



# SERRA CLUB

OF WICHITA DOWNTOWN

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## Admission to Candidacy *for Holy Orders*



The Most Reverend Carl Alan Kemme, Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita, presided at the Rite of Candidacy on August 3, 2016. Aspirants for Candidacy were Darren Beckham, Trevor Buster, Hayden Charles, Luke Downing, Derek Hooper, and Ty Taylor.

Candidacy is one of the significant steps seminarians take before receiving Holy Orders. The rite emphasizes two main promises which the candidate makes to the bishop: to complete his education and formation in order to be prepared, and to prepare in mind and spirit to give faithful service to Christ the Lord and his Body, the Church.

A BBQ dinner was hosted by the Downtown Serra Club following the mass. See event photos on page 3.

## President's Pen

Fellow Serrans



Father Adam Keiter encouraged us at our luncheon on August 17 to be "evangelists". To stand up, be heard, be proud Catholics. Sometimes, I think, we sit back and wonder "how do I do that?" Fr. Keiter had a couple of examples, and I

want to add another. As Serrans, we evangelize by our actions...being involved with this ministry to seminarians and religious life, and by our words...REALLY inviting our friends and acquaintances to join with us in Serra. This is an opportunity to evangelize that we should not take lightly. We need to actively encourage others to expand their Catholic horizons and join with us in prayer and support of the formation of those who will serve our church for the decades to come. This is a real chance to get to know our seminarians and encourage them in their early years.

If you have not been to a Serra luncheon lately...you SHOULD be here. We really want and need all of our members. You do get missed! If you are coming regularly let me challenge you to heed Fr. Keiter's call to evangelize. Put your arm around one of your friends or acquaintances and bring them to lunch. They will be grateful.

Always Forward, Dick

## Seminarian Highlight

### *Deacon Edmund "Ed" Herzog*



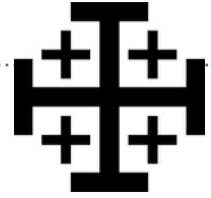
Congratulations to Deacon Ed on his recent ordination. He is in his 4th Theology at Mount St Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. Deacon Ed attended Lansing High School in New York, Newman University in Wichita and calls St Anne Church in Wichita his home parish.

"After a lot of discernment I decided that it was time for me to take the next step and enter the seminary. Thankfully I was surrounded by a great group of friends who unknowingly built me up as a person, and they had a tremendous impact on my discernment process and ultimately my decision to become a Wichita seminarian. The reason that I ultimately decided to take that next step was to really discern what God's will is in my life, and I realized that the only way I was going to be able to do that was in the seminary."

## Candidacy photos



## Chaplain's Corner - RETHINKING THE CATECHISM



On the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15, 1997, Pope John Paul II promulgated the Latin typical edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Since that time until Saturday, August 20, 2016, a little more than nineteen years since its promulgation, I have thought of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as an excellent reference book for the Catholic Church. That was until I attended the Summer Catechetical Summit, sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Wichita. I had been told a professor from Steubenville University would be the keynote speaker and he was an excellent presenter and catechist. He did not disappoint. Dr. Petroc Willey opened my eyes to see the Catechism as an instrument of catechesis.

Dr. Willey began his talk by calling attention to Pope John Paul's Apostolic Constitution *Fidei Depositum* which is printed before the prologue to the Catechism. In that papal document the Holy Father desires that the "Deposit of Faith" is meant to be guarded by giving it away. The Catechism was written so that it can be shared with others. It seeks to educate the reader so they can know the faith, understand the faith, and share it with others. It tells us how to teach.

The prologue to the Catechism begins with three Scripture passages. They lay the foundation for this new found purpose of the Catechism being more than a reference book. The Catechism has been written to be a classic in spirituality. It is also the greatest teaching book (Jn. 17:3). A catechist can only teach as well as their relationship with Christ (1Tim. 2:3-4). Finally, the Catechism is about salvation (Acts 4:12).

The remainder of the talk Dr. Willey used the Catechism to teach us the title of the talk: "Eucharist: Source and Summit of Catechesis." Referencing various paragraphs of the Catechism, Dr. Willey enabled me to more fully understand what I am privileged to celebrate each day and share with so many others.

If you haven't picked up the Catechism of the Catholic Church for a long time I would encourage you to do so. Approach it not as a reference book to find a particular answer about our Catholic Faith, but rather read it as a spiritual classic in which one is enabled to fall more deeply in love with a God whom one understands more fully. Yours in Christ, Fr. Ken



### Save The Date

Rome/Assisi 2017 Serra International Convention June 22 - June 25, 2017.  
Watch for future advertisements.

