



POPE FRANCIS - JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO
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Sede vacante

***"I entrust you all
to the intercession of Mary,
and I ask you to pray for me."***

From the address to Serrans by His Holiness, Pope Francis at the 75th Annual Serra International Convention, in Rome, June 23, 2017:

"This is above all else, what a Serran is - 'a special friend' whom the Lord has brought into the lives of seminarians and priests (and religious)."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10 – Deacon Ordinations 10:00 am
Basilica of St. Mary

May 13 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Fr. James Bernard

May 20 – Board Meeting 8:45 am
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

May 27 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Nicole Bettini

May 31 – Priestly Ordinations 10:00 am
Cathedral of St. Paul

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tim Regan

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

When the Apostle Paul went to Ephesus, he found some disciples who had been baptized by John. He asked them whether they had received the Holy Spirit. They answered, "We have never heard that there is a Holy Spirit." (Acts 19, 1-2)

Sometimes I feel that Christians today, especially non-Catholics, forget the Holy Spirit. The truth is that none of us know the Holy Spirit. The Catechism teaches us

that the Holy Spirit has spoken to us through the prophets, but the Spirit does not speak of Himself. We know Him only in the movement by which He reveals the Father's Word to us, and disposes us to welcome the Word in faith.

But Pentecost is coming, the day when the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. On that day, the Catechism says, "Christ's passion is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a Divine Person; of His fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance." (#731).

The teaching of the Catholic Church on the Holy Spirit is rich and deep. It's mostly summarized in Part One, Article 8 of the Catechism. I strongly suggest that you give it a read, but here's my take:

We are now in the last days of the eons of time. We are preparing for the Parousia, the day of the final revelation of God. In these last days, the mission of the Holy Spirit and Christ is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes present the mystery of Christ to us, supremely through the Eucharist, in order to reconcile us to God and to bring us into communion with God. The Holy Spirit is therefore the "anointing of Christ" (Catechism #739); it is Christ who, as the Head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among the members of the Church to heal, refresh, and send them out into the world.

All of this is a theological way of saying that the Mission of the Holy Spirit is the Church itself, acting, bearing witness, teaching and growing in the world, and bringing all people into communion with God. The Church is the Holy Spirit acting as sacrament. We, though many, are brought together through this sacramental action to be one with each other, and one with God.

Do you follow my drift? I think that the Catechism is teaching us that we, the Church, are the action of the Holy Spirit. We, in North-Minneapolis Serra, in the work we do, in hope and prayer, are doing the work of the Holy Spirit. Something to think about, dear Serrans!

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MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS



**Message from Pope Francis for
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 11, 2025
Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life**

Dear sisters and brothers,

On this, the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I wish to extend to you a joyful and encouraging invitation to become pilgrims of hope by generously offering your lives as a gift.

A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children.

Nowadays, many young people feel dismayed as they look to the future. Often they experience insecurity about their prospects of employment and a profound identity crisis, a crisis of meaning and values, which the confused messages of the digital world only aggravate. The unjust treatment of the poor and vulnerable, the indifference of a complacent and self-centered society, and the brutality of war all threaten the hopes for a fulfilling life that young people cherish in their hearts. Yet the Lord, who knows the human heart, does not abandon us in our uncertainty. He wants us to know that we are loved, called and sent as pilgrims of hope.

We, the adult members of the Church, and priests in particular, are called to acknowledge, discern and accompany the young on their vocational path. You, young people, for your part, are called to set out on that path, together

with the Holy Spirit, who awakens in you the desire to make your lives a gift of love.

Embracing our specific vocation

Dear young people, “your youth is not an ‘in-between time.’ You are the **now** of God” (***Christus Vivit***, 178). Realize that the gift of life calls for a generous and faithful response. Look to the young saints and blessed who responded joyfully to the Lord’s call: Saint Rose of Lima, Saint Dominic Savio, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, the soon-to-be canonized saints Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, among many others. They experienced their vocation as a path towards true happiness through friendship with the risen Lord. Whenever we listen to Jesus’ words, our hearts burn within us (cf. **Lk** 24:32) and we feel the desire to consecrate our lives to God. Naturally, we want to find the way of life that will best allow us to return the love with which he loved us first.

