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ROCHESTER SERRA NEWSLETTER

"Always to go forward, never to turn back."

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President's Message - Dorothy Arendt



Serrans: RECOMMITTED!

Dear Serran Friends,

Please recite this renewal prayer as we begin another year in Rochester Serra with new energy to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life:

Holy Spirit, you are the love and light of the world. Continue to give all Serrans the courage and generosity to respond ardently to your call.

With one voice now, all Serrans say, "Here I am Lord. " Fire each of us with a renewed spirit and enthusiasm to work for vocations for our Church.

Deepen our commitment to the Serran mission that we may, indeed walk in His Steps on our journey.

Father, we ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Junipero Serra and Mary, the Mother of the Church and model of discipleship. Amen

We will recite this also at a recommitment ceremony during our September meeting after the installation of 2016-2017 Rochester Serra officers by District Governor Chuck DeVos.

Thank you to those who answered the call to be present with the Blessed Sacrament at the Diocese Catechetical Day on August 29th.

We will begin our monthly Mass and Adoration at Lourdes High School once school commences. We continue our

weekly Adoration at Resurrection at 9 AM every Thursday. On September 22nd, we will use the format of silent prayer as well as verbal prayer led by Serrans for our seminarians and vocations. I hope you will join in.

A membership list with phone numbers is now available. You can pick it up at the next meeting or it will be mailed to you. It is a great tool to use to stay connected and strengthen our membership. We welcome John Konkel as an official new Serra Club member. John is a faithful member of Resurrection parish and the KC's. Thank you to Chuck DeVos for introducing him to Serra. *We are always open to welcoming new members.* Look around you for Catholics like yourself who would want to join a group that supports their priests and promotes vocations. Invite them to a meeting and they will see that a dedicated, warm Catholic experience awaits them.

As stated in our August Newsletter, we are sharing "notes" on the July Serra International Convention in upcoming monthly newsletters. We do this here under **Things to Know**.

Continue to pray and keep contact with our IHM Seminarians. These young men can change our parishes, our community, our world!

Blessings to you and your families,

Dorothy Arendt

Chaplain's Corner – Fr. Shawn Haremza



I can't believe summer is already winding down and that our Catholic Schools and Religious Ed programs are about to begin. Our Church staffs are excited and ready once again to reach out to our young people and continue to share our faith. They understand that promoting vocations is an important part of that process. The pastors of our local parishes, as well as myself, will be working closely with our Catholic School Teachers and Religious Ed Directors to talk about the Priesthood and Religious Vocations at times throughout the year in our schools and parishes.

How can you help us? Through your prayers of course! As you know prayers open young hearts to hear God's call and keep Satan's distractions away. I know prayers are an important part of your calling as Serra members and that you are always sending prayers our way - not only to encourage vocations in young hearts, but also to support those who have already answered the call to serve. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated!

Please feel free to approach us priests with any special prayer needs that you may have as an organization or individually! Keep up the great work!

In Christ,
Father Shawn

August 2016 Program

Our guest speaker for our August General Meeting was William (Bill) Ohnsted Region 8 Director Serra Club of Duluth, MN and his wife Mary. Bill shared his story of someone who was raised in the Lutheran faith, converted to Catholicism in 1961 and became a Serran member in 1975.

Since then Bill has served in various Serran positions. He told us that, as District Governor, he has been blessed to meet many great people in other Serra Clubs, along with serving Bishops, priests, religious and seminarians. Bill came to formally induct Chuck DeVos as the new Region 8 District 7S District Governor, taking over from John Wagenaar, Winona, MN Serra Club, who was also present during our August meeting.

Some photos from the August meeting follow:

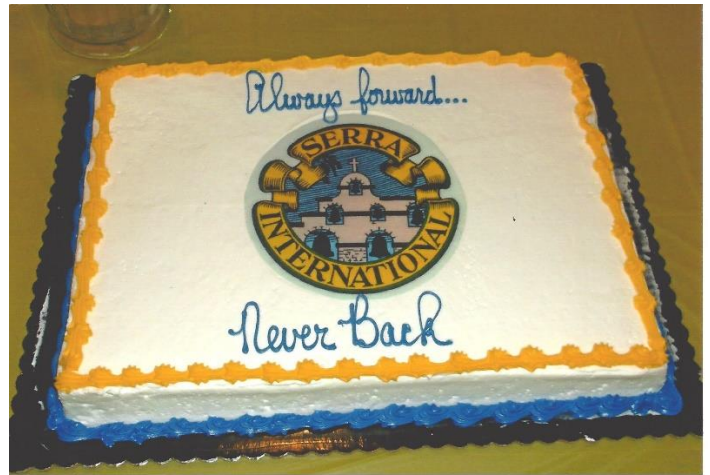
Chuck DeVos, Mary Mamer of Owatonna Serra, Bill Ohnsted, John Wagenaar and Dick Arians, a past President of our Rochester Serra Club who will now be serving as the Vice President of Programs of Serra International.



John Wagenaar, Chuck DeVos, Bill Ohnsted and our Rochester Serra Chaplain, Fr. Shawn Haremza.



Any extra "goodie." The Serra Logo on the special cake served in honor of Chuck's induction!!



