



The family of Deacon Sabastian Spencer posed with him following his diaconal ordination.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

by Judy Makowske

Families, friends, and a host of clergy gathered on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis for the diaconal ordination of Seminarians Dominic Miller, Peter Romens, and Sebastian Spencer for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"Deacons are ordained by the laying on of hands, a tradition handed down from the Apostles, so that through sacramental grace they may effectively fulfill their ministry." (From the Ordination Program.) Archbishop Bernard Hebda noted in his remarks that these men are a gift the Church has been given and invited them to truly imitate Jesus in their role of service, leading us to Christ in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Among many thanks the Archbishop extended, he noted the gift of prayers and support offered by Serra members.



Deacon Sebastian Spencer gives his first blessing to parents, Paul and Judi Spencer.

Serrans were present to rejoice and bless and celebrate this holy occasion. While members of the NW Hennepin Serra Club made preparations to serve coffee and cookies at the reception to follow the Mass, Serra Club of North-Minneapolis members pinned carnation corsages and boutonnieres (lovingly handmade by Judie Collodora, MaryAnne Frank, and Judy Makowske) on the parents, grandparents, and Godparents of the ordinandi.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 10 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Debbie Koop, Serra Dist. 7 Gov.
Get Involved: Why it Matters to Vocations

Jun 17 – Board Meeting 8:45 am
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

Jun 26-29 –
Serra International Convention
Kansas City, MO

Jun 28 –
Junipero Serra Feast Celebration
Mass at St. John Vianney Seminary Chapel

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tim Regan

OUR NEW HOLY FATHER

In the first few weeks of his papacy, our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, explained that he chose his papal name because of his admiration for Pope Leo XIII. The thirteenth Leo's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* was a watershed papal writing, a manifesto of the Church's social justice teaching. It affirmed the Church's support for the dignity of labor and the right of workers to organize in unions.

But, Leo XIII accomplished another great work. Before Leo, seminarians were educated using "manuals," which were dumbed-down digests of the scholastic theology. Leo ordered that the manuals be discarded, and that seminarians be required to read St. Thomas Aquinas in the original texts. This change supercharged Catholic intellectual thought in the twentieth century. The result was to foster the development of brilliant Catholic intellectuals, thinkers like Henri Le Lubac, Yves Congar, Karl Rahner, and Hans Urs Von Balthasar. Without these men, the Second Vatican Council could never have happened.

Perhaps there was another inspiration for Leo XIV's choice of papal name: St. Pope Leo I, "the Great." Do you remember the movie Attila the Hun? It's the story of the Mongol barbarian (played by Yul Brynner?) ravaging and pillaging Europe. But when Attila comes to Rome, Pope Leo, then an old man, comes out to the city limits to meet him. The Pope meekly asks Attila to stop. Yul Brynner complies, slinking back to the steppes of Asia whence he came.

But, Pope St. Leo was even greater than the movie made him: he was the hero of the Council of Chalcedon. Recall the context: the Fathers at Nicaea had solved the problem of the Holy Trinity: God is three in one, and the Son is equal to the Father. But after Nicaea this question remained: who is the Second Person? What is Christ's nature? Is he half God and half Man? The Pope called for an ecumenical Council at Chalcedon to resolve these important questions.

Chalcedon was a beautiful city on the Mediterranean, located in what is now Turkey. Pope Leo did not attend personally, sending delegates instead. The delegates bore with them the "Tome of Leo," containing the Pope's exposition on the question presented. Interestingly, the Chalcedon Fathers kept "minutes" of their proceedings, which show that the bishops were overjoyed to receive the Pope's words: "The Apostle Peter has spoken to us through Leo!" they exclaimed. The Council officially adopted the Leonine formulation: "We teach one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only Begotten; known in two natures...."

No wonder the first Leo was called "Great." Let's hope and pray that our new Pope Leo will also achieve great things, and that we Serrans can help him do it!

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



David Switala - April 8, 2025

by Jo Lohnes

David Switala is a missionary with **SPO**. It stands for **Saint Paul's Outreach**. He came here from Dayton, Ohio after having graduated from Ohio State with an electrical engineering degree. He now has been serving with Saint Paul's Outreach at the University of Minnesota for nearly two years of a three-year commitment. David came by this commitment having previously hid in the background. He was looking for others in the faith. He didn't know that an organization like this existed. An SPO missionary fund raises his salary, which is a far cry from a salary of an electrical engineer, but he wanted to give back and found he could be a leader. Now, God is the center of his life, and he has reengaged in a sacramental life.

