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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

JANUARY 2017

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
- Chaplain** Fr. Thomas Hennen
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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings and Happy New Year to all.

We hope everyone had a blessed, joyous and safe Christmas. With the New Year upon us it will give us many opportunities to share our kindness and love to others. Please keep in mind the chance to encourage, support and promote vocations to help in the Lord's work.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing of two long time Serra 100 Club members who passed away this fall. Eleanor and Walter Droll from Clarence, Eleanor was 88 and Walter was 91. They attended our summer and Thanksgiving celebrations for the priests and religious for many, many years. They were great supports of the Serra Club and will be missed.

We look forward to working with the Bishop Amos and Fr. Hennen in this new year. We pray for you and thank you all for your vocations and missions serving God.

Thank you for your support.

Bill Barrett
President, Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

I hope this finds you well as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth. I will be at my regular post for Christmas, helping out at Immaculate Conception in Colfax (where they do not have a resident priest). I always enjoy my time there. The people are wonderful and it makes me feel like a parish priest again. Following Christmas, I will head home to Ottumwa for a couple of days to visit family and then leave on December 28th with three of my brother priests from the diocese for Uganda, returning on June 11. I know we are planning on visiting a seminary while we are there. I am very curious to see what the picture of vocations and seminary formation looks like in another part of the world. Please know of my thanks for your generous support and prayers for vocations and may you be filled with the peace and joy of this holy season.

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Thom

**FIRST FRIDAY
MASS— NO
JANUARY MASS**

Due to Bishop Amos' and Fr. Hennen's unavailability, there will be no First Friday Mass in January.

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Responding as church in a complicated world: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/11/responding-as-church-in-a-complicated-world/>
- Former Rectory now a beloved Amish home: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/12/former-rectory-now-a-beloved-amish-home/>
- Volunteer envelope stuffers seal their service: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/12/volunteer-envelope-stuffers-seal-their-service/>
- Thanks for nearly 25 years, Fr. Shepley: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/12/thanks-for-nearly-25-years-fr-shepley/>
- Two appointed to serve Mt. Pleasant parish: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/12/two-appointed-to-serve-mt-pleasant-parish/>
- Mercy Iowa City partners with UnityPoint Health-Cedar Rapids: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/12/mercy-iowa-city-partners-with-unitypoint-health-cedar-rapids/>
- Chancery Hours Change: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/11/chancery-hours-change/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - JANUARY

Patrick Lumsden, 1/20/96; James Burnett, 1/25/74; John Stecher, 1/29/72

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



SAVE THE DATE

Business Meeting

January 18th, St. Vincent's, 7PM. Please note the change to Wednesdays!