



Seminarians receiving awards in 2026 were: Deacon Sebastian Spencer from St. Charles Knights, and Nathaniel Weniger, Samuel Mishler and Christopher Wikstrom from North-Minneapolis Serrans.



29TH ANNUAL SEMINARIAN AWARDS DINNER



Sponsored by the Serra Club and Knights of Columbus

by Ken Cobian

The 29th Annual Serra / Knights of Columbus Seminarian Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, March 12th, at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The evening started with a Prayer Session (Vocation Prayer, Petitions & Rosary) in the Church at 6 pm, and was followed by a social and dinner in Doran Hall. The Serra Club of North Minneapolis sponsored three seminarians, and the St. Charles Borromeo KC, Counsel #14832, sponsored one seminarian, all from Saint Paul Seminary (SPS). Each of the four seminarians honored received a \$500 cash award.

Serra Club of North Minneapolis Recipients

- **Samuel Mishler** - Samuel is a Pre-Theology II Seminarian from St. Lawrence - Newman Center Parish in Minneapolis.
- **Nathaniel Weniger** - Nathaniel is a Propaedeutic Seminarian from St. Stephen Parish in Anoka.
- **Christopher Wikstrom** - Christopher is a Propaedeutic Seminarian from St. Lawrence - Newman Center Parish in Minneapolis.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 14 - Membership Meeting 12:15 pm
Church of St. William (downstairs)
Speaker: **Dorothy Arockiasamy**
House of Hope

**Apr 17 - Priest Seminarian Basketball
Tourney** - Information on page 9.

Apr 18 - District 7 - Spring Leadership
Our Lady of Grace - 8:30 am
Mass followed by workshop sessions.

Apr 21 - Board Meeting 8:45 am
Church of St. Charles (Doran Hall)

Apr 25 - Deacon Discernment at SPS
Information on page 8.

Apr 26 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Information on page 9.

Apr 28 - MASS & Meeting 11:30 am
Church of St. William
Speaker: **Bishop Kevin Kenney**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tim Regan

DEI VERBUM

Greetings Serrans!

The critics are still trying to figure out Pope Leo, to put him in a category. Is he a Francis type? Is he a Liberal, or a "trad"? (btw, I hate that term!) But they won't be able to figure him, because no one knows where the Spirit blows.

In January, the Pope made a surprising move. Vatican II was the most important event in our history since the Reformation. In a series of Angelus conferences, Leo suggested that we should recapture the spiritual energy of the Council from the writings of the Council Fathers. He urges us to read the documents for ourselves, and ". . . *not rely on 'hearsay' or interpretations that have been given.*" Good advice, Holy Father.

On January 14, the Pope began his Catechesis with Dei Verbum, the Constitution on Divine Revelation. This starting point is itself interesting: Dei Verbum is the shortest of all the Constitutions, and yet it was very controversial. The Conciliar disagreements were not on Left or Right, or "conservative" or "reformist" lines. Rather, and this will be obvious once you think of it: the subject of Divine Revelation goes to the very nature of the Church. We Catholics do not follow the Protestant notion of Sola Scriptura. What then is the interplay between Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition? What makes us "Catholic"?

Pope Leo starts his Catechesis with this most wonderful and astounding aspect of our faith: simply that Jesus calls us "friends." The Son of the Most High God, the Word through whom the very universe was created and all words are spoken, said this:

"I do not call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (Jn 15:15).

Pope Leo says that this is a fundamental fact of our Christian faith. Dei Verbum reminds us that Jesus has radically transformed humanity's relationship with God. It is, henceforth and definitively, one of "friendship."

You are a friend of God; that's revolutionary.

Friendship requires that when our Friend speaks, we should listen. We should therefore listen carefully to God's word as He speaks to us, both through the scriptures and through the Sacred Tradition of the Church.

I've given you my take on Pope Leo's take on Dei Verbum. But don't take my verbum for it: read the documents for yourself! The easiest way to start is via Pope Leo's first conference on Dei Verbum, at the Holy See's website:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-at-audience-second-vatican-council-14-january-2026.html>

Friends: I wish you a holy Holy Week and Triduum, and a beautiful Easter!

