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NEXT MEETING

-----> **NEW LOCATION AND DATE THIS MONTH** <-----

Monday, October 17, 2016

St. Pius X Church, 1025 East Madison Street, Lombard

Guests are welcome! Please contact Joanne Carr: carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994

Peter Kinsella *

6:00 pm	Rosary for Vocations
6:30 pm	Mass
7:00 pm	Fellowship (<i>Parish Center</i>)
7:15 pm	Dinner
7:45 pm	Program: Meeting & Speaker presentation



* Pete Kinsella was named in May 2016 as the Senior Development Officer for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet. Kinsella recently left the industry after a 35 year career, spending the last 26 years at BMO Harris Bank as a Senior Relationship Manager in Business Banking. Over his career, he has been on numerous non-profit boards including Big Brothers Big Sisters, United Way, Family Shelter Service, St. Irene Catholic School, and St. Francis High School, and has spent the last seven years on Catholic Charities' Board of Directors. He taught Religious Education at St. Irene Catholic Church and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pete is a graduate of St. Michael's Parish School and St. Francis High School in Wheaton, received his BA in Accounting from North Central College in Naperville, and received his MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management.

SAVE UPCOMING DATES:

Sat. Oct. 1 Serra Officers & Trustees Meeting, St. Procopius Abbey – ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

(All members are invited to attend - Lend your voice in creating new activities for our chapter!)

St. Procopius Abbey, 5601 College Rd., Lisle

7:00 am – Mass (*Abbey Church*)

7:45 -9 am – Meeting (*Private dining room, lower level*)

Mon, Nov. 21 Serra Chapter Meeting, St. Michael, Wheaton. Speaker: Fr. Shawn Cieslak,



President's Corner:

Greetings Serrans,

We started our new meeting season at a new venue and had a great speaker. On September 26 at St. Michaels, Father Toni Taschetta gave a very inspirational talk on encouraging vocations. He explained how he developed a St. Timothy program where seasoned parishioners identified holy young men and women and pointed out this trait directly to them. His program encouraged them to embrace this trait and to share their feelings with others in the group. Fr. Tony said it is our responsibility as Serrans to do the Calling. In years past it was the nuns in schools and parents that did the Calling, this is not happening in our world today.

Priesthood Sunday, October 30, 2016 is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International. It is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation. You can look for ideas and what you can do to honor priests in your parish at www.priestsunday.org

Our next dinner meeting is October 17 at St. Pius X Church in Lombard. The speaker will be Pete Kinsella, Senior Development Officer, Catholic Charities. The evening starts with the Rosary for Vocations at 6 pm. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Enjoy the refreshing fall weather!

Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for us! De Colores!

John Matyasik

President



Chaplain's Chatter:

Since I am from St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bolingbrook, I am partial to the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. For most of his life he gave witness to Jesus as a layperson. Toward the end of life he became a deacon. St. Francis had the utmost respect and reverence for the priest hood because the priest brought Jesus on the altar. Continue to pray the rosary for priests that they appreciate the great gift they possess. Also on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, pray the rosary for vocations to priesthood, religious life and diaconate. Please pray for the priests and Bishops of the Joliet diocese as they go on retreat to Mundelein October 11 thru October 21st and for the deacons Convocation October 21st thru October 23rd. "Priesthood Sunday" is traditionally the last Sunday in October. It is a special day to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. **Please pray the Prayer of St. Francis below.**

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Herb

Fr. Herb Essig



Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console, '

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST:

For These Serrans & Friends, We Pray to the Lord



Geri Carey (wife of Peter), Nora Kornesczuk (mother of Jim), Mary Naughton (mother of Theresa Gilbert), Hugh Toner, Nancy Toner (daughter-in-law of Hugh and Maureen), Sangeetha Devadas (Sister of Vijay Devadas), Lalitha Devadas (Mother of Vijay Devadas), Serran Jean Leyman, Fr. Ronald Hart, Fr. Doug Hauber, Fr. Vytas Memenas, Archbishop J. Peter Sartain,



For the Repose of the Souls of...

Danielle Ann Janninck (sister of Fr. William Donnelly); Fr. Mark Fracaro; Deacon Richard Mangen ('86)



HAPPY "OCT." BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS & PERMANENT DEACONS

(1) Fr. Kevin Lafey O Carm; Fr. Patrick Murphy (2) Fr. Thomas Corbino; Seminarian Jesus Oliveros; Seminarian Senovio Sarabia (4) Fr. Raymond Lescher; Fr. Ronald Hilt; Deacon Mark Armamentos (5) Fr. Jude Randall, OSB (7) Fr. Brad Baker; Fr. James Curtin; Deacon Raymond Hamilton (9) Fr. James Antiporek; Fr. Thomson Panakal; Deacon Chang Kim (10) Fr. Paul Solomon (12) Fr. Godwin Olugbami; Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs; **Seminarian Andrew Buchanan** (13) Fr. Arthur Maher (15) Fr. Gerald Nicholas, OSA; Deacon James Sossong (17) Fr. John Phan; Fr. Larry Dreffein, OFM (18) Fr. Thomas L. Osborne, OSA (19) Fr. James Fanale, CSV; Fr. Robert Noesen (20) Fr. John Palmer, CSV (21) Deacon John Chan (23) Fr. Charles Wheeler; Fr. Walter Dziordz, MIC; Deacon John Blumenstein; Deacon David Marlowe (25) Fr. Kenneth Zigmond, OSB; Deacon Lawrence Kearney; Deacon Alan Symonanis (26) Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR; Fr. Thyomas Vendetti L.C. (27) **Seminarian Joshua** Billing (28) Deacon Gregory Ouska (29) Fr. Mark Cote (30) (31) Fr. Jason Stone; Deacon Gregory Clodi