

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

by MaryAnne Frank

Pope Leo XIV has focused on vocations by stressing the importance of prayer and living a life of service rooted in Christ's love. He encourages young people to explore their unique call to priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, or service emphasizing that every vocation stems from God's loving plan and can bring joy.

Highlights from Pope Leo's teachings on Vocations

Spiritual friendship with Christ: an interior life of prayer and meditation is essential for authentic ministry.

Every vocation originates from God's mercy and goodness, and our response is a free acceptance of His loving plan.

Vocation to marriage and family life is as beautiful as the call to the priesthood.

Our part as Serrans is to extend vocation invitation and awareness by personal encouragement, example, and prayer.

North-Minneapolis District 7 Club #418

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Sister Carolyn and Sister Jill
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Oct 21 – Board Meeting 8:45 am
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

Oct 28 – Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Tony Kuplic, Laboure Society

Nov 2-8 - National Vocations Awareness Week

Nov 11 - Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William
Speaker: Tom Pomeroy, Pacem in Terris

Nov 18 – Board Meeting 8:45 am
St. Charles Borromeo, Doran Hall

Nov 21 - North Central Regional Conf.
See information on page 5.

Nov 21-23 - Serra Regional Retreat
See information on page 5.

**Happy
All Hallows Eve**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK

Would you like to hear a story of danger, courage, hope and salvation?

October 30th is the feast day of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, the man who saved the lives of thousands of Jews and war refugees in Rome during World War II. Maybe you know it: the monsignor was played by Gregory Peck in the movie "The Scarlet and the Black."

Before the War, Hugh O'Flaherty was an Irish seminarian studying in Rome. He found that he

had a facility for learning languages. After his ordination, he was asked to stay on for work in the Vatican. During the German occupation of Italy, Fr. Flaherty organized networks of volunteer priests, nuns, and laypeople for saving Jews and war refugees from the clutches of the Nazis. Operating under the noses of the Gestapo, Fr. Flaherty and his secret group operated an ingenious and effective system of safe houses throughout Italy and the city of Rome. Fr. Flaherty unofficially became known as "The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican."

Colonel Kappler, head of the Gestapo in Rome, was the monsignor's nemesis. He painted a white line on the bricks at the entrance of the Vatican, vowing that he would hang Fr. Flaherty if he got his hands him. After the war, Monsignor Flaherty visited Colonel Kappler in prison, forgave him, and eventually received him into the Church.

Let me tell you another story of hardship and courage. In 1775, St. Junipero Serra and Fr. Francisco Palou, Serra's fellow Franciscan and friend, accompanied a Spanish exploratory expedition from San Diego to the legendary Bay of Monterey. The Spanish soldiers and explorers traveled on horseback. Fr. Serra made the trek on foot, despite an enduring and painful infection in his leg due to insect bites, from which he had suffered ever since the very first day he arrived in the New World.

The expedition ultimately found and explored Monterrey Bay. They then resumed their journey, crossing over the Foothill mountains northeast of present-day Santa Cruz. They finally reached, and became the first Europeans to view, a great bay which was so enormous that it almost seemed an inland sea. On the shores of the bay, Fr. Palou raised the cross of Christ for a new Mission church. He named the mission in honor of Saint Francis, the humble friar who had begun the Franciscan movement four centuries earlier. It was the sixth of what later became the chain of 21 California Franciscan missions. Today, one can visit that same holy place, near present Market Street, in the city named after Mission San Francisco.

That's it, Dear Serrans. I hope that you have a very pleasant October and All Saints Day!

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

August 26, 2025



A VOCATION STORY FROM A MEMBER OF A SECULAR INSTITUTE

by Jo Lohnes

Natasha Sager is a member of a Secular Institute called **Caritas Christi**. Serra Club invited her to share her vocation story. Here are two interesting facts about her. Natasha was born with a rare brain malformation called Schizencephaly that caused her to have Cerebral Palsy. Having a physical disability did not stop her from pursuing a vocation in consecrated life.

Natasha came from a non-religious family, but from a young age she had an innate desire to know God. She was baptized when she was 15, and went through RCIA when she was 27. In 2014, she felt a calling to consecrated life and began researching the possibility of entering a religious community. She also learned about different forms of consecrated life such as Religious Institute (Cloistered/Active), Secular Institutes, Hermits, Consecrated Virgins, Society's of Apostolic Life and (Optional) Widows.