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January 27, 2026

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

by Jo Lohnes

Our Serra Club invited Janae Bower to come and speak to us about “The Holy Face of Jesus” which is a topic that, despite Christ Himself revealing that “Reparation to His Holy Face is the highest devotion,” most devout Catholics today have not heard of it.

Combating Communism is a main thrust of the devotion, especially with regard to offenses against the first three commandments, for which man is called by Christ to make reparation - those concerning idolatry, blasphemy, and irreverence with blasphemy being the highest offense.

Historically, there are various objects of the Holy Face of Jesus. The veil of Veronica is a veil or handkerchief upon which the adorable face was miraculously impressed without paint or artificial colors, by the power of the divine Son of God during His passion and portrayed in the 6th Station of the Cross. The Shroud of Turin, likewise, was created by Jesus as an authentic relic of Christianity. The veil of Manappello is likely one of the three known images that Jesus Christ created for us during His lifetime at the moment He rose from the dead. Indeed, the veil of Veronica deals with the passion of Jesus, the Shroud of Turin with his death and the Veil of Manappello with His resurrection.

Four Popes have endorsed and approved this devotion:

- Pope Leo XIII – Establishes the Archconfraternity in 1885
- Pope Pius IX – Declares the work of reparation is destined to save modern society
- Pope Pius XII – Establishes the Holy Face Feast Day in 1958 (Shrove Tuesday)
- St. John Paul II – Dedicated the third millennium to His Holy Face

There is the promise that this devotion is “the greatest source of grace only second to the sacraments” and “the most beautiful work under the sun.”

The prayers associated with the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus include:

- Archconfraternity’s Daily Prayers - 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be, & the Act of Praise (O Lord, show us Thy Face and we shall be saved)
- Golden Arrow
- Chaplet of the Holy Face
- Litany to the Holy Face

For more information on this devotion refer to [“The Secret of the Holy Face - The Devotion destined to Save Society” by Fr. Lawrence Daniel Carney III](#)



Janae Bower



**O Jesus,
Who in Thy cruel Passion
didst become
“the Reproach of men
and the Man of Sorrows.”
I worship Thy Divine Face.**
St. Therese of the Child Jesus



CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2026-2027



The Serra Club of North-Minneapolis Nominating Committee for Club Officers (Ken Cobian, MaryAnne Frank, and Mark Eastham) presented the following recommendations to the Club Board of Trustees at their March 17 Board Meeting at St. Charles Borromeo. These names were then subsequently presented to the full membership and ratified by the membership at the March 24 Members Meeting at St. William.

Those nominated to serve our apostolate in the coming year are:

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| <u>CHAPLAIN</u> | OPEN |
| President (2 years) | MaryAnne Frank |
| President-Elect | Open |
| Secretary | Rosemary Franzese |
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| Trustee | Ted McCrossan |
| Trustee & Foundation Rep | Ken Cobian |

Installation of the Officers, who will serve from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will take place during the 11:30am Mass preceding our June 9, 2026 meeting at St. William. Please pray for your new officers!

VOCATIONS BUS TRIP

FIRST PLACE ESSAY AWARD WINNERS

November 21, 2026



FIRST PLACE GIRLS: ISLA

Spending time with others

My experience at the vocation field trip brought me joy and happiness. I liked piecing together puzzles with the elderly and chatting with them. I could tell they enjoyed our company, and I appreciated the time we had together. Knowing that the Little Sisters of the Poor dedicated their entire lives to Christ was so inspiring. They were so kind and welcoming. I wasn't sure what to expect going to a convent, but I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed my time there.

I didn't know very much about convents before this trip, except for what my grandma shared with me from her experiences growing up in Catholic school. Her stories about the sisters weren't always positive, so I will admit I felt nervous. But the moment I arrived, all of my nerves went away. The sisters had such kind, joyful attitudes, and they really made us feel at home. One of the things that surprised me most was how funny and joyful the sisters were. I expected them to be serious, but they laughed with us, asked us questions, and were really interested in getting to know us. Talking with them made the whole idea of a vocation feel way more real and not just something adults talk about in religion class. A few sisters shared their stories of how they felt God calling them. Some of them didn't hear that call until later in life, and others fought the idea because they already had a different life planned. Each story was different, but they all talked about trusting the Holy Spirit and being open to God's plan, even when it didn't look like what they expected.