So, what is Saint Paul's Outreach? Saint Paul's Outreach is a Catholic movement that builds dynamic communities of deep relationship that witness to the Gospel on college campuses and beyond, forming lifelong missionary disciples.

College campuses are battlegrounds for the minds and souls of young people, and many are leaving the Church. Only 10% of Catholic students attend Sunday Mass. Many are lonely, isolated from God, and lacking authentic friendships. Students are hungry for truth, for meaning . . . for relationship.

SPO builds missional community on campus and beyond, forming lifelong disciples.

SPO trains full-time missionaries and student leaders to build these communities - communities that reach out and invite college students and young adults into a transformative encounter with Christ, into deep relationship with Him and with His people . . . into a lifelong adventure of mission.

David works with students to empower them to build their faith. He joins them for coffee, breakfast, a meal, and meets them wherever and whenever he can. The primary way evangelization takes place is relational, by getting to know others and inviting them into our lives and the community: person to person. David lives in a "Men's House" and shared that there is a "Women's House" also. SPO has also purchased a new property that will accommodate 20 students. David will be leading the house. This provides students with a beacon of hope.

There are 60,000 students at the University of Minnesota and one Church, Saint Lawrence, which houses the Newman Center.

"Then He said to his disciples. 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" Matthew 9:37

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



VOCATION JOURNEY

Bishop Michael Izen

by Jo Lohnes

The Most Reverend Michael Izen serves as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

A native of Fairmont, Minnesota, Bishop Izen was born in 1967, the youngest of six children, to John and Joanna Izen. He thought about the priesthood at a very young age and shared that he built a church out of a cardboard box and used the tile racks from the Scrabble game as pews. He graduated from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, with a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. After graduation, he worked for nine years at 3M as a systems analyst. He was dating but he still thought about the priesthood. His mom and dad were faithful and they planted the seeds of faith in him, but he realized he didn't know his faith very well. So, he studied the Bible from cover to cover. At the age of 28, he broke up with his girlfriend. At the age of 31, it became clear that God was calling him to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, so he enrolled at The Saint Paul Seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in 2005 when he was 38 years old.

Following ordination, Bishop Izen served as Parochial Vicar at Divine Mercy in Faribault. In 2007, he was named Pastor at Saint Timothy in Maple Lake, where he served until 2012. He then served as Pastor at Saint Raphael in Crystal until 2015, when he was named Pastor of the Churches of Saint Michael and Saint Mary in Stillwater. In addition, he served as Parochial Administrator of the Church of Saint Charles in Bayport. In each of the four parish assignments leading up to his Episcopal ordination, Bishop Izen was blessed to have both a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and a Catholic school, which fostered and strengthened in him his continuing love for the Eucharist and young people.

On January 5, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop Izen's ordination to the Episcopacy took place on April 11, 2023, during the Octave of Easter, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. As Bishop, he also serves as Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Lake Saint Croix Beach.

In addition to Bishop Izen's vocation journey, he shared with us his focus on the Synod and the 12 propositions. Find more information here: <https://www.archspm.org/synod/>

April 22, 2025



Pictured with Bishop Michael Izen are Judie Collodora, Membership VP, guest Gary Wilmer, and Stephen Frank.

FEAST OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA to be celebrated June 28th at SJV



Serrans of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Junipero Serra, on Saturday, June 28th at St. John Vianney College Seminary on the campus of St. Thomas University. Mass is scheduled for 9:00 am with breakfast, fellowship, and a speaker to follow. Volunteers are needed to help with coffee and to serve the wonderful deviled eggs and sweet treats that we all will bring. The tentative Mass celebrant and speaker will be Fr. Jonathan Kelly, Rector of the Seminary.

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

VOCATION VISIT

**St. John Vianney Seminary
St. Paul Seminary
Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver**

*St. John the Baptist, New Brighton
Sacred Heart, Robbinsdale
St. John the Baptist Montessori, Excelsior*



by Mark Eastham and Jim McGuire

While it was a cool and rainy day, it did not dampen the excitement for our second Spring Vocations trip on Easter Thursday, April 24. With both schools and Serra members we were able to fit on one bus with no room for another person. At St. John the Baptist, Father Derek Gilde started our day off with prayer. We also had seminarian Andy Ranier join us on the bus ride.

