

# SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN

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## Ordination Anniversaries

### November

11/7 Rev. Ed Coleman

## Birthdays



### November

11/01 Rev. Jon Buffington  
11/04 Rev. Vincent Trujillo, OSB  
**11/07 Archbishop Alexander Sample**  
11/08 Rev. David Gutmann  
11/09 Rev. Hugo Maese  
11/10 Rev. Vincent Kelber, OP  
11/10 Rev. Joel Adams, SJ  
11/11 Rev. Patrick Hannon, CSC  
11/11 Rev. Jose Orteg, MSPS  
11/15 Rev. William Holtzinger  
11/18 Rev. Msgr. Richard Paperini  
11/19 Rev. Francis Chun  
11/23 Rev. Ed Coleman  
**11/25 Most Rev. Kenneth Steiner**  
11/25 Rev. Gregg Bronsema  
11/25 Rev. Moises Kumulmac  
11/25 Rev. John Dougherty, CSC  
11/27 Rev. Charles Gordon, CSC  
11/30 Rev. Bruce Cwiekowski

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Faith is not a light that dispels all of our darkness, but rather a lamp that guides our steps in the night and that is sufficient.

*Pope Francis*  
*Encyclical letter*  
*“Lumen Fidei” (2013)*

## President's Message



The eight seminarians dressed in their black cassocks were blocking my view of the Pope who would be holding a papal audience inside of St. Peter's Basilica; so I moved slightly to my left. When they cried out “Papa” he turned, and only twenty feet away I was looking straight into Blessed Pope Paul VI's eyes. It was my first and likely only Papal audience.

Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini was born on September 26, 1897, became a priest in 1920, Archbishop of Milan in 1954, Cardinal in 1958, and Pope in 1963. He reacted with disbelief when Pope John XXIII announced a new Ecumenical Council and is quoted as saying “This old boy does not know what a hornets nest he is stirring up”. Yet he worked closely with John XXIII in the opening session of the Council. And while St. Pope John XXIII was the visionary and inspirational leader of the Vatican II Council, it was left to Pope Paul VI to reconvene the Council and to guide its significant work. He took charge of the interpretation and implementation of its mandates upon conclusion of the Council. In particular he felt that the universal call to holiness was the ultimate purpose of the Council.

Pope Paul VI revamped the entire Roman Curia (which he knew well having worked there from 1937 to 1954). This reform included reduction in bureaucracy, streamlining of existing congregations, and a broader representation of non-Italians in the curial positions. He also ordered that only cardinals below the age of eighty might participate in future conclaves and that all bishops are to offer their retirement to the pontiff before their 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. He promulgated the new order of the Mass in 1970 which introduced three new Eucharistic Prayers to what was up to then a single Roman Canon. He issued eight encyclicals of which “*Humanae vitae*” (of human life) issued in 1968 was the most controversial.

Pope Paul VI became the first pope to visit six continents and the first to visit the United States. He was our pope during the transition from the old order of how we celebrated our faith to a more contemporary celebration in our native languages rather than just in Latin. He walked the fine and often thin line between the conflicting expectations of various groups within Catholicism, and in my opinion, did it well. He died on August 6, 1978. Pope Benedict XVI named him Venerable and Pope Francis beatified him on October 19, 2014. We celebrate his feast on his birthday September 26 (which is the due date for this message – no coincidence).

Mary, Mother of Vocations and Saint Junipero Serra,  
Pray for us.  
Art Diederich, President

Serra Club of the Blue Moutains - Walla Walla, WA

September 15, 2016



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrating the chartering of the Serra Club of the Blue Mountains St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walla Walla, WA.

Principal Celebrant and Homilist, Most Rev. Bishop Thomas A. Daly (Diocese of Spokane). Concelebrant Very Rev. Daniel Barnett (Director of Vocations, Diocese of Spokane and Rector, Bishop White Seminary).

Walla Walla priests: Rev. Matthew Nicks, Pastor; Rev. David Gaines; Rev. Kyle Ratuiste (Chaplain for new Serra Club and son of Tri-cities Serrans Morie & Cocot Ratuiste); and Rev. David Kuttner.



Choir consisted of students of Whitman College Music department and was beautiful! After the Mass, there was dinner and installation of members and officers. It was a joyous event - well attended by dignitaries and fellow Serrans!