Joy doesn't always need to come from big things, it could be as simple as laughing with someone over a puzzle or listening to a sister share her story. I also realized that I don't need to have my whole future figured out yet. I just need to stay open, pray, and trust that God will lead me. This field trip helped me see that every person has a calling, and discovering it can be something beautiful, surprising, and even joyful.

My visit with the Little Sisters of the Poor taught me that vocations are not about giving things up, they are about gaining something deeper. I left feeling inspired and grateful, and I know this experience will stay with me for a long time.



FIRST PLACE BOYS: CAMDEN

Listening With an Open Mind

My experience at the Saint Paul Seminary and the Saint John Vianney Seminary was something that I didn't expect to impact me so much. I thought it was just going to be a boring field trip that was an assignment. Instead, the Holy Spirit came in and touched my heart. I went home that day with new thoughts about prayer, vocations, and how I want to live my life as a Catholic.

One of the biggest things I noticed was the peace I felt when we were in the chapel. It wasn't just quiet. It was the type of silence that made me think about what really matters in life, God. The Holy Spirit showed me that prayer isn't just something that we rush and do quickly before meals or before bed. It's a way to pray more often, not just when I am supposed to, but because I want to do it.

Another part that surprised me was seeing the seminarians in real life. I didn't know or expect much about their lives. But, I was very impressed with their daily routines and sacrifices they make. They give up things that most people think are very important in their daily lives. That part made me think about my own life. I don't think that I am being called to be a priest or be in a seminary, but I do know that I want to serve and help others more. Even small acts of kindness can be part of my vocation right now, and I want to do that more often. What surprised me most was how joyful the seminarians were. I expected them to be very serious all the time, but they all laughed and made jokes. That showed me that following God's call doesn't take away joy, it brings it. The Holy Spirit helped me see that living for God can be exciting and full of joy. Because of that, I want to be more open to whatever vocation God has for me, even if it's not what I imagined it being.

The biggest thing the Holy Spirit brought to me was the idea that I need to be more open to God. I don't have everything figured out yet, which is okay because I will keep trusting God to help me. I will eventually make the proper decision. This trip didn't just give me information, it made me want to keep growing in my faith. It made me want to pray more, help others, and pay attention to what God might be asking me to do. I don't know exactly what my vocation will be, but now I feel more ready with God guiding me all the way.

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Seminarian Awards Dinner continued . . .**Knights of Columbus Recipient**

- **Rev. Mr. Sebastian Spencer** - Deacon Sebastian is a Theology IV Seminarian from St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Anthony. He will be ordained at the Cathedral of St. Paul, MN on May 30, 2026.



Mr. Mark Eastham, who is both a Serra member and a Knight, served as emcee for the evening providing structure and warmth to the event.

The awards dinner was attended by over 100 persons including the four seminarians and their parents, five priests, two deacons, Serra members and their guests, and Knights and their guests. The priests attending included Father Mark Pavlak, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Father Joseph Taphorn, Rector and Vice President of the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, Father Tim Tran, Parochial Vicar at St. Stephen Parish in Anoka, Father Troy Przybilla, Pastor St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Anthony, Father Brian Lynch, Knights of Columbus Chaplain & Regions Hospital Chaplain and Pastor of St. Agatha, and Deacon Stephen Najarian, St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Anthony, and Deacon Jose Luis, Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia Heights. Also in attendance was Tony Floeder from St. Charles Borromeo Parish who is an Instituted Acolyte in the Permanent Diaconate Program and will be ordained in December, 2026.



The highlight of the evening was listening to each of the four seminarians speak about their discernment experiences and how they each heard and responded to their vocational call.

Photos by MaryAnne Frank

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS


THE MOBILE MISSION



by Mathias Lundgren, Holy Cross, Minneapolis
St. John Vianney College Seminary

This January, 40 first-year seminarians from St. John Vianney College Seminary, including myself, went on a mission trip to Mobile, Alabama. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by our gracious hosts for the week: the Nuns of the Visitation Monastery. Although they are a cloistered community, we were all able to participate at Mass with them, separated by the cloister wall, including on the feast day, for them celebrated as a solemnity, of St. Francis De Sales, one of their founding patrons! The week also included a stop to Dauphin Island to visit the Gulf of America, the historic Fort Gaines, and eventually the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship. We were also hosted by the Archdiocese of Mobile Serra Club after a Sunday Mass, and throughout the week were welcomed by other local groups such as the Men of St. Joseph group, and a large high school men's small group. The Southern Hospitality was spectacular at all events. Finally, on the trek back north, we stopped in Hanceville, the home of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, a cloistered home for Poor Clare nuns, founded by EWTN's foundress, Mother Angelica, in 1999. The shrine is where the SJV seniors made their silent retreat and we were able to share a meal with them before the tour of the JPPII Eucharistic Center on the Campus, which left me speechless. I would Highly recommend making a trip/pilgrimage if you can.

