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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

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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 Vocation. We celebrate the Assumption of Mary this month, what a truly wonderful Mother. We pray for more Vocations for our Church. Hopefully you have made your reservations for our summer gathering Sunday Aug. 5th at the K of C from 4-6. It is, in a small way, a show of appreciation for all your years of service to the Church. We will once again be celebrating our First Friday Mass with the retired priests. We will start the rosary for vocations at 11:10 am with mass starting at 11:30 with us gathering afterwards in the dining area. We pray you can join us once again at St Vincent's. We are looking forward to helping with our diocesan wide effort this fall working with all the parishes and their representatives. Keep looking for new recruits for vocations as well as the St Serra club. Thank you once again for your Vocation and support. Always forward never back.
Bill Barrett

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FIRST FRIDAY MASS – ST. VINCENT'S

First Friday Masses will be returning to St. Vincent's
Friday, August 3rd — 11:30
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CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/07/new-vocations-director-takes-on-half-marathon/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/07/ordination-celebration-welcome-fr-lamansky-and-deacon-ball/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/diamond-jubilee-for-west-point-native/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/30983/> Pedaling to peripheries
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/08/free-preschool-helps-enhance-catholic-school-enrollment/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/07/four-make-professions-as-secular-franciscans/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/07/sisters-of-st-francis-to-celebrate-jubilees-in-clinton/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/06/totus-tuus-leaders-learn-as-they-teach/>

Letter from Fr. Joseph Sia, Vocation Director

I've been looking over the SPARK Vocation Tools offered by the Serra Club, and for this newsletter, I'd like to focus on a few of them. I think "Called by Name", Seminary visits, and discernment retreats are good strategies to allow young men and women to see themselves as priests and nuns. Our local Serra Club has pioneered the "ASK" program, which includes a calling card that says, "You have special qualities. Have you ever considered a religious vocation?" Nowadays, hardly anybody encourages the youth to consider becoming ordained or professed. More often than not, the opposite is true – they are discouraged from even discerning these vocations.

I remember being asked as a junior in high school to lead a Catholic retreat. That was a big deal, because usually a senior student was chosen for that role. That experience sent a powerful message to me that others had seen a potential in me to be a spiritual leader. From that time on, the thought of becoming a priest entered my mind. So, yes, saying something to someone can encourage a vocation.

I hope to work on these above-mentioned tools over the course of the next few months (aside from the ASK program, which has already been rolled out). However, I'm also waiting to see what comes out of the Rhonda Gruenewald workshop on parish vocations ministry which will be held in December. I'll talk more about that next time.

Fr. Joseph Sia

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

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

SAVE THE DATE

August 5th-Picnic at Knights of Columbus, 4-6pm

August 15th- Business Meeting, St. Vincent's Center, 7pm

November 16th-Fall Gathering at The Outing Club