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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

AUGUST 2016

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

Greetings!

We want to thank all priests, sisters and deacons for their vocations. You are the foot soldiers of Catholicism. Vocations are growing throughout the world we learned at the Serra International convention in St Louis last month.

We are looking forward to our upcoming summer gathering, August 14th at the K of C's. We hope you will be joining us. Also we are planning our Thanksgiving Gathering at the Outing Club Nov. 18th, so please mark your calendars.

We all need to keep praying for a safer and more peaceful world as well as more religious vocations. Keep your eyes, ears and hearts open for potential workers for the Lord in His vineyard.

May God bless you,
Bill Barrett
President, Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

What happened to summer? As I write this, we are about a month out from the start of school. Despite its seeming brevity, it has been an eventful summer for the Office of Vocations. Our Totus Tuus team put on programs at 5 of our parishes. We wrapped up the application process for a total of 9 applicants this year, accepting 3 new seminarians. I once again participated in the Catholics In Action service retreat, this year held in Fort Madison. In early July, we had a gathering for the seminarians, who have been busy in parish internships or other work this summer. The annual State Seminarian Convocation is just around the corner, this year being held in Des Moines. Of course, we look forward to the annual Serra Club picnic coming up next month. Soon after that, I will be gearing up for my third year of teaching at Assumption High School. I recently celebrated by 12th anniversary as a priest and my 5th anniversary as the Director of Vocations. It certainly doesn't feel that long, but with a schedule like this it's no wonder.

Please continue to keep our seminarians and those discerning in your prayers. I am excited about some of the renewed efforts and new energy in the Serra Club of Davenport. God bless and enjoy the last weeks of summer!

Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - AUGUST 5, 2016

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

- Longtime Vicar General retires: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/longtime-vicar-general-retires/>
- Clinton sisters and associates mark anniversaries: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/07/clinton-sisters-and-associates-mark-anniversaries/>
- Development Director Sr. Goedken retires: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/07/development-director-sr-goedken-retires/>
- Working for the church is rewarding to new Development Director: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/working-for-the-church-is-rewarding-to-gaertner/>
- Doing service “family style”: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/07/doing-service-family-style/>
- Catholics in Action turns house to a home: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/07/catholics-in-action-make-a-house-a-home/>
- The well-being of priests: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/07/the-well-being-of-priests/>
- Same-sex attraction and the Church’s response: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/same-sex-attraction-and-the-churchs-response/>
- Pilgrims look forward to World Youth Day in Poland: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/07/pilgrims-look-forward-to-world-youth-day-in-poland/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST

Joseph DeFrancisco, 8/2/75;
Robert Grant, 8/5/84;
Adokole John Paul Otanwa, 8/6/05;
Richard Okumu, 8/8/81;
Mark Spring, 8/29/80

CONVENTION RECAP – featuring BILL MCAFOOS

Dear Serrans,

I’m writing this month to report back on the 74th annual Serra International meeting held this June in St. Louis. This conference attracts Serrans from around the world who meet with other Serrans to discuss vocations and the never ending drive to support the Catholic men and women who serve our faith. The Hyatt regency was full of energy as the schedule of speakers and special events filled each day morning until early evening. The exciting news is that many, if not all parts of the world, are experiencing growth in seminarians and we had several young men talk about their personal journey, which was very inspirational and reinforces that the Serra organization can and does play a vital role in fostering the vocation process. One of the highlights was attending mass in the Old St. Louis Cathedral which was the 1st anniversary of the canonization of our patron saint Junipero Serra. Social media has taken our organization by storm as many clubs around the world and in the U.S. use this to communicate to members and to direct nonmembers to the site and educate them who the Serra club is, what we do , and how they can get involved and support vocations. I look forward with lots of input to launch the Davenport club Facebook page in 2016.

SAVE THE DATE

Business Meeting

August 16, St. Vincent’s, 7PM

August Gathering

August 14, K of C Hall, Davenport, 4-6 PM
Please RSVP by August 9, 563-888-4378 or
vocations@davenportdiocese.org