Now, the Mission aspect of the trip. The mission mainly consisted in aiding the Archdiocese of Mobile's Catholic Social Services through manual labor on some various home improvement projects for the poor, disabled, and elderly of the area. This area contains some of the poorest of the poor, so all of the work that is done for these people's homes is completely free to them. The 40 of us were split up into 5 groups of about 8 of us, and we were assigned projects and project managers. I was placed in a group that was working to beautify a woman's house. It had taken much weather damage over the years and needed to be freshened up. The big project there was scraping the old paint from the exterior of the house and repainting it. Some of the other projects were replacing all of the screen doors (3), replacing the rotting door jam, and constructing and hanging a gate for the driveway. Most of my time was spent on the gate. I loved using my limited carpentry skills in this way, especially since it got me out of scraping and painting. Other groups, however, worked building handrails and wheelchair ramps, and others worked replacing broken windows and reglazing the window trim. Being in the south, many of the folks we were helping were not Catholic themselves, but this was a great opportunity for evangelization through action. I did not have much contact with the woman whose house I was working on other than going in to wash my hands before lunch, but I have to believe that she, along with the many others who are helped by this organization, was affected positively by the experience and maybe has taken a new outlook on the Catholic church as whole.

Also, we (not me personally) [made the news!](#) 

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please keep in your prayers:

Jean Buchmann
 Kay Cooley
 ***Dave Collins
 Larry Gillespie
 Terri Glaeser
 Mikki Gottwalt
 Esther Guzik
 *Virginia Krawczynski
 **Katherine Lager
 Michaeline Loomis
 Denny Madden
 Jackie Pavlak
 Jack Quesnell
 Tim & Jenni Regan
 Joe Spano
 Marlene Tacheny

**Mother of Mary Krawczynski
 **Daughter of Loretta Thielen
 ***Husband of Maureen Collins*

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- Repose of the soul of
 Chris Struble
 Son-in-Law of MaryAnne & Steve
- Diaconate Discernment -
 April 25

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

- Archbishop Hebda and
 Patrice Zangs
- Fr. Mark Pavlak and
 Patty McQuillan
- "Walk with Me Deacon,"
 Rev. Mr. Alexander Hall
- Safety of the Sisters of Jesus
 the Lord in Russia

CLUB EVENTS & NEWS

CALL TO HOLINESS



LENTEN JOURNEY

by MaryAnne Frank

As I slog through the final days of Lent, counting the few remaining days until Easter, I find my physical self more than ready to celebrate Easter before its time. I feel as if I'm giving truth to the writer, Flannery O'Connor when she said: *"all human nature vigorously resists grace because grace changes us and the change is painful."*

It makes me wonder if she too might have had a difficult time giving up chocolate for 40 days. My spiritual self keeps reminding me that a life without challenges, while mellow, doesn't offer an impetus to grow. If I keep shouting: *"I don't wanna!"* (fast from chocolate) how will I ever hear the voice of God?

Realizing my own weaknesses and the need to experience the 'spiritual desert' of Lenten requirements so that I can emerge as (please God) more attuned to His will and grace, the spiritual me can be released from petty distractions. It is all part of our Lenten pilgrimage as we journey to the Alleluias of Easter. I pray that I will always be open to realize and understand the beauty of want and denial so that I may appreciate the stunning beauty of grace and salvation!

Through Your death, Lord, You have called us into Your household! Psalm 118 pleads, **"Open to me the gates of holiness . . ."** The season of Lent has prepared us by sacrificial almsgiving, and penances that chasten and polish us with God's grace to become more holy.

As we have accepted these moments of grace, we grow in God's love and our love of God. Following St. Junipero Serra's mantra: "always forward," we cannot stagnate, but must build on the graces bestowed upon us.

