



NEWSLETTER

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CLEVELAND—EAST

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*CAN YOU NOT
SPEND ONE HOUR
WITH ME?
SPEND AN HOUR
IN ADORATION
ATTEND A
WEEKDAY MASS*

Serra East meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Ursuline Educational Center on the Ursuline College campus, located at 2600 Lander Road., Pepper Pike, OH @ 6:15 for Mass or prayer service followed by dinner, brief business meeting and speaker with topics concerning vocations, social justice, scripture, evangelization and other timely subjects.

PROMOTING THE EUCHARIST

As Roman Catholics, we are all familiar with the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church is a Eucharistic based faith tradition. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. And where does the Eucharist come from? How do we get the Eucharist? A Catholic Priest celebrates Mass and consecrates the bread and wine in the Eucharistic Prayer, and it then becomes the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. A Catholic Priest is the only one who can achieve this transubstantiation.

Serra has two objectives:

To work toward increasing vowed religious vocations, and to facilitate the spiritual growth of its members.

Another way for Serrans to look at our mission then, is: *we are promoting the Holy Eucharist!* Priests are aging; there is a shortage of new vocations. As Serrans we pray and otherwise work to increase Priestly Vocations for both diocesan and religious orders.

In the future, when someone asks what Serrans do, a good response is to say:

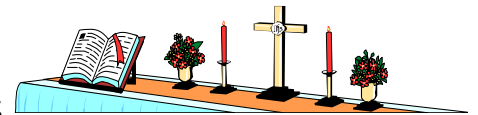
We are promoting the Holy Eucharist.

Focusing on this approach could also lead to further discussion, such as—"What do you mean? Please explain.

SERRA. WE PROMOTE THE EUCHARIST!

Gus Skapek, President

TRAVELING MASS



The Serra traveling Mass will be held on Sunday, July 12th at St. Rita Parish; 32800 Baldwin Road; Solon, Ohio. St. Rita is located just off Aurora Road, west of Rt. 91. Lets have as many Serrans as possible attend 10:30 Mass on the 12th. Colette Sislak will explain our mission and objectives to parishioners who might be interested in joining our Serra organization.

UNIVERSE BULLETIN



The June 26, 2009 issue of the Catholic Universe Bulletin had a great article entitled: "The Year for Priests; Serrans sow seeds for vocations throughout diocese" Serrans from Cleveland East visited St. Pauls Shrine in downtown Cleveland on Monday, June 22nd for Mass and dinner. Franciscan Fr. William Weithorn during his homily spoke on the close of the Year of St. Paul and the Year of the Priest. Gus Skapek said in the article: "The Church needs vocations so the promise of Jesus is always there. The primary way we Serrans achieve our vocational goal is through prayer." To read the full article go to: www.catholicuniversebulletin.org

YEAR FOR PRIESTS
June 19, 2009 + June 19, 2010
USCCB.org



Check out the website above. There is much information about the Year for Priests.

And remember to pray daily for all of our Priests.....

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
 we pray that the Blessed Mother
 wrap her mantle around your priests
 and through her intercession
 strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests
 to follow her own words,
 "Do whatever He tells you: (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
 Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
 inspire them to embrace
 all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy,
 filled with the fire of your love
 seeking nothing but your greater glory
 and the salvation of souls. Amen

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

FOR YOUR INFO:



The Seminarian Prayer Calendar for the months of June thru September 2009, along with the Priest Prayer Calendar are *not* attached to this newsletter.

Instead they may be found at the website below and printed out so you can pray daily for our seminarians and priests:

parentsofpriests.net

Once at the site, click on Newsletters and scroll down to Seminarian Prayer Calendar and Priest Prayer Calendar. You may print them out from there.

Keep them handy, pray daily for our priests and seminarians.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Monday, July 13th Kathleen Cherney, Principal of St. Dominic will be our speaker.
- Monday, July 27th. Installation ceremony for officers serving 2009.2010 at Mass. Fr. Stephen Flynn will be our after dinner speaker. Please be sure to attend.
- Sunday, August 9th ATTEND THE FEST...at the Center for Pastoral Leadership. Volunteer to help....
- *There will be no meetings at Ursuline during August.*
- August 27-30th. Serra International Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. It's not too late to register Contact the website: www.serrainternational.org for more information.

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