The boys were dropped at St. John Vianney (SJV) to learn about life as a seminarian and the call to the priesthood. Ken C. and Mark E. made the usual first stop with the boys at the Crucifixion Mosaic facing Selby Avenue. As we entered the SJV, we stopped at the newly commissioned artwork called *The Hidden Life of the Holy Family* in the lobby outside the chapel. Each morning the seminary community prays the Angelus/Regina Caeli before a Eucharistic Holy Hour, desiring to emulate the hidden life of Jesus by growing in wisdom and divine knowledge before entering the public ministry of the configuration stage of formation. (See inset for additional artwork description.)



The Hidden Life of the Holy Family:

There are many hidden gems in the painting. Behind the head of St. Joseph, you can see the tools of the crucifixion. Behind the head of Mary, you can see the Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. The bread and wine, depicting the Last Supper, along with the basin of water next to the feet of St. Joseph, depicting the washing of the feet, can also be seen. Another item to note is the yarn next to Mary's feet which depicts Mary Undoer of Knots. There are many more symbols in the painting to meditate on.

The Very Reverend Jonathan Kelly, Rector of St. John Vianney Seminary, greeted us. After viewing the art, we entered the chapel, a classically-oriented Beaux-Arts style with Beuronese artwork. Seminarian Mark Payton did a great job of describing the many art pieces, the stained glass windows that include many saints, and the statues. Freshmen seminarians, Paxton and Mark, spoke about their discernment and provided a tour of the St. Thomas campus.

Father Gilde and seminarian Andy Ranier both gave great direction to the group during lunch in the St. Olaf room at the St. Paul Seminary. Father Mark Pavlak, Director of Spiritual Formation, discussed the seminary formation process. One common theme across all the speakers was that there is no specific way that God calls someone to the priesthood or to the religious life. It is not a lightning strike! He encouraged the boys, saying that at this point in their lives, they should make sure to go to Mass weekly and confession monthly.



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THE BLESSING OF CHALICES MASS AT THE ST. PAUL SEMINARY

by Maureen Collins

My friend Susan Lein is a member of the South West Metro Serra Club. She and I attend Mass at the St Paul Seminary's St Mary's Chapel once or twice a month.

We love attending Mass at the seminary because we are surrounded by devout, young seminarians - the future of our church.

Last year in late May we arrived for a regular daily Mass but after seeing all the extra priests and bishops we could tell right away that this was a special Mass. We were fortunate to have stumbled upon the Blessing of Chalices Mass, a special Mass where Chalices are blessed for the men who are about to be ordained as priests.

There are many priests, bishops, seminarians, and family members in attendance for this holy Mass. Last year, with 13 men being ordained, it was a particularly large crowd.

Earlier this week Susan and I agreed to attend Mass at the Seminary on Wednesday until we remembered the Blessing of the Chalices. We found that the Mass was scheduled for Thursday at 9:00 am this week.

The Mass was extra special this year as the Blessing of the Chalices fell on Ascension Thursday. The chapel is quite beautiful, the seminarians sing like angels, and one feels very close to heaven. Susan and I were among the first five people to arrive, but we found that Bishop Izen was already there praying. It seems like every time I run into him, he is praying before the tabernacle!



2025 Blessing of Chalices – St Paul Seminary

Susan got a chance to talk with Ben Eichten and Zachary Ochsenbauer, the two seminarians that she has been praying for and writing to for the past four years – they will both be ordained on Saturday.

I would encourage all my fellow Serrans to make a date to attend a Mass at the St Paul Seminary. There is a small free parking lot on East River Road about a block and a half away and a pay parking ramp about a block away on campus. During the school year the Mass typically starts at 11:45 am. except during Christmas vacation, or J-Term, or during the summer. Please call first, as Mass times are subject to change.

ANNUAL PHANTOM

by Judy Makowske

The PHANTOM GARAGE SALE is the one and only **FUNDRAISER** to support our Serra vocations apostolate and most especially the Vocation Bus Trips for 8th grade students who attend the Catholic Schools in our Serra Club charter area. Instead of setting up tables of "stuff" for sale, we just ask friends and family to participate in our vocation work with a donation.

We Serra members inform donors that ALL of their generous contributions go directly to promote vocation awareness in our local parishes and Catholic schools as well as collaborate with the Archdiocesan Vocations Office and assist seminarians in both SJV and SPS Seminaries. We are a 501C-3 organization, meaning donations are tax deductible. This is a chance to let the Serra Apostolate come alive in your heart by sharing the opportunity to help in vocations efforts. Often, people express appreciation for being included in the work of Serra.

