mass day, so I kept getting confused and had to use the little paper book of the mass parts that was handed out. It was extremely similar to our school's mass, but shorter, and we had to stay after mass was over. Everyone had left to hear a few words from the people who work at the church, and brother Didacus told us his story of his Catholic faith. He once lost interest and became an atheist, but later returned to Catholicism and became a brother. This story showed me that in times when you stray from your faith, God will guide you back.

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**Immaculate Conception School
First Place Girls - Kate V.**

Here is my experience on our field trip. When we arrived at the convent, I expected the place to be immense and filled with nuns, but instead, it was a lovely white house with a basketball hoop right next to it. I was amazed to see two young amiable nuns who welcomed and separated us into two groups. My group went outside to the garden and sat on the white sheet with paint stains on it. It was cold and windy, but I was still delighted to hear the vocational stories from both nuns.

After listening to their stories and from watching the video, I was very impressed and inspired by them. I found it inspiring to become a nun, but I am still hesitant about becoming one. It really impacted me on how they provide for their communities and for other countries in the world. They take care of the elderly, visit those who are sick, and bring goods to the poor. These nuns are honoring Jesus by following His ways to help others. They show us how an act of kindness can change someone's life. I love how they are delighted by helping others. They also made me realize that love doesn't have to be expressed through words but through actions.

I was also impacted by their humbled lifestyle in the convent because when they gave us a tour of the convent, I noticed they didn't have a microwave, dishwasher, or a TV. They watch movies or shows from their projector and only eat what they receive. They don't mind not having these certain things. These nuns are very humbled and for them the most important thing is to honor Jesus and help provide for their community.

The reason I am still unsure about becoming a nun is because I feel like I don't qualify or don't have the qualities of being one. The nuns I've met are super amiable, have good tempers, much patience, and can socialize with people. I have a problem with my bad temper and sometimes I find it difficult to socialize with certain people. Another reason is because I am not fully determined to become one and I am not sure if God is calling me to become one, but I also want to have my own family and obtain a career in the future. I'll just have faith and see what God has planned for me. I hope you enjoyed reading about my experience and how this impacted me.



Girls visit the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.

**Immaculate Conception School
Second Place Girls - Celeste I.**

On April 11th, Immaculate Conception, The Way of the Shepherd, and St. John Paul II Schools went on a field trip. The girls went to a convent and the boys went to a seminary. In the convent we were introduced to a nice cozy house full of nuns. When I first entered the convent, we were nicely greeted by them and the house felt very welcoming. It was my first-time meeting nuns and they were really nice and fun to talk to. The nuns talked about their stories on how they became nuns and some of them thought they were never going to be nuns. What I thought was interesting was that a nun had the same interests as me. The nuns always were together and they were like family to each other which was impressive. Talking to them made me feel closer to God.

After our field trip, we went to Mass. This Mass took place at St. Thomas and it was in Latin. The church felt really sacred and it was beautiful. When they were speaking in Latin I felt like I understood every word they were saying. Each person we met gave us their story on how they met Jesus and they were really interesting. Every story was different. When the Mass ended everything was peaceful and it felt like God was with us. We each got a prayer card and rosaries after the field trip. It was fun meeting the nuns, priests, and other schools.



CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

CALL TO HOLINESS



by MaryAnne Frank

"They will know we are Christians by our love," and by the **joy** we exude knowing that Christ died and rose for us that we might live forever! We tend to shy away from the depiction that we are holy or at the very least, we are striving to be holy. Within our culture, we are inclined to have an "Aw Shucks" attitude toward being regarded as holy ~ a confused humility.

Yet, Paul reminds us to live our lives in a manner that is a *"living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God . . . and not conform our selves to this age."* (Romans 12:1-2) We are to be reflections of God's love and glory ~ no small task in this world of ours!

There is a certain joy that comes from knowing that we, as children of God, are being challenged within our culture to point to a greater beauty through truth and goodness. Acting in this world, but not of this world requires a great love and discipline ~ qualities that grace sanctifies.

