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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

APRIL 2017

MISSION STATEMENT: *To foster and affirm vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood and vowed religious life in the USA and through this ministry, further our members' common Catholic faith.*

Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings and thank you for your vocations!

We are about halfway through Lent and I pray that your spiritual life is always open for ways to bring us all closer to Christ. Easter is fast approaching, which gives us the opportunity for each of us to be reinvigorated in our faith, and what a great faith we have!

Please keep in mind our goal of "ASKING" potential candidates about a religious vocation. The Lord can use all the helpers we can find and please keep praying for vocations.

We've had a request from our Regional Director for all Serra Clubs in Region 9 to help boost vocations. One of the things we have been asked to do is to find participants to say a Rosary specifically for an increase of vocations in our own diocese, more members for our own Serra Club, and more active participation from our current Serra members. If you are willing to participate in this endeavor, please pick a day or two each week to pray a Rosary for vocations and let me know so we can report to the Regional Director. Invite those you know to help fill our weekly goal of at least one Rosary a day, specifically for vocations. A sample Rosary for Vocations can be found on the diocesan Vocations website: <http://davenportvocations.org/encouraging-vocations/rosary-for-vocations/> Let me know what days have been chosen so I know we're covered!

Thank you once again for your vocations. Have a Blessed Easter
Bill Barrett
President, Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

As we approach Holy Week and Easter we are reminded of why we do what we do as Serrans. Promoting vocations in the Church only makes sense light of the fact that Jesus came, suffered, died and rose from the dead. This is no worldly project that we take on, but a participation in and continuation of the saving work of Christ accomplished for us through events we are about to commemorate. These days ahead give us both our identity and our mission as Christians. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all discerning, as well as for those who are already in the application process for the Diocese. Also, as always, let us pray vocations to consecrated life, for holy marriages and for people who will devote themselves to the service of humanity and to the Church as single persons. Please know of my prayers for you in these holy days to come and thank you for all you do!

In Christ,
Fr. Thom

LEADERSHIP

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FIRST FRIDAY MASS – APR. 7, 2017

Rosary for our Bishop's intentions & Serra Club's prayers: 6:40 a.m.

Leader of the Rosary: John Stratman

Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Martin Amos

Reader: Peg Beaudry

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- New Diocesan prayer for a new bishop: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/diocese-of-davenport-releases-new-prayer/>
- Divisiveness spurs sisters' kindness campaign: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/divisiveness-spurs-sisters-kindness-campaign/>
- What a new bishop needs to know: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/what-a-new-bishop-needs-to-know/>
- Knoxville KCs show support for diaconal candidate: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/27180/>
- Jr. High Rally: Living Water: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/junior-high-rally-goes-live-for-living-water/>
- Catholic Eucharist and Justice: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/catholic-eucharist-and-justice/>
- "Unbound" ministry helps children, elderly: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/unbound-ministry-helps-children-elderly/>
- Students explore future careers: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/students-explore-future-career-possibilities/>
- Love and Suffering: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/03/love-and-suffering/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - APRIL

George Ssebadduka, 4/23/78

Please keep all priests, deacons and their wives, brothers, sisters, lay ministers, and all others discerning a potential vocation in your prayers. Please continue to pray for our new bishop as we await his appointment.

REGION 9 MEETING - OCTOBER 2017, OMAHA NEBRASKA

Let me invite our Region 9 Serrans to Omaha Nebraska for the next regional convention. On Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22, 2017, we will be gathering at the Marriott Regency (\$99 rate). Friday will begin at the famous Boys Town campus which is celebrating their 100th year. Prior to the travelers Mass to be celebrated by our Archbishop George Lucas, you will be able to tour Boys Town, their Hall of History and the newly opened-to-the-public home of their founder, Fr. Edward J. Flanagan and therein learn of the ongoing efforts towards his canonization. Saturday – we've got them booked but will hold that off till later. Just know that this will be an inspiring and prayerful top-of-the line convention.

Please add it to your save-the-date calendar and make plans to attend. You won't be disappointed. More information to follow.

Bob Campney, Chairman, Serra Region 9W District Governor

<u>SAVE THE DATE</u>
<u>Business Meeting</u>
April 19th, St. Vincent's, 7PM. Please note the change to Wednesdays!