



# Serran Aide

The Newsletter of the Saint Paul Serra Club, St. Paul, Minnesota

SEPTEMBER 2016 Issue

Region #8

District #7

Club #9 (1940)

## President's Message

*Debbie Koop*

### *Is God asking you to serve the St. Paul Serra Club?*

The fall of year seems to infuse everyone with the feeling of new beginnings. We are embarking on an important time for our club. Our members are aging. We have sadly lost more members than we have gained this year. Our club is shrinking in size. The need for new blood and new members is greater than ever.

The board as well will be going through some substantial change over. Our new president Kathleen Randolph will take over the helm in January. We are currently looking for people excited about Serra and our mission to promote vocations to serve on the board. Our meetings are right after our luncheon meetings making it convenient to attend and limiting the meeting time. Most of these meetings take place at the Binz on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following capacities: President-elect, Membership VP, Program VP, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. That's a lot of big shoes to fill, but I know we can count on your enthusiastic response. We need all of you to consider what you can do. Maybe you are newly retired, maybe another commitment is ending, or maybe you are a new member who wants to get more involved. Whatever your situation, please consider how you can serve. We

## President's Message

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especially welcome Serrans who have served the board in the past to consider serving again. Expect a phone call from Kathleen or me in the near future as we ask for your participation and energy to make this club better.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> No morning meeting**

**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** Judy Cozzens is the President-Elect for the U.S. Council of Serra International that works to support and promote religious vocations. She also works for pro-life ministries and volunteers as support staff for training missionaries at NET Ministries. She is an award winning teacher, devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She is the mother of our BELOVED BISHOP ANDREW COZZENS!

**OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** Dinner at the Binz with **NEW DEACONS....SEE FLYER PAGE 6**

**OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** St. Paul Serra hosts Team Vianney at 7PM at SJV Seminary. Call Roberta Grady to sign up to bring **two dozen bars/cookies each. 12 volunteers needed.**

**OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** Archbishop Hebda at **SPS SEE FLYER PAGE 7**

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**VISION Vocation Guide....resource of the  
National Religious Vocation Conference.**

[VocationNewtwork.org](http://VocationNewtwork.org)

[VocationMatch.com](http://VocationMatch.com)

**On A Plumber's truck:**

**"We repair what your husband fixed."**

**In a Podiatrist's office:**

**"Time wounds all heels."**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday**

Greg Pulles, photographer and author of Sacred Places:  
Rediscovering the Churches of Rome.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday**

**ANNUAL SERRA LUNCHEON** to honor priests and  
religious. **Invie your pastor or favorite religious.**

**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, MONDAY**

(second Monday change) Speaker TBA

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, MONDAY**

Speaker is - Bob Labat

**MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>, MONDAY**

(second Monday change)

Speaker is – Monsignor Callaghan

**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, MONDAY**

(second Monday change) Speaker is TBA

**MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, MONDAY**

Speaker is TBA

## SEMINARY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On September 8<sup>th</sup> the fifth year of  
Thursday Eucharistic Adoration for the  
Sanctification of Priests and Seminarians  
will begin at The Saint Paul Seminary. As  
Serrans we should strongly consider  
participating in this holy devotion on a  
weekly or walk-in basis. Adoration hours  
are 7:30am to 5:00pm in the small chapel  
inside St. Mary's Chapel with a break  
between 11:30am and 1:00 pm. Adorers  
commit to one-hour shifts and at least two  
people are needed for each hour. The  
schedule coincides with the academic  
calendar for the University of St. Thomas.

All are invited to celebrate Mass with the  
seminary community at 11:35am. To sign up  
for this beautiful way to support our  
priests and seminarians, call Teresa Lodoen  
at 952-707-0539.

## ---MEMBERSHIP--- NEW APPROACHES

Recently the Board of Trustees discussed at length our current situation regarding our limited success in recruiting new members into our Saint Paul Serra Club. Given our most recent results it is necessary to look at new options to bring new members into our club. There are various reasons why we have not been as successful as we would like, so new approaches are necessary.

Here are a few of the new approaches that you might be seeing in the future.

- We have been advised by our United States Council Membership Committee that it is important that our membership efforts not be limited to one or two members within our club, but that all members of our club must be considered as part of our membership committee. Certainly one or two people can provide materials and information to potential members, but ultimately everyone in our club is a member of our membership “committee” and should be working on an ongoing basis to bring in new members.
- We have determined that efforts should be taken at the parish level to interest new members in Serra. In the future look for special events at some of our larger parishes to introduce Serra to parish members and to provide information and materials in order to encourage parish members to join our club. If you were able to attend the Saint Serra feast day event on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Lumen Christi you probably have a good idea on how this might work out.
- In addition, you may be particularly encouraged to bring friends/relatives to some of our meetings such as our upcoming October meeting with Archbishop Hebda as guests in order to introduce them to the many interesting and beneficial aspects of Serra and to inform them how important being a Serran is to our Church.

