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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

JULY 2018

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 would like to congratulate Father John Lamansky and Deacon Terry Ball on their upcoming ordinations. We hope you will be able to attend and participate in this beautiful Sacrament, which will take place on Saturday, June 30th at 10am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We will sponsor a light luncheon celebration and it will be served in the new Reception Hall at Sacred Heart. We also hope you will have an opportunity to meet and greet the Bishop and many of your priestly friends and seminarians. What a great day!

We would like to thank Sacred Heart and their staff, as well as many of the seminarians for their support in the Ordinations and Reception.

We welcome Father Sia as the main Vocation Director of the Diocese, beginning July 1st. He will also support St. Mary's, Davenport. We are looking forward to welcoming him!

Father Junipero Serra's feast day is July 1st. Please say a prayer for new vocations as well as in support of current vocations.

Our Summer Gathering is August 5th, from 4pm-6pm at the Knights of Columbus. We hope you are able to attend. Bring a friend or two! We are hoping to have the Bishop, as well as well as priests, sisters, deacons and seminarians in attendance. Plan to come and enjoy a couple of hours meeting and greeting these great people. For reservations, please contact Colleen Darland at the Diocese, darland@davenportdiocese.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

I will be attending the International Serra Convention in Nashville at the end of June. I will report next month on the initiatives and programs being used throughout the world regarding vocations. Thank you, once again, to Father Thom Hennen. Many great things were accomplished under his guidance. We wish him continued success!

Thank you for your support for Vocations!
Bill Barrett

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

First Friday Masses will be moving parish to parish.

Friday, July 6th

Kahl Home-11:15am

6701 Jersey Ridge Rd,
Davenport, IA 52807

Chuck Missel has passed away. Chuck served as District Governor for District 9 E as well as President for the Davenport Diocese Serra Club for many years. He was instrumental in many programs still existing within Serra. We appreciate all the hard work done by Chuck and all the support from his wife Helen. Please remember Chuck and his family in your prayers.

Introductory Letter from Fr. Joseph Sia, Vocation Director

Imagine what would happen in a diocese that had more than 80 vocation directors? It would be amazing, right?

I've been imagining it for a while, especially since Bishop Zinkula asked me to consider the title of "Vocation Director". Yes, there is only one priest who can have the formal title, and that will be me beginning July 1st. Additionally, we will have two "Associate Vocation Directors"—Fr. Thom Hennen and Fr. Jeff Belger. However, I would like to work with all the priests of the diocese to promote vocations to the priesthood, and I would like to encourage all the lay faithful to remember the call to holiness in today's world. I think this is especially on my mind because as I write this article, I have a copy of "Rejoice and be Glad", Pope Francis' most recent Apostolic Exhortation, right on my desk, as I just got finished preparing a presentation about it.

Allow me now to give you a short introduction. My name is Fr. Joseph Sia, and, using the words of Bishop Zinkula when he asked me about this new assignment, I am a "seasoned priest" of the diocese, having just recently marked 10 years of ordination. Nonetheless, 10 years as a priest is not much... most of my brother priests in the Diocese have been ordained for a longer time. I am originally from the Philippines, where I graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1999. I came to Iowa in 2002 to attend graduate studies at the University of Iowa. It was there that I had time and space to think and pray about God's will for my life, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, I answered the call to discern priesthood and entered seminary in 2003. I graduated from Mundelein Seminary and was ordained in 2008.

My first assignment was to Muscatine (Saints Mary and Mathias), and Columbus Junction (St. Joseph). In 2013, I became pastor in Columbus Junction and Sacramental Minister in West Liberty (St. Joseph).

I am honored and humbled to accept this responsibility, and I am excited to help in the formation of seminarians and encouraging young men to consider the priesthood. As I begin this new task, I would like to THANK YOU for your interest in priestly vocations (the mere fact that you are reading this means you have such an interest!) and I would like to ask for your prayers that many more men will open their hearts to God's call to become priests in the service of the church.

Fr. Joseph Sia

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

<https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/06/celebrating-a-half-century-of-ministry/>

<https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/05/schadt-to-study-art-in-florence-italy/>

<https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/05/seminarians-graduate/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

Joe Wolf, 7/2/94;
Thom Hennen, 7/10/04;
Greg Steckel, 7/12/81;
Fortunatus Rwehikiza, 7/12/13;
Tony Herold, 7/14/79;

Bob Busher, 7/17/76;
Rudy Juarez, 7/19/80;
Drake Shafer, 7/28/73;
Tshipamba (Apo) Mpanda, 7/31/88

SAVE THE DATE

June 30th-Ordinations at Sacred Heart at 10am

August 5th-Picnic at Knights of Columbus, 4-6pm
November 16th-Fall Gathering at The Outing Club