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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

AUGUST 2015

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.*

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Dear Serrans:

Summer is quickly coming to an end. Please pray for all religious and thank them for their years of service for the Lord's work. Come celebrate with us at our annual picnic. Sunday August 9th from 4-6 at the Knights of Columbus on the lower level. You can park in the back and avoid the stairs.

Our regional convention will be in Des Moines this year (about as close as we get) on September 18-20th. We hope you can attend at least the sessions on Saturday. The theme this year is "Family as Foundation for Vocations". Come and meet other Serrans from Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa, and learn what their clubs are doing to support, encourage and promote vocations.

Thank you for all your help in making our club grow and helping to increase the number of Seminarians and Religious.

Bill Barrett, President
Serra Club of Davenport

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - AUGUST 7, 2015

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

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

This week all of the seminarians from the four dioceses of Iowa will be gathered for their annual convocation. The Archdiocese of Dubuque is hosting us this year in Cedar Rapids and our speaker will be Fr. Brett Brannen, a priest of the Diocese of Savannah, a former seminary rector and author of *To Save A Thousand Souls: A Guide to Discerning the Diocesan Priesthood*. Among diocesan vocation directors this has quickly become known as the "Bible of discernment" for young men who might be thinking of the diocesan priesthood. I have given many copies away and others have received free copies through our poster project with Vianney Vocations. The young men who have received the book tell me that it has been an invaluable resource in their discernment. So, needless to say, the seminarians and I are excited for the convocation. Soon after the convocation it will be "back to school" for them all. Please keep them (and me) in your prayers and thanks, as always, for your prayers and support.

In Christ,
Fr. Thom

SAVE THE DATE

What: **Serra 2015 Region 9 Convention**

When: **Sept. 18-20, 2015** (Friday evening to Sunday morning)

Where: **West Des Moines, IA**, Marriott Hotel & Convention Center

Who: All Serrans from Region 9 (Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri & Kansas) as well as surrounding states are encouraged to attend.

For more information, go to www.dmserra.com and click on the Region 9 Convention tab for speakers, topics, schedules and program.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph DeFrancisco, 8/2/75;

Robert Grant, 8/5/84;

Richard Okumu, 8/8/81;

Mark Spring, 8/29/80

AUGUST PICNIC

We will also have our August Picnic on August 9th from 4-6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davenport, Lower Level.

Please RSVP to John Stratman by August 4th, **acceptance only**.
563-332-0448

100 CLUB

We will soon be sending out 100 Club letters to various donors who have supported us in the past. If you have people or organizations to recommend to solicit donations to our cause, please contact the Office of Vocations or a member of the Board with their name and address. As always, personal invitations to join the cause of the Serra Club in the support of vocations is ideal.

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FR. SERRA'S CANONIZATION

As many of you know, Pope Francis will be coming to the United States for the World Meeting of Families in September and will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra during his visit, on September 23rd at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Serra International has created a fund to help finance the canonization celebration and to raise awareness of the work of the Serra Club called the **Serra Spread the Word Fund**. Between May 1st and September 15th, 2015, money donated to the dedicated and donor-designated fund will be used for the express purpose of promoting Serra International during Pope Francis's visit, including for displays, sponsorships, materials, and means of publicity.

The goal for this fund is \$250,000 **by Sept. 15th**. All donations to this fund are tax deductible. Checks may be made payable to "Serra Spread the Word Fund" and sent to the address below. Donations may also be made online at the following website: <http://www.serrainternational.org/spread-the-word> Questions may be directed to Serra International Executive Director: John Liston at 312-419-7411. Please consider reaching out to support Blessed Junipero's canonization and related celebrations.

Please make your tax deductible contribution payable to
"Serra Spread the Word Fund" and send to:

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