Well, these are just a few of our new approaches, but please be aware of what we are trying to do. We ask for your participation.

**Gary Davis—Vice President of Membership.**

**Vocations are everybody’s business.**

## *Opportunities*

### From your home:

- ❖ **Daily Serran prayer for vocations**
- ❖ **Daily Archdiocesan prayer for vocations**
- ❖ **Daily - pray for the salvation of our country in November elections**

**To participate simply stop whatever you are doing at 8:00 P M and spend ONE minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens and for peace in the world in the upcoming election.**

- ❖ **Monthly join the National Serran group to pray the rosary on the last Saturday of the month.**
- ❖ **Join the “ 31 day “ prayer club**

**Starting in September select a date during the month and on that date each month for a year pray for your pastor, assistant and deacon for their ministry to the church. If attend mass on that date offer the Mass for Church vocations – past, present and future priests, religious sisters, brothers, deacons and lay leaders who serve your parish**

### On the move:

- ❖ **Join us to establish a vocations team in your parish.**
- ❖ **Consider a “ Serra” presence in your parish for Priesthood Sunday in October Call us for assistance with materials and parish contacts for either or both of these initiatives.**
- ❖ **Attend the events described elsewhere in this newsletter.**

St. Paul Serra Board Meeting (stpaulserraclub@gmail.com)

Monday, August 15, 2016: Church of St. Rita  
(*Not approved by Board...will be done at September Meeting*)

Members present: Debbie Koop, Deb Gohl, Mike Smeby, Don Traxler, Lolly Santoski, Barb Schultz, Judy & Al & Eiden, Gary Davis, Julie & Ken Dines, Karen Beaudette, Kathleen Randolph

Barb motioned to accept Aug 15 meeting minutes. Gary seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Deb G. reviewed financial statement for July 2016.

- Current ending balance in the checking account = \$463.23
- Current investment account = \$6,948.06
- Large expenses to keep in mind – Seminarian Meet & Greet Dinner & Christmas Appreciation Lunch
- Deb also provided itemized copies of current checking account deposits and Payments.

Membership: Gary is working on a potential new member.

Events: Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Seminarian Meet & Greet Dinner ( 5PM Evening Prayer with Seminarians & Dinner)

- Committee: Debbie, Arlene, Julie, Lolly, Karen (+ additional non-board members)
- Invites: Fr. Floeder, Msgr. Callaghan, Fr. Blume (Voc. Director)
- Program: Fr. Floeder will introduce a couple Deacons to share their vocation story. Debbie to connect with Fr. Floeder.
- Flyer: Julie will connect with Karen to draft a flyer together for distribution to other clubs. Karen will also put info in the next newsletter. Flyer to be complete by Aug. 25.
- Fee: All members and guests who attend will pay a fee. The fee will be determined after Debbie and Arlene meet with the Binz. It was determined that confirmation and checks need to be sent to Arlene by Monday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. \*Debbie will confirm with Msgr. Callaghan the fee for the Seminarians will be paid by the Seminary.

Karen will make 200 copies of the Saint Serra Book marks for the tables

Thursday, Oct. 13 – SJV - Team Vianney Night

- Committee: Roberta Grady, (additional non-board volunteers)
- Cookies & Bars: We need to determine for Roberta who will bring 2 dozen cookies or bars for the Seminarians & Team Vianney guests. Call for volunteers in newsletter/Additional Costs?

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Monday, Oct. 17 – Meeting @ SPS

- Committee: Debbie, Kathleen, Judy, Barb (additional non-board members)
- Speaker: Archbishop Hebda
- Special Invites:
- Program: communicate with Archbishop Hibda regarding program expectations
- Invites: All clubs will be invited to participate in the Luncheon.
- Flyer: Kathleen to work on this
- Fee: Members of St. Paul Serra will not pay a fee. All guests and Serrans from other clubs will pay a fee. The fee will be determined after Debbie and Arlene meet with the Binz. Need confirmations sent to Arlene by Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Appreciation Luncheon at T&C

- Committee: tbd (additional non-board members)
- Special Invites: Archbishop Hebda & Bishop Cozzens
- Program: tbd Flyer: tbd
- Fee: All members and guests who attend will pay a fee. The fee will be determined after the contract is signed regarding costs. Projected confirmation and checks need to be sent to Arlene by Friday, November 18, 2016.