In our fragile nature, we count our wounds, perhaps a harsh word or perceived ingratitude or any seeming offense that hurt us, and realize that in God's mercy, we are allowed to experience in a small way, how Jesus suffered for us. *"Wounds become windows through which we see God."* (Fr. Jonathan Robertson)

Soon, we are transitioning from sacrifice to celebration, from Lent to Easter and, braced by our small surrenders of self, let us use the graces we have received to grow in holiness - in the likeness of God!

As we are called to holiness, let our vulnerability provide the path to holiness!



DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

APRIL 25, 2026

Register by emailing deaconvocation@archspm.org

If you are considering a vocation as a permanent deacon, your first step is to attend a Deacon Discernment Day. Discerners and their wives (if applicable) will learn about the vocation of the Permanent Deacon, the Institute for Diaconate Formation, and get answers to the following questions:

- What is a deacon?
- Who can become a deacon?
- How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family?
- How does one discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders?
- What prerequisites are needed?
- What is the application, discernment and formation process?

The next Deacon Discernment Day will be held from 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, at The Saint Paul Seminary.

The day includes Mass, prayer, reflections, lunch, Q&A, and more.

This day is intended for single or married men, and their wives if applicable, between the ages of 25 and 59. He must be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien with a green card and a permanent resident in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Please contact deaconvocation@archspm.org to register or for any questions.

NOTABLE NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 26, 2026



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "**Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.**" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms

the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

2026 marks the **63rd Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

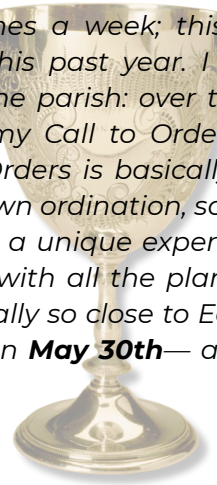
"WALK WITH ME" SEMINARIAN LETTER FOR APRIL

Dear Serrans,

First of all, thank you all for your continued prayers during this past year. As some of you may know, I decided to postpone my priestly ordination last May and have been assigned to St. John Neumann where I have been serving since last July. It has been wonderful to work in the office as a part of the parish staff. I prepare the weekly bulletin and eNewsletter, as well as helping with preparing the weekend Mass materials. I preach multiple times a week; this has been one of the highlights of this past year. I have done most of the baptisms at the parish: over thirty-five children so far! I received my Call to Orders on Tuesday, March 17. The Call to Orders is basically the Archbishop's invitation to one's own ordination, so now planning begins in earnest! It is a unique experience to balance my usual work load with all the planning that goes into ordination, especially so close to Easter. I am excited for my ordination on **May 30th**— a long time in coming!

In Christ,

Rev. Mr. Alexander Hall



A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED: OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE

We are excited to announce the launch of our new **Serra Club website!** This **online resource** will serve as a central hub for club news, events, and updates, helping us stay connected as we support vocations and one another.

As part of this transition, some items that are traditionally included in our newsletter will soon be available on the website. Going forward, members will receive each current newsletter as a **link in a reminder email**, making it easy to access on any device. In addition, the website will feature an archive of past newsletters, so you can browse previous issues at any time.

Please note that the website is a work in progress and still under construction, so we appreciate your patience as we continue to refine and expand its content. We encourage you to explore the site, provide feedback, and enjoy this new way to stay informed and connected with our Serra Club community.

Visit the site here: <https://www.serraclubnmpls.org/>

PRIEST AND SEMINARIAN ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
HILL-MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL**

6PM - ST. JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY VS. ST. PAUL SEMINARY

7:30 PM - THE WINNING SEMINARY VS. THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS!



NOTABLE NEWS

**SERRA NORTH-CENTRAL REGION
ANNUAL SPRING LEADERSHIP GATHERING**



Saturday, April 18th, 2026

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Edina

Mass 8:30 AM

Continental breakfast.

Speaker: **Very Rev. Joseph Taphorn,**
Rector, St. Paul Seminary

Welcome and encouragement for ALL Serrans - whether officer or not. Don't let the word "leadership" scare/deter you! Small group meetings by committee/office held. Afternoon Session packed with info on vocations and making our clubs better. Ends by 2:00 PM.

