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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings. The new year is in full swing and we pray it is a great year for all.

We are off to a good start on our next project of developing an informational piece about supporting vocations and inviting others to join in their own parishes. If you have anything you may want to see in this piece, please forward it for our First Friday gathering.

Invite, Invite, Invite. You may find out next prospective seminarian, sister, brother or deacon, you never know.

Lent starts early this year so plan accordingly on how you can bring yourself spiritually to where you could improve your relationship with the Lord.

Thank you for all your vocations and support.
Bill Barrett
President, Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

It's hard to believe, but we're already one month into the new year and things are really humming! The month of February, while the shortest in the calendar year, will be a busy one. On Feb. 2 I will be saying a Mass for the conclusion of the "Year for Consecrated Life" in Muscatine, followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations. Feb. 11-13 I will make a visit St. Paul Seminary to check up on our seminarians there and to meet with the seminary faculty. Feb. 17-24 I will be heading to the North American College in Rome to do the same. It has been four years since I last made a visit to the North American College in Rome. Obviously, it is not something we can budget for every year, but it is my goal to visit once or twice during the time our men are in formation there.

In terms of promotion, we are looking to host a "Project Andrew Dinner" toward the end of the month at St. Ambrose University. On Feb. 27 the four dioceses of Iowa will once again host a "Thinking of Priesthood" day St. Cecelia Parish in Ames. I have typically brought a carload out to this event. It is a great day facilitated by Fr. Jonathan Fassero, OSB from St. Meinrad Seminary and Archabbey in Indiana. We have a couple of candidates already in the application process and potentially a couple more who may apply this spring. Please keep them in prayer and pray for me and the Seminarian Admissions Board for the gift of discernment.

Well, I think that's probably more than enough for now. Thanks, as always, for your prayers, support, and pro-active approach to fostering vocations. May you have a blessed Lenten season!

In Christ,
Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - FEB. 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

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

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What are you doing for Lent this year? Why not incorporate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy?

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- ◇ Feed the Hungry
- ◇ Give Drink to the Thirsty
- ◇ Clothe the Naked
- ◇ Shelter the Homeless
- ◇ Visit the Sick
- ◇ Visit the Imprisoned
- ◇ Bury the Dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ◇ Admonish the Sinner
- ◇ Instruct the Ignorant
- ◇ Counsel the Doubtful
- ◇ Bear Wrongs Patiently
- ◇ Forgive Offenses Willingly
- ◇ Comfort the Afflicted
- ◇ Pray for the Dead

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Discerning the Diaconate: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/01/discerning-the-diaconate/>
- Sisters of St. Francis celebrate 150 year journey: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/01/sisters-of-st-francis-celebrate-150-year-journey/>
- Sister of St. Francis celebrate their "birthday": <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/01/sisters-of-st-francis-celebrate-their-birthday/>
- 24 hours of confession, 40 hour adoration a success: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/01/24-hours-of-confession-40-hours-adoration-a-success/>

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Board Meeting

February 18, St. Vincent's, 7PM

Ordination Anniversaries– February

Bishop-emeritus William Franklin,
2/4/1956

Happy 60th Anniversary Bishop Franklin!