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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings and thank you for your vocation!

Lent is coming, and it gives us an opportunity to review where we are in our relationship with Christ. What a wonderful chance to offer Christ more of our time in extra prayer, scriptural reading and reflection, attending a Mass during the week, confession, rosaries, and perhaps just silence, allowing Jesus to speak to our hearts.

St John Vianney is going strong on their vocation programs for their parish. They have 9 members on their committee, including a Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, religious education directors, along with parishioners. We are working with them on some programs, but they are on the fast track with Fr. Vrba at the helm! Congratulations! We pray you have a great Lenten season!

Bill Barrett, St. Serra Club President

Letter from Father Sia, Chaplain

What are the signs of a vocation to the priesthood?

One of the most helpful books available for a man discern a calling to the priesthood is "To Save a Thousand Souls" by Fr. Brett A. Brannen. I would like to begin a series of short articles based on chapters from this book. Each time, I will take a question and answer it based on Fr. Brannen's words, and adding my own comments as well. My hope is that this can guide not only those who are thinking of priesthood, but also family members, friends, parishioners, members of parish vocations committees, St. Serra Club, Knights of Columbus, etc. to help identify those men whom they might consider to be good candidates for seminary.

For this article, I would like to explore one of the many answers to the question, "What are the signs of a vocation to the priesthood?"

First of all, a good candidate for diocesan priesthood should know and love Jesus Christ and have a thirst to bring Jesus and his teachings to the world. This means that a man discerning priesthood should already have had an encounter with Jesus Christ, and consciously lives out that personal relationship at every moment in his life. He is thus aware of the immense love of Christ for him, despite his sinfulness. He desires what Christ wants for the world and is therefore an evangelizer. To put it simply: A man can't be a priest if he doesn't love Jesus. Is there a young man you know who has a great love for Jesus Christ?

I will discuss other answers in my future articles. In the meantime, have a blessed Lent!

Fr. Joseph Sia

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

St. Vincent's-March 1st
April 5th

11:10 Rosary

11:30 Mass

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/renew-our-lives-of-prayer-this-lent/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/bishop-zinkula-leads-prayer-promotes-legislative-priorities-with-fellow-bishops-at-iowa-capitol/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/an-offering-of-time-for-lent/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/listen-up-sisters-of-the-upper-mississippi-river-valley-say/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/celebrating-marriage-in-clinton/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/32505/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/diocesan-retreats-offer-lenten-prayer-opportunity/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2019/02/bishops-mother-cherished-her-family-life/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES-MARCH

No priest ordination anniversaries this month.

Please pray for our seminarians and those soon to be ordained!

SAVE THE DATE

March 6th-Ash Wednesday