

THE BELLRINGERS

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR SERRA LEADERS

November 2008

2008 Convention Report

Over 800 Serrans from 17 countries of the Serra world attended Serra's 66th international convention held in the beautiful regional city of Aguas de Lindoia, Sao Paulo State, Brazil from 14-17 August 2008.

The 2008 Awards Winners are:

1. Past Presidents' Award

His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali JCD, Archbishop of Philadelphia, U.S.A.

2. The Archbishop William E. Cousins Award

Rev. Msgr. James Shannahan, Chaplain, Serra Club of Auckland, New Zealand.

3. Harry J. O'Haire Award

Paul Mary Suvij Suvaruchiporn, Serra Club of Bangkok, Thailand.

4. Father Junipero Serra Award for Promoting Vocations

The Serra Club of Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A.

5. Outstanding Newsletter Award

The Serra Club of Asuncion, Paraguay.

6. The Serra International Foundation's Siempre Adelante Award

The Serra Club of Stockton, California, U.S.A.

Save the date for Omaha 2009

Serra's 67th international convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A. commencing with a special Opening Mass at St. Cecilia Cathedral celebrated by Most Reverend Elden Francis Curtiss, Archbishop of Omaha, at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday 27 August 2009 and closing with the Annual Banquet on Sunday 30 August 2009. The Serrans of the Omaha region are planning an exciting convention program based on the theme *Pastores Dabo Vobis* – The Role of the Laity.

Invited speakers for Omaha 2009 are:

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, U.S.A.
Most Reverend Emilio Carlos Berlie, Archbishop of Yucatan, Mexico.
Most Reverend Elden Curtiss, Archbishop of Omaha, U.S.A.
Most Reverend Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of Milwaukee, U.S.A.
Reverend Father Richard Gabuzda, Director, Institute of Priestly Formation, Omaha.

The 2009 convention sessions will be held in the magnificent Qwest Center located on a newly-developed campus alongside the Missouri River only a few minutes' by taxi from the Omaha Airport. The Qwest Center is also within a short distance of many new hotels offering a range of attractive room rates. The convention headquarters hotel is the luxurious Hilton Omaha which is connected by a sky bridge to the Qwest Center.

The friendly Serrans of the Omaha region invite you to come early and stay late. Details of pre- and post-convention tours will be available within 90 days.

Look for more information at www.serra.org.

Nominations to the International Board of Trustees

Serra is looking for capable, dedicated leadership. As our vocations apostolate continues to grow globally and to take on an increasingly significant role in vocation pastoral action across the universal Church, it is important that Serra's nominating committee is able to choose the best candidates for service on Serra's international board of trustees. If you know someone in your club or district that is willing and able to serve as an international officer or trustee, your encouragement may be what he or she needs to step forward.

All Serra Clubs, district governors, district governors-elect and Serra Councils are asked to recommend qualified candidates for Serra's international board of trustees.

Please complete the enclosed nomination and return it to Serra headquarters no later than Friday 27 February 2009. Nominations received after that date will not be considered. Where Serra Councils exist, they may present to the nominating committee, through Serra headquarters in Chicago, their nominees and/or designees according to the number allotted to each Serra Council.

John W. Woodward
Executive Director

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

Board of Trustees Nomination

All nominations must be returned by **27 February 2009** to Serra headquarters at:

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www.serra.org serra@serra.org

The following Serran is nominated for the 2009-2010 Serra International Board of Trustees:

Name of Nominee _____ Age _____

Home Address _____ City _____

State or Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Residence Tel.: _____ Business Tel.: _____

Fax number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State or Province _____ Postal Code _____

Business/Profession _____

Title _____

Member of the Serra Club of _____ Since _____

Has the nominee belonged to other Serra Clubs? _____ Club President? _____ When? _____

District offices held and when _____

Other international and council assignments? (List and date) _____

Has the nominee regularly attended district, regional and international conventions? _____

Other Catholic, civic, and professional affiliations _____

The following supplementary information is essential:

YES NO

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| 1. | Has the nominee been told that his/her name has been proposed? | ? | ? |
| 2. | Has the nominee given permission? | ? | ? |
| 3. | Has the nominee confirmed that the data supplied is substantially correct? | ? | ? |
| 4. | Does the nominee understand the amount of time, effort, correspondence, travel, and probable expense involved in Board membership? | ? | ? |
| 5. | Has the nominee assured you that if elected or appointed, he/she will undertake to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Board membership? | ? | ? |
| 6. | Does the nominee understand that this proposal does not imply probable election or appointment to the Board of Trustees? | ? | ? |

PLEASE ATTACH BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH

Signature of Serran making the nomination _____

Title _____

Serra Club of _____

Date _____

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Received at Serra Headquarters:
All information complete

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