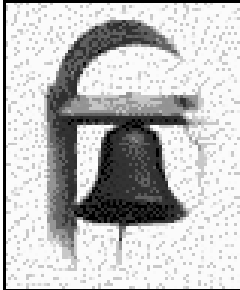




Serra Club of Pensacola

November 2008



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SERRA

- Spiritual growth in Christ
- Encouragement of church vocations
- Religious education
- Responsible lay leadership
- Association in Christian companionship

Dear Serrans,

For our November meeting, we will be having a dinner meeting on Wednesday, November 12, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Room.

Please make every effort to attend and to bring a guest. Since a couple members are providing the food and I've again gotten a donation of wine from Stuart and Julie Snyder, all the money raised will go toward our financial Christmas gifts for the seminarians. Please be generous in your donation.

Since many are unable to attend a meeting at lunch time because of working or other obligations, this will also be a good time to invite someone to join us for dinner who might also be interested in becoming a member of the Serra Club of Pensacola ministry.

Eucharistic Adoration Cards were sent to all the priests in the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese, and we've gotten several 'thank you' notes back. Please don't forget to include our diocesan priests in your prayers before the Blessed Sacrament and also after receiving the Eucharist.

Thank you and God bless.

Jim Daigle

CD of the Month Fund Raiser

Promoting the CD of the Month Club from Lighthouse Catholic Media just got easier.

For this holiday gift-giving season, there is a special program where people can order a 4, 6 or 12 CD gift subscription for LCMs inspirational CDs by some of the best Catholic speakers.

MYRRH - Set of 4 CDs (one for each week of Advent) - \$20

FRANKINCENSE - 6-month subscription to the CD of the Month Club - \$30

GOLD - 12-month subscription - \$60

The regular subscription forms can be used, just indicate who is receiving the gift and for how long. Plus, each subscription will still receive the free DVD "Our Catholic Faith."

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 7

Mass, 12:10 p.m.
St. Michael
Open Board Meeting following
Mass at
Pastoral Center

Wednesday, November 12

Dinner Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Community Room

Holy Hour, November 20

Hour of Eucharistic Adoration,
6:00 p.m., St Paul

Birthdays

Rev. Richard Altenbaugh, 11/12
Rev. Msgr. Luke Hunt, 11/29

Anniversaries

No anniversaries are celebrated
In November.

*[If you have any corrections or
additions to this list, please contact
Jim Daigle, VP Communications.]*

Ernie Cyr

40 Days for Life

Ernie and Mary Beth Cyr are the Pensacola area coordinators for the "40 Days for Life" national campaign. The nation-wide campaign is in 179 cities.

Ernie showed a DVD on the issue of abortion which was what convinced him of the need and gave him the call to action. Although there were some difficulties with the sound, the message was clear—abortion is murder.

In his talk, Ernie addressed the misconceptions about Planned Parenthood. Yes, they do fund pre-natal health care, but this organization is the country's largest abortion agency, plus they get government funding for their programs.

Since 1973, 50 million abortions have been reported nation-wide. In Escambia County, each Friday at the 9th Avenue Community Healthcare Center of Pensacola, aka, abortion mill between 50 and 60 abortions are performed.

The 'public' part of their campaign is the prayer vigil at the 9th Avenue abortion mill. Ernie is frequently asked "Is it safe to be out there?" and his response is that the only ones that the place is not safe for is the 40-60 unborn children.

Ernie encouraged our participation and left us with the question that everyone should ask themselves "Why are we silent?"

From the Board:

The Board of Directors met at the Pastoral Center October 3, 2008 at 12:50 p.m.

Officers present were Jim Esmond Drott and Gayle Elbert. Also present were Carol and Ken McDonald and newsletter editor Betsy Bowser.

Absent were: Jim Daigle, Vera Alft, John Doherty, Jim Osborne and Joe Pastucha.

Betsy Bowser called the meeting to order with the prayer for vocations.

September board meeting minutes were corrected and approved.

Esmond Drott gave a financial report – we have around \$500 in our account. Membership fee and luncheon bills are being sent out.

There was discussion of our expenses for 2007-2008. We need to develop a budget. Our International and US Council dues take most of what we have coming in. The need to increase membership is seen. There is hope that the parish bulletin announcements might increase interest in our Serra Club.

Carol McDonald suggested that recruiting new members through personal contacts be made in each parish and that volunteers from each parish are needed to set up an information table at each church's community Sunday or similar event.

Ernie Cyr will speak at the October luncheon meeting on the "40 Days for Life" program.

Evening meetings were discussed which could be used as fund raiser and to attract members who cannot attend luncheon meetings. One will be on November 19 at Sacred Heart Church with food from Apple Market. The February gumbo dinner at Sacred Heart will be on February 14.

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From the Board

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Esmond suggested we start contacting schools and parishes in early December for the poster contest.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Elbert, Secretary

The following prayer is on the website of Chris Leblanc, a seminarian with the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee who will be ordained a deacon next April.

Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.
Amen.

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***Remember to pray daily for
our parish priests, brothers,
sisters, deacons,
seminarians and those in
formation to become nuns
and deacons.***

***Mary,
Mother of
Vocations, Pray
for us.***