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# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

APRIL 2019

**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 heading toward the Resurrection and hopefully this Lenten season has been a great inspiration in your own faith life. In March, the diocese sponsored a Project Andrew priestly discernment event at the Newman Center.

St. John Vianney parish is diving right into the Vocation awareness environment, getting a good jump on the initiative. We had Tom Touney and Pat Monahan from St. John Vianney to give us an update on all their initiatives: vocation masses; banners; and an introduction of the 31 Club to the parish for masses and rosaries on May 12, the World Day of Prayer. Great idea and model! Next fall they will introduce the Prayer Pack to over 400 attendees of their Religious Education program.

The Prayer Pack includes the St. Serra Prayer Book, Rosary pamphlets and Rosaries, and Seminarian Information Cards. Our goal is to foster family prayer and prayer for new vocations. Deb McAfoos and Meredith Dreasler will help them to launch this initiative in October, as the initial introduction of the program was successful this year with the St. Paul's Religious Education program. They have initiated contact with St. Anthony's and hope to continue to reach out to other parishes, particularly those without parish schools to begin.

We welcomed Tim Frandsen, from St. Paul's, as a new member to the St. Serra Club.

The Newman Center will be hosting their Gala on April 13 in Iowa City, and we are looking to support that effort. We would also like to look for new outlets for our Vocation Mission.

Mark your calendar for June 1st ordinations of Rev Terry Bell, Rev Scott Foley to the priesthood and Jim Flattery to the diaconate.

The Vision 20/20 Initiative will be holding their kickoff at St Ambrose June 6-7th. We pray for great attendance and inspiration going home back into the participants parishes.

We appreciate your support and your contributions to our faith.

Bill Barrett, St. Serra Club President

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### FIRST FRIDAY MASS

St. Vincent's-April 5th  
May 3rd

11:10 Rosary

11:30 Mass

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## **CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/the-signs-of-a-vocation-to-the-priesthood/>
  - <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/go-make-disciples/>
  - <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/faiths-unite-to-mourn-shooting-victims/>
  - <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/we-dont-need-to-remake-the-catholic-church/>
  - <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/bishop-to-students-let-your-light-shine/>
  - <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/persons-places-and-things-conversations-at-the-prairie/>
  - <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/03/go-make-disciples/>
  - <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/focus-on-the-good-news/>
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### *Letter from Father Sia, Chaplain*

We continue our discussion on the signs of a vocation to the priesthood. First of all, a recap from last time: One of the signs of a good candidate to the priesthood is that he should know and love Jesus Christ and have a thirst to bring Jesus and his teachings to the world.

Another sign of a good candidate for seminary is that he should be a believing, practicing Catholic. Yes, this sounds obvious, so let me explain. As a reflection of his love for Jesus and his Church, a man who feels called to be a priest ought to be outwardly professing this relationship and not keeping it hidden or practicing it “in private”. This means he should be attending Sunday Mass faithfully, and even weekday Mass when possible. He has a profound belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and appreciates Eucharistic Adoration. He goes to Confession regularly. He has a fairly good knowledge of the Catechism and other Church documents. If he struggles to understand certain Church teachings, he has the humble attitude to realize that what the Church espouses is life-giving Truth; therefore, coupled with his love for Christ, he will open his mind and will to be obedient to God’s Word. He will allow the Holy Spirit to infuse him with the courage to proclaim his Catholic faith and defend the Church’s teachings.

Fr. Joseph Sia

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## **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES-APRIL**

There are no anniversaries this month. Please continue to pray for all those discerning a vocation that they may be open to hearing the call!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Ordination Liturgy  
June 1st, 10:00 AM  
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

Vision 20/20 Convocation  
June 6-8th  
St. Ambrose University  
<https://event.davenportdiocese.org/>