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Sister's Appreciation Dinner - Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at Church of the Magdalen, beginning with mass at 5:30 and social/dinner to follow.  
Information regarding reservations coming soon.

## Fr. Adam Keiter

### *'The growing face of the Church is Hispanic'*

On Wednesday, August 17, Fr Adam Keiter spoke at our luncheon about one of his greatest loves and concerns- the importance of evangelizing the hispanic community.

As a seminarian, Fr Keiter was sent to Queretar, Mexico to study Spanish. At that point Fr. Matt McGinness, the vocations director, told him he would never be in Spanish ministry, not to worry! Adam came back not being able to speak well at all, and did not feel prepared when asked to give a homily in Spanish as Deacon Adam, in front of Bishop Jackels! Many prayers to the Holy Spirit were said on his way to the pulpit. Well, as you can see, Fr Matt was incorrect, and the Holy Spirit won- Fr Adam has been in Hispanic ministry since then.

Fr Adam stated that even though his administration does a nice job registering parishioners at the Cathedral, a great number of hispanics are not registered. "It's hard to get information out of hispanics for fear of deportation." He said a study done in 2014 showed that of those registered, the Church comprised of 65% Anglo, and 35% Hispanic. The trend has shown that Catholicism is shrinking due to retention. Stewardship and adoration help, but for every 1 newly Baptized at Easter, 6 leave. The study showed that the fastest growing group in America are called NONES- no affiliation. Catholic is the largest denomination, fallen away Catholics is the 2nd largest.

Fr Adam shared a book by Sherry Weddell, 'Forming Intentional Disciples'. Sherry wants our church to "get out the maintenance mode, one that looks like it is dying, and into the mission mode, people who are willing to share their faith joyfully- a Church that loves their faith, loves Jesus and loves their fellow people." Parishes need to be hubs of evangelization! Schools should revolutionize our way of thinking! Fr. Adam said that he has had easier response talking to his public school Catholics than his Parochial school Catholics. That says a lot- are we forming our kids to love their faith, so much so that they easily talk about it?

And what has this to do with Hispanics? Fr Adam said that "the growing face of the Church is more Hispanic. They are here as part of God's mysterious providence." What can we do as Catholics? "Think according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be more hospitable to Hispanics, continue outreach in education through the such avenues as the St Katharine Drexel Fund.

To become a 'mission mode' Church, Fr Adam encouraged us watch this video called 'How to Win the Cultural War' by Peter Kreeft, a speech Kreeft gave to Franciscan University of Steubenville students. Fr Adam also implored us to do three things- Pray, Pray, Pray, especially to Our Lady of Guadalupe; to heed the call of Our Lady of Fatima, and pray for the salvation of souls; and to be ready to share your faith! Thank you Fr Adam.



WICHITA SERRA DOWNTOWN							2016
September	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28		29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Bl. Mother Teresa's Canonization	5 ✨ Fr. Ken Van Haverbeke	6 *Board Meeting ‡ Nic Jurgensmeyer	7 *Regular Meeting- Andy Churray(DVM)	8	9 ✨ Fr. Dwight Birket	10	S Logan
D Cummings	G Lavid	E Flax	R Gorges / J Kastens	W Rohling	M Wescott	M Huffman	
11 ✨ Fr. Jose Machado	12	13 ✨ Andrew Hamel	14 ✨ Chase Johnson	15 ✨ Fr. John Hotze	16	17 ✨ Fr. Marco DeLoera	
G Lavid / R Kerschen	R Maaney	B Hogan	N Masterson	J Weisen	J Betsen	A Egan	
18	19 ✨ Andrew Beugelsdijk ‡ Drew Dellasega	20 *Newsletter Deadline	21 *Regular Meeting- Fr Jim Billinger	22	23 *1 year Anniversary of Canonization of St. Junipero Serra	24	
J & M Sheldon / T Schaffer	M Jones	T Catanese	P Egan / T Duran	F Gorges			
25	26 ✨ Fr. David Lies	27	28 *Vocations Mass 12noon Cathedral	29 ✨ Fr. Donal O'Hare	30 ✨ Fr. Ben Sawyer	1	
D Burrus / D Nolting	J Smith	K Hipp	C Nastars/ J Forister	M Villanueva	N Wriinn		

