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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.*

Mass and Breakfast: 1st Friday, May 2, 2014

Rosary 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 Amos, Reader: Peg Beaudry

Monthly Newsletter	If you have any information or suggestions you would like to have in the newsletter, please email me at pajbeaudry@hotmail.com . Thank you!
Bill Barrett, President	Greetings: May is the month honoring Mary. Please pray to Mary for more vocations in our diocese and around the world. Please remember to be aware of potential candidates that have good qualities and have potential for a religious vocation and then ASK. That's the KEY we must ask those candidates if they have considered a vocation or they have the qualities that they may make a great candidate as a priest, sister or brother or deacon. Thanks to those who helped Fr. Hennen in his sessions with junior high students at St. John Vianney and Mt. Pleasant. Also Thank you Fr. Hennen for your continuing hard work as Vocations Director.
Fr. Thom Hennen Director of Vocations	<u>A note from Peg Beaudry:</u> Due to the very busy schedule that Father Thom had this past month, there is no personal message from him. I know that Father Hennen has held vocation awareness days at several sites throughout the diocese this month as well as helping out at Holy Family Church these past two weeks while Fr. Harness is on vacation. Thank you Father Hennen for all that you do to promote vocations and serving wherever there is a need!
Serra	Each Serra member is asked to submit names of five perspective new members.
Articles from The Catholic Messenger	In an effort to "go green" in this newsletter, the following articles from <i>The Catholic Messenger</i> that highlight the work of our priests and religious in the diocese can be accessed by going online to http://www.catholicmessenger.net/ . Left click on Diocesan

News in the upper left hand corner. The most recent articles are listed first. Scroll down and click on Older Entries on the bottom of the page for the following articles. Click on the title of the article.

4/24/14

- *Second Graders Learn about Service and the Eucharist.* **Msgr. Drake Shafer**, pastor of St. Ann Parish in Long Grove, washes the foot of a second-grader during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Msgr. Shafer washed the feet of 24 second-graders during the Mass at which the children also made their First Communion.
- *Poverty Hurts.* Eighth-grade students from St. Paul the Apostle won first, second and third places in the CCHD multimedia contest. First place winners, pictured with **Msgr. Marvin Mottet**. Msgr. Mottet, who led CCHD in the late 1970s to early 1980s, spoke at the awards ceremony about how he came up with the idea for The Two Feet of Social Justice

4/17/14

- *Diocesan Pastoral Council Focuses on Marriage and Family Parish Planning.* In a lead-up to the Vatican's Extraordinary Synod on the Family, the Diocesan Pastoral Council, meeting April 12, invited **Father Corey Close** to speak on marriage and family life.

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4/10/14

- *A Celebration of Unity.* During this Mass, **Bishop Martin Amos** blesses the three oils used in the sacramental life of the diocesan Church: the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumen and the Sacred Chrism. The priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment at this Mass.
- *Dark Nights and Doubt.* **Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser** gestures during his talk at a faith formation conference at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Hiawatha, Iowa on April 5. The Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Dioceses of Davenport and Des Moines co-sponsored the event that drew 600 people.
- *Priest Assignments affect 3 Parishes.* Three more **priest assignments** have been announced by Bishop Martin Amos. The priests begin their new positions July 1.

4/3/14

- *Cokie Roberts: Sisters Made Mark on History.* The ethics and successes of religious women have deeply impacted U.S. society, Cokie Roberts told about 350 people at St. Ambrose University March 28. Sisters have started schools, orphanages and hospitals and advocated for minorities' rights, sometimes despite opposition from civil and Church authorities, the Emmy-winning journalist and author said. Roberts' presentation, "Nuns in American History: Women of Conscience and Courage," delivered in Christ the King Chapel, helped the **Congregation of the Humility of Mary** celebrate its 150th year in the United States.

May Priest Ordinations	Raymond Ruppenkamp	5/6/50	Ed O'Melia	5/28/77
	Tom Stratman	5/6/50	Jacob Greiner	5/29/71
	Hai Dinh	5/10/08	Bob McAleer	5/29/71
	Joseph Sia	5/10/08	Nick Adam	5/29/76
	John Stack	5/13/88	Marty Goetz	5/29/92
	Patrick Hilgendorf	5/17/97	Tim Regan	5/30/91
	Joseph Nguyen	5/22/10	Walter Helms	5/31/69
	Bishop Martin Amos	5/25/68	Bill Kaska	5/31/69
	David Brownfield	5/25/90	Mike Phillips	5/31/69
	Bill Meyer	5/26/49	Mike Spiekermeier	5/31/69
	Ken Kuntz	5/28/77	Brian Micolot	5/31/74
	Jim Vrba	5/28/77		