



Serra Club of the Diocese of Baker

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President's Message

The thick sheaf of papers comprising our application for charter to Serra International was mailed the second week of February. We have been told they meet in mid March for their deliberations on such things. So, we await the outcome. In the meantime, we are forging ahead with plans for our Charter Mass and Dinner on May eighth. Bishop Vasa has cleared that date on his calendar; and we will be ready.

Using the Serra manual for chartering, we have adapted it to our use to define four committees to make this very special event happen. By the time this newsletter is published, you all should have been contacted about your committee assignments so any changes can be made to suit your time and talents. We all are needed to do at least one job to meet our deadlines. This will be good practice as we begin putting on vocation programs and weekends for youth.

Speaking of that, we will be helping with food service for one day of a Diocesan Vocations Mission Weekend, Mar. 27 – 30, sponsored by St Francis of Assisi Church, Bend. Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Sr. Maximilian Marie Garretson, O.P. (born and reared in Bend), Superior of Regina Caeli Convent and Principal of Spiritus Sanctus Academy, California, is coming with Sr. Ave Maria Hayes, O.P. who teaches there. Sister Maxilian Marie's real life sister, June Hayes and her husband Joe are Youth Directors at St. Francis.

The source of the vocations of these two sisters, whom I've known since they were children, leads me to comment on the importance of the vocation of marriage and the guidance of children in the faith. They come from a home where living their religious education and beliefs was a priority. When they approached college age they searched for truly Catholic higher education. The fruits of that home and those educations are now shown in the life paths, in the discernments, they have experienced.

Like ripples in a pond, the benefits haven't stopped there. Both are engaged in the teaching of and living the example of the Catholic Faith. Sr. Maximilian Marie heads a Catholic school while June and Joe not only engage with

youth but in so doing model how to live as a Catholic couple. June also has a small Catholic nursery school.

Some quotes from a little book *Questions on Vocations* by Dennis Joseph Downing, published by IVE Press:

Quoting the Venerable Louis de Ponte:

"God is not only the author of matrimony, but He brings to that state, by a special providence, those whom He wishes to be in it. He acts thus both for the good of society, and for the happiness of individuals;

"The principal cause of the loss of innumerable souls is the lack of early religious teaching and religious training. By the various teaching communities..., thousands are saved.

"The good which religious teachers accomplish, is not confined to one class, or to a life's work; for, through the pupils, the result of religious training will descend down to generations yet unborn."

And so the great work goes on, and we Serrans are privileged to be a part of it.

Love in Christ,
Kathy Sansom, President



Chaplain's Corner

Saint Paul said; "I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." (1 Corinthians 15:9-10a)

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Saint Paul, there is a lot we can learn from his life. But what is especially applicable during this season of Lent is what can be learned from Saint Paul's regret for his former way of life. Like Saint Paul, do we truly regret our sins? It isn't enough to just acknowledge our sins. We also need to be truly sorry for having committed them. This is called contrition. Quoting from the Council of Trent, paragraph number 1451 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells

us that contrition is “sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again.”

Saint Paul was truly sorry for having persecuted the Church of God. He witnessed his contrition by acknowledging how much he detested this sin and then living his resolution to never sin in this way again. Our sorrow needs to be expressed in the same way; detesting our sin so much that we resolve to not sin again!

But too often this seems impossible, as we seem to be plagued by the same sins over and over again. This is where we can learn a great lesson from Saint Paul. Too often we try to overcome our sins on our own. But in reality on our own we can do nothing. It is with “God that all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26) As Saint Paul put it; “His grace to me has not been ineffective.” Let us better utilize God’s grace to recognize, detest, and overcome the sins of our lives. During this Lenten season, like Saint Paul, let us strive to live lives of true contrition.

Rev. James A. Radloff

Promoter of Vocations, and Director of Youth Ministry
Diocese of Baker, Oregon



Orbis Unus Orans

One World Praying

First Saturdays

The promise made by Our Lady to Lucia at Fatima on July 13, 1917, that there would be a future manifestation concerning the five First Saturdays, was fulfilled on December 10, 1925. Lucia was then a postulant in the Dorothean convent at Pontevedra, Spain. This time Our Lady appeared together with the Child Jesus. She addressed Lucia as follows:

“Look, my daughter, at my heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful men wound it every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and announce for me that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the first Saturday of five consecutive month confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to me.”

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are: Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and to do all these things in the spirit of reparation to my Immaculate Heart.

