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# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

MARCH 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*

Happy St Patrick's Day to all.

Thank you once again for your vocation and dedication to spreading God's word. It is by our actions that we can be a shining example of our Christianity. Each of us has a limited time on earth before we are accountable for our lives. Many of you have done many, many things to promote and support your Catholic faith and will certainly be rewarded for your efforts.

Please keep looking for new disciples to continue our efforts.

May God bless you.  
 Bill Barrett  
 President  
 Serra Club of Davenport

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

Dear Serrans,

I hope you have been enjoying the unseasonably pleasant February. I was actually able to get some garden prep work done this past week in anticipation of this year's crop!

Speaking of this year's crop, this about the time each year that I start to get a better handle on how many applicants we might have for the fall. At present, there are four who are working on applications and maybe one or two more yet to come. Please pray for these men and for their discernment. Also, please pray for the me, the Seminarian Admissions Board and the Bishop in our discernment.

Lastly, keep up the prayers for many more to respond to God's call to serve as priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers.

God bless and happy spring...a little early!

Fr. Hennen

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS— MAR. 3, 2017

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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## **CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- New Diocesan prayer for a new bishop: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/01/diocese-of-davenport-releases-new-prayer/>
- An enlightening conversation with former seminarians: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/02/an-enlightening-conversation-with-former-seminarians/>
- NFL star from DeWitt prays with athletes: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/02/nfl-star-from-dewitt-prays-with-athletes/>
- Jr. High Rally to address youths' thirst: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/02/junior-high-rally-to-address-youths-thirst-for-fulfillment/>
- Cathedral is everyone's diocesan home: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/02/cathedral-is-everyones-diocesan-home/>
- Bishop's statement on executive orders relating to immigration: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/02/bishops-statement-on-executive-orders-relating-to-immigration/>
- Prayer: magic or mystery?: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/02/prayer-magic-or-mystery/>
- Chancery Hours Change: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/11/chancery-hours-change/>

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## **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - MARCH**

There are no ordination anniversaries this month.

Please keep all priests, deacons and their wives, brothers, sisters, lay ministers, and all others discerning a potential vocation in your prayers. Please continue to pray for our new bishop as we await his appointment.

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## **REGION 9 MEETING - OCTOBER 2017, OMAHA NEBRASKA**

Let me invite our Region 9 Serrans to Omaha Nebraska for the next regional convention. On Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22, 2017, we will be gathering at the Marriott Regency (\$99 rate). Friday will begin at the famous Boys Town campus which is celebrating their 100th year. Prior to the travelers Mass to be celebrated by our Archbishop George Lucas, you will be able to tour Boys Town, their Hall of History and the newly opened-to-the-public home of their founder, Fr. Edward J. Flanagan and therein learn of the ongoing efforts towards his canonization. Saturday – we've got them booked but will hold that off till later. Just know that this will be an inspiring and prayerful top-of-the line convention.

Please add it to your save-the-date calendar and make plans to attend. You won't be disappointed. More information to follow.

Bob Campney, Chairman, Serra Region 9W District Governor

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| <b><u>SAVE THE DATE</u></b>   |
| <b><u>Business Meeting</u></b>  |
| March 15th, St. Vincent's, 7PM. Please note the change to Wednesdays! |