The individual participation of our members has been successful to the point that we have met all our project goals for the 2024-25 fiscal year, and now we strive to do the same for the upcoming 2025-26 year. We can't do it without each Serra member doing their best to give what they can and to reach out to friends and family to become partners in our work. You know what we do and how valuable it is to our Vocations Office. August is a great time to "share Serra" and make our Phantom settle down for another year.

The North-Minneapolis Serra Club invites all members and friends to support the refilling of our "Famous Phantom's Garage" in the month of August, 2025 by mailing donations to:

Serra Club of North-Mpls Treasurer
Ted McCrossan
1618 Lake Johanna Blvd.
Arden Hills, MN 55112

May St. Junipero Serra bless this work!

THE PHANTOM GARAGE SALE SUPPORTS:

- vocation bus trips
- essay awards following seminary and convent visits
- the traveling classroom crucifix
- printed material for the Archdiocesan Vocations Office

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

NORTH-MINNEAPOLIS SERRA OFFICERS FOR 2025-26 INSTALLED

Following Mass on May 13, at the Church of St. William, Officers for the North-Minneapolis Serra Club were installed. The ceremony concluded with a blessing by Fr. James Bernard holding the relic of St. Junipero Serra.



Stepping forward to receive the blessing were:

Rosemary Franzese, Secretary

Norma Swanson, Trustee

Maureen Collins, Membership VP

Judy Makowske, Communications VP

Jim McGuire, Vocations VP

Ted McCrossan, Treasurer

Jo Lohnes, Programs VP

Judie Collodora, Membership VP

Bonnie Conroy, Trustee

Ken Cobian, Foundation Rep

Hidden behind Fr. Bernard was **Tim Regan**, President and behind the camera was **MaryAnne Frank** with dual duties of President-Elect and Vocations VP. Missing from the ceremony was **Mark Eastham**, Vocations VP.

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31 AND GOING STRONG!

by MaryAnne Frank

An exclusive CLUB, the 31 Club gives powerful support for those seeking to discern God's call in their lives. Each year, the 31 Club provides the prayerful 'push' of Serrans and others who join us by offering Mass or a rosary or even, fasting and/or adoration on a special day of the month. Many choose their birthday for an easy reminder to pray for vocations.

Bette Litchy will be leading our Club's renewal effort. She will ask each of our members to pray for one hour a month for vocations on the day of their choice. Additionally, our Vocations Committee is looking for volunteers to reach out to their parishes and involve more people to join a parish 31 Club. This program of prayer comes from the heart of our Serra mission to pray for vocations.

Vocation Visit continued . . .

Mass revealed an unexpected treat. The celebrant was the Bishop of Iceland and he gave the final blessing in Icelandic. After Mass, we toured the chapel with Deacons Alex Marquette and Randy Skeate, who will be ordained on May 31st.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver in Woodbury was the destination for the girls. The Sisters greeted us and brought us into the chapel where we started off with prayer and then followed with a tour of their convent. Of special interest to the girls was the museum filled with artifacts from the Sisters missionary journeys. In their hallway area is a large map of the world, pinpointing the locations of all their convents. The sisters also have some unusual artwork in the convent. One piece is a lovely mural of Jesus in different scenes with Him on the Cross in the center of the mural – not only colorful but thought provoking.

Fr. Bryan Pedersen, from Sacred Heart Parish, celebrated Mass in the convent chapel for the girls. The Mass was offered for Pope Francis. Father talked about when he was in the seminary and would visit the Sisters at their convent. After Mass, the Sisters gave a presentation and their vocation stories. Following lunch we walked the outside grounds which has a Shrine for Mary where we said some prayers. After a group picture, we thanked the sisters for their hospitality and were off to pick up the boys. As a parting gift we gave the school staff and kids blessed rosaries and prayer cards.



During the St. Paul Seminary Visit, Deacon Alex Marquette tells the boys about St. Padre Pio.

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

CALL TO HOLINESS



by MaryAnne Frank

Being called to holiness seems like a venture way beyond our human capacity. I ask myself, how can I ever be holy, imperfect as I am? It seems almost presumptuous, no, actually presumptuous to even try to strive to achieve holiness! No one knows better my flaws and imperfections than my husband and friends. And yet, Jesus did give us the command: "Be perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mathew 5:48)

This command presents us with a spiritual conundrum to be sure. Perhaps in our brokenness and in our awareness of our brokenness, comes a sense of humility, which can allow us to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit and be open to see God's hand in our lives. If we live our lives based on Truth, aware of our strengths and weaknesses (both gifts from God), we can reach out to our heavenly Father with an authenticity that can't be achieved except by being holy.