Natasha landed on the Secular Institute where men and women are called to consecrate their lives in the world through the profession of the evangelical counsels (poverty, chastity, and obedience). They do not receive a special title, are financially independent, and may work for the Church but most work secular jobs. Communal living is not necessary but there are small fraternal groups that live together; however, most do not. Regular meetings and retreats are scheduled that focus on formation, prayer, and community bonding.

Here is how her discernment process came about. Natasha came across a website and discovered the different communities of Secular Institutes in the U.S. She reached out to a Secular Institute with a contact in Minnesota called the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ. Because of her disability, she was redirected to the Franciscan Missionaries of Jesus Crucified. She applied and was accepted, but within a year she did not feel called to stay with them and discerned out. So, was God calling her to a different vocation? She went back to dating while at the same time also discerned becoming a Third Order Carmelite.

Later, Natasha revisited websites again and enjoyed reading about different communities. That is when she came upon a community called **Caritas Christi**, where the charism is to make God known and loved in ones providential circumstances. In this community, having a disability would not be an impediment to joining. It was her lightbulb moment. She contacted the community and started a dialogue with them. She wanted to know more but was told she needed to take the "next step" to learn more. This made her nervous because she was still discerning with the Third Order Carmelites. As a result, Natasha took a step back to pray about it. She attended a "Healing the Whole Person Retreat," where she gained confidence and peace and was then ready to ask to take the next step. She started her 9 month preparation with **Caritas Christi** on February 1, 2018. She officially entered on November 1, 2018 and started her 3 years of initial formation. On September 14, 2021, she made her first Dedication and is now in her 4th year of temporary profession. God willing, she will make her Definitive Dedication in the Summer of 2026.

What is **Caritas Christi**? It was founded in Marseilles, France in 1937 by a Dominican priest, Fr. Joseph Marie Perrin, and a Dominican lay woman, Juliette Molland. Together they wanted to raise up lay women all over the world totally given to God in the midst of the world for love of Christ and His Church. They were originally called "The Little Sister of St. Catherine of Siena," but early on changed their name to *Caritas Christi urget nos* (The Love of Christ compels us).

The purpose of **Caritas Christi** is to form and give the Church contemplative and apostolic lay women consecrated in the Church and for the Church, giving themselves in all settings of life. The Charism is to love God and make Him loved. The spirituality is a life lived in the sight of the Father who sees what is done in secret. Their prayer life includes daily Mass, the Divine Office (Morning, Evening, and Night prayer), and praying the **Caritas**

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Natasha Sager

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS



ST. CHARLES ANNUAL PARISH AND SCHOOL CELEBRATION



The St. Charles Annual Parish and School Celebration showcased the many organizations and apostolates, including the Serra Club of North-Minneapolis, that animate and support our Catholic community. The Serra display, with vocation events information, also offered 'sign on sheets' for a Priesthood Sunday Spiritual Bouquet and photo ops for kids to picture themselves as a priest or nun.



With thanks to Ken Cobian for setting up the "God Stuff" booth.



Sophia posing as a nun while her mother, Emily, watches.



CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

EVENTS FOR MEN

ANDREW DINNER

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6-8 pm

For Catholic men, ages 16 and older, discerning their vocation. Guests are typically accompanied by their Pastor, Religious Brother, or Youth Minister. Event will be held at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center.

ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Friday - Sunday, October 24 - 26, 2025

For men without a college degree. Event will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN.

VIANNEY VISIT

Thursday - Saturday, November 13 - 15, 2025

For men without a college degree. Event will be held at St. John Vianney College Seminary.

EVENTS FOR WOMEN

MIRIAM DINNER

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6-8 pm

For Catholic women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life. Women are usually accompanied by their Pastor, Consecrated Religious, or Youth Minister. Event will be held at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center.

FALL CONFERENCE
AND RETREAT

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!
SERRA NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 9:30am - 4:30pm

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

SERRA NORTH CENTRAL RETREAT

FRI, NOV 21. 8:00pm - SUN, NOV 23 - Noon

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.

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CALL TO HOLINESS



by MaryAnne Frank

A recent reading from St. Paul to the Colossians says it all!

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also call in one Body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (3:12-17)

Actually, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy provide a step-by step guide to holiness. It's not complicated! When we give of ourselves, we are perfecting God's love within us! Our heart is of interest to Jesus, not our 'to do list' ~ it's so easy to get bogged down in the minutiae of life when we are called to be holy!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



by MaryAnne Frank

Serrans are marking Priesthood Sunday with a variety of ways to honor and celebrate their parish priests:

St. Boniface inserted a column in their weekly bulletin reminding parishioners: "The Priesthood is the Love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." (St. John Vianney) along with 2 beautiful prayers for a priest and for vocations.

