

SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



Support our Priests
Send a card—Say a Prayer
Let them know that we care



Ordination Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

- 9/5 Rev. Liam Cary
Rev. Terry O'Connell
- 9/8 Rev. Victoriano Perez
- 9/11 Rev. Ronald Millican
- 9/13 Rev. Daniel Adams
Rev. Donald Gutmann
- 9/24 Rev. Patrick Brennan

Birthdays



SEPTEMBER

- 9/02 Rev. Henry Rufo
- 9/05 Rev. Gary Zerr
- 9/06 Rev. Robert Cieslinski
- 9/06 Rev. Michael Johnston
- 9/07 Rev. Kevin Clarke, SJ
- 9/07 Rev. Kevin O'Connor, OMI
- 9/08 Rev. James Dieringer
- 9/10 Rev. Nicholas Nilema, ALCP
- 9/14 Rev. Benedict Innes, OFM
- 9/16 Rev. Casmir Onyegwara
- 9/17 Rev. Robert Loughery, CSC
- 9/17 Rev. Charles Zach
- 9/18 Rev. Michael Evernden, CSP
- 9/18 Rev. Richard Rossman
- 9/19 Rev. Theodore Prentice
- 9/21 Rev. Jack Mosbrucker
- 9/27 Rev. Edward Altstock
- 9/27 Rev. Patrick Stewart, SJ
- 9/28 Rev. Robert Beltrami, OFM
- 9/28 Rev. Michael Hemming
- 9/30 Rev. Thomas DeMan, OP
- 9/30 Rev. William McHugh, OMI



YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Litany for Priests

Let us pray for :
*Priests who want to love you,
Enkindle their hearts Lord.*
*Priests who are sad,
Console them Lord.*
*Priests who are old,
Sustain them Lord.*

President's Message



Dear Serrans,

The summer dalliance is about over! The Serra International Convention will be held in Omaha August 27 - 30. We have Board and membership meetings on September 2. We will participate in the chartering of the Hispanic Serra Club of Renton on September 9. Dinner with the new President of Serra International Alejandro Carbajal of Mexico on the 10th. Then back to our Mass and meeting on September 16.

All this activity is evidence of the vitality of Serra and of the great efforts being made to accomplish our mission of supporting vocations to the priestly and religious life and preparing each of us for our role in that mission. Viva Serra!!

Jack Talbott,
President



REGIONAL CONVENTION—REGION 12 Friday—Sunday Oct 2-4, 2009 Spokane, WA

THEME: "To Foster a Culture of Vocations Together"

Friday, Oct 2	Registration 3:00—6:00 pm Social 6:30—8:30 pm Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center
Sat., Oct 3	Breakfast/Registration 8:00—9:30 am Conference Sessions 9:30—3:00 pm Mass St. Joseph in Ocis Orchards 5:30 pm Cocktails/Banquet approx 7:00 pm
Sun, Oct 4	Business Meeting Tour of NEW Bishop White Seminary (optional)

Every Serran is encouraged to attend. Our President has registration packets to share. **DEADLINE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION SEPT 11!** We would love to have Portland well represented—so we hope to see you all there!!

SEMINARIAN GOLF TOURNEY EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE – MT. ANGEL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

GOLF-2:00 P.M.

HAPPY HOUR / DINNER-5:30

GOLF=\$13 (pay at course) DINNER=\$20

CHECK FOR DINNER (SERRA CLUB) TO: DAVE HUGHES BY 9/28
15308 NW ABERDEEN

PORTLAND, OR 97229 (503-533-4080)

INVITE YOUR PARISH PRIEST(S)
PRIESTS/SEMINARIANS = FREE

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED

PROGRAM RECAPS

August 5, 2009— Our program director, Barbara Bryan, did a marvelous job of obtaining an outstanding speaker for our luncheon meeting. Sister Mary Lonergan OSF, from the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Milwaukie, spoke on the topic of "Prayer in the Celtic Tradition". Sister Mary greeted the Serrans in attendance in the Trinitarian Way: "I greet you in the name of the Father, in the name of Mary's Son, Jesus, and I greet you in the name of the Holy Spirit".

The keynotes of the Celtic Way of Prayer, according to Sr. Mary, include the unity of the Trinity and the protection of God. A Celtic Christian believes that God is everywhere at all times and that no journey is complete until a person has gone home to God.

Who are these Celts? They came from Europe and moved to the Western British Isles. They were rural dwellers who lived in a rough environment, dependent on nature, believing that God was in nature. When St. Patrick came upon the scene Catholicism was already present. He didn't bring the Christian message to the islands, but he did bring an awareness of God's presence.

In conclusion, Sr. Mary indicated that we are in a crisis of moral values. A crisis is a fork in the road where you must make a choice. Our choice needs to be spirituality. We must get to God through love. Creeds and dogmas are important, but love is essential. The heart knows what the mind cannot always comprehend. Sr. Mary may be reached at info@francisspctr.com or www.francisspctr.com.

August 19, 2009 - Once again our luncheon speaker came to us from the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Milwaukie. Marilyn Kirvin, the Center's director for Ignation spirituality, spoke to the Serrans in attendance on her favorite topic. Marilyn was the former director of the Jesuit's Ignation Spirituality Center in Portland. She leads retreats for groups, teaches a class on Ignation spirituality and has a program established for discernment by individuals.

The key to understanding Ignation spirituality is to examine St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercise. This Exercise tells us that you "don't need to go to a monastery or sit in a church all day" in order to achieve the goal of making God the center of your life. The key is to find God in everything and then giving yourself away to God. This Ignation Exercise really works for lay people. It is adjustable. A lay person can participate in a 30 day retreat or individually participate in exercises over a longer period of time. To learn more about this program contact Marilyn at the Franciscan Spiritual Center info@francisspctr.com or www.francisspctr.com.

UPCOMING EVENT

HISPANIC CLUB CHARTER MASS & DINNER

Please join us at the **CHARTER MASS** and **DINNER** for the **HISPANIC SERRA CLUB OF RENTON** on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009**. Presiding will be Most Rev. Alex J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle and co-celebrant, Hispanic Serra Club Chaplin, Fr. Gary Zender.

St. Anthony's Parish Church and Hall
416 South 4th Street
Renton, Washington 98057
Mass 5:00 PM
Dinner and Program 6:30 PM

Honored Guests will include: Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo – Auxiliary Bishop Seattle; Alejandro Carbajal Padilla Mexico, President Serra International; Joseph R. DeLoy – President-Elect, USA Council.

All Serrans are encouraged to attend this **historic evening** as we charter the **first Hispanic Serra Club in the United States**. **RSVP by Sept 2, 2009 to Phil Philbrick at 206-216-0778 or email to peebrick@aol.com. Suggested donation of \$20 per person will be collected at the door.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 2, 2009

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

*PROGRAM: Catherine Hertel, SSMO
Prayerful Life*

Sept 16, 2009

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBA

October 7, 2009

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

PROGRAM: TBA

October 21, 2009

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

PROGRAM: TBA

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 9, 2009

**Hispanic Serra Club of Renton
Charter Mass & Dinner**

Oct 2-4, 2009

**Region 12 Regional Convention
Spokane, WA**

October 2, 2009

Seminarian Golf Tourney

October 25, 2009

Priesthood Sunday

November 1, 2009

**Mt. Angel Annual Seminarian
Benefit Dinner**

November 8, 2009

Sisters' Luncheon

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Promote vocations in your parish!*