L to R: Tri-Cities President, Morie Ratuiste (whose son is the Chaplain for the new club in Walla Walla); SI Pres-Elect, Dan Jones; and Bishop Daly enjoying celebration!



Region 12 District Governor, Aileen Fields, installs new members of the Serra Club of the Blue Mountains



Region 12 District Governor, Aileen Fields ,installs new officers of the Serra Club of the Blue Mountains

Officers (not in order of photo)

- President - Susan Fleming
- Secretary - Marcella Drivdahl
- Treasurer - Jean Grasso (Scallen)
- VP of Programs - Christopher Grasso
- VP of Membership - Greg Fazzari
- VP of Vocations - Lisa Sharkey
- VP of Communications - Kevin Reynolds
- Chaplain - Fr. Kyle Ratuiste



Aileen Fields presents President of the Serra Club of the Blue Mountains, Susan Fleming with President's pin





Serra Club of the Blue Mountains - Walla Walla, WA

September 15, 2016



Guests enjoying dinner



Serra International Executive Director presents Club Members each with *Handbook for Serrans Called to Holiness*



Serra International Executive Director, John Liston, presents Serra Club of the Blue Mountains President, Susan Fleming with statue of Saint Junipero Serra (Program Emcee, Chris Grasso in background)



Serra International President Elect, Dan Jones, presents Serra Club of the Blue Mountains President, Susan Fleming with charter



Welcome Serra Club of the Blue Mountains to Serra International  
Clergy (L to R): Very Rev. Daniel Barnett; Rev. Matthew Nicks; Most Rev. Bishop Thomas Daly; & Rev. Kyle Ratuiste (Chaplain)



## Serra Club of North Idaho - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

September 17, 2016

The Serra Club of North Idaho was chartered as club number 1192 at St. Thomas Parish in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It is an absolutely beautiful parish!

The mass celebrated by Most Rev. Peter Christensen, Bishop of Boise; with Fr. Mariusz Majewski (Chaplain of the club); Fr. Roger LaChance, Pastor of St. Pius X (Coeur d'Alene); and Fr. Tim Ritchey, Pastor of St. George (Post Falls). The installation of new members and officers occurred as part of the Mass.

After Mass there was a celebratory luncheon!



Aileen Fields, District Governor 1-E, led the installation of members and officers.

Dignitaries attending the event were: John Liston, Executive Director of SI; Dan Jones, SI President-Elect; Martin Weber, Regional Director; Andy Tassani, District Governor 1-N; Sue Manfred, President Serra Club of Spokane; and Morie Ratuiste, President Tri-Cities Serra Club - along with Serrans from Tri-Cities, Spokane, Seattle and Portland



**Serra Club of North Idaho - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

September 17, 2016



Bishop Christensen, Chaplain Fr. Mariusz and SI Pres-Elect, Dan Jones enjoying the luncheon



Andy Finney, President of Serra Club of North Idaho accepts the charter presented by SI Executive Director, John Liston



Officers (not in order of photo)

- President - Andy Finney
- President-Elect - Jim Kerns
- Secretary - Dianna Decker
- Treasurer - Carol White
- VP of Programs - Roxanne Finney
- VP of Membership - Val Ordway
- VP of Vocations - Steve & Sherry Gonnella
- VP of Communications - Tina Johnson



Calendars posted for 31 Club - which has over 300 people from 4 parishes praying for vocations! John Liston said that may be a record!!



Welcome Serra club of North Idaho to Serra International



# KEVIN VANHOOMISSEN HONORARY SISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

September 25, 2016

Serrans were honored by the presence of 86 Sisters' representing 11 orders for our Annual Appreciation Luncheon held at the Double Tree Lloyd Center this past Sunday. There were also women in the process or considering discernment to religious life. Special guests Dina Marie Hale (Mater Dei Radio) and her husband, Rob; along with Sarah Wolf of the Sentinel also attended. There were about 50 Serrans and spouses in attendance too.

The event started with appetizers and wine at 1:00 with lovely piano music (provided by Peggy VanHoomissen's daughter in law, Jacquie) and social; then a wonderful lunch at 2:00. Many thanks to Chair of the event, Monique Harris, along with Quenton/Ann Czuba, Sandy & Art Diederich and Melliza Palazo for all their efforts to make this such a successful event!

May God bless all our religious sisters, who radiate God's love and joy in all that they do throughout the year. There was so much joy in the room it was contagious! The photos speak for themselves!



