

# SERRA CLUB OF WICHITA METRO

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Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays—6:30 PM  
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Chartered: October 10, 1992, Club # 784—Region 9 , District 12-2 South



*Pat Burns  
Club President*

September 2015  
President's  
Minute

*I*t is a joy when you get to see prayers answered. We have prayed for Blessed Junipero Serra to become a saint and it is happening in September! On Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, the Holy Father will celebrate Mass at 4:15 p.m. on the east portico of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. During the Mass, he will declare our patron, Blessed Serra, a saint. Not only is this an important moment for our organization, but it is also an historical event for our whole Church. Father Serra's canonization will be the first canonization to take place in North America. We as Serrans celebrate this day and welcome Pope Francis to the United States for this wonderful event. Please use this opportunity to talk to friends and family about who we are as Serrans. All meetings are Guest Night. We promote vocations within our diocese, we invite candidates to consider religious life and we seek personal spiritual growth in own lives to grow in holiness. All of us share in the joy of this canonization.

Just as we celebrate an ordination or the profession of final vows, Saint Junipero Serra is a cause for joy. As Pope Francis has shared with us, "No Vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A Vocation flows from the Heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of Fraternal Love." May we continue to foster good soil within our diocese in thanksgiving for the vocations we have and will receive.

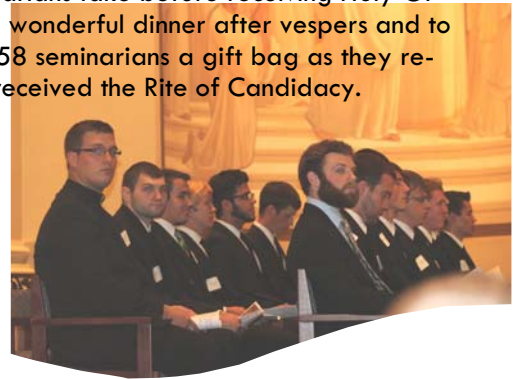
*Pat*

# VESPERS SERVICE FOR SEMINARIANS

Eighteen seminarians from the Diocese of Wichita were received at the Rite of Admission to Candidacy to Holy Orders on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Cathedral.

Bishop Kemme presided over the Rite and solemn vespers. The Bishop has made the decision to hold this Rite here in the diocese, rather than at the individual's seminary as it has been done in the past.

The Rite of Candidacy is one of the significant steps our seminarians take before receiving Holy Orders. Thanks go out to the Serra Downtown club for hosting a wonderful dinner after vespers and to all our club members who assisted in getting each one of our 58 seminarians a gift bag as they returned to seminary. Congratulations to all of these men who received the Rite of Candidacy.



# This is a Gorges Article

Steve Cless

*Totus Tuus* means totally yours. Nothing can be closer to the truth that how

totally yours, *Totus Tuus* is lived out in the life of Father Bernie Gorges. Fr. Gorges is spellbinding and engaging speaker who recalled his involvement in this program, since 1987. It is a story of how his life become intertwined with *Totus Tuus*.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of 11 children, Bernie grew up in Clonmel, Kansas. He has served in several parishes in the diocese but much of his formation came from his early involvement in the *Totus Tuus* Program. As his involvement in the ministry grew the ministry began to evolve into what it is today.

It began innocently enough in 1988 after he graduated from the seminary. He was asked to teach a summer program to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Girard, Kansas. The sessions went so well that the pastor there asked him to return the following summer. He asked a friend from Minnesota to help that year as the program had grown considerably. In 1991, a car wreck almost wrecked this growing ministry. Fr. Gorges decided that he needed to work to purchase a new car rather than serve the 16 parishes that clamored for the program. At the last minute, he changed his mind called the parishes back and later learned that he got a car and some cash to aid his fledgling program. That year he began to form teams of college students, both male and female, and seminarians to travel across the state to present the *Totus Tuus* program. Soon four teams became 15 teams and state boundaries no longer mattered. States throughout the Midwest and beyond got word of this popular program and wanted it for their own.

Fr. Gorges was knee deep in the program serving as advisor, fundraiser, and participant. In 2000, Bishop Gerber approached Fr. Gorges about becoming a pastor. Although hesitant and knowing he couldn't do both, Bernie followed his bishop's recommendation. That perhaps was a turning point in the ministry. Now the 15 teams was cut to 6 and served only Kansas. But other states who had a taste of the *Totus Tuus* program developed their own home grown teams and the program grew like never before. Now there are 38 dioceses in 19 states plus Guam and Okinawa that use the *Totus Tuus* model that Father Gorges developed.

Not only was Bishop Gerber impressed with the transformative changes that the students received, he was more impressed with how the seminarians and college students became plugged into the program and how it changed their lives. Many students after spending a summer in *Totus Tuus* applied to the seminary. Bishop Gerber saw *Totus Tuus* as a great conduit for vocations. 'Exhausting yourself for the gospel' was how he described it.

Now it was 2008 and Fr. Gorges still served as an advisor to *Totus Tuus*. Bishop Jackels suggested that now was the time to pull away completely from the program. He thought this would be a real test to see if it could sustain itself under new direction. It did.

Now as an observer, Fr. Gorges sees the future in growth, not only in numbers, but getting participants to delve deeper into the faith. Young people who are starving for the Lord are getting fed through this program. Bernie believes that though *Totus Tuus* attracts men to the seminary, not all seminarians belong in the seminary. But, it changes them forever even if they are only there for a short while. They are shaped and molded by the brotherhood formed in the seminaries and become better Catholic men in their families and their communities.



