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New Officers will be installed in June

MAY 2016—A WONDERFUL MONTH!

What a wonderful month we have before us. I hope many will be able to get to some of the events featuring our vocation work.

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP BERNARD A HEBDA

Thursday, May 12 at 7pm at the Basilica of Mary in Minneapolis—An Evening Prayer to celebrate and welcome **Archbishop Bernard Hebda** as our ninth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Archbishop Hebda will make his Profession of Faith and be welcomed by civic and religious leaders from the community. A reception will follow in the lower level of the church, in Teresa of Calcutta Hall.

Installation Mass and Reception for Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda will be Friday, May 13 at the Cathedral of St. Paul and are open to the public.

The procession for Mass at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** will begin at 1:45 p.m. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis. (Get there early!)

The Installation Mass will be followed by a reception from 4-6 p.m. at **Cretin Derham Hall High School**.

Unable to attend the Installation Mass?

On May 13, EWTN will be broadcasting the Installation Mass live on cable. It will also be broadcast locally on channel 16.2 (SMB). A live stream of the Installation Mass will be posted on this event page, courtesy of Town Square TV and EWTN. You can listen to the Installation Mass live May 13 on Relevant Radio 1330 AM.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS IN MAY

Diaconate Ordination: Saturday, May 14, 10 am Basilica of Mary

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Priesthood Ordination: Saturday, May 28, 10am Cathedral of St. Paul

Please join us for this very special Mass during which seven men for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis and one for Pro Ecclesia Sancta will be ordained to the priesthood. Please pray for these men as they prepare to serve the Church and the world as servants of the Lord. This event is open to the public and seating is on a first come basis.

Please check the Archdiocesan Website for details on parking.

Please remember this is a time for prayer warriors to increase their prayer for these young men. It would be a great time to do a Holy Hour for them as they prepare for the next chapter in service to us and our Church!

President Jack Cozzens





Mike Wacker – People of Praise Brotherhood

The Brotherhood is a Catholic association within the international, lay, ecumenical community called the People of Praise. The brotherhood has nine members in two houses. One is in Portland and the other in St. Paul, Minn. Four Brotherhood members are Catholic priests and five are Catholic laymen.



Mike Wacker has known Serran Marilyn Kummer for years

The People of Praise began in South Bend, Ind. in 1971. In the late '70's some of these single men, who were active in evangelism, felt moved by the Holy Spirit to live celibate lives for the sake of God's Kingdom. They also felt drawn to do this together. They established a simple rule of life that included putting their money and possessions in common, praying together, taking meals together and engaging in service and apostolic activities.

In the early 1990s some of the Catholic men experienced the Lord giving them a desire to pursue priesthood. Under the direction of Bishop Francis George, they were

established as a private association of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Portland.

Members serve as high school teachers, coaches and youth ministers as well as in parish ministry and the outreaches of People of Praise. They have helped hundreds of university and high school students deepen their faith in Christ and re-engage in their churches. They have also served the Charismatic movement in the Catholic Church at national and international levels.

Mike grew up in St John Neumann parish; Father Bob Schwartz was a good influence on him. He learned to stop looking at self and think about how Peter, when he stopped looking at Jesus, began to sink. Mike had a series of experiences which set him on the road to wanting to serve the Lord.

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The Trinity icon by Andrei Rublev is considered the greatest of the Russian artists. It is housed in the Museum at St. Petersburg, Russia.





Sister Katarina Schuth, a Sister of St Francis from the Rochester, MN Franciscans, has been a Sister since 1960. She has taught Theology at the St Paul Seminary for the past 25 years. She grew up in Wabasha, MN, as did Serran Mary Margaret Ness. She will receive the Jerome Award in San Diego March 29, 2016, one of many awards she has received during her religious life. Through grade and high school she was taught by the SSND Sisters, but always wanted to be a Franciscan. She grew up in the middle of a family with 6 brothers and no sisters. They were a faithfully practicing Catholic family, and attended Sunday Mass but were not particularly religious.

Sister Katarina recalls that when she was in 6th grade, Bishop Edward Fitzgerald scolded the parish, given the fact that there had been no vocations. She said to herself, "I'm going to show him!" When the bishop was asking questions of the congregation that was gathered, he finally said, "Will someone else out there other than the little girl in the blue suit answer these questions?" The Sodality of Our Lady was another avenue that helped her spiritual life to grow. They all met at the (old decrepit) St Paul Hotel before it was renovated and were given a lesson in meditation on the 23rd Psalm when she felt deeply touched by Christ at that moment.

Sister has felt extremely blessed in her life. She is now on the Board of Catholic Extension, helping them get on a firm financial foundation.

She had an extremely memorable experience in Rome after a Wednesday audience with Pope Francis. She was on pilgrimage with Bishop Cupich, a long time friend, when their group was to have its picture taken. Bishop Cupich made sure she was in the front row; when Pope Francis came up to her, he said he understood she has done a lot of work for the Church and in the seminary helps prepare men for priesthood. He said to Sister Katarina, "How much I love the Sisters in the USA." When he saw her medal, he said, "Ah, a Franciscan," when she identified herself, "that is the best!" Again, Sister told us she has been utterly blessed. She received the St Felix "Distinguished Alumni Award."



