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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

MAY 2016

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! We are entering Mary's month, please pray the Rosary this month for Vocations.

As you've seen by last week's diocesan mailing, we are gaining momentum and seminarians. This is because of your dedication and commitment to your faith, please keep it up.

We are working on our new brochure encouraging parish vocation programs throughout the diocese and hope to gather more support within each parish. Please keep your eye out for qualities for a vocation in others and encourage them to look at God's calling for them. Also take the opportunity to contemplate your own calling!

We have the Ordination of Ross Epping to the priesthood and Chris Weber and Dan Dorau will become Deacons on Saturday June 4th , at 10:00 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, please attend and support these men.

Thank you for your support and may God Bless you for your works.

Bill Barrett
President, Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

The response to our recent seminarian education appeal has been overwhelming. After less than one full week we were already at about \$150,000, and there is still a lot coming in. While we did not set a "goal," the fact that so many have responded so generously is surely a sign that the people of our diocese recognize the need for priests and are willing to help do something about it. Imagine if every person who donated also encouraged someone to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. I would need more help in the Office of Vocations for sure! I think our efforts to go around to the parishes of our diocese in order to get the message of the Serra Club out there will be a natural follow up to this recent campaign. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do to pray for, promote and encourage vocations in the Diocese of Davenport.

God bless,
Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - MAY 6, 2016

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

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Seminarian application process explained: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/04/seminarian-application-process-extensive-but-doable/>
 - SAU President celebrates golden jubilee: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/04/sau-president-celebrates-golden-jubilee-at-student-mass/>
 - DeWitt students explore Year of Mercy, plenary indulgence: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/04/dewitt-students-obtain-plenary-indulgence-as-a-class/>
 - Teaching the teachers: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/04/teaching-the-teachers-of-religious-faith/>
 - Listening and understanding: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/04/fr-jake-on-listening-and-understanding/>
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Ordination Anniversaries– May

Stephen Abaukaka, 5/3/97;

Tom Stratman, 5/6/50;

Hai Duc Dinh, 5/10/08;

Joseph Sia, 5/10/08;

John Stack, 5/13/88;

Patrick Hilgendorf, 5/17/97;

Joseph Nguyen, 5/22/10;

Bishop Martin Amos, 5/25/68;

David Brownfield, 5/25/90;

Jacob Greiner, 5/25/13;

Bill Meyer, 5/26/49;

Ken Kuntz, 5/28/77;

Jim Vrba, 5/28/77;

Ed O’Melia, 5/28/77;

Bob McAleer, 5/29/71;

Nick Adam, 5/29/76;

Marty Goetz, 5/29/92;

Tim Regan, 5/30/91;

Walter Helms, 5/31/69;

Bill Kaska, 5/31/69;

Mike Phillips, 5/31/69;

Mike Spiekermeier, 5/31/69;

Brian Micolot, 5/31/74

SAVE THE DATE

Board Meeting

May 17, St. Vincent’s, 7PM

Ordination Liturgy

June 4, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 10 AM