



The Calling



St. Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney



Serra Clubs of
Eastern South Dakota
Newsletter for its Members
Third Quarter 2016



*"All members of the Church,
without exception,
have the grace and responsibility
to look after vocations."*

St. John Paul II



**Welcome to Our
Newest Member!**
Kristi Gulbranson (below center)
was sworn in as Sioux Falls Serra
Club's newest member. She is
also a recent convert to
Catholicism. She is seen below
with Sioux Falls Serra Club
President John Michels and
Membership Vice President Laurel
O'Shea.



Regional Director
Richard G. Arians
of Madison Lake,
MN was a guest
speaker at our
recent Annual
Retreat at Abbey
of the Hills. He
spoke on ways to
increase vocations
and Serran
membership.



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Bishop's Charity Golf Classic/Banquet
August 28 & 29, 2016
Minnehaha Country Club & The Country Club of Sioux Falls
benefitting BROOM TREE RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Bishop's Charity Hunt
September 25 & 26, 2016
Horseshoe K Ranch, Kimball
benefitting NEWMAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Christmas at the Cathedral
December 15 - 18, 2016
benefitting THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH & THE BISHOP
DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE ENDOWMENT FUNDS





High School Graduation
1955 Notre Dame -
Mitchell, SD

Sister Joan Marie Brandner: A Prairie Woman

(Editor's Note: Sr. Brandner was our guest at our Annual Retreat on 4/23/16 and spoke to us about her vocation.)

I am truly a prairie woman! My roots go deep into the soil of my family environment saturated with an explicit faith and a love of God's creation. Yes, I was nurtured and loved as the youngest of five children. Since I grew up on a ranch between Herried and Pollock, the loves of my life were my ponies, the round-ups and the western lifestyle that were mine. I trudged off to a country school two miles from my home with such a small enrollment that I was the only one in my class all eight years. My teachers' preparation consisted of six weeks of summer school at Northern State College after high school graduation. My love for teaching remains with me today.

I left home at age 14 to attend Notre Dame High School in Mitchell, SD, taught by the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters. My memory of the Sisters is that they were hard-working loving human beings with a little humor sprinkled in their lives. They were very real and down-to-earth---no pretense.

After a semester at Presentation College, Aberdeen, I joined the Convent and continued my education in preparation to be a classroom teacher for parish schools throughout the state. I was privileged to teach middle and junior high levels in St. Mary, Sioux Falls, Milbank, Mitchell, Madison and back to St. Mary, Sioux Falls.

I left SD to go to Willmar, MN to do pastoral ministry for 5 years and the beginning of my travels to Israel, Sinai, Turkey and Greece. The taste of international travel and my love for various global cultures increased. Some of the places and cultures that I have been a part of are Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Mexico and Chile in Latin American, Thailand, Australia, Papua New Guinea and numerous places in Canada. I carry within me many peoples and cultures which color my outlook, my attitudes and my prayer.

One of the most valuable gifts of God that came my way was an Adult Development Program. This perspective of human beings is the basis on which I live my own life and promote the life of others. At present, I am the Formation Director of the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters. Also, I am working on the International level preparing persons to become PRH educators.

Another love of my life was working with young adult

college students in the Newman Center at SDSU in Brookings for twenty years. College life kept me young at heart. I partnered with five diocesan priests in this work over those years. The priest who "hired me" was Father Chuck Cimpl. I worked the longest with Father Michael Griffin. The whole ministerial experience was one of deep joy and satisfaction and the place where many of my God-given gifts were developed and used.

In conclusion, God continues to bless me with good health and energy. What the future has in store for me the remaining years of my life is a mystery yet to be discovered and lived.



Reflections from a President

Mark Shishnia



How my time as president of Serra Aberdeen has flown! This Spring we celebrated our 21st anniversary of our original charter. I recall that my first job as a our club's leader was in helping with the 16th anniversary of the charter! One of the reasons these five years has gone by so quickly is the fun that I have had with the members of Serra. The members of our group have proven to be loyal to the promotion of vocations through Serra. They are tireless and driven. I have learned so much from my club! Meeting other Serrans outside of our club and those who share our mission has added to this most enjoyable experience.

As each new pastor and associate came to serve in our parish, we were given a new energy and God also gave us renewed direction. Fr. Ed Pierce, Fr. Shane Stevens and now Fr. Mark Lichter have been such a gift and truly a blessing for our parish and club in many unique ways. In this diversity, our club has truly grown in both numbers and conviction. I have learned much from Jesus and Junipero in our time together. I have learned that when we take it to the Lord and have true trust and abandonment, Jesus will permeate our work and our intentions. When we try to make things happen without this trust, relying on pure reasoning and putting our faith in statistics and probability, our vision will fall short. We must put our trust in the amazing true and pure power of the Holy Spirit. We are so much more than a club. We are so much more vital than we know. We have been given a gift to raise up the name of Jesus through an increase of vocations in the Catholic faith. Trusting in the power of God through prayer, we are Serra.



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104.3 in Sioux Falls!
Lamb Radio's President Kevin Culhane was a recent guest at Sioux Falls Serra Club's meeting, sharing the history and creation of Lamb Radio for Eastern South Dakota. He is pictured here with Serra Club's Laurel O'Shea.