SERRA NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN
to host the Serra Conference and Retreat

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Serrans from clubs in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas will bring the best offerings of their vocation projects, programs, and prayers to share. Speakers include Dr. Anne Roat, President of the Serra US Council, and Dr. Paul Ruff, St. Paul Seminary, Director of Human Formation and Counseling. Reservations to **Charlene Zachman** at **763-497-3305** or charzach2015@gmail.com.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 8:00 pm through
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 12:00 pm**

The Annual Serra Retreat follows the Conference. Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN, will be our retreat director. He has taught in the Department and School of Theology at Saint John's University and, from 1993 through 2002, served as Executive Director of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library. He was instrumental in the start of The Saint John's Bible project. Then, beginning in 2003 through the present, has served in the Department of Institutional Advancement at Saint John's University. Fr. Eric is also currently the Prior of Saint John's Abbey. Retreat registration forms will be available at Membership Meetings at St. Williams or register for the retreat online at: www.kingshouse.com A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 to Christ the King Retreat Center is required. Indicate the name of our Serra Club of North-Minneapolis when you make your reservation.

As Pope Leo XIV said last Saturday in his address to American Catholics:

"To share that message of hope with one another—in outreach, in service, in looking for ways to make our world a better place—gives true life to all of us, and is a sign of hope for the whole world."

NOTABLE NEWS

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Tom & Carrie Pomeroy

Hello! We are Tom and Carrie Pomeroy, and we are honored to be a part of the Serra Club of North-Minneapolis. It's been an amazing journey to have arrived here at this opportune moment. The journey began over 40 years ago when Tom, having no religious background, was baptized and confirmed Catholic in April 1982, so that just four months later, on the Feast of St. Augustine, we could be married in the Church. Carrie's parents raised their four daughters in the faith, and it was their strong commitment to family and to Sunday worship that led Tom to desire becoming Catholic. And with eyes of faith, we can see how the Lord has led us both to be here to help increase vocations and continue growth in the Church.



Newly married and still new to the area, both having moved here from Duluth after graduating from UMD, we were blessed to find our first "home" in the Equinox Apartments next to Apache Plaza. Our first child, Nicole, was born in January 1984, and the 3 of us were "under Mary's mantle" when the tornado which destroyed much of Apache Plaza, struck just yards away from our apartment. In July 1985, we moved into our home in Mounds View, where we raised our family of 3 children. Our two daughters are both married, and their families live within 20 minutes of us. They have combined to bring 8 grandchildren into our lives. Our son, Tyler, is single and lives in Colorado.

Carrie stayed home to raise children after Tyler was born, returning to work upon our becoming empty nesters. She retired from Chandler Place (assisted-living facility) in February 2020, a month before the pandemic – such a blessing! Tom worked for a CPA firm for four years, then in accounting/finance and project management roles for the next 30 years while at Sperry\Unisys, Andersen Windows\Renewal by Andersen and two healthcare companies. In 2015, the Holy Spirit called Tom into ministry at Pacem in Terris (a silent retreat center) and then at St. Charles Borromeo (as business administrator) before retiring in September 2023. We both enjoy retirement – especially the pilgrimages we do together!

St John the Baptist in New Brighton was our parish for nearly 40 years – Carrie co-founded and led for many years Circle of Women (which just recently celebrated 25 years), we've been active with marriage ministry (over 20 years of preparing couples, leading groups in Marriage Encounter and Marriage in Christ), Tom was in leadership with Catholic Watchmen and is still a member of the Knights of Columbus. The pandemic years led us to join up with our daughters' families and Carrie's mom for worship at Epiphany Catholic Church – we experience such joy in having 15 family members all worshipping together!

And still the amazing journey continues!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep in your prayers:

Jean Buchmann
Larry Gillespie
Terri Glaeser
Mikki Gottwalt
Esther Guzik
David Loomis
Michaeline Loomis
Don Makowske
Jack Quesnell
Joe Spano
Chris Struble*
John Swanson**
Marlene Tacheny
Marilyn Zappia

* Son-in-Law of MaryAnne & Steve F.