Sister Katarina and Serran Mary Margaret Ness shared stories about growing up together in Wabasha, MN

Sister has been studying seminaries for 30 years. She noted the fact that seminarians have emerged from some specific experience they have had. The increase of permanent deacons has helped to some extent deal with the priest shortage. The total decline in priests and religious, as detailed in the extensive handouts Sister provided, calls upon the deacons and lay people to serve in various capacities within the church. She mentioned also that almost every seminary now has lay students as part of the student body. We need at least 1,000 ordinations each year to serve the needs of the faithful with priests retiring.

Sister gave us some insight into young people and how they are very generous but have a different mindset. They don't relate to Vatican II and have many negative views. We have a lot of background work to do – the parents aren't always helping. Suggestions for reaching them include websites, visits from the Vocation Director, "Come and See" weekends, people like us to encourage them, especially the role of grandparents in conversations.

She stressed - Seminarians have a conviction of God's unfailing love for the Church!



OUR WORK FOR VOCATIONS – THE SERRA WAY

It is important to heed the remarks of Pope Francis who has issued a message for the 53rd annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations!

Theme: The Church, Mother of Vocations

It is my great hope that, during the course of this [Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy](#), all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the “soil” where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit.

Vocations are born within the Church. From the moment a vocation begins to become evident, it is necessary to have an adequate “sense” of the Church. No one is called exclusively for a particular region, or for a group or for an ecclesial movement, but rather for the Church and for the world. “A sure sign of the authenticity of a charism is its ecclesial character, its ability to be integrated harmoniously into the life of God’s holy and faithful people for the good of all

Vocations grow within the Church. In the course of formation, candidates for various vocations need to grow in their knowledge of the ecclesial community, overcoming the limited perspectives that we all have at the beginning. To that end, it is helpful to undertake some apostolic experience together with other members of the community

Vocations are sustained by the Church. After definitive commitment, our vocational journey within the Church does not come to an end, but it continues in our willingness to serve, our perseverance and our ongoing formation. The one who has consecrated his life to the Lord is willing to serve the Church wherever it has need.

We ask the Lord to grant to all those who are on a vocational journey a deep sense of belonging to the Church; and that the Holy Spirit may strengthen among Pastors, and of all the faithful, a deeper sense of communion, discernment and spiritual fatherhood and motherhood.

As Serrans, it is important to work through our parishes to help in the three phases of vocation activity. Let us act as leaven in the Church! Suggestion: We could say a Serran prayer when we say grace before meals!

REMINDER: Serra’s 74th International Convention in Saint Louis, June 30-July 3, 2016.

Come see St Louis and visit with Archbishop Robert Carlson (formerly an auxiliary bishop in our diocese). A Serra conference is a great shot in the arm to motivate us to carry out our Serran Mission and is a chance to meet fellow Serrans from around the world!



FATHER JEROME FEHN was 45 years old when he enlisted in the Army. The only time they take one that old is as a Chaplain because they are so short of them. Although the Army is 25-28% Catholic, only 8% of the chaplains are. If there is no Catholic Chaplain, the units only have Mass when a Catholic priest swings by. He went through basic training with the 20 year olds – he had to do everything they did except shoot and throw grenades (therefore the enemy treats them – or is supposed to treat them - as non-combatants.) He was determined to keep UP with them! He maintains a level of fitness for the soldiers' sake, although there is no testing after age 60.

If a soldier is captured, they are supposed to try to escape— except for chaplains because if only one soldier is captured he is to stay there to care for him. The chaplains' mission is to provide spiritual service to all. If a Jewish soldier came to him, he would try to find the nearest Rabbi, or minister to him himself. No matter what rank a chaplain has, he is always simply called Chaplain. They are to ensure freedom of all religion, so do not impose their religion on anyone. Some humanistic atheists want to get rid of all chaplains. A Commander may tell his unit to be in a certain place at 800 hours, a Catholic Chaplain might say "I will be talking about Catholicism at 1500 hours if you are interested."



The current Archbishop of Military Services, Timothy Broglio, is also a Two Star General in charge of all the chaplains in the world. He is bound to the President and the Constitution and the Pope (he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI and installed in January 2008.) It is not easy to live that balancing act!

A battalion may have 400 – 1000 soldiers with one chaplain. If there was a Mormon in the battalion he was serving, he would try to find a Mormon chaplain for him to talk to. As a chaplain, he could counsel anyone, they do not judge but listen and everything is held in absolute confidence which is easier for Catholic priest than for others.