Every vocation, once perceived in the depths of the heart, gives rise to an impulse to love and service, as an expression of hope and charity, rather than a means of self-promotion. Vocation and hope go together in God’s plan for the happiness of each man and woman, all of whom are called by name to give their lives for others (cf. ***Evangelii Gaudium***, 268). Many young people seek to know the path God is calling them to take. Some find, often to their surprise, that they are called to the priesthood or to the consecrated life. Others discover the beauty of the call to marriage and family life, to the pursuit of the common good and to a life of witness to the faith among their friends and acquaintances.

Every vocation is inspired by hope, marked by confident trust in God’s providence. For Christians, hope is more than mere human optimism: it is a certainty based on our faith in God, who is at work in each of our lives. Vocations mature through the daily effort to be faithful to the Gospel, and through prayer, discernment and service. **Continued on next page ...**

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Message continued . . .

Dear young friends, hope in God does not disappoint, because at every step of the way he accompanies those who entrust their lives to him. Our world needs young people who are pilgrims of hope, who courageously devote their lives to Christ and rejoice in being his disciples and missionaries.

Discerning our vocational path

The discovery of our vocation comes about as the result of a journey of discernment. That journey is never solitary, but develops within a Christian community and as a part of that community.

Dear friends, the world pushes you to make hasty decisions and bombards you with a constant blare that prevents you from experiencing a silence that is open to God who speaks to the heart. Have the courage to pause, to listen to what your heart tells you, and to ask God about his dreams for you. The silence of prayer is indispensable if we are to learn how to hear God's call amid the specific circumstances of our lives and to respond consciously and freely.

Prayerful recollection helps us to realize that all of us can be pilgrims of hope if we make our lives a gift, above all by placing ourselves at the service of those who live on the world's material and existential peripheries. Those who heed God's call cannot turn a deaf ear to the cry of so many of our brothers and sisters who feel excluded, wounded and abandoned. Every vocation confirms us in our mission of being Christ's presence wherever light and consolation are most needed. In a particular way, the lay faithful are called to be the "salt, light and leaven" of the Kingdom of God through their social and professional commitments.

Accompanying vocations

Consequently, pastoral ministers and vocation directors, especially spiritual directors, should readily accompany young people with the hope, patience and trust that reflect God's own "pedagogy." They should be capable of listening to them respectfully and sympathetically, and show themselves trustworthy, wise and helpful guides, ever attentive to discerning the signs of God's presence in their journey.

I urge that every effort be made to foster vocations in the various spheres of human life and activity, and to help individuals to be spiritually open to the Lord's voice. It is important, then, that adequate space be given to the accompaniment of vocations in educational and pastoral planning.

The Church needs pastors, religious, missionaries and spouses capable of saying "yes" to the Lord with trust and hope. A vocation is never a treasure stored away in the heart; rather, it grows and is strengthened within a community that believes, loves and hopes. No one can respond to God's call alone, for all of us need the prayers and support of our brothers and sisters.

Dearly beloved, the Church is alive and fruitful when she generates new vocations. Our world looks, often unknowingly, for witnesses of hope who proclaim with their lives that following Christ is a source of true joy. Let us never tire, then, of asking the Lord for new labourers for his harvest, certain that with great love he continues to call them. Dear young people, I entrust your efforts to follow the Lord to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of vocations. Keep walking as pilgrims of hope on the path of the Gospel! I accompany you with my blessing and I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Policlinico A. Gemelli, 19 March 2025.

FRANCIS

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

INSPIRATIONS FROM THE BENCH by Jo Lohnes

Kelly Scott was born in St. Anthony Village, MN and is the youngest of seven children. His father loved sports, especially basketball, and as a result, almost all of his siblings were involved in sports in some way. Kelly played basketball, tennis, and cross country. The summer of 1981, when he walked into Williams Arena at the University of Minnesota, with its warm, humid air and the smell of sweat everywhere, was the day he became committed to basketball and winning a Big Ten Championship. And indeed, he is a member of the Big Ten Men's Basketball Championship Team of 1981-1982.