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# Lake Day for the Seminarians



## **Bishop Kemme's Statement on the Supreme Courts Marriage Decision**

*From the Catholic Advance*

<http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/diocesan-news/22601-bishop-kemmes-statement-pn-the-supreme-courts-decision>



## **Save the Date**

Region 9 Serra Conference  
The theme is

**Family as Foundations  
for Vocations**

Sept. 18-20, 2015

Des Moines, Iowa

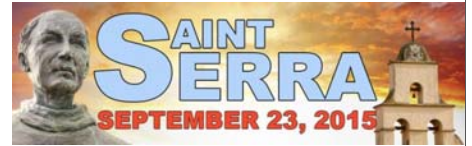
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Seminarian Day at the Lake and Steak Fry



## SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS

**Andrew J. Beugelsdijk**

**Sept. 19th**

2nd Pre-Theology  
Kenrick Glennon Seminary  
St. Louis Mo.  
Holy Cross Parish, Hutchinson

**Brian Carrillo**

**Sept. 1**

1st Theology  
Mount St. Mary Seminary  
Conception, MO  
Magdalen Parish, Wichita

**Andrew Dellasega**

**Sept. 19th**

1st Theology  
Kenrick Glennon Seminary  
St. Louis MO  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg

**Nick Jurgensmeyer**

**Sept. 6**

1st Theology  
Mount. St. Mary Seminary  
Emmitsburg MD.  
St. Joseph Parish,  
Baxter Springs

**Christopher Purcell**

**Sept. 29**

2nd College  
Conception Seminary  
Christ the King, Wichita  
Aug 10th

**Steven Seiler**

**Sept. 6th**

2nd Pre-Theology  
Kendrick-Glennon Seminary  
Emmitsburg MD  
St. Josephs Parish, Andale



**We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.**

*Pope Francis*

### Pope Francis facts

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17 1936, is the 266th and current Pope of the Catholic Church, having been elected Bishop of Rome and absolute Sovereign of Vatican City.

### **Club Dates to Note:**

**Sept. 1 Labor Day**

**Sept. 2 Board Meeting and  
General meeting SLC**

**Sept. 10 Adoration**

**Sept. 15 General Meeting  
(Guest Night)**

**Oct. 6 General Meeting/  
Board Meeting**

**Oct. 15 Adoration**

**Oct. 20 No Gen. Mtg.**

**Sisters Appreciation Dinner  
Priesthood Sunday**

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# THANKS

To the Serra Metro members who helped with the Seminarian Steak Fry and Lake Day held recently. Also a big thanks to those who donated to the backpacks given out at the Vesper service at the Cathedral.

## Priests Birthdays

- Sept 2 Rev. Raymond J. Joyce**
- Sept 2 Rev. Thomas J. Stroot**
- Sept 5 Rev. Kenneth S. Van Haverbeke**
- Sept 9 Rev. Dwight J. Birket**
- Sept 11 Rev. Jose M. Machado**
- Sept 14 Rev. Michael Garrahy**
- Sept 15 Rev. John V. Hotze**
- Sept 17 Rev. Francis Cox**
- Sept 23 Rev. James J. Roth**
- Sept 26 Rev. David J. Lies**
- Sept 27 Rev. Marco A. DeLoera**
- Sept 27 Rev. Victor A. Bieberle**
- Sept 28 Rev. Charles K. Harvey**
- Sept 29 Rev. Donal J. O'Hare**
- Sept 29 Rev. Donald R. Thissen**
- Sept 30 Rev. Benjamin S. Sawyer**



**B**ishop Kemme has set aside June 7, 2015 to June 9, 2016 as the Year of Father Kapaun. For more info on the Father Kapaun Canonization process go to: <http://fatherkapaun.org/father-kapaun>

## 31 Club Members Monthly Masses for Vocations

- 1 Dick and Peggy Gilmartin
- 2 Keith and Ann Carlin
- 3 George and Vi Schuckman
- 4 Shawn Gerleman
- 5 Pat Burns
- 6 Tony & Karen Gomez (Thanks!)
- 7 Berniece Scanlan
- 8 Dory & Irene Troilo
- 9 Darrell and Ann Chew
- 10 Terri Smeltzer
- 11 John Lancaster
- 12 George and Vi Schuckman/Jack Davidson
- 13 Frances Keffer
- 14 Dan Loughman
- 15 Mary Kriwiel
- 16 Bob & Twila Hermreck
- 17 Becky Hawk
- 18 Terri Smeltzer
- 19 Melissa Grelinger,/Jan Keiter
- 20 Christine Eberle/Dianne Carter
- 21 Lynn Robertson
- 22 Carolyn Loughman
- 23 Jim and Terri Marks
- 24 Carolyn Stump
- 25 Dick and Marge Mayer
- 26 Paul & Bettie Eck
- 27 Ellie Ewald
- 28 Chuck & Ellie Kissling  
JoAnn Forister
- 29 Joan Kahn/Tom & Jeanne Heiman
- 30 Tony Barba
- 31 Carolyn Loughman

**31-Club** Members provide prayer support for vocations by offering their Mass attendance for the intention of vocations on one day each month. (Day 1 thru 31). In this way someone is praying for vocations at a Mass every day. Please consider adding your name to the list. Please notify Shawn Gerleman or Barbara Pinaire of any changes or corrections, or to add your name to the 31 Club.

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THANK YOU

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Before Noon on Monday prior to  
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