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# ST. 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 and thank you for your Vocation!

We are in Ordinary Time again. These ordinary times are extraordinarily challenging for the call of Vocations. The Church is struggling to do what is right and parishioners are trying to hang in there. The Vision 20/20 initiative will hopefully help to evangelize, in order to build a strong future.

Cardinal Dolan will be speaking at The Red Dinner on February 7th. We pray that he has an inspiring message for all of us. Though sponsored by Sacred Heart Cathedral, all parishes are welcome to attend. Contact the office at Sacred Heart if you are interested in attending the cocktail hour and dinner at the casino. Reservations are required. Anyone, however, may attend Mass at 4pm, at the Cathedral.

Adopt-a-Seminarian cards are being dispersed in both English and Spanish. Please keep praying for new religious vocations and don't forget to ASK! Thank you for your support!

Bill Barrett,  
St. Serra Club President

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### *Letter from Fr. Joseph Sia, Chaplain*

Dear Serrans,

On behalf of the seminarians, I want to personally thank the St. Serra Club for their generous Christmas gifts to the seminarians. These gifts are greatly appreciated and a great blessing, showing the men that they are in your thoughts and prayers as well.

The Adopt-a-Seminarian cards are on their way around the Diocese. Thank you for your help in sorting and packaging them for distribution. With the weather, we have a couple more sets to distribute at the deanery meetings, but soon they'll all be distributed. Folks have been very thankful upon receiving them. This is one of the more popular programs that we have, so let's build upon it by promoting it and explaining it to folks. It is easy to do!

The Vietnamese translation of the Vocations Prayer was finished, and we just received 300 copies. Thank you again for your generosity in sponsoring the cards. I have received positive feedback on them as well! The English/Spanish cards have been successful as well. We are actually running low on these cards. Colleen and I sent out follow-up letters to those who attended the Hundredfold Workshop, and one of the questions was in regards to these cards, with some interested in ordering some. Several parishes have asked for them and we just put in an order for an additional 8,000, beyond the original order of 2,000! It's wonderful to have tools like this to help everyone in the diocese pray for vocations.

God Bless and stay warm!  
Fr. Joseph Sia, Chaplain

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS

St. Vincent's-February 1st

11:10 Rosary

11:30 Mass

Mass will be celebrated by  
Bishop Zinkula in February.

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**CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/01/fr-hai-duc-dinh-god-has-a-plan/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/01/the-men-in-black/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/01/seminarian-sees-the-holy-spirit-at-work-at-seek/>
- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/12/parishes-learn-about-promoting-vocations/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/12/reflecting-on-vocations-awareness-week/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/11/uncovering-the-truth-and-beauty-of-our-catholic-faith/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/11/fr-chuck-adam-reflects-on-his-vocation/>

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**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES-DEC/JAN**

**December**

Steve Witt, 12/15/12; Ed Fitzpatrick, 12/18/70

**January**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

February 1st-Rosary/Mass 11:10, St. Vincent's

February 7th-Sacred Heart's Red Dinner,  
4-Mass at the Cathedral, 6-Cocktails, 7-Dinner  
\*Call Sacred Heart for reservations