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# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

MAY 2018

**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!

Thank you for your Vocation! May is Mary's month. Let's pray for Diocesan Vocations! Priests and Sisters are retiring at a much faster rate than new vocations are being discerned. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a large number of leaders step forward to fill those roles? God will provide. We are having an ordination in June with Reverend Deacon John Lamansky. Also, we are having our summer appreciation gathering on August 5th at the Knights of Columbus from 4pm to 6pm. Please mark your calendars accordingly. We pray you are healthy and will be able to join us. May God bless you for all that you do!

Bill Barrett, President  
Serra Club of Davenport

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

Dear Serrans,

By now you know that as of July 1st, I will no longer be the Director of Vocations for the Diocese. Fr. Sia will step into that role and I will step aside to a supporting role, along with Fr. Jeff Belger as Associate Director of Vocations. When I was assigned as Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at St. Ambrose last year, I knew that I was taking on a full-time job even while I still had my other full-time job. I knew that at some point in the next few years, I would need to look at transitioning out of the Director of Vocations role in order to be more present to the campus community. It just happened that everything fell into place for that to occur this year. I think this new "team approach" will not only be fruitful for vocations, but healthy for the priests involved. Basically, we will have one overarching Director of Vocations (Fr. Sia) with some pastoral responsibilities to the Hispanic community at St. Mary's as well, plus two Associate Directors of Vocations (Fr. Belger and me strategically placed at our universities), plus Colleen in the office at the Chancery. Of course, Bishop Zinkula is also part of the team. I suppose you could say he is the general manager, as he is bringing a lot of energy and ideas to how we promote vocations in the Diocese. I still have a few months and lots of work to do, especially seeing Fr. Sia through the transition and completing some projects, like the State Seminarian Convocation that we are hosting this summer, but my time is growing short. I just want to say that it has been a pleasure to work with you, the Serra Club, these past seven years. I know that I will still be seeing you and look forward to our future collaborations. God bless and know of my prayers!

In Christ, Fr. Thom

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS

### ST. PAUL, DAV.

First Friday Masses will be moving parish to parish.

St. Paul the Apostle  
May 4th at 8:30 am

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**CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/04/seventeen-priests-affected-by-assignment-changes/>
- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/04/seminarian-reflects-on-immersion-experience/>
- <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/04/struggling-through-prayer-to-find-gods-will-for-us/>
- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/04/father-hynes-brought-a-gift-of-wisdom/>
- <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2018/02/deacon-serves-at-sons-ordination/>

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**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – MAY**

Mark Yates, 5/5/12;  
Tom Stratman, 5/6/50;  
Nicholas Akindele, 5/6/00;  
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-emeritus Martin Amos, 5/25/68;  
David Brownfield, 5/25/90;  
Jacob Greiner, 5/25/13;  
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, 5/26/90;  
Dan Dorau, 5/27/17;

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 Miclot, 5/31/74

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Business Meeting:** May 1st-Serra Training, 7:00

**August Picnic:** August 5th, 4-6pm. Please RSVP

**Upcoming First Fridays**

May 4th, St. Paul the Apostle @ 8:30am