St. Raphael Serrans are giving a 'rucksack' of prayer to their pastor.

Epiphany, St. Charles Borromeo, SS. Cyril and Methodius, and St. John the Baptist are gathering Spiritual Bouquets to be presented on Priesthood Sunday to their priests.

Although Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September, this year, September 28th, it's not too late to send a note to your parish priest to let him know of your personal prayer and appreciation for his holy and generous ministry to you and your family!

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

A Vocation Story continued . . .

Christi prayer. They are also encouraged to utilize the different means of prayer that the Church offers us (Adoration, the Rosary etc.). Members are dedicated to the vow of celibacy and promises of obedience and poverty according to their Constitutions. They are to live simply and respond generously. Because **Caritas Christi** is a Secular Institute of Pontifical Rite, only the Holy See can dispense a member of her commitment after her Definitive Dedication.

Finally, the Secular Institutes embody the “Christian faithful living in the world, striving for the perfection of charity, and working for the sanctification of the world, especially from within . . . where their presence acts as leaven in the world.” (Catechism, 929)



VOCATIONS BUS TRIPS SET FOR THE FALL

by Mark Eastham

As the leaves start falling, the buses will be rolling again. Our bi-annual bus trips are set for this Fall with three trips scheduled. Our hosts for the trips will be The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. John Vianney, and St. Paul seminaries along with a new destination set for the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo. The trip to Demontreville will be our first ever combined trip for both the boys and the girls. The boys will spend time with the Jesuits and the girls with the Carmelite nuns at the Monastery of the Carmel of Our Lady of Divine Providence. They will all come together for Mass. If you are interested in joining any of the trips, please let Mark or Jim know.

Oct. 27 Demontreville with Jesuits and Carmelites – St. Stephens 8th graders

Oct. 29 Little Sisters of the Poor and SJV/SPS seminaries – St. Raphael's and St. JP II 8th graders

Nov. 12 Little Sisters of the Poor and SJV/SPS seminaries – St. Charles Borromeo and Immaculate Conception 8th graders

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers:

Jean Buchmann
Larry Gillespie
Terri Glaeser
Mikki Gottwalt
Esther Guzik
Michaeline Loomis
Jackie Pavlak
Jack Quesnell
Joe Spano
Chris Struble*
Marlene Tacheny
Marilyn Zappia

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

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- Repose of the soul of:
Don Makowske

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

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

NOTABLE NEWS

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Welcome***Patrick & Christine Shannon**

We are Patrick and Christine Shannon, new members of Serra Club of North Minneapolis. Since we each retired in 2017, we have been discerning active involvement with Serra, as we have a great love and sincere appreciation for the priesthood, diaconate, and religious vocations.



We were first introduced to Serra Club by Leo Paquette when he invited us to speak about our apostolate in Natural Family Planning, where we taught and worked for the Twin Cities Fertility Care Center for sixteen years.

We have been members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish for fifty-one years. Christine work as a member of the parish staff for twenty-three years. She first served as Family Life Coordinator and later as Director of Religious Education. In 1999, she earned a Masters Degree in Theological Studies.

Pat and Chris are both active members of their parish. Both serve as lectors and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Both read for weekday Masses, Pat also for weekends, and Chris also for funerals. Pat serves as an acolyte for funerals. Christine in on the parish Wittman Library Board. Both are currently support members of the OCIA program, home visitors for the homebound, and assistants for the parish seniors group, the Wisdom Society. Christine is currently serving on the Parish Council and as a small group coordinator.

Both enjoy participating in the many opportunities in our parish for prayer, education, and socialization.

Pat is an editor and Board of Director member for The Catholic Servant, a local Catholic monthly newspaper. Pat is a Third and Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, having served as Grand Knight and Navigator for both organizations.

Chris and Pat have three children, ten grandchildren, and soon one great grandchild.

We are pleased and honored to be members of the Serra Club.

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DEADLINE: Submission of all articles and event photos are due on or before the **25th** of the month.

