



### **ST LOUIS SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—EXCITING!**

The beautiful Serra International Convention in Saint Louis was a fantastic time to become inspired to be a better Catholic and a better Serran. Jack and I felt blessed to be able to attend.

The Welcoming Mass was celebrated by our friend, Most Rev. Robert Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. We actually had a wonderful bishop say Mass each day, continual adoration going on throughout the convention and confession available many hours each day. It was just a great place to nourish one's soul and renew one's spirit.

The speakers on Vocations, Membership, Programs and many other topics were dynamic, inspirational and very informative. We met Serrans and Seminarians from the Congo, Uganda, Nigeria, India, Thailand, Australia, Canada and, of course, the United States. One of many highlights of the convention for me was networking with other organizations that were there and learning new strategies to make our work more fruitful.

This convention was our opportunity to grow spiritually while meeting with Serrans from across the globe and to share in the fellowship of our apostolate.

A friend shared this thought and I second it. She said, "I have always loved being a Serran, but after attending this convention I feel even more excited, enthusiastic and inspired to continue this very important work of the Catholic Church as a member of the Serra Mission. God bless all of you as we journey together with joy, love and enthusiasm to spread the word of our work in our Serran mission."

I would encourage you to consider attending the next Serra International Conventions. The next ones will be in June of 2017 in Rome and in 2018 it will be in Nashville Tennessee.

Judy Cozzens

***PARISH VOCATION ACTIVITIES—OUR FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE!***

***LET'S ALL HELP BUILD A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS IN OUR PARISHES!***

***VOCATIONS TEND TO COME OUT OF CERTAIN PARISHES YEAR AFTER YEAR!***

***PRAY AND WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL!***



### Patrick Kenney – Laboure Society

Patrick has been with Laboure since 2015. Laboure is an organization specifically addressing college debt which keeps young men and women from pursuing Religious Life. He is the new Director; there are now 20 people working for them! Cy Laurent started it several years ago and they are attempting to go from helping 25 aspirants a year to 150 per year! They are getting known all over the country.

As for Patrick's family – they home schooled their three biological children as well as the five fetal alcohol syndrome youngsters they adopted. Father Kevin Kenney, now at Divine Mercy in Faribault, is his brother. His extended family of Caseys and Kenneys in three generations have had 16 vocations. He was in Human Resources with Seagate, with global responsibility for over 50,000 employees. Before that, he had been with high-tech companies, having started three of them.

Daughter Emily, while in the St Thomas' Catholic Studies Program, spent a year in Rome. He and daughter Sheila visited her at Thanksgiving that year and they did a "tour" of Assisi courtesy of Father Andrew Cozzens along with Judy Cozzens who was there as well (he was their Chaplain). She has recently left her Franciscan order after ten years and is looking to teach here in the Twin Cities and spread the Gospel.



Patrick Kenney with Gary Lyons, Program Chair

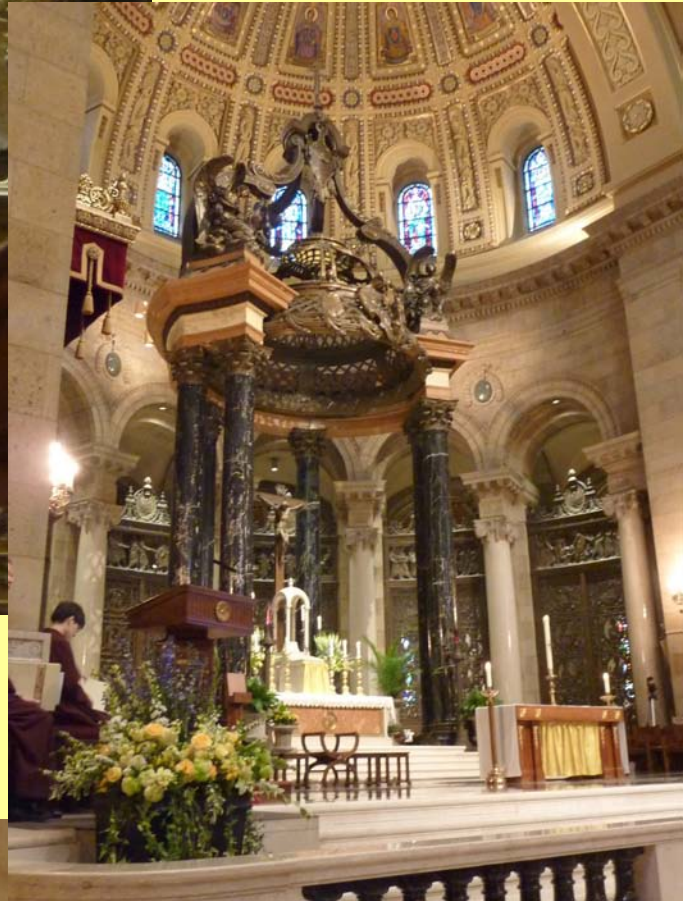
Son, Joe, is in a Carthusian Monastery in Vermont. He went to St Thomas Aquinas College in California where his "vocation dorm" had monthly themes - they actually **lived** the lifestyle of the vocation they were studying. Carthusians have night prayer 11:30pm-3am; 6 am prayer; meals are eaten in their cell; they have study time and work time, thus get about 4 hours sleep. They have solitude other than one common meal and they don't communicate with words. Their charism is to intercede through the Blessed Virgin Mary for souls in the world through Mercy.