RSVP requested by April 7 to:

Charleen Zachman
charzach2015@gmail.com or 763 443-8045

Cost is \$30.00. Payable on the 18th at check-in.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, and Meeting Materials



**THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA
INDIANAPOLIS, IN, USA
JULY 9-12, 2026**

Serra's 83rd International Convention will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana, also known as "the crossroads of America!" Indianapolis Serrans are excited to welcome you to their unique yet all-American city.

As always, our Serra Convention is a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and learning. Engage with well-known speakers who will inspire with their deep wisdom and insights. From practical workshops to inspiring keynote addresses, you'll enhance your faith and be equipped with the tools to strengthen your efforts to foster and promote vocations!

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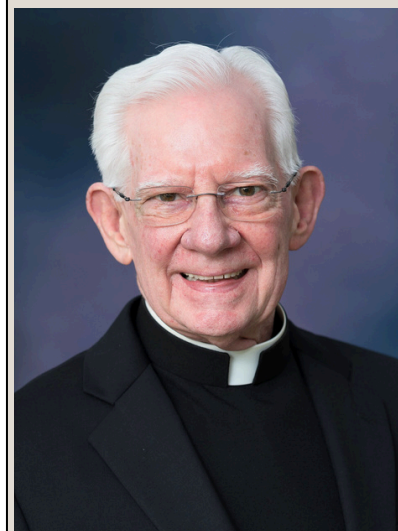
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Serra MEETS

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

An online speaker series
with vocations in mind



Msgr. William Fay, PhD

*Professor of Philosophy & Theology
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
Massachusetts*

**Date: Mon, Apr 20th, 7 pm CDT
Webinar Link:**

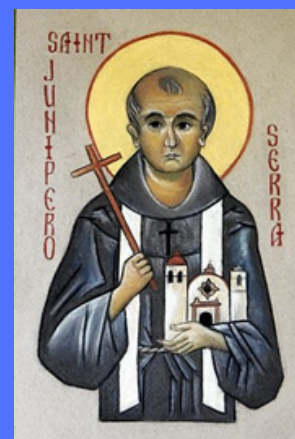
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MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

APRIL

2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 12 REV. PAUL ANTHONY KAMMEN ORD 2007 | 13 REV. RANDAL JOHN KASEL ORD 2005 | 14 REV. SCOTT RICHARDS KATZENBERGER CSSR ORD 1997 | 15 REV. JEROME FREDERICK KEISER ORD 1971 | 16 VERY REV. JONATHAN JOSEPH KELLY ORD 2011 | 17 REV. PATRICK ALLEN KENNEDY ORD 1977 | 18 MOST REV. KEVIN THOMAS KENNEY ORD 1994 |
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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.

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 men to the priesthood and diaconate to continue Your work in our Archdiocese.

Club Officers Present: Ken Cobian, Judie Collodora, Mark Eastham, MaryAnne Frank, Rosemary Franzese, Jo Lohnes, Judy Makowske, Ted McCrossan, Jim McGuire, Tim Regan. **Member present:** Loretta Thielen.

Meeting Opened with prayer led by **President-Elect MaryAnne Frank** at 8:45 am. Minutes from the previous meeting on 1/20/26 were moved, seconded and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS VP: J Makowske requested the upcoming Newsletter submission be prior to the regular 25th of the month and asked if there are any new items to be covered. She reminded us of the Annual Serra Regional Spring Leadership Training Day at Our Lady of Grace, Sat Apr 18 8:30 - 2:00 pm and added it's important for officers to attend. RSVP info is in newsletter. The Serra website is in a holding pattern. **L Thielen** was Introduced as a nominee for VP Co-Chair of Communications. A request has been made to the Archbishop for a Chaplain for our Serra Club

PRESIDENT'S ITEMS: T Regan encouraged officers to attend the National Serra Conv. in Indianapolis, IN Jul 9-13

PROGRAMS VP: J Lohnes reports the following speakers have been scheduled for future Serra Membership Mtgs: April 14, 2026--**Dorothy Arockiasamy**, House of Hope; April 28, 2026--**Bishop Kevin Kenney**, Mass and talk; May 12, 2026--**Sister Teresa Rose** and **Sister Angelica**, Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.