Not only did this experience shape his life and livelihood, but daily Mass attendance helped form his relationship with God and His Son, Jesus. So much so, that he founded Spirit & Sport—a concept where youth are developed in heart, mind, and body while giving back to the elderly and those in need.

Kelly shared that the future is **TEAMMATES**: Togetherness, Enthusiasm, Action, Mission, Mercy, Attitude, Tenacity, Excellence, and Sacrifice.

Togetherness: Kelly's Big Ten teammates came from the Bahamas, Florida, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, and Minnesota and in less than six months were Big Ten Champions. In the recent past, Kelly's teammates gathered again at William's Arena. Togetherness never stops. He reminded us, Serrans, of our over 50 years of togetherness in our support of vocations.

Enthusiasm: I am sold myself! To be sold yourself, you must have more knowledge and desire than someone else. Remember, if you work as hard as someone who is better than you, you never catch up. Serra members, think of St. Catherine of Siena who said, "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." Be enthusiastic!

Action: Look to the cross, it explains the greatest action. Die to self. We look to the cross every time we go to Mass. We gather around the table, listen to the Word, receive communion, and bring Christ to the world. Our Serra Club action includes bus trip visits to the seminary and convents as well as spiritual and financial support.

Mission: Spirit and Sport mission is to meet people where they are and take them where they need to go in body, mind, and spirit. Our Serra mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and diaconate, to encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated life, and to assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God—a call to holiness.

Mercy: Consider Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy. What kind of mercy does one need to show each other and those who consider priestly and consecrated life, but find it isn't right for them?

Attitude: Do you have an attitude of gratitude, or do you need a checkup from the neck up? We can pursue holiness for ourselves and prayerfully ask others to consider priesthood and religious life and then go about supporting them and each other. Our attitudes will make all the difference in the world.

Tenacity: It wasn't the last chop that cut the tree down but all the other chops before that. We can grow tired in the work of our Serra apostolate with all the meetings and planning. But we must be better at the end of our work than we were at the beginning.

Excellence: Matthew 5:48, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." God loves me the way I am but loves me too much to let me stay that way. And Pope Benedict states, "The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness."

Sacrifice: Kelly thanked Serra Club members for all the sacrifices we have made over these 50 years of praying and supporting great priests and deacons and those striving to join the consecrated life.

Our world is begging for **TEAMMATES**, in families, in communities, work environments, politics, and the world. More information can be found on Kelly's website: www.spiritnsport.com

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VOCATIONS VISITS TO SEMINARY AND CONVENT

by Jim McGuire and MaryAnne Frank

Mary Krawczynski, Ken Cobian and MaryAnne Frank waited in anticipation at Immaculate Conception for the eighth-grade students to arrive. As they came down the stairs from their classrooms, Father Matthew Quail met them and offered his blessing. We joined Jim McGuire and a bustling bus of students from St. John Paul II Catholic School while students from the Way of the Shepherd Montessori School arrived. There were 45 kids and 10 chaperones in the bus. It was cozy. Jim led the group in prayer with an Our Father, Glory Be, and Hail Mary and gave a short summary of the Serra apostolate and the events planned for the day.



It was a raucous bus ride with our first stop at St. Columba where the boys were greeted by Brother Pascal with the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Brother spoke about vocations including both religious and married life. He also discussed the Seven Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and then shared his vocational story.

The boys spent time in the Chapel and 8 students volunteered to lead and pray the Luminous Mysteries. They did very well. The boys went downstairs to the food shelf and each boy carried up two big bags (15 – 20 pounds) one at a time. At lunch, Brother Pio shared his vocational story and gave time to answer questions.

Meanwhile, back at the Convent of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, the girls were welcomed and greeted by Sister Teresa Rose who quickly introduced us to her sisters Angelica (originally from our NE Mpls area), Mary Elizabeth, and Elizabeth Ann. We divided into two groups: one toured the Convent while the second went outside and played a 'getting to know you' guessing game. The Sisters did a wonderful job of engaging the girls in conversation and were able to discuss topics that the girls could relate to, such as sports and travel.