** Son of Norma Swanson

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- Pope Leo XIV
- New Transitional Deacons
- Newly ordained Priests
- Archdiocese 125th Anniversary
- Thomas Paquette RIP
Brother of Judy M & MaryAnne F
- Ben Swanson RIP
Grandson of Norma Swanson

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

- "Walk with Me Deacon,"
Alexander Hall
- Safety of the Sisters of Jesus
the Lord in Russia

NOTABLE NEWS

BEACONS AND MESSENGERS OF JESUS CHRIST

The Apostles evangelized in one "ACCORD!"

North-Minneapolis Serrans do so with a "SCHOOL BUS." 

In every age the "Good News" is proclaimed in unique and distinctive ways. Except for the carriage ride where Philip evangelized the eunuch, or the ship trips of Paul, most of the work of new testament evangelization was done on foot. In our day, we are expanding the reach of vocational work with the help of a common ordinary school bus.

What is uncommon and beautiful is the focus we have on the vocation to holiness through student exploration of vocational choices in the Church. The Archdiocesan Vocation Office, seminaries, and religious communities have opened their doors to Serran Vocation Bus Trips of 8th Grade students to explore and expand their knowledge of and love for the church.

For our Serran part, we need to fuel the bus and finance these forays with the help of the larger Catholic community. For many years the cost of these trips was covered by a garage sale. In recent years we have a **Phantom** Garage Sale. What that means is to ASK friends and family to share in this essential work and participate by cash and check and prayer. They are purchasing something greater than a new lamp or candy dish. They, through you, are contributing to the awareness and sacredness of holy vocations to serve our Catholic community into the future.

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**SUMMERTIME MEETINGS**

During the month of July, we have only one Tuesday membership meeting, on July 22nd. However, we can't forget to keep up our prayer commitments for vocations which continue to be needed!

Add to your prayers special intentions for:

- the Transitional Deacons and Priests taking on new assignments,
 - the graduates who are choosing colleges or building new careers,
 - the teens with opportunity to grow in God's love at Extreme Faith Camp,
- YES, Keep Praying!

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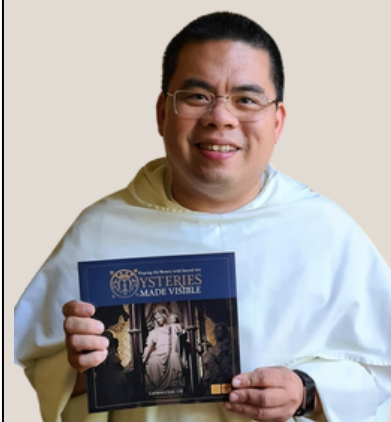
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**Serra MEETS**

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

An online speaker series
with vocations in mind



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Global Promoter General
for the Holy Rosary