‡ Indicates a Birthday

31 Club names are in the lower left corner of each date

For event details, please see the newsletter

### Serra Events

- Sept 6 Board Meeting 1130 Cathedral
- Sept 7 Regular Mtg -Andy Churray (DVM)
- Sept 20 Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 21 Regular Mtg-Fr Jim Billinger
- Sept 23 1 Year Anniv. of Serra's Canonization
- Sept 28 Vocations Mass 12noon Cathedral
- Oct 4 Board Meeting 1130 Cathedral
- Oct 19 Sister's Appreciation Dinner

### Priest, Seminarian Birthdays

September Priest's Birthdays

Rev. Raymond Joyce	Sept 2
Rev. Thomas Stroot	Sept 2
Rev. Ken Van Haverbeke	Sept 5
Rev. Dwight Birket	Sept 9
Rev. Jose Machado	Sept 11
Rev. John Hotze	Sept 15
Rev. Marco DeLoera	Sept 17
Rev. David Lies	Sept 26
Rev. Donal O'Hare	Sept 29

Rev. Ben Sawyer Sept 30

September Seminarian's Birthdays

<u>Cole West</u>	<u>Conception</u>	Sept 1
<u>Nic Jurgensmeyer</u>	<u>Mount St Mary</u>	Sept 6
<u>Andrew Hamel</u>	<u>Conception</u>	Sept 13
<u>Chase Johnson</u>	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	Sept 14
<u>Andy Beugelsdijk</u>	<u>Kenrick-Glennon</u>	Sept 19
<u>Drew Dellasega</u>	<u>Magdalen Parish</u>	Sept 19

Pray for our Priests, Religious and Friends

Bishop Brungardt, Msgr. William Carr, Sylvia Duran, Dick and Pat Dwyer, Mary Edgington, Fr. John Foley SJ, Fr. Juan Garza, Bishop Gerber, Jeannie Gordon, Ken Hein, Ralph Hight, Dave Jones, Fr. Leon Kerschen, Shirley Logan, Viola Marstall, Sydney Ray, Paul Shinogle, Jennifer Vosburgh Waldemeyer, Bill Wiesner

Janet Eckberg, Deacon Len Fennewald, Msgr John Gilsenan, Shirley Mainzer, Mary Kriwiel(Metro Club), Brian Bergkamp, Dave Burrus, Alena Billinger

For the seminarians around the world who we support through Unbound

Sebastian Gonzalez Giraldo (from Colombia), Royvincent Roa Husain (from the Philippines)

And Especially

For all our priests who would benefit from our prayers as they struggle with issues of any kind.

Please email Mike Corrigan at [mikebeckycorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:mikebeckycorrigan@gmail.com) if you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed.

Prayer list Protocols

Nominations to prayer list may only be made by club members and spouses. Nominations should be made to Mike Corrigan, Third Year Trustee. Nominator is responsible for receiving the the nominee's ok to publish their name. The list published in the newsletter will be read and prayed for at regular club meetings. Nominations will fall under 2 categories- Prayer Needed or RIP. Nominations will appear in newsletter for 2 months, then removed, unless resubmitted by nominator.



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Check out the website - <http://serraus.org/>

**BRIAN BERGKAMP SEMINARY BURSE**

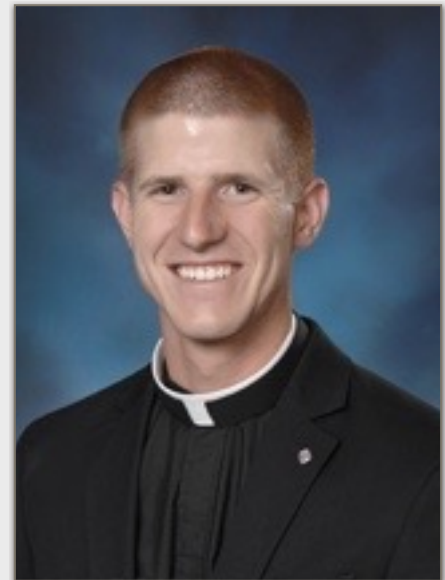
IN MEMORIAM

A seminary burse has been established by the family of Brian Bergkamp with the Diocese of Wichita's Priest Retirement & Education Fund.



For those who would like to donate please go to <https://give.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/pages/pref/brian-bergkamp-burse>

or contact Mike Wescott at (316) 269-3915 or [wescottm@CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org](mailto:wescottm@CatholicDioceseOfWichita.org)



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