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# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

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

Greetings! We are Marching into Spring, your continued prayers are needed. How is your Lenten Devotion going? This is a time for personal reflection and how the Lord suffered for us in his 40 day journey for our REDEMPTION. I pray your growth continues into the Mysteries of our Faith.

I want to INTRODUCE and WELCOME our newest member to Serra, Donna Golden, a St. Paul parishioner, Welcome aboard! Please introduce yourself to her and welcome her as well. We look forward to having her help and prayers in our mission.

Plans are proceeding on the Adopt a Seminarian project and we plan to have those available to all the local parishes before EASTER.

We have ordinations coming up the First Saturday in June and the Serra Region 9 Convention in Des Moines, Sept. 18-20th. Please plan on attending both functions to learn more on how Serra is progressing in their mission, so please plan ahead.

Thank you for your support for the priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons and all religious in their efforts to Spread the Word and keep our Faith living. Have a Prayerful and Faith-filled Lenten Season.

Bill Barrett, President  
Serra Club of Davenport

## FIRST FRIDAY MEETING - MAR. 6, 2015

Rosary for our Bishop's intentions & Serra's prayers

6:40 a.m. Leader of the Rosary: John Stratman

Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Martin Amos

Reader: Peg Beaudry

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

Dear Serrans,

I hope you are all keeping warm in this frigid Iowa weather. It won't be long before things begin to thaw and we start seeing signs of spring. This is also true for vocations. We are at the watershed time of the year, when I am starting to get a better handle on how many new seminarians we might have for next year. I don't want to count my chickens before they're hatched, but I feel relatively confident that we will have more seminarians next year than even this year. Please pray for those who are still discerning, those who are in the application process and for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit for Bishop Amos, the Seminarian Admissions Board and me. Also, continue to pray for our current seminarians, especially those approaching ordination either to the diaconate or priesthood this June 6. Thanks for all you do. Keep up the good work!

God bless,  
Fr. Thom

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## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Maynard Brothersen- 3/19/1948



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## CATHOLIC MESSENGER ARTICLES

- Fr. Hennen, area youth participate in the March for Life: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/catholics-forgo-sleep-showers-to-make-march-for-life-in-d-c/>
- Catholic Schools Week recap: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/01/highlights-of-catholic-schools-week-activities/>
- Seminarian bringing youth vocations program to diocese: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/totus-tuus-setting-the-way-for-the-new-evangelization/>
- Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/celebrating-the-year-of-consecrated-life/>
- New priest assignments, effective this summer: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/01/priest-assignments-announced/>
- Lenten Scripture Reflection, Fr. Kelly: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/scripture-reading-reflection-54/>

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## A LITTLE LENTEN HUMOR

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more.

This happens yet again.

The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?"

"Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."

The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-townners would come to watch him drink. Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all..."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

