

SERRA CLUB of SAN DIEGO - NORTH COAST



Serra clubs, under the aegis of the local Bishop, are part of Serra International, dedicated to fostering vocations to the religious life of the Roman Catholic Church, encouraging the clergy and religious in their vocations, and enriching the spiritual and social life of members and their families.

Serra International has over 20,000 men and women members from all walks of life. Now 832 clubs in 37 countries, Serra International has been officially designated by Pope John Paul II as the "Vocation Arm of the Church".

Each club is headed by a Club Chaplain and a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of the president, vice presidents for vocations, membership, programs, and communications, the treasurer, secretary, three trustees, and the immediate past president. Ad hoc committees are formed as needed to accomplish various projects. All members are encouraged to serve on committees of their choice.

Spiritual Programs

In order to promote vocations and to encourage others to pray and work for vocations, we recognize the need to deepen our own spirituality.

Club meetings, therefore, feature a variety of programs on topics concerning vocations, spirituality, and the Church; a "University of Christian Principles". Serra stresses the importance of prayer, both individually and as a group.

Each year a spiritual retreat is held in conjunction with the three other San Diego Serra clubs.

Social Programs

An important part of Serra is its social programs. Some events are almost purely social, such as picnics and Christmas parties. A secondary objective of Serra is to foster lasting friendships among Catholics. Activities with the other Serra Clubs in the San Diego area offer a wonderful opportunity to meet and become close friends with many devoted Catholic men, women, priests, and religious throughout the Diocese. Regional and international activities and conventions, featuring the finest Catholic speakers and comradeship imaginable, widens this opportunity to almost the entire world.

Meetings

Regular meetings of the club are held at 8:45 AM on the second Saturday of each month at a local restaurant following 8 AM Mass at St Patrick and St John Churches and at 7:45 AM on the fourth Tuesday after the 7 AM Mass at St Patrick Church. The Board meets on the second Thursday.

Newsletter

The Club publishes a monthly newsletter giving information on meetings and other activities. The newsletter is mailed to all Club members, presidents of the other San Diego area Serra Clubs, pastors of the eleven parishes within our Club's assigned area, officials of the Diocese, St Francis Seminary, the Southern Cross, and Serra International.

Financial Obligation

Dues for the regular membership of the Serra Club are determined by the Board of Trustees. Cost for meals at regular meetings and special events in which an individual participates are paid on an individual basis.

Participation

Each member is expected to attend the regular Club meetings and to contribute time and talents by active participation in Serra activities.

Vocational Activities

Our club's assigned area is the coast from Del Mar to Oceanside. Most of our vocational activities are directed toward the eleven parishes in that area. These activities include:

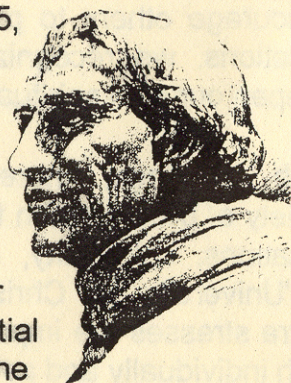
- Assisting in the formation of parish vocations committees and activities in support of the vocations strategy of the National Council of Catholic Bishops.
- Encouraging service at the Altar by offering an altar server awards program.
- Conducting essay contests on vocations subjects for eighth graders in the Catholic Schools.
- Affirmation programs for priests and religious, such as cards on birthdays and anniversaries.

On the Diocesan level:

- Assist St Francis Seminary in the conduct of explorer weekends and other activities.
- Provide receptions for attendees at ordinations of priests and deacons.
- Support other vocational activities of the diocese or religious orders as requested.

Serra International

Founded in 1935, Serra is named in honor of our patron, Father Junipero Serra, O.F.M., the courageous Franciscan Friar who was influential in establishing the missions in Mexico and California in the 1700's. Father Serra was beatified in 1988.



*Helping to promote
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*"Always to go forward,
never to turn back"*