Simplicity and beauty might be the descriptive words to describe the Convent. On the kitchen tour, it was noted that there is no microwave or dishwasher (dishwashing is a

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CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

Seminary and Convent Continued . . .

community effort allowing for conversation and community building and the microwave proved to be a noisy distraction). Our tour included a visit to their Chapel where the Sisters begin the day with an hour of adoration and come together before dinner for another hour of shared adoration.

The Six resident Sisters are assigned to local parishes where they fill in, providing for the multiple needs of parish life ~ many are teaching, some are assisting with various parish programs, and all are giving witness to God's love. A holy joy permeated this house turned Convent!

Boys and girls came back together at the St. Paul Seminary to participate at Mass in St. Mary's Chapel. A first for many was the Latin Mass that is celebrated every Friday in Lent. It was very special for all of us to experience! The singing and chants were splendid! Father Evan Koop, the Celebrant, gave a homily directed toward his personal venture in discerning his call to be a priest and commented that as a student at St. Thomas Academy, he too was given a "bus ride" to the Seminary.

After Mass, Franciscan Brother Didacus and Deacon Alex Hall (our Walk With Me Seminarian) shared their vocation stories. Each school, including chaperones, received prayer cards and blessed Rosaries. One theme that rang our during the vocations visit, was that a small seed planted and nurtured will bring about many blessings. A number of presenters encouraged the kids to pray. Hopefully, the Spirit of our Lord touched the hearts of the students!



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC CHURCH



by Judie Collodora

On Saturday, April 12, many members of our North-Minneapolis Serra Club met at Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina for Mass and the Annual Spring Leadership, bringing together Clubs from the entire district. Fr. Evan Koop, son of our District Governor, Debbie Koop, and Deacon Steven Koop, presided at Mass. Fr. Koop was also the keynote speaker before the meeting. The topic of his talk was "Mary at the Foot of the Cross" which gave us a sampling of his doctrinal work. As a rich meditation, he reminded us that Mary stood quietly at the foot of the cross ~ we likewise as Serrans through quiet prayer, give impetus to those discerning God's call. We then broke into small groups to share ideas for our various committees. After lunch, these ideas were presented to the large group. MaryAnne Frank updated everyone on Vocation work and Maureen Collins spoke on Membership ideas. Cathy Ahern updated everyone on the improved Serra International website and members were encouraged to attend the upcoming Serra Convention in Kansas City in June. It was another worthwhile morning praying together and sharing ideas.

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS



June 26-29, 2025

82nd Serra International Convention / Kansas City, MO

Super 7 Reasons to Attend a Serra International Convention:

- Support the Serran Mission for New Vocations & Celebrate those Vocations we are Blessed to have in our Church
- Enhance your own Spirituality, your love for Christ and His Church
- Learn more about the charism and camaraderie shared among fellow Serrans from the USA and around the world
- Learn how the Serra Foundation supports worldwide vocation needs
- Breakout Sessions to pick up tips from the SI Vice Presidents of: Vocations, Membership, Communications, Programs and the Foundation
- Learn from Serrans who have the same interests how they run their clubs and support their membership
- Take what you've experienced and learned back home to your club and fellow members;

Bonus Point: you'll have prayed at the convention with other like-minded Serrans for the growth and sustainability of Christ's Church!



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](https://www.serranews.org/82nd-serra-international-convention-kansas-city-mo)

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers:

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

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

*** Son of Norma Swanson

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

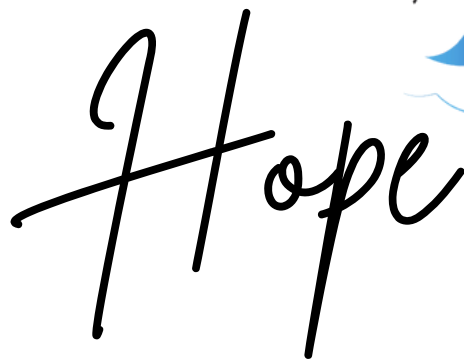
- Repose of the soul of Pope Francis
- Guidance of the Holy Spirit in selection of a new Pope
- Seminarians who will be ordained Transitional Deacons
- Deacons who will be ordained Priests