"Walk With Me"

Editor's note: For the past 5 years our Serra Cub has held in prayer Seminarian (now Deacon) Alexander Hall. The following note and gift were sent to him recently.

Dear Deacon Alex,

We have enjoyed "walking" with you during your days of discernment - it has been a prayerful and prayer-filled pilgrimage for our Serra Apostolate. We anticipate your coming day of Ordination with joy and gratitude. Enclosed, please use our check to purchase vestments or any other need you will encounter.

May Our Heavenly Father shower you with His love and blessings!

Serra Club of North-Minneapolis

SUMMERTIME MEETINGS

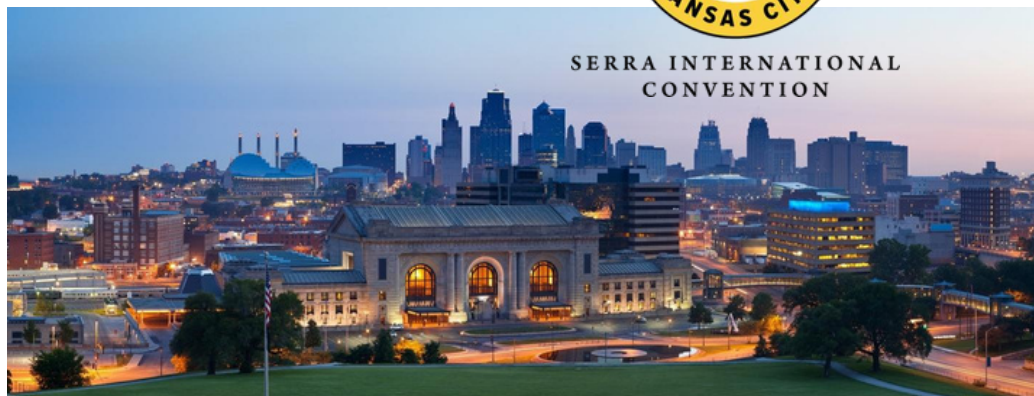
During the months of June and July we have only one Tuesday membership meeting each month (not the usual two). However, we can't forget to keep up our prayer commitments for vocations which continue to be needed!

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!

NOTABLE NEWS



June 26-29, 2025

82nd Serra International Convention / Kansas City, MO

The three day conference boasts a terrific **line-up of speakers** including:

- Archbishop Joseph Naumann
- Bishop James Johnston
- Stephen Minnis
- Cardinal Thomas Collins
- Bishop Thomas Daly
- Abbott Primate Gregory Polan, OSB
- Sr. Nancy Rose Gucwa, OSB
- Rev. Paul Sheller, OSB

Click the link below and scroll to the bottom of the website to the convention homepage where you can sign up for email notifications as news about convention development occurs:

[82nd Serra International Convention | Kansas City, MO](#)

Make plans now to attend the 2025 Serra International Convention right in Kansas City!



BUS MASCOT

Have you noticed the little school bus that sits out at meetings with our St. Junipero Serra Statue and the "Serra Bell" and just wondered about it? It is a part of our many North-Minneapolis Serra Club traditions, a "mascot" for our 8th grade school vocation trips and an opportunity for members and guests to fill it with any loose bills in their pocket. The beauty of it is that it helps put gas in the tank for our very expensive but very effective student Vocation Visits. At the end of each meeting our treasurer empties the bus and banks the proceeds. The little yellow bus is a visible reminder of putting our cash where our hearts are!

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers:

Jean Buchmann
 Larry Gillespie
 Terri Glaeser
 Mikki Gottwalt
 Esther Guzik
 Michaeline Loomis
 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:

- Guidance of the Holy Spirit on Pope Leo XIV
- Transitional Deacons as they go into their summer assignments
- Newly ordained priests as they begin their ministry
- Our Archdiocese in celebration of the 125th Anniversary
- Thomas Paquette RIP
 Brother of Judy M & MaryAnne F

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

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

NOTABLE NEWS

MAILBAG

THANK YOU!



