## SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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## Ordination Anniversaries



#### **OCTOBER**

10/5	Rev. David Zegar
10/14	Rev. Richard Sirianni
10/18	Rev Joseph Heuberger
1023	Rev. Steve Stobie

## Birthdays october



10/05 10/06 10/09	Rev. Jeffrey Meeuwsen Rev. William Hammelman, OSB Rev. Thomas Hosinski, CSC Rev. Jack Krall
	Rev. Michael Sprauer
10/12	Rev. Craig Boly, SJ
10/14	Rev. Rock Sassano
10/15	Rev. Ronald Nelson
10/17	Rev. John Brouillard
10/21	Rev. Jose Luis Gonzales
10/23	Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart
10/27	Rev. Ronald Millican
10/29	Rev. Todd Molinari
	Rev. Leslie Sieg

10/31 Rev. William Ryan, OSA Rev. Theodore Weber

## **President's Message**



He was so short that his feet did not touch the ground when he was sitting in his "chair." He was overweight and he had a cherubic round face. Dressed in a "Santa Costume" he would have made a perfect Santa. Instead he was our Pope St. John XXIII who was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881. He was 22 when he was ordained a priest in 1904 and he did not become a cardinal until 1953. He was elected Pope just five years later on October 25, 1958, at the then old age of 76. Certainly too old to effect major change in the Church, or so we thought, but his influence would be vast and it reverberates to this day.

Pope St. John XXIII changed the Church in his short four and one-half years by asking us to be relevant to the world through the Vatican II Council. This Council which opened on October 11, 1962, and whose fiftieth anniversary conclusion we just celebrated opened the Church through its examination of our Church and its teachings and practices. Some might say we went too far and others not far enough, but practices can be refined to meet the needs of the time; and our beliefs as expressed in the "Apostles Creed" have not been modified. Rather, how we express our beliefs has changed; and will continue to do so, as we have seen in the intervening years since the conclusion of the Vatican II Council.

I found it interesting in researching this message, that in October of 1962 John XXIII went to Assisi and prayed to St Francis that the Council would be a success. Certainly his successors in Blessed Pope Paul VI, Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and now Pope Francis have worked to refine, modify, and improve the practice of our Faith. I also understand a bit more why the name our current Pope chose might also have a connection with Pope St. John XXIII whose feast day we celebrate on October 11, the day the Council opened rather than the usual custom of his birthday or date of death.

Mary, Mother of Vocations and Saint Junipero Serra, Pray for us. Art Diederich, President



#### SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mother Teresa was canonized as a Saint on September 4, 2016 in Rome, Italy. Pope Francis said "Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer."

To quote Saint Teresa, "I will be a saint means I will despoil myself of all that is not God. I will strip my heart and empty it of all created things; I will live in poverty and detachment. I will renounce my will, my inclinations, my whims and fancies, and make myself a willing slave to the will of God. Yes, my children, this is what I pray for daily - - for each one - - that we each may become a slave to the will of God.

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Region 12 is proud to be chartering TWO new Serra Clubs this month. Below are the invitations sent out to new club members and current club sponsors and members. All are welcome. Contact information is on the invitation if you want to attend or know of someone in the Walla Walla or Coeur d'Alene area who would be potential members! Questions, please contact Dan Jones or Martin Weber.

You are graciously invited to the

Serra Club of the Blue Mountains

Installation Mass Celebrated by

The Most Reverend Thomas A Daly

Bishop of Spokane

Followed by the Chartering and Induction Dinner

Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

415 W. Alder Street

Walla Walla, Washington

The favor of your reply is requested by August 31, 2016



You are cordially invited to the

Installation Mass of the Serra Club of North Idaho

Celebrated by
The Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen,
Bishop of Boise

Fr. Mariusz Majewski, Chaplain

Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 11:00 AM St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 919 E. Indiana Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Followed by the chartering luncheon at St. Thomas Parish Center 406 N. 10th Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Please RSVP by September 9, 2016



# SAVE THE DATE

Make your plans to attend the International Convention in 2017!

It should be a wonderful and momentous trip!!

Mark your calendars and plan ahead!

#### PROGRAM RECAPS

August 3, 2016 - Jason Kidd, Director of Marriage & Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Portland was our guest speaker whose topic was "The Secret to solving the Vocation Crisis is no Secret at All". He pointed out as Serrans we know we need more vocations and his focus was on: Our current situation, 3 keys to vocations, and 4 ways we could help.

We currently are in a decline! We are Sacramentalized but NOT Evangelized and Priest and Religious are dying off.

The "secret" is encounter and conversion, discipleship and faith-filled family. So what can we do?

- Pray
- Grow in Faith
- Witness/Share
- Disciple 3 of those around you
- Support family

#### 13th Annual Seminary Benefit Dinner

Please join the Mount Angel seminarians in celebrating the 13th Annual Seminary Benefit dinner on **Sunday**, **November 6**, **at the Oregon Convention Center**. The cocktail reception begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a very special program. You can help support the formation of the next generation of priests by sponsoring or co-sponsoring a table. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet the seminarians!

For more information, contact Lynn Jones at Icayanusjones@frontier.com or call 503-645-2172.



#### **SUNDAY, SEPT 25, 2016**

Kevin Van Hoomissen Honorary
SISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
Double Tree - Lloyd Center
Social 1:00 p.m.
Lunch 2:00 p.m.

Lunch \$40 per person SEND IN YOUR RSVP TODAY! Sisters are GUESTS of Serra Club

#### 10th Annual Rosary Bowl NW

Saturday, October 1, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion - Salem Mass at 10 am

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### **SERRA MEETINGS**

Sept 7, 2016

Board Meeting 10:30 Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Gary Spanovich, Educating for Peace, Wholistic Peace Institute

Sept 21, 2016

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Dr. Jerilyn E. Felton, Four-Footed Ministers - Spiritual Sojourners

Oct 5, 2016

Board Meeting 10:30 Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: Dan Jones, Convention Report

Oct 19, 2016

Mass Noon

Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: Jon Ulsh, Executive Director of the Maybelle Center

Nov 2, 2016

Board Meeting 10:30 Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: TBD

Nov 16, 2016

Mass Noon Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBD

Dec 7, 2016

**Serra Annual Christmas Party** 

Dec 21, 2016

**Meeting CANCELED for HOLIDAY** 

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**September 15, 2016** 

Charter new club - Serra Club of the Blue Mountains/Walla Walla, WA

**September 17, 2016** 

Charter new club - Serra Club of North Idaho/Coeur d'Alene

September 25, 2016

Kevin Van Hoomissen Honorary Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon Double Tree/Lloyd Center

October 30, 2016

Priesthood Sunday

Nov 6, 2016

13th Annual Mount Angel Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Nov 6-12, 2016

**National Vocations Awareness Week**