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ROCHESTER SERRA NEWSLETTER

"Always to go forward, never to turn back."

Fr. Junipero Serra

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President's Message - Dorothy Arendt



Happy Fall to You All!

Dear Serran Friends,

"Autumn...the year's last loveliest smile!" I love Fall! School supplies, soup, pumpkins, beautiful falling leaves, tiny candy bars to be shared, football! God is good!

Happy First Anniversary, Saint Junipero! Sept. 23, 2015, was a historic, exciting moment for Serrans worldwide as we watched the "apostle of California," our patron, elevated to sainthood by Pope Francis on U.S. soil. What a tribute to a man who believed in the mission of going out to every nation to proclaim the good news of Jesus. His words, "Always forward, never back" continue to be our motto today.

We were blessed this year with the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a religious sister and missionary of the poor across the world. Her quote, "Not all of us can do great things on this Earth, but we can do small things with love," can be applied to our Year of Mercy.

I will have the names and addresses of our Diocesan seminarians at our October Meeting for those of you who choose to sign up as a prayer partner. See **Things to Know** for more information.

Fr. Horihan, the newly appointed rector of IHM seminary, will be our Oct. meeting SPEAKER with updates on these men and the renovation of the Seminary Campus.

An early prompt for those interested in the Serra Regional Meeting and Retreat in Christ the King Retreat Center in

Buffalo, MN, Nov 18-20. See **Things to Know** for more information. Please consider participating!

The Annual Priest's Appreciation Dinner that we sponsor will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at Willow Creek Golf Course. It is a time to recognize those men in our Deanery who give their lives in service to us and the Catholic Church. Invitations have been sent in the mail. Please get your reservations in to Virginia to share in this social time shared with the priests, deacons and religious.

I invite you to make October 30, Priesthood Sunday, a special day in your parish. A quote from Bishop Joseph Gossman, Diocese of Raleigh, says it best. "Please join me on this special day, Priesthood Sunday, praying for our priests, in praising God for their courage and their generosity. I urge you to make your appreciation for your parish priest known. A simple note, a smile or a phone call to assure him of your loving care and gratitude for his presence in the life of your local church will go a long way to serve the greater good of our wonderful and growing Catholic Church."

May our priests and all religious be strengthened in faith, hope and love. May those who hear Jesus' call to vocations in our Church, answer that call. We pray to the Lord!

Blessings to you and your families,

Dorothy Arendt

Chaplain's Corner – Fr. Shawn Haremza



Watch for Fr. Shawn's article in the next newsletter!

September 2016 Program

Zach Rawson, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Pax Christi Church, was our speaker for September. Zach shared his pilgrimage/trip to the 2016 World Youth Day held in Krakow, Poland. He travelled with Bishop Quinn, priests, seminarians, his wife, and a few other people from the Diocese of Winona. Zach began with the history and life of Pope St John Paul II, the first non-Italian pope in more than 450 years and known to many as Saint John Paul the Great! Zach's slides showed many of the sites they visited, such as the statues of Pope St John Paul II dedicated for earning him a reputation as a fighter for freedom; St Maria Faustina Kowalski who provided in her Diary the message of the Divine Mercy, the history of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Black Madonna), which legend states was painted by St. Luke on a table made by the carpenter Jesus; the Poland's salt mines, and beautiful slides of the city, mountains, and celebrating Mass with the Bishop Quinn at several churches.

Zach left us Serrans with the message from Pope Francis' homily at Mass in Krakow for a crowd of over one million people. The theme of the Holy Father's remarks was how to overcome obstacles to build a real relationship with Jesus - whether they be obstacles that arise in one's own soul or obstacles one will inevitably encounter in the world and in society. Jesus wants to draw near to us personally, to accompany our journey to its end, so that his life and our life can truly meet.

Here is Shawn's photo.

Zach Rawson, Director
of Youth and Young
Adult Ministry at Pax
Christi Church



Respectfully submitted, Wendy Shepherd, Serra Secretary

Things to Know

The hardcopy of this newsletter was printed and mailed before we had our new 2016-2017 schedule for our monthly Mass and Adoration at Lourdes High School. This new schedule was received in time to include in the emailed copy of this newsletter. Please see the **Events Calendar** in this newsletter for October 12 and November 9.

Names and addresses of our Diocesan seminarians are available at our Oct 7th Meeting for those of you who choose to sign up as a prayer partner. Consider supporting these young men with your cards, thoughts and prayers - as they discern their call to the priesthood. Prayer partners are greatly appreciated by the seminarians as well as Fr. Horihan, the new rector of our IHM seminary!