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

- Safety of the Sisters of Jesus the Lord in Russia

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CALL TO HOLINESS

CALLED TO
HOLINESS,
AND



by MaryAnne Frank

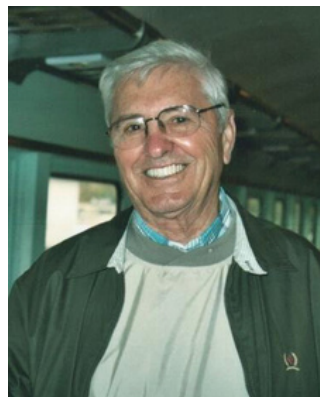
2025 is a Jubilee year, a tradition since first proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Although part of Mosaic Law (Leviticus 25), Pope Boniface reclaimed the ritual to focus "on prayer, pilgrimage and the forgiveness of sins . . . as a way to promote a life of faith and holiness." Because of its significance, gradually, Jubilees were celebrated every 25 years and, in 2000, Pope St. John Paul II declared "the Jubilee celebration should confirm the Christians of today in their faith in God Who has revealed Himself in Christ, sustain their hope which reaches out in expectation of eternal life, and rekindle their charity in active service to their brothers and sisters." (Tertio Millennio Adveniente, 31)

And that is where our hope lies. All that we do and say should be directed to the end run which is seeing God face to face. A theological virtue, hope "infused by sanctifying grace that gives assurance of salvation, moves the individual to place one's faith in God and brings one to perform morally good actions." (Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia, page 484.)

So, as Serrans called to holiness in this Jubilee year, let our joy overflow in our work, in our friendships, and in our worship as we live each day with "the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." (1 Thes 5:8)

With gratitude, this article was inspired by Jody Vaccaro Lewis' article: *A Year Of Hope*, Our Sunday Visitor, Jan. 2025.

IN MEMORIAM

Rest in Peace
DARRELL LANE

by Judy Makowske

Darrell was an active member of the Serra Club of North-Minneapolis Apostolate for priestly and religious vocations in the late 1990's and early 2000's. After joining in 1993, he served as Treasurer and Trustee for multiple years.

He and his wife, Gen, were a lead couple in opening the St. Charles Borromeo Adoration Chapel 25 years ago, developing and maintaining a schedule ensuring that Jesus always had a visitor.

He also had a heart and deep concern for pro-life issues, adopting and raising three children in a loving family, and actively supporting ProLife Across America.

Before his dementia grounded him, Darrell was a daily Mass participant in his later years and served as a "lamplighter" refreshing the vigil candles. He died on March 22 this year at age 92. May he be with Jesus forever!

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


**NEWMAN
CONNECTION**

**NEWMAN MINISTRY
= NEWMAN CONNECTION
= FAITH FORWARD**

Our high school seniors are graduating and in need of prayer! Please remember them in prayer especially now as they begin the next step preparing to discern and follow God's will in their lives. We pray that they will stay strong in their faith and be open to their vocational call to serve however God has intended!

Most College campuses have Newman Clubs which give incoming students the opportunity to connect with other Catholic students, but many students, inundated with a myriad of distractions, don't take advantage of that opportunity. The Newman Ministry has a solution for this major concern. Knowing that 80% of students will stop practicing their faith during their college years, students are given a personal greeting and invitation to join in Catholic activities including the Mass. Their program this year is called **Faith Forward** and is succinctly described below:

Parish "Sunday of Sending": Graduates are recognized, blessed, and sign up to get connected to their college's campus ministry.

High School Senior Faith Send-Offs: Catholic high schools work to get 100% of their graduating seniors signed up.

Parent Mobilization: Parents ensure students complete the form to connect to their college campus ministry.

Diocese Commitment: Bishops formally endorse the **Faith Forward** movement.

Campus Ministry Welcome: Ministers personally reach out to students before they arrive on campus.

Serrans are asked to encourage high school grads, their parishes and or parents to sign up for this program so that the Newman Center at their university can greet them and introduce them to other Catholic students. It is easier to keep the faith when surrounded by others who share the same faith and values.