Daughter Sheila spent time in the mountains in Peru, 2 months in an orphanage there where she came to know the Servadora sisters – SSVM - Servants of Our Lord and The Virgin of Matara. They are rapidly growing and their char-

ism is to evangelize the culture. They attempt to revitalize parishes after catechesis. She comes home twice a year, as family is a priority of the order. Sheila was an Irish dancer and they encouraged her to bring her fiddle as they gather crowds for entertainment as part of their mission. Sheila offered to help open a new monastery in Ireland and is now living in Liechtenstein for ten years – to prepare!

Their five fetal alcohol children are doing well for the most part – one in Atlanta working; one spent 4 ½ years in the Army as a cook in Afghanistan and on the Pakistan border and is with Thomson Reuters; one is a nurse's aide at Martin Luther Manor and two are "vulnerable" adults.

**Patrick is bound to be quite the ambassador for The Laboure Society!**



ARCHBISHOP HEBDA'S INSTALLATION!  
MAY 13TH, 2016 BASILICA OF MARY, MINNEAPOLIS





### **ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACONS MAY 14TH, 2016:**

**Paul Baker, Nicholas Froehle, Matthew Quail, Matthew Shireman, Bryce Evans, Nicholas Hagan, Timothy Sandquist, Brandon Theisen, Chad VanHoose and Timothy Wratkowski!**

**Congratulations!**



### **ORDAINED PRIESTS FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE MAY 28, 2016:**

**NEIL BAKKER,  
PAUL HAVERSTOCK,  
MICHAEL MCCLELLAN,  
MARK PAVLAK,  
MICHAEL DALY,  
KYLE KOWALCZYK,  
MATTHEW NORTHEMSCOLD,  
JOSEPH ZABINSKI**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**IT WAS A SPECIAL TIME FOR ALL SERRANS WHO ATTENDED ANY OF THESE EVENTS!**



### NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED JUNE 10TH:

DIANE WICKLUND, MARY MARGARET NESS, EMILY DEROTSTEIN, DAVE GERATY AND KATHY BORG WITH CHAPLAIN, FATHER JIM LIEKHUS.

OTHER NEW MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT: ANN RADTKE, KIM HAVERSTOCK AND ANN O'NEILL.



OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017: PRESIDENT JACK COZZENS, CHAPLAIN FATHER JIM LIEKHUS, PROGRAM VP GARY LYONS, PRESIDENT ELECT ED ADAMS, VOCATIONS VP ROB GALARNEAULT, MEMBERSHIP VP JUDY COZZENS, SECRETARY SHEILA BRZICA, COMMUNICATIONS VP JANE LYONS, MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANT MOLLIE RAIH AND TREASURER BILL DAVIES.



*A WONDERFUL POT LUCK LUNCHEON FOLLOWED THE INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION CEREMONIES! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED GOODIES—THEY WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED!*

LIFE IS LIKE A MIRROR -  
IF YOU FROWN AT IT,  
IT FROWNS BACK,;  
IF YOU SMILE,  
IT RETURNS THE GREETING.

ALWAYS DRIVE SO THAT YOUR  
LICENSE WILL EXPIRE BEFORE YOU DO!

WHEN A WISE MAN ARGUES  
WITH A WOMAN, HE SAYS  
NOTHING!



**THIRD ORDER CARMELITES** Annie Lex and Nancy Slothower gave us a history and a good feel for the Third Order Carmelites. There are actually six groups meeting in the Twin Cities; theirs is known as *Our Lady of Divine Providence Secular Community* which meets at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton on the second Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until noon. They go through a period of formation like Sisters do - it takes six years before their formation is complete. *Third Orders* generally follow the charism of the Order. Carmelites' charism is contemplative prayer. Although it was started by St. Francis, many people associate it with St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux (two of only four women Doctors of the Church) and St. John of the Cross.



Their name comes from Mt Carmel where lay hermits lived in separate cells at the Chapel of Our Lady, and claimed that Elijah was their founder. They follow the Rule of St Albert, the patriarch of Jerusalem. Prayer, silence, solitude, intense personal relationship with Jesus are important. When Muslims drove them out of Carmel they fled to Europe. St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross reformed the order and began the Discalced Carmelites, meaning "without shoes."

