



780 W. Central Park Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52804

# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

JULY 2015

**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*

Dear Serrans;

July 1st is Junipero Serra's Feast Day, and we are looking forward to his canonization in September. Please keep him and all the saints in your prayers. Thank you to all who helped support the ordinations. What a great day! Sacred Heart was packed and we served over 300 for lunch afterwards. We have momentum on our side so lets "keep looking forward, never look back": Blessed Junipero Serra's motto. We had a good first meeting for our members and we have some good programs in the works. Thanks for all the members willing to help in our club. Keep up the good work.

Don't forget our summer get together August, 9th 4:00-6:00 p.m. at K of C Hall, lower level.

See you on First Friday.  
Bill Barrett, President  
Serra Club of Davenport

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

Dear Serrans,

They say that as soon as it's the Fourth of July, it's time to buy school supplies. Things are going well in the Office of Vocations. Our four new young men have been accepted at their respective seminaries and are finishing up their paperwork for admissions. The Totus Tuus summer program is already nearing its completion. The youth involved seem to be having a great time learning about the faith and the different vocations they can consider as they grow up. The ordination Mass went very well. Thanks to you all for your support of our seminarians through prayers and financial support, and thank you to those who helped at the ordination.

God bless,  
Fr. Thom

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS - JULY 3, 2015

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

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## **SAVE THE DATES**

What: **Serra 2015 Region 9 Convention**

When: **Sept. 18-20, 2015** (Friday evening to Sunday morning)

Where: **West Des Moines, IA**, Marriott Hotel & Convention Center

Who: All Serrans from Region 9 (Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri & Kansas) as well as surrounding states are encouraged to attend.

For more information, go to [www.dmserra.com](http://www.dmserra.com) and click on the Region 9 Convention tab for speakers, topics, schedules and program.

We will also have our August Picnic on August 9th from 4-6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davenport, Lower Level.

## **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Joe Wolf, 7/2/94;  
Thom Hennen, 7/10/04;  
Deogratias Shimilimana, 7/11/10;  
Greg Steckel, 7/12/81;  
Bob Striegel, 7/14/73;  
Tony Herold, 7/14/79;  
Jim Parizek, 7/15/72;  
Bob Busher, 7/17/76;  
Rudy Juarez, 7/19/80;  
Drake Shafer, 7/28/73;  
Tshipamba (Apo) Mpanda, 7/31/88

## **100 CLUB**

We will soon be sending out 100 Club letters to various donors who have supported us in the past. If you have people or organizations to recommend to solicit donations to our cause, please contact the Office of Vocations or a member of the Board with their name and address. As always, personal invitations to join the cause of the Serra Club in the support of vocations is ideal.

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## **FR. SERRA'S CANONIZATION**

As many of you know, Pope Francis will be coming to the United States for the World Meeting of Families in September and will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra during his visit. Serra International has created a fund to help finance the canonization celebration and to raise awareness of the work of the Serra Club called the **Serra Spread the Word Fund**. Between May 1st and September 15th, 2015, money donated to the dedicated and donor-designated fund will be used for the express purpose of promoting Serra International during Pope Francis's visit, including for displays, sponsorships, materials, and means of publicity.

The goal for this fund is \$250,000 **by Sept. 15th**. All donations to this fund are tax deductible. Checks may be made payable to "Serra Spread the Word Fund" and sent to the address below. Donations may also be made online at the following website: <http://www.serrainternational.org/spread-the-word> Questions may be directed to Serra International Executive Director: John Liston at 312-419-7411. Please consider reaching out to support Blessed Junipero's canonization and related celebrations.

Please make your tax deductible contribution payable to  
"Serra Spread the Word Fund" and send to:

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