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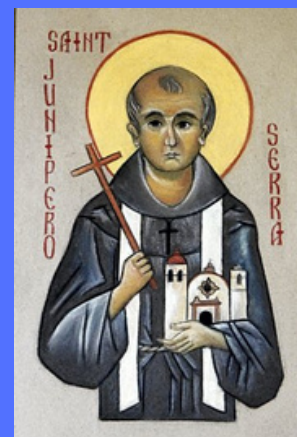
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MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31  ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS	1 POPE LEO XIV	2 YOUR PASTOR	3 REV. MARTIN BERNARD SHALLBETTER ORD 1969	4 REV. DAVID SHAW ORD 2006	5 REV. JONATHAN PAUL (JON) SHELLEY ORD 1995
6 REV. MATTHEW THOMAS (MATT) SHIREMAN ORD 2018	7 VERY REV. IVAN SHKUMBATYUK ORD 2009	8 VERY REV. CHRISTOPHER LEE SHOFNER ORD 2005	9 REV. PAUL JOSEPH SHOVELAIN ORD 2014	10 REV. MARTIN JOSEPH SIEBENALER ORD 1959	11 REV. ROBERT JOHN SIPE ORD 1959	12 REV. ANTONY SKARIA CFIC ORD 1996
13 REV. MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER SKLUZACEK ORD 1980	14 REV. GREGORY ALLEN SKRYPEK ORD 1970	15 REV. STANLEY VALENTINE SLEDZ ORD 1969	16 REV. MICHAEL STEPHEN SLUSSER ORD 1966	17 REV. TIMOTHY JAMES (TIM) SMITH ORD 2017	18 REV. LARRY JOSEPH SNYDER ORD 1988	19 MSGR. JEFFREY NEIL STEENSON ORD 2009
20 REV. JAMES JOSEPH PIO STILES ORD 2015	21 REV. KEVIN EDWARD STOLT IVE ORD 2019	22 REV. WILLIAM FRANCIS STOLZMAN ORD 1971	23 REV. SHANE STOPPEL- WASINGER ORD 1994	24 REV. ANDREW BERNARD STUEVE ORD 2013	25 REV. RICHARD MICHAEL SUDLIK OMI ORD 1972	26 REV. MICHAEL ALLEN SULLIVAN ORD 1981
27 REV. RYAN STEVEN SUSTACEK ORD 2024	28 REV. MIROSLAW SZYNAL ORD 1990	29 REV. RALPH WILLIAM TALBOT JR ORD 2004	30 VERY REV. JOSEPH CONRAD TAPHORN ORD 1997	31 ARCHBISHOP BERNARD HEBDA ORD 1989 AUXBP. MICHAEL IZEN ORD 2005 AUXBP. KEVIN KENNEY ORD 1994	1	2

WILL **YOU** PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think Your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him Your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul; take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always...

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest).
Amen

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PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- Mass, rosary, fasting
- Day of offering
- Eucharistic Adoration
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- 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.

Board Members Present: Ken Cobian, Maureen Collins, Judie Collodora, Mark Eastham, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Jo Lohnes, Judy Makowske, Ted McCrossan.

Meeting Opened with prayer led by **President-Elect MA Frank** at 8:50 am. Minutes from the previous meeting on 5/20/25 were moved, seconded and approved.

PROGRAMS: J Lohnes: Encourages members to provide suggestions and leads for speakers. A speaker is yet TBD for the one membership lunch meeting on July 22. Our regular schedule of two membership lunch meetings per month returns in August. **Sharon Hedman and Phillip Rief will speak on Aug 12; Natasha Sager on Aug 26.**

VOCATIONS: MA Frank and M Szydlak: MA Frank is in the process of collecting the traveling crucifix kits and binders for refurbishment, assisted by **Madeline Hoopman**. MA Frank brought up sponsorship of a Vocations Brunch which hasn't been done since before Covid. **Sr. Angelica Rose** of the Handmaids said the brunch was the impetus for her to think about her vocation. A brunch had been held after the 10 am Sunday mass for high school students along with their parents. MA Frank contacted **Patty McQuillan** who will ask **Fr Pavlak** if a brunch would be a helpful endeavor for the archdiocese and to get back to us. It would be for young men or young women in alternating years who live in area parishes or in additional parishes, with space allowing. In the past we've invited the religious orders that wear habits to attend, and possibly **Fr Pavlak** would invite the religious orders and priests who would be the 5-7 minute speakers after sitting with the students during the brunch. **Bette Litchy** is promoting the 31 Club, by collecting signatures for the year at our last membership meeting. MA Frank would like to introduce the Homebound and Suffering program to parishes, with updated copy from the archbishop.

VOCATION BUS TRIPS: J McGuire and M Eastham: M Eastham said planning will begin in July for the upcoming school year. It was moved, seconded and approved per visit checks for the five places visited with the students this spring, going to SPS twice. He intends submitting an article on the successful school bus program to the Serra Magazine, which is currently percolating in his head. Documents on the history of the school bus trips began in the 1990's and continued through 2010 at which time **John Lacina** took over the program. J Makowske has some information from J Lacina.