MAILBAG

Dear Serra Club Members,

Thank you immensely for all your prayers and your gift of a \$50 Cub Card. Our hearts are full of gratitude and we pray God's blessings upon all Serra Cub Members, especially those in the Minneapolis Chapter. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

Immaculate Heart Sisters, Champlin Community

North Minneapolis Serra Club,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of a gas gift card! This will be very helpful in getting me where I need to be physically. I and all the seminarians at the Saint Paul Seminary also appreciate all of your prayers to get us where we need to be spiritually!

God bless,

Matt Fitzsimmons, Pre-Theology I

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Serra MEETS

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

An online speaker series
with vocations in mind



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MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

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27	28	29	30 	1 SEDE VACANTE	2 YOUR PASTOR	3 REV. HUMBERTO ROBERT PALOMINO PES ORD 2005
4 REV. MICHAEL STEVEN PANKA ORD 2024	5 REV. BRIAN JAMES PARK ORD 2013	6 REV. JOHN FRANCIS PARKOS ORD 1964	7 REV. MARC VINCENT PAVEGLIO ORD 2014	8 REV. MARK DANIEL PAVLAK ORD 2016	9 REV. MARK LAWRENCE PAVLIK ORD 2003	10 REV. PETER PEACH O CARM ORD 2006
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WILL **YOU** PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the Flock, we pray that in the great love and mercy of Your Sacred Heart You attend to all the needs of Your priest-shepherds throughout the world. We ask that You draw back to Your Heart all those priests who have seriously strayed from Your path, that You rekindle the desire for holiness in the hearts of those priests who have become lukewarm, and that you continue to give Your fervent priests the desire for the highest holiness. United with Your Heart and Mary's Heart, we ask that You take this petition to Your heavenly Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. 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, Maureen Collins, Judie Collodora, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Jo Lohnes, Ted McCrossan, Jim McGuire, Tim Regan, Norma Swanson. Additional Serran attending: Bonnie Conroy.

Meeting Opened with prayer led by **President T Regan** at 8:50 am. Minutes from the previous meeting on 3/18/25 were moved, seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: T Regan asked for a round of applause...for an excellent last membership mtg. He thanked **J Lohnes** for booking **David Switala (SPO)** who spoke of his own journey and his current living with and inspiring UMN students at St Lawrence/Newman Ctr. Next, creative ideas for growing our club emerged out of the Leadership Spring Mtg at OLOC on Apr 12. At a small mtg for club presidents, **T Regan** talked about the importance of programming... thanking **J Lohnes** again for the excellent job she does arranging speakers for every dinner meeting and following up on leads given her by club members. **M Collins** remarked on sitting next to and learning from **Joanne Benson**, former Lt Gov for MN, who is membership chair for the St Cloud club that won the national award for acquiring the most new-members last year. Next, **T Regan** talked about how the St Paul President is managing to attract shy Latino people to Serra by instigating and fostering new clubs at Our Lady of Guadalupe and St Frances de Sales. **T Regan** talked about the uniqueness of Serra, a world-wide organization devoted to an American Saint which brings more people to the religious life. He encourages us to think about satellites to our club, to serve and welcome those with another language and culture. **N Swanson** talked in favor of the way our North-Mpls club operates. Changes have been tried but the basic structure always returns as the most workable. **M Collins** promoted "capturing" our membership meetings for the sake of those unable to attend. She learned about a stand for iphones which could effectively record, without a big investment or set-up time, and has offered to buy the stand and initiate the taping at our next dinner meeting. The video can be placed on our future website for all to access.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee K Cobian asked for direction in setting the date for the 29th Annual Serra/KC Seminarian Awards Dinner on either Feb 10 or 12 or Mar 10, 12, or 19 in 2026. There is a greater chance of the availability of a priest in Feb but our Chair of past dinners **K Cobian** will only be available in March. It was determined that **K Cobian** have the flexibility to select a date in March that can be approved by the Seminary, St Charles, the KC, and the Serrans and inked on respective calendars.

