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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.*

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings! Saint Junipero Serra! If you had not heard our Beloved Patron will be named a Saint by Pope Francis in September!

PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE, SUPPORT that is our mission.

At last Sunday's Mass Fr. Harness talked about his Vocation and it come down to being ASKED by 2 different people over many years. That is what we all need to do everyday to help build more shepherds.

We want to initiate the "ADOPT A SEMINARIAN" program for each Parish. We need your help. Our February meeting will address what we need to do and a timeline and cost to do it. Please be willing to support our initiative.

Lent is coming, certainly a time for reflection on how we can better serve the Lord.

Thank you for all your help in supporting Serra.

Bill Barrett, President
Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

How time flies! I know I say that a lot, but with the addition of my teaching responsibilities at Assumption High School this past fall I feel like I blinked in August and suddenly it was 2015. A new semester is now off and running, both for my students and for our seminarians. We are also coming up on a busy time for the Office of Vocations as applications for the seminary begin to trickle in. In the next few months, we should have a better picture of how many seminarians we will have for next year. I am cautiously optimistic, but your prayers are always appreciated. Lastly, a great "feather in our cap" came recently with the announcement by Pope Francis that he would canonize Blessed Junipero Serra in September. Soon-to-be *Saint* Junipero Serra, pray for us!

God bless and Happy New Year!

Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MEETING - FEB. 6, 2015

Rosary for our Bishop's intentions & Serra's prayers

6:40 a.m. Leader of the Rosary:
John Stratman

Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Thom Hennen

Reader: TBA

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Patrick Lumsden- 1/20/1996

Fr. John Stecher- 1/29/1972

Msgr. James Burnett- 1/25/1974

Most Rev. William Franklin- 2/4/1956

CATHOLIC MESSENGER ARTICLES

- Commendation of 50 years of Serra Club serving the Diocese of Davenport : <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2014/12/promoting-vocations-serra-club-of-davenport-marks-50-years-encouraging-vocations/>
 - Fr. Hennen reflects on the need for vocations to be present in our faith communities: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2014/12/pray-for-vocations-to-fulfill-the-churchs-needs/>
 - Seminary visit sparks new hope for priestly vocations: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2014/12/encounter-with-gods-call-weekend/>
 - Seminarian reaches the next step before diaconate: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2014/12/seminarian-warren-admitted-to-candidacy/>
 - Lifelong connections are rediscovered through pen pals and faith: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/01/sister-student-pen-pal-have-mother-in-common/>
 - Bishop Amos' letter highlighting the ministry of the Messenger: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/01/messenger-inspires-the-faithful/>
 - Bishop calls for support of the “spiritual heart of the diocese”, Sacred Heart Cathedral: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/01/bishop-creates-cathedral-sunday/>
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VOCATION THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We assume the apostles must have been solid, holy people because Jesus handpicked them to be part of his inner circle of friends and disciples. But the gospels present quite a different picture. These were ordinary people who weren't always clear about Jesus' message, who occasionally turned their back on Jesus even when he was most in need, and who struggled with their own faith. The apostles' relationship with Jesus as well as their faith was a work in progress that ultimately brought them closer to God. Like the apostles, we, too, encounter struggles in our relationship with Jesus and our faith. Allow your struggles and missteps to become another positive step in getting to know God more deeply.

—*Take Five for Faith*

