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# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

JANUARY 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 pray that you had a Blessed and Holy Christmas season. We also pray that you have a prosperous and healthy new year.

We've had a wonderful year with all the Serrans' help in distributing the Adopt a Seminarian Project. We have had great response in the parishes. It has given us the opportunity to help encourage, support and promote more vocations through awareness. We plan to expand that connection this year with your help. We have a real opportunity in networking with all the parishes for vocations.

We are working on a new brochure that we can distribute when we go to work with the parishes for vocations. We would like your ideas on what information you feel is important and interesting and should be incorporated in our new brochure. We have momentum on our side, let's see if we can make our planting of seeds blossom.

Please send your ideas to myself or Colleen before our Jan 19th meeting.

Five priests are retiring and we are ordaining one this year. We need your help to gather more workers for God's vineyard.

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

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

Dear Serrans,

I hope and pray that this finds you well and that you are enjoying time with loved ones. After Christmas Masses at Immaculate Conception Parish in Colfax, I will be heading home to Ottumwa for a couple of days, and then off to retreat until January 1. I just have to be back in time for the Rose Bowl (Go Hawks!). Please pray for me while I am on retreat and be assured of my prayers for the Serra Club and for vocations in the Diocese of Davenport. The seminarians and I had a wonderful gathering with Bishop Amos on Dec. 19 and before they know it they will be reporting back to seminary for second semester. The seminarians are all so grateful for your support throughout the year. I am hopeful that before long we will have new "crop" shaping up for next year. Thanks for your part in this, through your prayers and encouragement. May you have a truly blessed Christmas season and new year full of hope and joy!

In Christ,  
Fr. Thom Hennen

## NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS - JANUARY

There will be no First Friday Mass in January as it falls on the Holy Day. See you in February!!  
(Feb 5)

*Wishing you a Joyful  
Christmas Season*

*Many blessings to you and your family  
as we remember and rejoice  
in our Savior's birth*

**CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

**Celebrating the Year of Mercy**

- Doors of Mercy Opened: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/12/doors-of-mercy-opened/>
- Indulgences in the Year of Mercy: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/12/indulgences-in-the-year-of-mercy/>
- Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Sites, Pt. 1: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/12/opening-the-door-of-our-hearts-year-of-mercy-provides-multiple-opportunities-for-pilgrimage/>
- Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Sites, Pt. 2: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/12/year-of-mercy-pilgrimage-sites-part-ii/>
- Mercy Starts at Home: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/12/mercy-starts-at-home/>

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**Board Meeting**

January 19, St. Vincent's, 7PM

**Ordination Anniversaries– January**

Patrick Lumsden, 1/20/96;

James Burnett, 1/25/74;

John Stecher, 1/29/72