



USA Council of Serra International—Vocations Committee

Serra Clubs across the country can demonstrate their dedication to serve the mission of Serra by planning ahead to implement these Vocation programs:

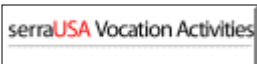
2008 Priesthood Sunday - Oct. 26, 2008 Promotion for Priesthood Sunday in the Summer 2008 issue the Serra Leader with the Liturgy Guide as the center of the publication. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting has included PS in their paper and electronic publications sent to over 1000 leaders of Troops, Packs and Venturing programs and Worldwide Marriage Encounter continues to partner with us in this appreciation event. The priestsunday.org website was update the_in July.



- **National Vocations Awareness Week** Kits in English and Spanish - **Jan. 11-16, 2009.**
- **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**- Kits in English and Spanish - **Feb. 8, 2009**
- **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – Kits in English and Spanish - **May 3, 2009.**

The NCCV Kits ordered through the USA Council are available at a reduced costs and are available in October each year in printed and as pdf files to be downloaded. To implement these program order the Kits now and present to pastors and parish staff.

College Connection – continues to be developed through an adhoc committee under the direction of Dick Stolly. The responses from Clubs, Campus Ministers and pastors that are taking part are very positive. Many Serra Clubs in over a dozen dioceses implemented the program to help several thousand Catholic young adults who graduated from high school in 2008 to become connected with the Catholic Campus ministry or nearest parish near their college campus. Clubs leaders can receive more information on the program through serraus.org or by contacting Dick Stolly at dikstoly@wcoil.com.

We are encouraging Serrans to visit the serraus.org website and preview successful vocation activities from across the country. Look for the top button  on the left side features recent vocation activities and ideas for your club. We will continue to promote the use of the website as a valuable tool in finding good vocation activities.

For example, you can read about our (**National Evangelism Team**) **NET** connection program on the website and find out when the young missionaries are coming to visit your area. Supporting this outstanding ministry can help NET and help build enthusiasm in your members. Meeting young committed Catholics giving a year of their life to the Lord is a real boost. Many vocations and dedicated workers for the church grow out of this program.

Because the best Serra Church vocation programs are only ideas and words on paper until they are presented to a parish community, we have a duty to learn about and use the Parish Contact Program and support Parish Vocation Committees.

Thank you for all you do for Church vocations through Serra... these are our best tools to communicate appreciation and awareness programs at the parish level and inform Parish Vocations Committees and Catholic families about ways they can make a difference in the lives of men and women serving or being called to serve the Church.

Additional support and information is available from our USAC Office at 888-777-6681