You should have received in the mail, your invitations to the October 11th Priests' Appreciation Dinner at Willow Creek Golf Course. Please get your registrations to Virginia Smith, addressed envelope provided, by October 4th. Do not forget to select one of the 3 meal choices. If you are responding with multiple attendees, please identify the meal chosen for each attendee! Dinner cost is \$26 per person. Also consider a donation for the cost of a priest's dinner.

Serra Regional Meeting and Retreat in Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN, will be held the weekend of Nov 18-20th. It begins with a time of sharing with regional clubs of their successful programs to continue the success of the mission of Serra. The meeting is followed by a retreat, led by their retreat staff, to help us grow in our spirituality. It was a wonderful jump start for the Advent Season for me. Consider it!

UPCOMING ROCHESTER SERRANS EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
October	6	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	7	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass at Resurrection Church, celebrant, Fr. Shawn Haremza; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Program Speaker - Fr. Robert Horihan, Rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary; Lector – Virginia Smith; Eucharistic Ministers - John Roemer, Marilyn Treder; Gift Presenters – Evelyn Cashman, Natalie Kline.
	11	Serra – Priests' Appreciation Dinner at Willow Creek. 5:00 PM Social, 5:30 PM Dinner and Program. RSVP by October 4 th to Virginia Smith's Invitation sent in the US Mail.
	12	Adoration at the NEW Lourdes High School – 7:15 AM Mass, followed by Adoration 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON, ending with Benediction.
	13	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	20	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	21	Board Meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Resurrection Church.
	27	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	30	Priesthood Sunday. A smile, a personal dialogue, or a phone call to assure your Priest of your loving care and gratitude for his presence in the life of your local church will go a long way to serve the greater good of our wonderful and growing Catholic Church.
November	3	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	4	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass. Planned to be at Madonna Towers – watch for an update on location. Celebrant, Fr. Shawn Haremza; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Program Speaker - TBD; Lector – Wendy Shepherd; Eucharistic Ministers - John Roemer, Ed Fujan; Gift Presenters – Art, Helen Mueller.
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	18-20	Serra Regional Meeting and Retreat in Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. More information coming.
	24	THANKSGIVING

ROCHESTER SERRA CLUB PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Rochester Deanery, Diocese of Winona, MN

OCTOBER 2016

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Let us pray for those men and women in training to be priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. Pray also for those discerning to commit themselves to the religious life. See our current seminarians by linking from the Web site at: http://www.ihmseminary.org or http://www.dow.org/Departments/Vocations/Seminarians						1 Fr. William Becker
Fr. James Buryska	3 Fr. Charles Collins	4 Msgr. Thomas Cook	5 Fr. John Evans	6 Fr. Joseph Fogal	7 Fr. Shawn Haremza	8 Fr. John Lasuba
9 Fr. Tom Loomis	10 Msgr. Gerald Mahon	11 Fr. Gregory Parrott	12 Fr. Joseph Pete	13 Fr. Chinnappa Pothireddy	14 Fr. Peter Schuster	15 Fr. Paul Surprenant
16 Fr. Luis Vargas	17 Fr. John Wilmot	18 Fr. William Becker	19 Fr. James Buryska	20 Fr. Charles Collins	21 Msgr. Thomas Cook	22 Fr. John Evans
23 Fr. Joseph Fogal	24 Fr. Shawn Haremza	25 Seminary Students	26 Pope Francis	27 Sisters Serving Our Deanery	28 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	29 Bishop John Quinn
30 Senior Priests	31 Deacons					

Prayer suggestions

Lord Jesus, bless all priests and religious and give them grace to do your great work on earth. Keep them, Lord, close to your heart and under the shadow of your protection. Bless their labors for you and grant that their harvest of souls may be a source of joy and consolation to them during life and may merit an everlasting reward for them in death, that having led many souls to you they may see you face to face.

FOR VOCATIONS: Father, we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Diocese.

A Prayer by Jack and Judy Cozzens on behalf of their son Bishop Andrew Cozzens: "Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the priests and religious who have helped us to live our faith. Please give us the strength to live as faithful Catholics and work with them to promote your Kingdom. We beg you to send us more holy priests and religious to bring Christ's saving message to this and future generations. Bring to us men and women who will dedicate their lives to sharing our great Catholic Faith. We pray there will be priests to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, anoint us near death, administer the Sacraments to our future off-spring, and bring them all to dance with us in heaven."

For more information about the Serra Club or if you have any questions, please call Dorothy Arendt at 507-289-2416 OR Ed Rowley at 507-287-0153.