MEMBERSHIP: M Collins and J Collodora: M Collins announced membership applications have been received from: **Matthew & Marge Bona** (St Charles), **Jackie Huber** (St Raphael), **Tom & Carrie Pomeroy** (Epiphany) and **Patrick & Christine Shannon** (St Charles). A motion to accept the new members was seconded and approved. The induction ceremony is tentatively scheduled for our next membership meeting on Jul 22. Next, M Collins said 'a daily mass handout' is in the process of being updated and printed, to be available for the many people who attend daily Mass. J Collodora suggested the names of priests with proximity to St Williams who potentially might be available to officiate at our Serra induction ceremony and/or to be our Serra Chaplain: **Fr Koop** who is currently assigned to St Cyril's, **Fr Kuharski** at the Seminary, and **Fr Rumpza** at Holy Cross. J Collodora is writing a rough draft to send to Archbishop Hebda requesting his consideration of assigning one of the suggested priests. The St Paul Serra Club used this process to obtain a chaplain for their Club.

COMMUNICATIONS: J Makowske and N Swanson: J Makowske reminded us that the submittal date for the July newsletter has been moved up to June 20/this Friday, to accommodate scheduled vacations. The annual mass and reception to celebrate the Jul 1 Feast of our patron, St Junipero Serra, will occur this year on Sat, Jun 28, with a 9:00 am mass at the SJV chapel, followed by a reception brunch. J Makowske needs a count and encourages everyone to bring 'breakfasty' items. Upon learning that no one is attending the annual Serra convention being held this year in Kansas City, regrets that the opportunity will be missed to network with other clubs. Because we'll be here and not at the Kansas City convention on St Junipero Serra's actual feast, July 1, there is the opportunity to attend mass at St Charles with the relic displayed (loaned from **Norma Swanson**) and gather afterwards for those interested. Serra has been asked for a few to attend and speak briefly at the Baccalaureate event for graduating seniors and their parents at 6:30 pm this Wed in the school lunchroom, RSVP required. Finally, in preparing for our Phantom Garage Sale, the Jul and Aug newsletters will contain winning essays from Immaculate Conception and St. John the Baptist students who attended the Vocation Bus Trips which are largely financed by the Phantom Garage Sale. It's been suggested each of us secures at least two donations to the Phantom Garage Sale.

ANNUAL BUSINESS: K Cobian met with J Makowske for some input on our Activity Calendar, a lot of additions in the Vocations area. K Cobian has created a rough draft for MA Frank and J Lohnes to look through. M Zappia has already reviewed. It is getting to be a more useful document. K Cobian asks anyone interested to please review and mark up a hard copy rather than going directly online. Next, K Cobian gave an update on the 2026 Seminarian Awards Dinner on Thurs evening March 12 at St Charles Church and Doran Hall. M Eastham agreed to be Master of Ceremonies for our Serra Club. The KCs signed an Indemnification Agreement covering the event. There is also an indemnification Agreement for our president to sign covering our Serra board meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: No update on our website due to illness of one of the designers.

TREASURER: Ted McCrossan: Has been working on our 501(c)(3) and will keep **President Tim Regan** updated of his progress. Has received some registrations from new members; some are still being processed. M Collins and M Zappia are designing a 2nd page of the registration form which will specify the classification of new members. A discussion ensued about finances and the need to explore ways to offset the high cost of buses for the school trips. Our highest overall club expense is food, followed by the school bus program. The treasurer voiced his concern about maintaining a healthy balance. A serious discussion of our need to cut expenses is tabled to our next Board Meeting. T McCrossan is also working with M Zappia to send out email invoices for the 2nd half of the year dues.

Next Membership Events/Meetings:

July 15 - Next Board Meeting 8:45 am at St. Charles Borromeo (Doran Hall)

July 22 - Next Membership Meeting 12:15 am at St. William's, Speaker: TBD; Tentative Induction of new members

Aug 12 - Membership Meeting 12:15 am at St. William, Speakers: **Sharon Hedman and Phillip Rief**

Aug 19 - Board Meeting 8:45 am at St. Charles Borromeo (Doran Hall)

Aug 26 - Membership Meeting 12:15 am at St. William, Speaker: **Natasha Sager**

Meeting Adjourned with prayer led by **President-Elect MA Frank** at 10:10 am.