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Coming Events

March 2

5 PM Board meeting in Library at Catholic Center

March 3

11 AM Holy Hour for Vocations, 12:15 Mass at St. Francis downtown, Bend, and 1 PM lunch meeting at Chan’s Restaurant

March 18

7 PM General meeting and program in **Seminar Rm 1** (note room change) at St. Francis Catholic Center; Program: “Lay Religious Order Extensions, Oblates, and Third Orders”

March 27 – 30

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist will give a Vocations Mission for the Diocese of Baker, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bend. The Serra Club will help with food and in the kitchen Mar. 28. Interested in joining us? Call 541 389-1313

March 29 – April 3

Chrism Mass Pilgrimage of Grace and Marian Retreat In Baker City with Fr. Julian Cassard as retreat master. Information, 541 923-6946

April 6

5 PM Board meeting, the Library at the Catholic Center, 27th St., Bend

April 7

11 AM Holy Hour for Vocations, 12:15 Mass at St. Francis downtown, Bend, and 1 PM lunch meeting at Chan’s Restaurant

April 9-12 Easter Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord

April 15

7 PM, General Meeting and Program


April 26-30

Fr. Chris Crotty of the Fathers of Mercy Healing Ministry will preach a mission beginning with all the weekend Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bend. Serrans are urged to attend.

May 8 – Charter Day

Mass and Dinner, mark your calendars; stay tuned for details.



y children, if you desire perseverance, be devout to our Blessed Lady.

St. Philip Neri



**Pope Benedict
Prayer for Vocations**

O Father, raise up among Christians abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood, who keep the faith alive and guard the blessed memory of your Son Jesus, through the preaching of His word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful.

Grant us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world.

Call ministers of Your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of Your forgiveness.

Grant O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy the numerous inspirations of the spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life.

Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfill their missions at the service of the Gospel.

This we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

**Ordination Anniversaries
March and April**

**Rev. Raymond Jarboe (3/16/89)
1719 Southgate Ct.
Adrian, MI 49221**

**Most Rev. Thomas J. Connolly (4/8/47)
Bishop Emeritus of Baker
PO Box 5999
Bend, OR 97708**



When devotion to Mary begins in a soul, it produces the same effect that the birth of this most Holy Virgin produced in the world.

St. Alphonsus



February Synopsis

This meeting was spent reviewing our application papers for our official chartering into Serra International . All members present signed the application. Kathy Sansom will be mailing the completed packet.

Kathy Sansom and Sue Fitzpatrick have studied the committees that need to be formed to prepare our official day of chartering on May 8th. These include Liturgy, Hospitality, Programs, Publicity and the dinner, which will follow the Mass and induction. This will require all members' participation in preparing for this event. More on this in the coming months.

Concerning new members: Each should be given membership packets and committee assignments

Elaine Perko, Secretary



If he who prays does not merit to be heard, the merits of the divine Mother to whom he recommends himself will intercede effectually.

St. Anselm



The Corporal

Because of its very singular place in the sacred liturgy, our bishop was very particular in his instruction to instituted acolytes on how to treat the corporal. I offer here a few thoughts on the corporal; -- for those unacquainted and for those very familiar.

“The linen corporal, upon which rests the Adorable Body of Christ, reminds us of the swathing-bands of the Child Jesus in the crib, which were crimsoned with the blood of the Circumcision, and also of the fine linen shroud in which the martyred Body of Christ was wrapped and laid in the tomb. The linen winding-sheet, which shrouded ‘our Treasure, the Ransom of Captives,’ bears the imprint of the passion of the Saviour, the traces of His painful, bleeding wounds, and is still venerated in the Holy Chapel of Turin as a precious relic of our Lord. ... The fine white linen, of which the corporals and palls are made, symbolizes, moreover, the most pure Body of Christ in the incarnation, in His passion and in His transfiguration. Linen is a product of the earth, prepared with much care, and made shining and white after much labor. The Son of God, as the New Adam, has also taken His body from the immaculate, untainted earth of the virginal bosom of Mary – and only by His painful passion and death was His body fitted for the blessed glory of the resurrection and heavenly bliss. The sight of the linen corporal and pall is, therefore, calculated to awaken in us the remembrance of the pure Body of Christ sacrificed, once capable of suffering and mortal, but now transfigured in glory and immortal, and

to excite us to the consideration of the Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection of Christ. –The white glossy linen is, finally, a figure of the purity of heart or the spiritual ornaments with which the faithful should be attired, that they may present themselves worthy guests at the Sacrificial Banquet of the Lamb and in all due disposition receive the holy Body of Jesus Christ.”¹