Speakers / Programs: Barb reported she has the following speakers for the upcoming year.

- Sept. 19 – Judy Cozzens
- Oct. 17 – Archbishop Hebda
- Nov. 21 Greg Pulles
- Jan. 9 –
- Feb. 20 – Bob Labat
- March 13 – Msgr. Callaghan
- April 10 -
- May 15 -
- June – possibly Marion Center
- July (Summer Break)

First Friday Morning Mass & Ministry:

Lumen Christi Mass & Ministry was successful and it was determined to continue meeting at various parishes. Goal is to bring vocation message into parishes to promote St. Paul Serra's Mission and encourage parish vocational ministries.

Kathleen will work on setting a schedule together. Below are potential dates:

- Nov. 4 – Church of St. Joseph's WSP (Kathleen volunteered to help organize the next at St. Joes
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- April 7<sup>th</sup>
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>

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The following parishes were mentioned as potential locations for: St. Joes, St. Marks, St. Mary's. Cathedral, Lumen Christi, St. Thomas Moore (St. Lukes), Holy Spirit, Assumption, Nativity, St. Louis.

### Club Visioning / Presidents Report:

Debbie is working through the list of priorities:

Friday morning Meetings – Now these meetings will be in different parishes each month and mass attendees will be invited to learn about Serra and how to support vocations.

Membership – The Friday morning meetings will be our focus.

Finances and membership fees: Work to be done. We will review Al's ideas from the survey.

Nominations: Club needs to fill the following spots on the board –

- President- Elect
- Membership VP & Committee
- Treasurer & Finance Committee
- Newsletter (Communications Committee)
- Programs VP

Al Eiden distributed a list of his ideas regarding Dues, Meetings, events, membership, & vocations.

Newsletter: Karen working on the next newsletter

- Articles to Karen by Aug. 25.
  - Directory Updates submitted by Karen. We will not publish a new directory this year. Every other year is often enough
- Meeting adjourned  
@ 2:45pm/Respectively submitted by KA Randolph*

## 2017 CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT GUIDE

Request your copies for parishes and religion classes online at:

VocationNetwork.org/orders

e-mail at:

[mail@vocationguide.org](mailto:mail@vocationguide.org)

call: 1.800.942.2811

**A sign on a Shoe Repair store read:**

**“We will heel you**

**We will save your sole**

**We will even dye for you”**

## THE ORDINATION CLASS 2016

By the numbers:

-average age 35

-70% indicate they served  
as an altar server

-1 in 6 participated in a  
World Youth Day  
before entering the  
seminary

-17 was average age when  
they first considered a  
vocation to the  
priesthood

-who encouraged them to  
consider priesthood?

+parish priests

+friends

+parishioners

+mothers

“4” average number of people  
who encouraged them to consider  
a vocation

“15” average number of  
years an ordinand lived in the  
diocese for which they will be  
ordained before entering seminary

“73” percent who reported  
regularly praying the rosary and  
participating in Eucharistic  
adoration

Source: The Center for Applied Research  
In the Apostolate (CARA) Georgetown University



***Saint Paul Serrans Invite***

***Twin Cities Serrans to MEET AND GREET***

***Our Archdiocesan Transitional Deacons***

**When: MONDAY, October 3, 2016**

5:00 p.m. Prayer Service at St. Mary's Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Dinner and program in Binz Refectory  
Program: Deacons will share their vocation stories

**Where: St. Paul Seminary**

2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105  
Parking: P, X, Y, & O lots {*Parking regulations are lifted for these areas*}

**Who: Open to all Serrans, Spouses and Guests**

**Cost: All members and guests \$30 (Includes full buffet dinner and dessert)**

***Reservations by check only!***

Mail checks made out to St. Paul Serra Club before **September 20<sup>th</sup>** to

**Arlene Leyden  
2195 Jefferson Avenue  
St. Paul, MN, 55105**

For questions, contact Arlene at [atleyden@q.com](mailto:atleyden@q.com) or (651) 699-2089  
**(No reservations by email or phone)**

**Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Mass, Luncheon Meeting & Fellowship

with

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda

Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

*“Missionary Discipleship and the Sowing of Vocational Seeds”*



Saint Paul Serra Club welcomes ALL Serrans

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

To renew your commitment to Serra's mission

When: Monday, October 17, 2016

11:35 a.m. Mass at St. Paul Seminary, St. Mary's Chapel  
Followed by Lunch, Fellowship and Program