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**Serra MEETS**

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

An online speaker series
with vocations in mind



Emanuele Costa
President
Serra International

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MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

OCTOBER

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28  ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS	29	30	1 POPE LEO XIV	2 YOUR PASTOR	3 REV. JAMES FRANCIS ADAMS ORD 2004	4 REV. PETER YAKUBU ALI ORD 1982
5 REV. ROBERT JAMES ALTIER ORD 1989	6 REV. JAKE EVERETT ANDERSON ORD 2015	7 REV. MICHAEL FRANK ANDERSON ORD 1983	8 REV. JOSEPH (TONY) ANTHONY ANDRADE ORD 1992	9 REV. LEONARD WERNER (LENNY) ANDRIE ORD 2013	10 REV. MICHAEL MEAGHER ARMS ORD 1968	11 REV. DENNIS JOSEPH BACKER ORD 2007
12 REV. ALBERT PAUL BACKMANN ORD 2000	13 REV. SEBASTIEN BULABUBI (BAKATU) BAKATUINAMINA ORD 1983	14 REV. PAUL JOHN BAKER ORD 2017	15 REV. NEIL EDWARD BAKKER ORD 2016	16 REV. THOMAS J (TOM) BALLUFF ORD 2006	17 REV. JOSEPH JEROME BAMBENEK ORD 2010	18 REV. THOMAS ANDREW BAMBRICK SJ ORD 2021
19 REV. RICHARD ALAN (RICK) BANKER ORD 1988	20 REV. AUSTIN LEONARD BARNES ORD 2020	21 REV. PATRICK THOMAS BARNES ORD 2010	22 REV. ROBERT LAURENCE (BOB) BARRY OP ORD 1973	23 REV. MICHAEL PATRICK ANTHONY BARSNESS ORD 2014	24 REV. BALUFU (CLETUS) BASEKELA ORD 1971	25 REV. JOHN MICHAEL BAUER ORD 1979
26 REV. JOHN JAMES BAUER OFS ORD 2008	27 REV. RODGER ROBERT BAUMAN ORD 1982	28 REV. MICHAEL CHARLES BECKER JR ORD 1999	29 REV. TERRY PATRICK BEESON ORD 2005	30 REV. COREY THOMAS BELDEN ORD 2002	31 ARCHBISHOP BERNARD HEBDA AUXBP. MICHAEL IZEN AUXBP. KEVIN KENNEY	1

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.

To be added to the email recipients,
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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, Mark Eastham, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Jo Lohnes, Judy Makowske, Ted McCrossan, Tim Regan, Norma Swanson. Another Serran present by phone: Marilyn Zappia.

Meeting Opened with prayer led by **President T Regan** at 8:50 am. Minutes from the previous meeting on 8/19/25 were moved, seconded, and approved.

Communications: J Makowske and N Swanson: J Makowske reminded us to sign up for the annual retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center with either the available forms or online and submitting the \$50 fee. At the next board mtg she would like a list of members planning to attend the District Mtg on Friday before the retreat begins in the evening, because it's a separate registration handled by the **District Treasurer, Charlene Zachman**. Christ the King Retreat Center has notified us that the magnificent Center is going to be offered for sale, thus limiting opportunities for future retreats. Next, **J Makowske** reported on the continuing development of our website by **Mary Krawcznnski** and is pleased and amazed by all that is included. It is available to view in its early stage by opening the home page and navigating to all the other website options. Discussion followed about what to include and exclude in the future posting of our monthly newsletter online, such as the names and photos of students attending the vocation bus trips, for which we've been advised signed permission of parents will be required. It was decided to exclude board meeting minutes from the website but to email them separately each month to members of our club. It was decided to retain the Monthly Prayer Request for Priests in the website newsletter but to also make it available on our website. Opinions were offered about the inclusion of contact information of Cub Officers in the website newsletter, followed by a motion to refer the issue to **Michelle Eastham, Mary Krawcznnski, and Judy Makowske**.