Serra President, Art Diederich (above), along with fellow Serrans enjoyed a wonderful lunch and conversation. After lunch we took a group photo.



**SAVE the DATE for next year— October 22, 2017 at the same location!**

## PROGRAM RECAPS

**Sept 7, 2016** - Gary Spanovich, who is a member of the Tualatin Valley Serra Club, spoke to our Serrans on September 7. Mr. Spanovich is the founding director of the Wholistic Peace Institute, which is an organization that promotes research and education for this peacemaking organization. He has written a book, *The Wholistic Approach*, in which he relates his viewpoint as to what are fundamental human values. He quotes Lech Walesa, former President of Poland and 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner: "world peace will be found in new solutions and new ideas and the universities of the world are the best places to formulate these solutions and not street demonstrations."

Mr. Spanovich believes that our mission should be to stop the killing and rely on the wisdom of our Nobel Peace Laureates. The Holistic Peace Institute is a research, education, and peacemaking institute.

The program began in 2001 with the Student Dalai lama Youth summit. Each year the Spirit of Unity award is given to students for their outstanding work in initiating peace and service projects in their schools and communities. This award was originated by Harold Schnitzer, one of Oregon's foremost humanitarians. Students from sixty schools have won the award. Many are currently continuing activities which cultivate a culture of peace.

**Sept 21, 2016** - Dr. Jerilyn Felton joined by Barbara Miller and her dog, Hazina, were guests representing "Four-Footed Minister Pastoral/Spiritual Care Program". Dr. Felton is a graduate of Seattle University with a B.A. in Fine Arts. After 20 years working in export, she completed her M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies and Applied Theology at Marylhurst University, where she laid the foundations for a model of spiritual/pastoral care using dogs in ministry. While doing her doctoral studies at George Fox University, "dog ministry" became the topic of her dissertation project. Barbara Miller and her previous dog, Caterina, started the "read to the dog" program at West Linn library and were instrumental in Jerilyn's doctoral work at Maryville Nursing Home, developing a program approach to dog ministry. Barbara's current dog, Hazina, (who was with her at this presentation) now serves in both the "Read to the Dog" program and stress-reduction activities at George Fox University.

Mission Statement: "The Four-Footed Ministers Pastoral-Care Program presents the opportunity to volunteer Pet Partners teams, consisting of a volunteer and their dog, to provide spiritual/pastoral care to residents, their families, and staff through the gift of their listening presence."

Five Serrans volunteered to join in a circle and Jerilyn and Barbara led faith sharing time with Hanzina. For more information check their website:

[www.fourfootedministers.com](http://www.fourfootedministers.com)

## Survivors Wisdom

We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. Immediately we abandon to God, and do the duty that lies nearest, and He packs our life with surprises all the time....Leave the whole thing to Him. It is gloriously uncertain how He will come in, but He will come!

*Oswald Chambers*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

ANNUAL SERRA CHRISTMAS PARTY  
will be held  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7  
Social and Luncheon  
starting at 11:30 a.m.

Serrans are encouraged to  
invite your spouses,  
parish priests & retired priests



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SERRA MEETINGS

**October 5, 2016**

**Board Meeting 10:30**  
**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

PROGRAM: Dan Jones, SI Convention Recap & Charter of 2 new Serra clubs in Region 12

**Oct 19, 2016**

**Mass Noon**  
**Lunch/Meeting**

PROGRAM: Jon Ulsh, Executive Director of Maybelle Center

**Nov 2, 2016**

**Board Meeting 10:30**  
**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

PROGRAM: Bishop Peter Smith

**Nov 16, 2016**

**Mass Noon**  
**Lunch/Meeting**

PROGRAM: Fr. Jeff Eirvin, World Youth Day

**December 7, 2016**

**11:30 a.m.—Christmas Party**

**December 21, 2016 - No Meeting**

**Jan 4, 2017**

**Board Meeting 10:30**  
**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

PROGRAM: Marvin Kaiser, Mary's Woods

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**October 30, 2016**

**Priesthood Sunday**

**November 6-12, 2016**

**National Vocation Awareness Week**

**November 6, 2016**

**Mount Angel Annual Seminarian  
Benefit Dinner**

Convention Center 4:00 pm

**December 4, 2016**

**Christmas Grotto Event honoring  
Deacons and wives  
Festival of Lights - Dinner  
5:30 p.m.**