“Linen has much to teach us about the nature of purity. Genuine linen is an exquisite material. Purity is not the product of rude force or found in company with harsh manners. Its strength comes of its fineness. Its orderliness is gentle. But linen is also extremely strong; it is no gossamer web to flutter in every breeze. In real purity there is nothing of that sickly quality that flies from life and wraps itself up in unreal dreams and ideals out of its reach. It has the red cheeks of the man who is glad to be alive and the firm grip of the hard fighter.

“And if we look a little further, it has still one thing more to say. It was not always so clean and fine as it now is. It was to begin with, unsightly stuff. In order to attain its present fragrant freshness it had to be washed and rewashed, and then bleached. Purity is not come by at the first. It is indeed a grace, and there are people who have so carried the gift in their souls that their whole nature has the strength and freshness of unsullied purity. But they are the exception. What is commonly called purity is no more than the doubtful good of not having been shaken by the storms of life. Purity, that is really such, is attained not at the beginning but at the end of life, and achieved only by long and courageous effort.

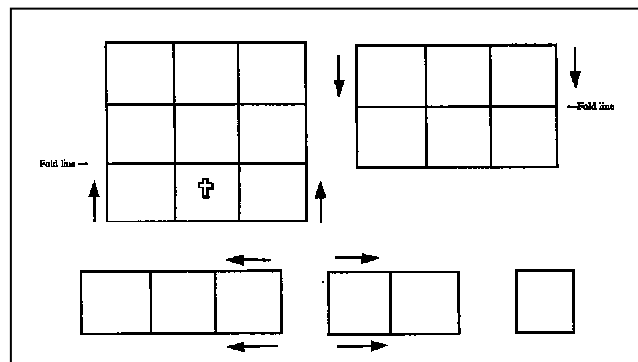
“So the linen on the altar in its fine white durability stands to us both for exquisite cleanness of heart and for fibrous strength.”²

“Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should be careful that the sacred vessels in their custody are always placed on a corporal either on the altar or at a place at the credence table even when they are empty but not yet purified. Proper training should be received concerning the proper use, placement and folding of the corporal. Never flick a corporal open or shake it open in mid air. Such an action would show a lack of understanding of the purpose of the corporal as well as disrespect for the this sacred altar linen.”³

Keeping in mind that the corporal may contain minute particles of the Most Sacred Body of our Lord, we can understand the need for taking the utmost care to be meticulous in our handling of this linen cloth. There is a proper way to fold it, and the proper way might not be to follow the existing creases:: 1) Fold the bottom third upwards; 2) Fold the top third down; 3) Fold the right part

to the left; and 4) Fold the left part over to the right. “The corporal is never turned upside down.”⁴

Corporals should be washed, bleached, ironed and starched. If a corporal is torn, ripped, or otherwise found unfit for use, it should then be burnt and its ashes disposed



of in a sacarium.⁵


We demonstrate reverence and devotion to our Lord when we show our attentiveness to detail in the liturgy. We deepen our understanding when we meditate on the finer points of our actions. We encourage spiritual growth in others, youth and adults, by setting an example.

In the liturgy, the corporal is carefully opened on the altar, and the sacred vessels are placed upon it. This is where the bread and wine are then made into the Body and Blood of Jesus. After the distribution of communion, the sacred vessels that may yet contain particles or drops of the Body and Blood are then placed again upon the corporal. In fact, it is from the Latin *corpore* we derive the name *corporal* – for the *Body*.

It is at the moment of the sacrifice when we are joined with that Eternal Moment. The sacrifice on Calvary is made present to us at the sacrifice of the Mass, which is placed before us on the corporal on the altar. It is here when we dare raise our voices to join with the angels in their hymn of praise.

Steven L. Shope, VP Communications



 The eyes of Mary are the eyes of a mother. A mother watches over her child not only that it may not fall, but when fallen that she may raise it up again.

Richard of St. Lawrence



¹ Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihl, *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*, pp.262-3.

² Romano Guardini, *Sacred Signs*, pp. 62-3

³ Most Rev. Robert F. Vasa, *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, p. 7

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Rev. Harold E. Collins, *The Church Edifice and its Appointments*, p. 163