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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.*

## LEADERSHIP

**Ex Officio** Bishop Martin Amos  
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### *Letter from Bill Barrett, President*

Greetings!

Thank you for your vocations and support for vocations. While we are enjoying the January thaw, we are planning for this year's events and programs. We will have two priestly ordinations this year and one permanent diaconal ordination so we'll keep you posted as to time and place for these celebrations.

We are continually looking for qualified prospects for new religious vocations. Please keep your eyes and ears open in your daily journeys. We need to be ASKING prospects if they have ever considered a religious vocation? They may have great qualifications and just need a little encourage to take that first step.

Happy St. Valentine's day to all.  
 Bill Barrett  
 President, Serra Club of Davenport

### *Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations*

Dear Serrans,

The months are flying by! I can't believe we're already well into the second semester of the academic year. Summer plans for our seminarians are beginning to solidify and preparations are in process for ordinations. Speaking of which, Bishop Amos has decided not to have the ordination Mass at the Cathedral this summer, due to the scope of the building project there and the impact it will have on parking and other facilities. Instead, the priestly ordinations will be done separately and at different locations. Deacon Dan Dorau will be ordained on Saturday, May 27 at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace in Clinton. Dan had been assigned there for his diaconal summer last summer. Deacon Chris Weber will be ordained on June 3 at SS. Mary & Mathias in Muscatine, where he had spent many years as a youth minister prior to entering seminary. While there was benefit to ordaining them together at an alternate site, Bishop felt this might be a unique opportunity to bring this beautiful liturgy out to the diocese and to celebrate with the communities that were so important to these two men. It makes a little more work and travel, but I think both will be great celebrations.

I almost forgot – I had a wonderful trip to Uganda after Christmas. I saw a lot on my first (but hopefully not last) trip to Africa, but it's good to be home again and back in the swing of things.

God bless,  
 Fr. Thom

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS – FEB. 3, 2017

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: Fr. Thom Hennen

Reader: Peg Beaudry

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**CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- New Diocesan prayer for a new bishop: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/diocese-of-davenport-releases-new-prayer/>
- A new take on new resolutions: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/making-resolutions-stick/>
- Every child deserves a birthday cake: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/every-child-deserves-a-birthday-cake/>
- Youth, Ministers awarded for outstanding work: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/outstanding-youths-ministers-recognized/>
- Why I Stay: Young Adult edition <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/why-i-stay-young-adults-reflect-on-their-commitment-to-the-church/>
- Better to give than to receive?: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/is-it-really-better-to-give-than-to-receive/>
- Chancery Hours Change: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/11/chancery-hours-change/>

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**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – FEBRUARY**

Bishop-emeritus William Franklin, 2/4/56

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**REGION 9 MEETING – OCTOBER 2017, OMAHA NEBRASKA**

Let me invite our Region 9 Serrans to Omaha Nebraska for the next regional convention. On Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22, 2017, we will be gathering at the Marriott Regency (\$99 rate). Friday will begin at the famous Boys Town campus which is celebrating their 100th year. Prior to the travelers Mass to be celebrated by our Archbishop George Lucas, you will be able to tour Boys Town, their Hall of History and the newly opened-to-the-public home of their founder, Fr. Edward J. Flanagan and therein learn of the ongoing efforts towards his canonization. Saturday – we’ve got them booked but will hold that off till later. Just know that this will be an inspiring and prayerful top-of-the line convention.

Please add it to your save-the-date calendar and make plans to attend. You won’t be disappointed. More information to follow.

Bob Campney, Chairman  
Serra Region 9W District Governor

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Business Meeting**

February 15th, St. Vincent’s, 7PM. Please note the change to Wednesdays!