



Serra Club of Duluth, Minnesota

Region 8, District 7, Club #62
Spring and Summer 2016

From Our Serra Ministry President, Al Makynen

DULUTH SERRA MINISTRY CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF SERVICE

Serra Ministry is the Global Lay Apostolate for Vocations in the Catholic Church. The mission of our ministry is to:

- (1) foster and promote vocations to the priesthood
- (2) support priests in their sacred ministry
- (3) encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated life
- (4) assist Serra Members to recognize and respond to God's call to holiness.

We do all of this through fellowship, educational lunch meetings, ministry of presence, prayer, events, and personal acts of support and encouragement. In June, we will be hosting the reception for seminarians who will be ordained as transitional deacons. In the fall, we visit the seminarians from our diocese in St. Paul. Near Christmas, we host a dinner for all of the priests in our diocese. In the spring we host a pie and ice cream social for the consecrated religious from our diocese.

The Duluth Serra Ministry, founded on May 19, 1951, is a group of Catholic men and women who are active in the practice of their faith. We are a part of Serra International started in 1935 and named in honor of recently-canonized Saint Junipero Serra who in the 18th century evangelized and stood firm in the defense of the native peoples of California. He eventually became known as the Spiritual Father of California. Serra now has 1,170 ministries serving in 46 nations.

This year the Duluth Serra Ministry celebrates 65 years of service. With your prayers and participation we can do even more to increase “fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls.”

To learn more about how you can make a difference and share in our ministry to foster and encourage Catholic vocations, please go to: www.SerraInternational.org or contact the Duluth Serra Ministry President, Al Makynen, at almakynen@gmail.com

From Our Vice President of Programs, Pat Pfahl

08/15 Duluth Area Catholic School's Board Member

09/05 – **NO MEETING (Labor Day)**

09/19 - Bill LeMire - Director of Advancement at the Laboure Society

10/03 – Michael Smeby – District Governor visit.

10/17

11/07

11/21

12/05 – Christmas Party for the Priests of the Diocese

12/19 – Fr. John Petrich – Serra Ministry Chaplin – Mass in Celebration of the Christmas Season

Upcoming Serra Duluth Events:

- Visit with the Seminarians to be scheduled in October 2016
- Serra Christmas Party for the Priests in December 5, 2016

Pie and Ice Cream Social for Consecrated Religious at the Rockhurst Dining Hall at the St. Scholastica Monastery on 4/17/2016





Foreground left to right: Sister Pauline Micke, Serra Chaplain Father John Petrich, Serran Jim Manderfeld, and prioress Sister Beverly Raway.

Background standing left to right: Serran Jim Jarocki, Serran John Hansen. Many thanks to Al Makynen for the pictures of this event.

**Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision....
Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love.**

—Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013



65th Anniversary of the Founding of Duluth Serra Ministry



On May 16, 2016, Duluth Serra Ministry President Al Makynen welcomed Sister Gaudensia Myanyika from St. Agnes Monastery in Tanzania to be the speaker for the 65th Anniversary of the founding of Duluth's Serra Ministry. Sister Gaudensia is participating in the Alliance for International Monasticism's "Twinning" program in conjunction with the Sisters of the St. Scholastica Monastery. She is raising funds to build the first school for students with learning disabilities and handicaps in Tanzania.



A treasured centerpiece at the 65th Anniversary of the founding of Duluth's Serra Ministry was a first class relic of newly-canonized St. Junipero Serra, Patron Saint of Religious Vocations.



Past Duluth Serra Ministry President Dr. Dennis Soukup posing with Serra member Tina Licari and enjoying the fellowship at the 65th Anniversary of the Duluth Serra Ministry on May 16, 2016.



Pictures from the Serra Ministry-hosted Reception for the Transitional Deacon Ordination on June 2, 2016 at the Cathedral of Our Lady



Left to Right: Serran Dr. James Monge, Dr. Dennis Soukup (past Serra President), newly-ordained Deacon Beau Braun, Serra President Al Makynen.



Left to Right: Serra President Al Makynen, newly-ordained Deacon Jeremy Bock, and Serran Deacon John Weiske.



Left to Right: Serran Dr. James Monge, Dr. Dennis Soukup (past Serra President), Bishop Paul Sirba, Vice-President of Membership Jim Cherveney, and Serra President Al Makynen.



Left to Right: Recent Serra Ministry speaker Seminarian Kaleb Quast with Bishop Paul Sirba.



Left to Right: Seminarian Ben Lanari, Transitional Deacons Chad VanHoose and Peter Lee of the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis, newly-ordained Transitional Deacon Jeremy Bock, and Transitional Deacon Sam Schneider of the Diocese of Superior.



Left to Right: Newly ordained Deacon Beau Braun, Anthony and Joan Jay and Father Drew Braun



Left to Right: Seminarian Chris Wilson, Christina Serena, Seminarian Matt Miller, Sarah Spangenberg, Melina Birchem, Julia Carr, Morgan McCleary and Mikaela Chandler. Seminarians Chris and Matt will be attending school in Rome this coming year, and they are spending time with friends from UMD Newman Campus Ministry prior to their 7/7/2016 flight.



Left to Right: Newly ordained Father Paul Strommer, Father Anthony Wroblewski, and Paul's parents, Mike and Ann Strommer. Father Paul is serving as Parochial Vicar for St. Francis in Brainerd with Pastor Anthony Wroblewski.

Left to Right: Father Charles Friebohle and Father Paul Strommer ordained June 3, 2016 by Bishop Paul Sirba at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral



St. Junipero Serra's Mission San Diego de Al Cala by Roger Miller



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