We received an Easter Card/Greeting from **Seminarian Juan Cuzco** in his Propaedeutic Year at the St. Paul Seminary:

"My prayers for all you do for the neighbor! God bless all your team in the North-Minneapolis Serra Apostolate!"

AND, some thank you notes:

*Serrans,
Thank you so much for your generous support of myself and all other seminarians. Your prayers and generosity are truly humbling and make our discernment possible. Please know of my prayers for you all.*

God bless,

Peter Romens, Theology III (Ordained Deacon – May 10)

*Dear Serrans of North-Minneapolis,
Thank you all so much for your years of prayerful support and recently for the very generous gift! Be assured of my continued prayers for you all!*

Rev. Mr. Alexander Hall

*Dear Serra Club,
Thank you for setting up this day so we could visit the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, the Handmaids, and the St. Paul Seminary. The visits were a good way to see vocations firsthand and determine if God is calling us to religious life.*

Sincerely,

The Students from

The Way of the Shepherd Catholic Montessori School



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MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 POPE LEO XIV	2 YOUR PASTOR	3 REV. THOMAS RAYAR ORD 1993	4 REV. MICHAEL ALLEN REDING ORD 1997	5 REV. JAMES EDWARD REIDY ORD 1956	6 REV. MICHAEL FREDRIK REINHARDT ORD 2021	7 REV. PETER MICHAEL RICHARDS ORD 1998
8 REV. CORY JOSEPH ROHLFING ORD 2001	9 MSGR. STEVEN P ROHLFS PA ORD 1976	10 REV. BRENDAN JOSEPH ROLLING ORD 2000	11 REV. PIETRO ROSSOTTI F.S.C.B ORD 2009	12 REV. MICHAEL LEE RUDOLPH ORD 2005	13 REV. TIMOTHY CURTIS RUDOLPHI ORD 1989	14 REV. JOHN MICHAEL RUMPZA ORD 2023
15 REV. JAMES ERICH (ERICH) RUTTEN ORD 2005	16 REV. JOHN ANTHONY SAJDAK SM ORD 1971	17 REV. JOSH JACOB SALONEK ORD 2021	18 REV. KENNETH YONG (CASSIAN MARY) SAMA OP ORD 2011	19 REV. TIMOTHY DAVID SANDQUIST ORD 2017	20 REV. WARREN JAMES SAZAMA SJ ORD 1977	21 REV. GREGORY JOHN (GREG) SCHAFER ORD 1994
22 REV. MSGR. MARTIN SCHLAG ORD 1996	23 REV. JOHN KEVIN SCHMIDT C.S.S.R. ORD 1989	24 REV. LEO JAMES SCHNEIDER ORD 1983	25 REV. KEVIN C SCHNEIDER SJ ORD 1994	26 REV. JAMES THOMAS SCHOENBERGER ORD 1957	27 REV. PHILIP MARK SCHOTZKO ORD 1977	28 REV. ELIJAH NATHANIEL SCHWAB O.C.A.R.M. ORD 2017
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WILL **YOU** PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

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.

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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.

Board Members Present: Ken Cobian, Bonnie Conroy, Mark Eastham, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Jo Lohnes, Judy Makowske, Jim McGuire, Tim Regan. Other Board Members present via phone: Maureen Collins, Norma Swanson. Also present by phone: Marilyn Zappia.

Meeting Opened with prayer led by **President T Regan** at 8:50 am. Minutes from the previous meeting on 4/15/25 were moved, seconded and approved.

Communications: J Makowske and N Swanson: Initiated by **N Swanson**, a dynamic discussion ensued about providing a stipend to our Serra Lunch Mtg speakers which has never been done. There is a growing awareness that for some speakers even gas \$ to come to our meeting to speak may be a challenge. **President T Regan** tabled further discussion/action on the issue until our next board meeting, at which time it is anticipated our formal budget has been established. **J Lohnes** was requested to ensure the issue of stipends with annual cost estimations for guest speakers be considered in the budget process. **J Makowske** discussed inviting a speaker for graduates and parents at the annual St Charles Baccalaureate Celebration to address the importance of connecting with the local Newman Center on college campuses. Providing the speaker a stipend/gas money was approved. Next, **J Makowske** reported on the beautiful transitional Deaconate Ordination at the Basilica she attended with **K Cobian** and offered the program for viewing. Corsages/boutonnieres were made by **Judie Collodora, J Makowske** and **MA Frank** for the parents, grandparents and Godparents of the three seminarians being elevated to Deacons, including **Deacon Sebastian Spencer** from St Charles parish. Following the ceremony, **J Makowske** commented on a creative/effective 31 Club Display provided by NW Hennepin Serra organization by **Dave Power**. Next a discussion followed about personal requests for financial assistance and our relationship to the Laboure and Net organizations. **President T Regan** will provide information on Laboure and Net donations at our next membership lunch meeting. **M Eastham** volunteered to compile a list of donation guidelines for our next board meeting. **N Swanson** suggested the general membership should be invited to attend our Board Meetings to learn more about the functioning of our organization. **President T Regan** will extend invitations at future Serra Membership Lunch meetings.