Where: St. Paul Seminary (St. Mary's Chapel / Binz Refectory)

St. Thomas University

2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Parking: Lots P, X, Y lots or the Cretin Avenue ramp

Cost: St. Paul Serra members (no cost – paid w/ membership dues)

Spouse and Guests \$20.00

Other Serrans \$20.00

**Register your participation by MONDAY, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

All must register by contacting Arlene Leyden at [atleyden@q.com](mailto:atleyden@q.com) or (651) 699-2089

For Payment mail to Arlene Leyden (checks to St. Paul Serra Club):

Arlene Leyden, 2195 Jefferson Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55105

# MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

## —OCTOBER 2016—

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<u>2</u> <b>YOUR PASTOR</b>	<u>3</u> REV. <b>EDWARD STHOKAL SJ</b>	<u>4</u> REV. <b>MARTIN STILLMOCK CSSR</b>	<u>5</u> REV. <b>WILLIAM STOLZMAN</b>	<u>6</u> REV. <b>JAMES STROMBERG</b>	<u>7</u> REV. <b>ANDREW STRUEVE</b>	<u>8</u> REV. <b>ALOYSIUS SVOBODNY OMI</b>
<u>9</u> REV. <b>RALPH TALBOT</b>	<u>10</u> REV. <b>HARRY TASTO</b>	<u>11</u> REV. <b>ORLANDO TATEL</b>	<u>12</u> REV. <b>MICHAEL TEGEDER</b>	<u>13</u> REV. <b>EUGENE THEISEN</b>	<u>14</u> REV. <b>XAVIER THELAKKATT</b>	<u>15</u> REV. <b>DENNIS THOMPSON</b>
<u>16</u> REV. <b>LEO TIBESAR</b>	<u>17</u> REV. <b>EUGENE TIFFANY</b>	<u>18</u> REV. <b>MICHAEL TIX</b>	<u>19</u> REV. <b>PATRICK TOBIN OP</b>	<u>20</u> REV. <b>ROLF TOLLEFSON</b>	<u>21</u> REV. <b>JON BENNET TRAN</b>	<u>22</u> REV. <b>PAUL TREACY</b>
<u>23</u> Rev. <b>VAUGHN TRECO</b>	<u>24</u> Very Rev. <b>JOHN UBEL</b>	<u>25</u> Rev. <b>STEPHEN ULRICK</b>	<u>26</u> Rev. <b>MARK UNDERDAHL</b>	<u>27</u> Rev. <b>VICTOR VALENCIA</b>	<u>28</u> REV. <b>ROBERT VALIT</b>	<u>29</u> REV. <b>JAMES VAN DORN OFM CONV</b>
<u>30</u> REV. <b>MICHAEL VAN SLOUN</b>	<u>31</u> ABP <b>BERNARD HEBDA</b>					

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



# THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

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--SEPTEMBER 2016--

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WOULD *YOU* PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, You ordained the apostles priests at the Last Supper to continue the mission of mercy to the end time. We believe that every Catholic priest traces his ordination to that first ordination on Holy Thursday night. We know how much You expect of Your priests, and we also know how weak and human they are. Inspire us, dear Jesus, to pray and sacrifice for Your priests, that by their faithfulness to You in this life they may bring countless souls to You in the life to come. Mary, mother of priests, pray for priests that they may love your Divine Son, even as you did unreservedly, all the days of their lives. Amen. (From Fr. John Hardon's Catholic Prayer Book)

# MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

## --NOVEMBER 2016--

*ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 POPE FRANCIS	2 YOUR PASTOR	3 REV. NICHOLAS VANDEN- BROEKE	4 REV. JON VANDER PLOEG	5 REV. THOMAS VAUGHAN SSC
6 REV. RICHARD VILLANO	7 REV. NORMAN VOLK OMI	8 REV. MIHN VU	9 REV. JOSEPH-QUOC VUONG	10 REV. THOMAS WALKER	11 REV. FRANK WAMPACH	12 REV. PETER WANG
13 REV. MARK SHANE WASINGER	14 REV. CYPRIAN WEAVER OSB	15 REV. JOSEPH WEISS SJ	16 REV. GREGORY WELCH	17 REV. GEORGE WELZ- BACHER	18 REV. JOSEPH WHALEN	19 REV. ROBERT WHITE
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Mass, rosary, fasting  
Day of offering  
Eucharistic adoration  
Offering of sufferings, or prayer.  
Whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him

A donation to help support *THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS* will be appreciated