VOCATION BUS TRIPS: J McGuire and M Eastham: J McGuire reported on the first spring bus trip, April 11, shepherded by **M Eastham, J McGuire, K Cobian, MA Frank** and **Mary Krawczynski**. The bus was very crowded with students from three schools with approx 50+ but we prayed and gave a little talk to keep the kids quiet. **MA Frank** commented that this was the first school visit with the girls to Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus. The nuns were very inspirational and welcoming. The boys' trip to Franciscan Brothers of Peace was also an impressive experience. Next all students went to St Mary's Chapel at SPS for Mass. The presider, **Fr Koop**, told the students "I was one of you sitting in the pew" years ago as a student. The students also heard personal stories about how vocations had developed by other priests. The 2nd spring bus trip is planned for Apr 24, to St Peter Claver for the girls and SJV/SPS for the boys. More students, approx 60+, are coming on this trip from the two schools, which will necessitate the use of two buses. Discussion ensued about praying the rosary and other prayers on the bus trip to calm the kids. **M Eastham, J McGuire, K Cobian** and **J Collodora** are signed up so far as chaperones. **T Regan** exclaimed about the fantastic pictures **J McGuire** took on the bus trips. Look for some of the photos in the next Serran News.

VOCATIONS: MA Frank and M Szydluk: MA Frank passed around prayer cards containing the Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations in Spanish, realizing that with our outreach to the Hispanics there is a need for more resources. She is making them available to other parishes via email. Currently gearing up for the Newman Ministry. Need for Parish Advocates as **N Swanson** had set up earlier. Need to update a Homebound and Suffering prayer card to replace a message from **Archbishop Flynn** with one from **Archbishop Hebda**. **N Swanson** inquired about the availability of a Traveling Crucifix to introduce at her parish, St William. **M Collins** talked about instituting Padre Serra's Corner in parish bulletins with the Serra symbol. **MA Frank** talked about visiting a parishioner who has no family to pray for. She brought her a poster of the 53 seminarians and the parishioner prays for each one on a different bead when saying the rosary, a lovely idea coming from outside of Serra. **K Cobian** talked about a booklet given him by **Judy Makowske** containing illustrations of many activities performed by our Serra club that he and **Marilyn Zappia** are using to update and create the Serra 2025-2026 Activities Calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS: J Makowske and N Swanson: N Swanson reported in **Judy Makowske's** absence. She underscored the popularity of our Serran News with widespread distribution and judging by the many comments and requests she receives. It's an outstanding professional looking monthly publication in a beautiful format disclosing past and upcoming activities performed by our North-Minneapolis apostolate and providing a 'shot of energy to others.' "We've got a winner!" **MA Frank** provided an update on hospitalization of **Don Makowske** and **N Swanson** updated us on her son **John** suffering premature aging from radiation, losing his ability to walk and think. Serrans are thanked for our prayers and asked that they please continue.

PROGRAMS: J Lohnes: reported that the Serra/KC Seminarian Awards Dinner on March 20 was a success with increased attendance over last year. The speakers at our next membership mtgs are as follows: on May 13 **Fr James Bernard**; on May 27 **Nicole Bettini**; and on June 10 **Debbie Koop**, District 7 Governor. Many membership/lunch mtgs remain unbooked and present a good opportunity to submit guest speaker referrals which will be greatly appreciated.

TREASURER: Ted McCrossan: Provided a wrap up for the Serra/KC Seminarian Awards Dinner. We came out about even. Our current balance after making annual payments for use of facilities to both St Charles and St Williams, bills for school bus trips, monthly payment to Uganda, etc is positive. Work is being done on budgeting, to know what will be coming in and going out on a monthly basis. Suggested planning should begin for the Phantom Garage Sale, our largest fundraiser, to keep our bank balance healthy.

Next Membership Events/Meetings:

May13 - Membership Lunch Meeting 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.) Speaker: **Fr James Bernard**
May 20 - Next Board Meeting 8:45 am at St. Charles Borromeo Church (Doran Hall)
May 27 - Membership Lunch Meeting 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.) Speaker: **Nicole Bettini**
June 10 - Membership Lunch Meeting 12:15 am at St. William's Church (Annex downstairs.) Speaker: **Debbie Koop**, District 7 Governor

Meeting Adjourned with prayer led by **President T Regan** at 10:05 am.