Vocation Bus Trips: J McGuire and M Eastham: M Eastham opened up discussion on soliciting funding for our Vocation Bus Trips including grants in view of the high cost of renting buses and increased needs this year due to the participation of more students. "No money, no mission." **J Makowske** raised a concern about applying for grants to the Serra International Foundation because grants are usually awarded for development of programs, not operations. **K Cobian's** list of Foundation grantees echoed the recipients as world wide developers of programs. **M Zappia** was in favor of considering application to the Foundation because we meet the criteria, it meets our mission, our mission is very unique and other clubs could learn about this mission from us by our participation. Finally, the answer will be no unless we at least ask. **MA Frank** mentioned grants need a letter of approval of our **ArchBishop** and we currently have two high priority items on his desk. Passionate reasons were voiced by **M Collins** and **J Collodora**. **President T Regan** suggested we not substitute our decision for the Foundations. A motion to submit an application to the Foundation passed 6 to 4. That was amended to submit an application in 2026 and refer the submission to a committee passed unanimously. Next, **M Eastham** provided the planning done for our fall Vocation Bus Trips by **Jim McGuire** that has required much perseverance and time in the process of establishing relationships with two new vocation sites: the Jesuits at Demontreville Retreat House and the adjacent cloistered Carmelite Monastery. Additionally, this will be a first involvement for St John the Baptist School, with 47 students signed up, and including (tentatively) either Fr. Paul or Fr. Derek. The Oct 27 tentative agenda includes arrival at 9:30, at 10 the boys will go to the Jesuit Chapel and the girls to the Carmelite Monastery. After preparation for interaction with the cloistered sisters, they will all meet for mass at 11 in the Jesuit Chapel which seats 70, followed by lunch, then tours, and departure at 12:30. The Oct 29 trip is being planned for St Raphael and Sacred Heart (pending) students who will visit SJV and SPS and Little Sisters. The Nov 12 trip is being planned with Immaculate Conception and St Charles (tentatively) students.

Vocations: MA Frank and M Szydluk: MA Frank is in the process of restoring and updating an earlier Serra program and booklet titled "Homebound and Suffering Prayer Apostolate," circa 2003, which seeks to unite pain and suffering with Christ's by way of prayers offered for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. She's filled with gratitude for **Michelle Eastham** for creating a new digital file of the booklet. The booklet has been sent to **ArchBishop Hebda** to obtain his approval and to insert his personal greeting before going to print. This program was presented several weeks ago to Judy **Cozzens** and **Moia**, Vocations Dir for Serra USA, who had requested the information and it was well received. Their intent is to use our materials as a template for the Sparks program. Next, Priesthood Sunday is Sept 28. The St Charles Borromeo spiritual bouquet sign-up sheets for **Fr Przybilla** and **Fr Lynch** (who offers Mon AM Mass) are available at the mtg. **Michelle Eastham** has designed a very beautiful cover picture of the Eucharist above a chalice for a framed presentation of the spiritual bouquet gift sheets and a tally of the individual gifts. St John the Baptist has requested framed pictures for presentations to their two priests and the **Pomeroy's** are providing the same for Epiphany. Next, prayers will continue for another year for newer Serra clubs in New Ulm, MN and Helena, MT dioceses, making note of personnel changes.

Membership: M Collins and J Collodora: M Collins passed out documents regarding new member applications for Serra International. The current one-page application is lacking in information needed for membership in our club. Working together, **M Collins** and **M Zappia** formatted a 'page 2' addendum to include the following information: a list of committee opportunities with place to designate choice, a list of membership classifications and dues, and several other personal info questions. Additionally, they have generated a document entitled 'New Member Policy and Membership Management Procedures' to assign who is responsible for doing what tasks for the enrollment of new members, including generating and updating a Master Membership List and bringing new members to a board meeting. Lastly, at the next Membership meeting, new members will be invited to the special mass and breakfast at the Seminary on June 25, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: T McCrossan presented us a copy of the current budget dated 8/18/25. The spreadsheet provided an itemized look at the total income and expenses along with the current bank balance. He answered questions and pointed out the need to stay within budget. He identified areas to be discussed at the next board mtg.

Programs: J Lohnes identified the speakers she has scheduled for Membership Lunch Meetings thru the end of Nov: Oct 14: **Sister Carolyn** and **Sister Jill** (Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet); Oct 28: **Tony Kuplic** (Laboure Society); Nov 11: **Tom Pomeroy** (Pacem in Terris). Suggested names for future speakers are always requested and welcomed and will be pursued.

Next Membership Events/Meetings:

Oct 14 - Membership Lunch Mtg, 12:15 pm at St William's Church (downstairs) Speakers: **Sister Carolyn** and **Sister Jill** - Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet
 Oct 28 - Membership Lunch Mtg, 12:15 pm at St William's Church (downstairs) Speaker: **Tony Kuplic** = Laboure Society
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 Nov 18 - Board Mtg, 8:45 am at St Charles Borromeo (Doran Hall)
 Dec 23 - Serra Club Christmas Party

Meeting Adjourned with prayer led by **President-Elect MA Frank** at 10:20 am.