Things to Know

Fr Don Leary, past Lourdes High School Principal and long time friend of Rochester Serra, went to heaven August 14th. Remember him in your prayers.

Spotlight on the Serra International Convention: Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Robert Hermann from the Diocese of St. Louis presented a mini-retreat on Repentance. He shared how reconciliation leads to mercy and joy. You forgive with your heart, not your mind. You receive inner peace, joy and gratitude when you repent. You forgive and bless those who hurt you and do not enter into judgment. Hurt is anger. Focus on your own issues. Bishop Hermann's 40 years of connecting with parishioners was evident in his understanding of repentance. More notes on the July International Convention will be in future newsletters.

For the past several late summer seasons of the year, the Winona Serrans have hosted an IHM Seminarians picnic – to which we have been invited. Based upon the ongoing renovation efforts at the IHM campus, that picnic is not being held this year.

Msgr. Thomas Cook is coming from St Felix of Wabasha to be Pastor at St Francis of Assisi in Rochester. Fr. Mark McNea is moving to The Cathedral in Winona. Additional Rochester changes are expected.

Watch for: 1) an updated list of IHM Seminarians for us to sign up for as "prayer partners." 2) our Adoration Hours schedule for the 2016-2017 Lourdes High School year.

UPCOMING ROCHESTER SERRANS EVENTS CALENDAR

August	29	Diocesan Catechetical Day – 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Lourdes High School. Msgr. Tom Cook will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 9 AM to start the Adoration. Rochester Serrans have signed up for each hour from 9 AM to 3 PM. Benediction will be at approximately 3:15 PM.
September	1	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	2	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass at Resurrection Church, celebrant, Fr. Shawn Haremza; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Meeting will include Installation of Rochester Serra Board members for 2016-2017; Program Speaker - Zach Rawson, Pax Christi Church Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry; Lector – John Roemer; Eucharistic Ministers - Joanne Drews, Virginia Smith; Gift Presenters – Chuck, Marlene DeVos.
	8	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	15	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	16	Board Meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Resurrection Church.
	22	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection. We will use a silent prayer format of as well as verbal prayers, led by Serrans for our seminarians and vocations.
	29	Adoration at our Diocesan Catechetical Days - 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Lourdes High School. More information coming.
	29	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
October	6	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	7	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass at Resurrection Church, celebrant, Fr. Shawn Haremza; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Program Speaker - Fr. Robert Horihan, Rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary; Lector – Jim Cook; Eucharistic Ministers - John Roemer, Marilyn Treder; Gift Presenters – Evelyn Cashman, Natalie Kline.
	11	Serra – Priests' Appreciation Dinner at Willow Creek. More information coming.
	13	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
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	21	Board Meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Resurrection Church.
	27	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection.
	30	Priesthood Sunday. More information coming.

ROCHESTER SERRA CLUB PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Rochester Deanery, Diocese of Winona, MN

SEPTEMBER 2016

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Let us pray for those men and women in training to be priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. Pray also for those discerning to commit themselves to the religious life. See our current seminarians by linking from the Web site at: http://www.ihmseminary.org or http://www.dow.org/Departments/Vocations/Seminarians				1 Fr. Jose Morales	2 Fr. Joseph Pete	3 Fr. Chinnappa Pothireddy
4 Fr. Peter Schuster	5 Fr. Paul Surprenant	6 Fr. John Wilmot	7 Fr. William Becker	8 Fr. James Buryska	9 Fr. Charles	10 Msgr. Thomas Cook
11 Fr. John Evans	12 Fr. Joseph Fogal	13 Fr. Shawn Haremza	14 Fr. John Lasuba	15 Fr. Tom Loomis	16 Msgr. Gerald Mahon	17 Fr. Mark McNea
18 Fr. Jose Morales	19 Fr. Joseph Pete	20 Fr. Chinnappa Pothireddy	21 Fr. Peter Schuster	22 Fr. Paul Surprenant	23 Fr. John Wilmot	24 Senior Priests
25 Pope Francis	26 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	27 Deacons	28 Sisters Serving Our Deanery	29 Bishop John Quinn	30 Seminary Students	

Prayer suggestions

Lord Jesus, bless all priests and religious and give them grace to do your great work on earth. Keep them, Lord, close to your heart and under the shadow of your protection. Bless their labors for you and grant that their harvest of souls may be a source of joy and consolation to them during life and may merit an everlasting reward for them in death, that having led many souls to you they may see you face to face.

FOR VOCATIONS: Father, we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Diocese.

A Prayer by Jack and Judy Cozzens on behalf of their son Bishop Andrew Cozzens: "Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the priests and religious who have helped us to live our faith. Please give us the strength to live as faithful Catholics and work with them to promote your Kingdom. We beg you to send us more holy priests and religious to bring Christ's saving message to this and future generations. Bring to us men and women who will dedicate their lives to sharing our great Catholic Faith. We pray there will be priests to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, anoint us near death, administer the Sacraments to our future off-spring, and bring them all to dance with us in heaven."

For more information about the Serra Club or if you have any questions, please call Dorothy Arendt at 507-289-2416 OR Ed Rowley at 507-287-0153. **287-0153.**