Places he has served include Kosovo, Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Afghanistan and Bosnia. He related that yes there are atheists in foxholes and how fortunate we are to have Catholic rituals to deal with death. Words cannot explain what happens to someone at death. When unable to tell from the dog tag, he would anoint a dying person, even though he did not know their religion (however 25-28% were Catholic) – saying never did anyone object! The person's dog tag tells his religion, however, and every religion has its own prayers for the dying, so he would say the most appropriate prayer.

He talked about the trend today regarding mentioning religion. He gave as an example, Congress says a prayer before a session, but say no to prayer otherwise. It is an extra challenge in the Middle East, when they leave base to go to town, they wear civilian clothes although they still look "American". He talked about going to say Mass for other battalions in Iraq. He would go in a convoy which traveled about 20 mph due to the danger of roadside bombs, always with an armed assistant at his side. Pretty much he would go somewhere every week to minister to another battalion. He recalled giving general absolution in a hanger before a plane took off. Also, in Afghanistan at Easter, he went from base to base via helicopter. Unfortunately, time prevented him from telling us more stories!

[Editor's note—my pictures of Father Fehn disappeared!](#)



ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACONS— THE YEAR BEFORE THEY ARE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

May 14th, 10am Basilica of Mary

All are welcome to attend this ordination rite that dates back to the early Church. In the last formal step before Ordination to the Priesthood, the Transitional Deacon is charged to make himself a servant to all, carrying out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The three-fold task of the Deacon includes:

- **The Ministry of the Word**, by which the Deacon instructs and exhorts believers and nonbelievers alike in holy doctrine.
- **The Ministry to the Altar**, whereby the Deacon presides at public prayer, administers baptism, assists at and blesses sacramental marriages, brings Viaticum to the dying, and conducts funeral rites.
- **The Ministry of Charity**, whereby the poor, the sick, the stranger, and the marginalized are cared for by the Deacon's apostolic zeal.

Free parking at the Basilica is available in the lot on the west side of the Basilica (under the free-way). Paid parking is available in the Minneapolis Community and Technical College ramp east of the Basilica.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

PAUL BAKER, NICHOLAS FROEHLE, MATTHEW QUAIL, MATTHEW SHIREMAN, BRYCE EVANS, NICHOLAS HAGAN, TIMOTHY SANDQUIST, BRANDON THEISEN, CHAD VANHOOSE AND TIMOTHY WRATKOWSKI!

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We are all invited to attend Father Paul's first Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis Park on Sunday, May 29 at 11pm. A reception will follow in the church basement.



BROTHERHOOD OF PRAISE CONTINUED

He had a protestant friend in the Brotherhood who talked about how Christ sent out his disciples two by two without an extra cloak or staff or money. He went on a hitchhiking trip with two other guys for 11 days which changed his life. God provided for them remarkably – so many took them in because they had nothing. God sees a person face to face, not like Google maps! Christ shines in 10,000 faces.

Among other things, Mike works in youth ministry and tries to be like a big brother to the youth. He has fallen in love with icons, and is learning to “write an icon” from Kati Ritchie from the Airport Serra Club. He explained the Holy Trinity icon, God the Father is in the center, the Holy Spirit is in green, both Jesus and the Holy Spirit are inclined toward the Father as they make decisions together. See the picture!

Their group joins together for Litany of the Hours morning and evening. They have communal meals 5 days a week, 1 bank account and a group meeting once a week.

As we look at the world today, so many Christians hate each other. We need to dialogue for unity. The Charismatic group meets on Sunday afternoons in Eagan after all have worshipped at their respective churches in the morning. All Christians are to rally around Christ on the cross!



BUILD A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS **IN OUR PARISHES!**

Judy Cozzens explained how we can do this using Serra's *FIVE STAR PROGRAM!*

- 1 TRAVELING CHALICE OR CRUCIFIX**
- 2 BULLETIN CLIPS**
- 3 THE 31 CLUB**
- 4 CELEBRATE RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**
- 5 HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

We have access to woodworkers to facilitate Star One. A "KIT" goes with it, including prayers for vocations, websites for vocations, a Memory book for participants to write about their experiences and other vocation aids.

Bulletin clips (of varying lengths) can simply be emailed to the parish or accessed from serraus.org.

The 31 Club consists of folks who commit to praying for vocations (Mass usually, or Rosary, Adoration, etc.) a certain day of the month. A "club" without dues or meetings!

Celebrate with the Church on Priesthood Sunday, National Vocation Awareness Week, World day for Consecrated Life and/or World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Holy Hour Programs are also readily available in varying lengths.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS (*) AND EVENTS:

MEETINGS: at OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Mass at 11:30 AM

Noon: LUNCH AND PROGRAM:

APRIL 29

**Patrick Kenney
Laboure Society*

MAY 13

*Installation of
Archbishop Bernard Hebda*

MAY 14

Trans'l Deacon Ordination

May 27

NO MEETING

Memorial Day Weekend

MAY 28

Priest Ordination

JUNE 10

***POT LUCK CELEBRATION**
*New Member and Officer
Installation*

JUNE 24

**ANNIE LEKS AND
NANCY SLOTHOWER**
3rd Order Carmelites