Membership: M Collins and J Collodora: **M Collins** provided the name/info on someone seeking Serra membership that has been recommended by **J McGuire** and **Mary Szydluk**. **Jackie Huber** of St Raphael's is very active in living her faith and wishes to join as an associate member. **M Collins** and **J Collodora** as membership vice chairs have met with her and give their recommendation, after which the board voted on **J Huber** as a new member. A discussion of 'associate member' in the past referred to someone who is not near a Serra Club. The International by-laws contain a definitive associate membership definition. **M Collins** requested storage space for voluminous vocation materials collected by a former Serran, **Lois Taylor**.

Programs: J Lohnes: Reported on upcoming speakers for our Serra Membership Lunch Mtgs and welcomes/encourages recommendations for future speakers. According to her current speaker schedule: **Nicole Bettini** on May 27; **Debbie Koop**, Dist 7 Gov on June 10; an Open slot on July 22; and **Sharon Hedman/Philip Rief** on Aug 12. **MA Frank** suggested asking a newly ordained seminarian deacon or priest to speak on July 22, at a time during the summer when their obligations are less.

Vocations: MA Frank and M Szydluk: **MA Frank** discussed the recalling of Traveling Crucifixes from the parishes or schools that are hosting them at the end of the month, in order to refurbish and return them in Aug for teacher seminars at which time the school principal can describe the Traveling Crucifix program. Other announcements: The archdiocese is having an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm on Thurs, May 22. The archdiocese has a new prayer for vocations, with only minor changes which will not be adopted at some churches, due to pre-printed prayers and the familiarity with the current version. **MA Frank** mentioned **Deacon Alexander Hall** has been our Walk With Me seminarian for the past five years. He will soon be ordained. Thus, think and pray about who we might walk with over the next years. Our organization has been providing a small stipend to show our physical and spiritual support. **Deacon Alex** has provided articles for our newsletter about what he's been learning and experiencing.

Vocation Bus Trips: J McGuire and M Eastham: **M Eastham** reported that school bus trips for the spring were concluded in April and everything has gone well. Have received thank you note from a Montessori School and positive feed back from the Catholic Schools. Working on how to make the trips even better, more productive, more sacred, etc. Coming up with ideas on what to do on the bus trips. Considering a trivia game about the archdiocese to keep them more engaged. Have done a set of presentations at Immaculate Conception for the essay winners, with plans to get to St John the Baptist in NB later this week. Essays have been read/evaluated by **M Eastham** and wife **Michelle**, **J McGuire** and wife **Cindy** and **M Szydluk**. Presentation at St Raphaels will coincide with next Serra Lunch Meeting. The last presentation at JPIL is pending due to a communication issue. There's a change in ownership of the bus company which may increase costs. **J McGuire** said he's looking forward to a photo of the Franciscan Brothers appearing in our newsletter with the boys' top essays which he forwards to the Brothers as another way of thanking them for their hospitality and providing their order publicity. **M Eastham** wants approval - and received support - to write an article publicizing our successful school bus program and to submit it to the national Serra Magazine with pictures, as a way of providing program ideas to other Serra organizations which have seminaries available.

Next Membership Events/Meetings:

May 27 - Membership Lunch Meeting 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.) Speaker: **Nicole Bettini**
 Jun 10 - Membership Lunch Meeting 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.) Speaker: **Debbie Koop**, Dist 7 Gov: "Get Involved: Why it matters to vocations"
 Jun 17 - Next Board Meeting 8:45 am at St. Charles Borromeo Church (Doran Hall)
 Jun 26-29 - Serra International Convention, Kansas City, MO
 Jun 28 - **Junipero Serra Feast Celebration**, Mass at St John Vianney Seminary Chapel

Meeting Adjourned with prayer led by **President T Regan** at 10:55 am.