PROGRAM GUIDE <i>Listen live 24/7 at lambradio.com</i>							
LAMB CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK 104.3 FM Sioux Falls 91.3 FM Madison-Mitchell-Yankton 88.9 FM Aberdeen-Ipswich							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY SUNDAY	
5:00am	The Son Rise Morning Show					Threshold of Hope	Vatican Radio
5:30am	Angelus, Morning Offering, Divine Office, Daily Scripture Readings, Reflections					Divine Intimacy Radio	
6:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary with Bishop Paul Swain,					The Best of Morning Glory	Celtic Connections
7:00am	Catholic Views "Shepherd's Voice" with Bishop Paul J. Swain	B. Fulton Sheen Fire on the Earth / Food for the Journey	Seize the Day" Morning Show with Heather Karrow and Special Guest Hosts	Bishop Fulton Sheen Fire on the Earth / Food for the Journey	Daily Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)	Sunday Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)	
8:00am	Catholic Connections with Teresa Tomeo		Catholic Connections with Teresa Tomeo		Mast Appeal with Colleen Kelly Mast	Stories from the Heart	
8:30am	Father's Know Best with Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. John Ricardo and Fr. Benedict Groeschel					EWTN Bookmark	
9:00am	Women of Grace with Johnette Benkovic					Catholic Views	
9:30am	The Best of Women of Grace					Sacred Mass Live from Sacred Heart Parish Aberdeen	
10:00am	The Best of Take 2 with Jerry and Debbie					Light of the East	
10:30am	Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie (Live)					Sunday Mass from EWTN Chapel (Encore)	
11:00am	The Doctor is In LIVE 1-877-573-7825					Call Me Catholic (Live)	Vatican Radio Weekend
12:00pm	Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders (live)					The Good Fight with Barbara McQuigan (Live)	Divine Intimacy Radio
1:00pm	EWTN Open Line LIVE 1-800-585-9396					The World Over (Encore)	Best of Called to Communion
1:30pm	HOUR OF MERCY—Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song, Daily Scripture Reading Reflection, Rosary with Bishop Swain and Divine Office Afternoon Prayers					The World Over (Encore)	
2:00pm	Kresta in the Afternoon Live 1-877-573-7825					Vocation Boom Radio	Journey Home-(Encore)
3:00pm	Catholic Answers LIVE 1-888-318-7884					Deep Adventure Radio	
3:30pm	The Journey Home					Register Radio	Best of Catholic Answers Live
4:00pm	EWTN Open Line (Encore)					Blessed 2 Play	
4:30pm	EWTN Open Line (Encore)					Celtic Connections	
5:00pm	EWTN Open Line (Encore)					Salt and Light Music Hour	Salt and Light Music Hour
5:30pm	EWTN Open Line (Encore)					The Catholic Play List Music Hour	The Catholic Play List Music Hour
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5:00am	EWTN Overnight Programming					EWTN Live (encore)	Threshold of Hope

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A Grandparent's Vocation Prayer

Gracious God, source of all life, thank you for the amazing gift of our grandchildren. Help these precious young people appreciate the wonders of creation and understand how much our world needs their prayer and their service.

Dear Jesus, beloved redeemer and brother, awaken in them a deep sense of gratitude for the gift of faith. May they feel proud and privileged to be called to follow you and live the Gospel.

O Holy Spirit, fire of love, inspire them to share their light with others. Open their hearts to explore ordained and religious life. Keep them centered in Christ in single life and marriage.

May our grandchildren learn from the wisdom of their parents and call on their patron saints to guide their choices in life. May they experience the powerful strength of faith and the lasting joy of serving others.

Sustain us as grandparents in your grace as we cherish each new day. Help us remember that how we live affects how they will live. United in faith, hope, and charity, we pray. Amen.

Prayer: Margaret A. Paluch, Grandmother. Used with permission. © 2008 NCCV.

Newly-Ordained Deacon
Headlines Watertown Meeting
Deacon Tom Hartman (center) has been assigned this Summer to Watertown before he begins his final year on his way toward priestly ordination. He graciously accepted the invitation on July 16 to speak to the Watertown Serra Club before heading down to Sioux Falls for the Holy Smokes Car Show. He is pictured here with several Serra Club members and Sr. Brandner.





Left: Serrans representing each club in Eastern South Dakota share a meal during a break at their recent retreat in Marvin, SD. Seated clockwise beginning from bottom left are Frank Waldt, Connie Stuebner, Lori Devine, Dianne Breen, Diane Kranz, and Rosie Waldt.



Left: The recent Holy Smoke Car Show held July 16 at O’Gorman High School in Sioux Falls gave incoming Seminarians Isaiah Lamb (top left) and Tyler Pranger (bottom left) a chance to compete in a Trike Race against Seminarians Max Marko (top center), Will Penisten (top right), and Bailey Lauret (bottom right).



Above: Aberdeen President Mark Shishnia shows off his trophy, his family, and his modified 1979 Porsche 924 at the Holy Smokes Car Show.



Above: Watertown Serran Matt Kranz and Sioux Falls Serran Sam Nastase share a moment during a break at the recent retreat at Abbey of the Hills.

Right: Sioux Falls Serrans Pam Michels and Cynthia Gaspar participated in a celebratory picnic at Huntimer on July 8th honoring St. Junipero Serra. Chaplain Fr. Anthony Urban celebrated Mass before Boss’s Famous Chicken was served.

