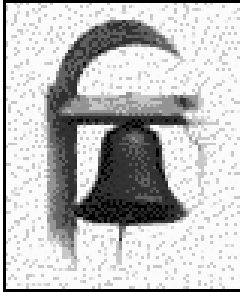




# Serra Club of Pensacola

## October 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,

As we start a new year with me as your president, I want to talk about my goals.

My first goal is to increase membership. If every one of us gets one new member, we have doubled our membership. Carol McDonald set up a table with Serra information at a Community Day after Masses at Nativity Parish and she got 7 new members. Talk with Carol – she says it was easy to sign up Friends of Serra.

Another goal of mine is to increase participation in Eucharistic Adoration. Although it would be great to have a number of Serrans at our designated hour of adoration on the Thursday after our luncheon meeting, please add Eucharistic Adoration to your prayer life whenever you can.

Finally, I want to encourage you to attend the Regional Conference in Ocean Springs, MS, on Saturday, October 11. The Serra Club of Biloxi has an excellent program planned. I am also offering a carpool so you will not have travel expense.

Thank you and God bless.

*Jim Daigle*

### **Priesthood Sunday October 26, 2008**

As a way to thank our parish priests, we will be sending an "An Hour of Eucharistic Adoration" card to every priest in our diocese. Several members volunteered at the September luncheon to address the cards, Jim Daigle will purchase the cards and Gayle Elbert will provide the stamps. Please remember to include our priests in your hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Also, stop by your parish office and ask about a 'thank you note' being included in the bulletin for the 26<sup>th</sup> and also in the Prayers of the Faithful read at all Masses.

But, most of all remember to say 'Thank You, Father' at every opportunity

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Friday, October 3**

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

#### **Saturday, October 11**

Serra District 5  
Fall Conference  
Ocean Springs, MS

#### **Saturday, October 15**

Luncheon Meeting, Noon  
Pensacola Yacht Club  
Speakers from  
40 Days for Life

#### **Holy Hour, October 16**

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

## Birthdays

Deacon Robert LeBlanc, 10/2  
Rev. Douglas Halsema, 10/9

## Anniversaries

Msgr. Luke Hunt, 10/12  
Rev. Thomas Fowler, 10/17

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

## Rev. Jim Dane St. Thomas by the Sea Alabama

Rev. Jim Dane, our speaker for the September 17 luncheon meeting at the Pensacola Yacht Club, is the son of a former member of the Serra Club of Pensacola.

He spoke first about how his family thought him a very unlikely candidate to become a priest. Fr. Jim first entered the seminary through the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, but was not able to be ordained a deacon. He then went to the Diocese of Mobile and was finally ordained.

Fr. Jim talked about how we all have disabilities, but for some of us our disabilities are not obvious. He challenged us to find those who are the least and figure out ways to reach out to them and make them feel comfortable and welcome.

One way he encourages this among the young people in his parish is an annual trip to the Yucatan. They assist Padre Santos with whatever needs done. Due to the extreme shortage of priests, many spiritual duties are performed by permanent deacons. These trips have given him a greater appreciation for young people.

He pointed out that even though they may not fulfill our dreams, the important thing is "are they fulfilling God's dreams"?

## From the Board:

The Board of Directors met at the Pastoral Center September 5, 2008 at 12:50 p.m.

Present were Jim Daigle, President, Esmond Drott, Gayle Elbert, and Jim Osborne. Present also was Betsy Bowser, Editor of the Newsletter.

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

President Daigle called the meeting to order with the prayer for vocations.

The minutes of the August broad meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Jim restated that the Board meeting will follow the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass at St. Michael's at the Pastoral Center. We will continue the Hour of Adoration at St. Paul's on the third Thursday of the month 6:00 p.m.

Jim announced that after contacting Dick Sweeney our dues were only item increased. The Serran Magazine will remain part of our membership dues and the increase in the magazine subscription would only apply to the Friends of Serra subscriptions.

Jim asked Betsy if we had enough Memorial Cards to be given to our members. She confirmed that we did. Discussion followed and each member will send their own Memorial Cards and then send pertinent information and offering to Esmond.

It was noted the membership roster needs to be brought up to date; Esmond will take care of this.

Jim asked Betsy if she would work up an announcement for the Serra Club to appear in all the parish bulletins. Gayle agreed to work with Betsy on this project.

President Daigle read a letter about a Saturday regional meeting in Ocean Springs on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Eckert of Ocean Springs

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## From the Board

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informed that reservations were coming in. Jim will be going and has offered to carpool. Discussion followed.

Betsy further explained the Lighthouse Catholic Media fund raising program. Betsy will be presenting the program at the September Luncheon.

Treasurer's report was made by Esmond. We have \$2,500 in the bank and Dues Statements for next quarter will soon be going out. We still owe international \$1,500 for late dues. Esmond stated that we really need some kind of budget so planning can be made for events coming up. We also have Bishop Richard Christmas offering of \$500.00, the monies for the Poster Contest and the Seminarians visit coming in April 2009 and the lunches for our guest speakers.

Esmond asked about having an evening dinner meeting in November so all our members might be able to attend. There was discussion but nothing decided.

There was a request made for a schedule of our programs for this year. Jim said he would contact John about this.

We received a letter from Fr. Michael Reed regarding this year's celebration of World Priest Day on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.

Betsy Bowser presented President Jim Daigle with his president's pin.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Elbert, Secretary

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