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THE SERRA NEWS

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NEXT MEETING

-----→ **NEW LOCATION AND DATE THIS MONTH** ←-----

Monday, September 26, 2016

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, 310 S. Wheaton Ave., WHEATON

Guests are welcome! Please contact Joanne Carr: carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

Father Tony Taschetta *

6:15 pm	Rosary for Vocations
6:30 pm	Mass
7:00 pm	Fellowship (<i>Parish Center</i>)
7:15 pm	Dinner
7:45 pm	Program: Meeting & Bishop presentation



Fr. Anthony Taschetta is a retired priest of the Diocese of Joliet having completed his last pastorate at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Conception (Missouri) Seminary, Master of Divinity from St. Meinrad Seminary, Master of Arts from Indiana University, and Doctor of Ministry from Mundelein Seminary. Fr. Tony speaks fluent Spanish is an adoptive father and grandfather. In Fr. Tony's words "Relationships. It's all about relationships. And I thank and praise God that he has given me the most profound and wonderful of unions and communions with my people, my family."

SAVE UPCOMING DATES:

Sat. Sept. 11 Serra Officers & Trustees Meeting, St. Procopius Abbey – ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

(All members are invited to attend - Lend your voice in creating new activities for our chapter!)

St. Procopius Abbey, 5601 College Rd., Lisle

7:00 am – Mass (*Abbey Church*)

7:45 -9 am – Meeting (*Private dining room, lower level*)

October Meeting Location/Time - TBA



President's Corner:

Greetings Serrans,

Hard to believe summer is coming to an end. We are still getting very positive feedback on the Seminarian Sendoff, again thank you to everyone that helped made the Sendoff a huge success.

We received only four meeting dates from St. Petronille for the upcoming meeting season. Our September dinner meeting will be on Monday, September 26 at St. Michaels' in Wheaton featuring Fr. Tony Taschetta. With the search for meeting space we are looking for input from the entire membership. This will be a major agenda item at the September 11 Officers Meeting at St. Procopius Abbey after the 7 am Mass. I would like to encourage all members to attend this meeting and join in on the conversation.

Some meeting suggestions from members:

- Canvas the membership addresses to see where the concentration of members reside
- Possibly move the venue further south to attract new members
- Limit the meetings to Rosary, Mass and Speaker, no dinner
- Once a quarter dinner meetings, other meetings no dinner

In addition to the monthly meeting discussion, we will discuss the 2016-2017 budget. We are trying to get more exposure for our Serra Club in promoting vocations and helping to establish new Parish Vocation Ministries. In doing so we are spending money in outreach efforts. This year we have registered to participate in the Called By Name Conference (formerly the Here I Am Conference). This conference is attended by over 2,000 junior high and high school students from throughout our diocese. This year the conference has added a Family Night to the schedule.

I am looking forward to another exciting meeting season full of Serra activities and good speakers. If you have any recommendations for a speaker please do not hesitate to pass the name along. Hope you and your family have an enjoyable Labor Day weekend and I hope to see you at the September 11 and 26 meetings.

Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for us! De Colores!

John Matyasik

President

PS. I'm very pleased to present a **message from our Chaplain, FR. HERB ESSIG in the newsletter this month.** I pray that Fr. Herb will continue to share his thoughts with a monthly column.



Chaplain's Chatter:

Thanks for the great Seminarian Send-Off Dinner. It was appreciated by all. In this Year of Mercy we celebrate that canonization of Mother Teresa on September 4th. Mother Teresa practiced the works of mercy throughout her life. Mother Teresa said, "Never think a small action done to your neighbor is not work much. It is not how much we do that is pleasing to God, but how much love we put in doing." Another messenger of mercy is Padre Pio whose Feast is September 23rd. He was a renowned confessor who spent many hours bringing the mercy of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope Francis requested the body of Padre Pio and another outstanding confessor, Fr. Lepold Mandie, to be brought to the Vatican for a week last February so people would be encouraged to go often to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A prayer composed by Padre Pio to be said after Communion is attached to this newsletter.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Herb Essig

PRAYER REQUEST:



For These Serrans & Friends, We Pray to the Lord

Geri Carey (wife of Peter), Nora Kornesczuk (mother of Jim), Mary Naughton (mother of Theresa Gilbert), Hugh Toner, Nancy Toner (daughter-in-law of Hugh and Maureen), Sangeetha Devadas (Sister of Vijay Devadas), Lalitha Devadas (Mother of Vijay Devadas), Serran Jean Leyman, Fr. Ronald Hart, Fr. Doug Hauber, Fr. Vytas Memenas, and Archbishop J. Peter Sartain



For the Repose of the Souls of... Fr. Kenneth E. Yarno, C.S.V; Betty Rosenbaum (Serran and mother of Rev. Mark Rosenbaum); Zdziskaw Ignasik (father of Rev. Slawomir Ignasik); Scott Solomon (father of Fr. Paul Solomon)



HAPPY "SEPT." BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS & PERMANENT DEACONS

- (1) Fr. Michael Powell; Deacon James Foody (2 Fr. Daniel Stempora; Deacon William Stroner (3) Fr. Stanley Drewniak (4) Fr. Reynaldo Treyes (5) Deacon Lorenzo Chaidez (6) Deacon Frank Annerino; Deacon Paul Walen (7) Deacon David Ritter (8) Fr. William O'Shea; Deacon Arturo Chacon; Deacon Arturo Chacon; Deacon Manuel Guerrero; Deacon Dale Metcalfe (9) Fr. John Dennerlein; Fr. Michal Twaruzek; Deacon Jerome Gregoire (10) Fr. Mark Rosenbaum; Deacon John Feely (12) Fr. Jonathan Foster, OFM (13) Fr. Joslad Xavier Koilparambil; Deacon Ralph Bias; Deacon Terry Safko; Deacon Timothy Taylor (14) Fr. Douglas Hauber; Deacon Rigoberto Padilla (15) Deacon Dennis Theriault (16) Fr. Hee Chan Do (17) Fr. James Socias (18) Fr. Gregory Skowron; Fr. James Murphy; Fr. James Dougherty (19) Deacon William Thomas (20 Fr. Scott McCawley Deacon Thomas Ross (21) Fr. Donald Wehnert, CSV; Deacon John Spiezio (22) Fr. T. Becket Franks, OSB (23) Fr. Robert Coleman; Fr. William J. Cullen ; Deacon Anthony Schlott (24) Deacon Joseph Johnson (25) Fr. Mark Jendrysik; Fr. Michal Skiba, S Ch (26) Deacon Kevin Koster (27) Fr. Donald Lewandowski, OSA (28) Fr. John Regan (29) Fr. Robert Boley, O. Carm; Deacon Genaro Mempin (30) Deacon Timothy Kueper

SUGGESTED READING:

Silent Prayer *Written by Saint Padre Pio*

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord for You are my life and without You, I am without meaning and hope.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You every more, and to be in Your company always. ~

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love.

Stay with me Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing. Death, judgment and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, and for that I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need you, my Jesus, in this night of exile.

Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of this life, with all its dangers, I need You. Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus. I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your presence. Oh yes! I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong and active love.

Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love You perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus.

Amen

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