KofC/Serra Seminarian Awards Dinner: Event Chair **K Cobian** reported that 105 attended, including five priests and 2 deacons. All went smoothly due to the expertise, time and energy of many Serrans, ie. **Ken, Mark, Jim, Jo, Michelle, Ted, Mary** and **Bonnie. J Makowske** enjoyed a marvelous opportunity to talk about the mission and endeavors of Serra with **Fr. Pavlak. MA Frank** noted the value of the evening with seminary leaders attending and Serrans able to engage them.

VOCATION V-P's - MA Frank, Bus Co-Chairs **M Eastham** and **J McGuire: J McGuire** gave details about two planned spring bus trips for 8th graders: on 4/16 for St John the Baptist and on 4/23 for Sacred Heart and Montessori School with both trips visiting SJV/SPS and Little Sisters of the Poor. Unfortunately the 4/23 trip needs to be rescheduled. **M Eastham** chimed in about not yet having a chaplain to accompany the St John the Baptist students which has been strongly recommended by the seminary. Discussions are occurring to visit alternate religious sites in the fall. It's very difficult/frustrating to make contact with individuals for planning fall trips.

MA Frank requested we check our parishes for Baccalaureate Celebrations in order to provide information about Newman Ministries at the event. Our "Walk with Me Seminarian," **Deacon Alex Hall** will be ordained this spring. **Seminarian Mathias** from Holy Cross sent a thank you for our prayers and financial boost. A reminder that the upcoming World Day of Prayer for Vocations occurs on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26. **J McGuire** reported receiving a thank you note from **Fr Nick Hagen** for the donations we gave him. **J. McGuire** will ask St. Raphael **KC's** for a \$500 donation for a spring bus trip.

MEMBERSHIP V-P's M Collins and **J Collodora: J Collodora** said efforts to bring Serra to parishes is at stand-still because the Archdiocese Vocation Office is promoting a Called By Name program in parishes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: T McCrossan reported our bank balance is in good condition. Big news: a long-awaited check arrived last week and is in the vault. Over 50% of dues have been paid. The Christmas luncheon at JAX was break even. Serra paid 2/3 or more of the cost of the recent KofC/Serra Seminarian Awards Dinner and will meet with KofC **Dan Christiansen** to see how much his organization kicked in. He's working on a budget and looking forward to meeting with the new treasure, **Tom Pomeroy**, to bring him up to speed.

OLD BUSINESS: Study of Our Club to improve our functionality and manage our costs/dues: A committee consisting of **M Collins, J Collodora, MA Frank** and **J Makowske** met on Feb 16 to analyze comparison data previously prepared by the Membership Comm (**M Collins** and **J Collodora**), our club's history, and data from **Bette Litchy** and our Treasurer **T McCrossan** to find ways to improve efficiency in how we function and improve the management of our costs based on our dues. The study outcome is a very impressive 3-page report full of data which justifies the efficiencies detailed of one major activity to focus on monthly and one luncheon meeting each month which will balance our costs/dues. The following motion was made, seconded and passed: As of July, 2026 our Serra Club will hold a Members Meeting once per month. Further, a committee consisting of **R Franzese, J Makowske, T McCrossan, J McGuire, J Collodora** and **T Pomeroy** will meet to look at options for payment of Club dues.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations Committee Report: The Serra Club of North-Minneapolis Nominating Committee, (**K Cobian, MA Frank, and M Eastham**) presented the following recommendations to the Board, for Club Officers to serve July, 2026 to June, 2027.

President (2 year term) - MaryAnne Frank; President-Elect - Open; Secretary - Rosemary Franzese; Treasurer - Tom Pomeroy; Vocation CoVP's - Judy Makowske & Maureen Collins; Vocation Bus Trip CoVP's - Jim McGuire & Mark Eastham; Membership CoVP's - Judy Collodora & Carrie Pomeroy; Programs CoVP's - Jo Lohnes & Carrie Pomeroy; Communications CoVP's - Loretta Thielen & Judy Makowske; Trustees - Matt Bona, Ken Cobian, Ted McCrossan & Stella Roman; Foundation Rep.- Ken Cobian.

The slate of officers was approved and will be presented to the Membership for a vote at the March 24 Members Meeting.

In addition, a Chaplain recommendation was submitted (Name deferred ,pending approval of the Archbishop.)

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer led by **President-Elect MaryAnne Frank** at 10:20 am.