Annie joined the group in 1983 after someone asked her to come to a meeting and then persisted in asking her to come again. She felt called to a deeper prayer life and was helped through the six years of formation. She mentioned, however, that formation is ongoing. Nancy joined in 2002 and is currently President of the group.

They have a minimum of a half hour of mental prayer daily as the spirit of Carmel is closer union with God through prayer. They go to daily Mass when possible and do Marian devotions. The fruit of their prayer is good works. Without food the body dies; without prayer, the soul is in trouble. They try to carry out into the world witness and example and the spirituality of Carmel.

Friars are the First Order and Sisters the Second. Meetings are prescribed; they do two hours of study and read books for the meetings. Their group has about 35 active members; there are also those who can no longer attend.

There is a lot of great information on the internet – [www.oed.pcn.net](http://www.oed.pcn.net) and [www.odeswashprov.org](http://www.odeswashprov.org) are suggested links.



### FROM CONVERT TO PRIEST

**FATHER PAUL HAVERSTOCK** shared his unconventional vocation story – being in the right place at the right time! There were a series of powerful things that he had nothing to do with. Our religion is a nice gift – “Open it and enjoy!”

He began by thanking Serrans for what we do for seminarians. He quoted Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: There aren't 100 people in the USA who hate the Catholic Church but thousands who hate what they think is the Catholic Church.

He grew up a Fundamentalist Protestant – he graduated from SW Christian High School in Chaska - armed with all the critical ideas to keep his faith intact in college. At the University of Kansas, in a huge Astronomy class, the atheistic professor explained that thanks to the scientific revolution, we believe in an expanding universe. He raised his hand and quoted Psalm 139 verse 5 – “God unrolls the universe like a scroll” – sounds like an expanding universe to me!

His roommate, Jarod, was a Catholic convert who really knew his faith. So faith was really important to both of them. He felt he had to save Jarod who had all these misconceptions. After a while he went from being on offense to defense. Jarod challenged him to think about what the church was doing before Martin Luther. On a study abroad trip, he saw a crypt with an unbroken line of Bishops dating back to 600. That got him wondering – maybe the Christians before WERE Catholic.

Quoting Blessed John Henry Newman, “to be deep in history is to cease to be Protestant.” Other nagging questions: What must I do to be saved? Can you lose your salvation? What about what Catholics call mortal sin? Bible questions popped up.

Jarod's family had him over to their house a lot and they talked about faith issues – holy water, icons, etc. This church was either true or an abomination with their radical claims.

He came into the Church and made his first confession at age 22 at Easter of his senior year. There were about 20 being confirmed and he took the name of St Philip Neri. When the priest came to him he said, “you are going to be a priest.” The priest later said his heart was pounding, he had no idea why he said that. From that day on that thought never left him. He took time to be a Catholic for a while first. He went to Law School at the University of St Thomas and passed the bar. He lived at home and ended up through the Chesterton Society and Father Dufner at Holy Family Parish.

A newly ordained priest from last year told him the worst day as a priest is better than the best day at the seminary! He again quoted Newman, “time is short, eternity is long”- the core of the priestly vocation. We have the opportunity to make a gift of our lives to God or to another person.



Anne-Marie Healy spoke briefly to our group about the challenge she has been given – to be a Missionary for FOCUS (Fellowship Of Catholic University Students.)

She will head to USC in August to begin a FOCUS group for varsity athletes. She related the fact that as a varsity basketball player at Harvard, she was active in FOCUS and was able to bring one of her teammates back to the faith. That girl then brought the rest of her family back to the faith as well.

Anne-Marie has to raise \$28,000 to BE a missionary!

College athletes face unique challenges, pressure and great influence among their teams, their peers and the culture. Despite this, they are among the most underserved students on the college campus by Catholics. Varsity Catholic works to serve college athletes who are searching for Christ. The goal is to help them realize that their deepest identity is in Christ and the God who created them.

Anne-Marie is the granddaughter of Jack and Judy Cozzens so we should be able to hear her story as it progresses!

### Current Officers

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<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Father Jim Liekhuis</b>

Please see current roster for email addresses and telephone numbers.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

**MEETINGS:** Mass at 11:30 AM followed by  
Lunch/SPEAKER:

AUGUST 12 *FR. ERIC HOLLAS OSB.*  
*All you want to know about  
The St John's Bible*

AUGUST 26 *SEMINARIAN*

SEPT 9 *VOCATION ACTIVITIES*

SEPT 23 *TERESA COLLETT*  
*"Catholic" perspectives on  
American law.*

**BRING A GUEST—MEMBERSHIP IS  
EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!!**