Greetings and Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for your vocations. Fall is upon us and a time of reflection. The growth has happened and now heading into the beautiful fulfillment of its purpose before going to sleep for the winter.

Hopefully we have had some personal growth this year on our own journey. We have all been blessed in so many ways and sharing these blessings with others makes us all better servants. We always want to look for the good in others, and when we see it, it renews our own energy.

Keep your eyes open for potential laborers for our Lord’s work.

We hope to see you all Nov. 10th at our Vocation Thanksgiving Gala. RSVP soon!

Peace be with you.

Bill Barrett, President
Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

I feel like I have been the Chaplain at St. Ambrose for about three weeks, but here we are already slightly more than half way through the first semester! I guess that is a good sign. I am certainly keeping very busy and enjoying the new assignment.

It also seems like Bishop Zinkula was just ordained, but four months have already passed. Bishop and I are making our first visits to the seminaries this month to meet with our men and with the formation faculty. As someone who was a seminary rector for three years before becoming our bishop, it is clear that he is taking a very close interest in the formation of our seminarians. Please keep are seminarians in your prayers. Also, let’s remember to pray for, encourage, and invite all those who are discerning God’s call in their lives to consider priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

We look forward to our 2nd annual Vocations Appreciation Gala on November 10th. I hope to be able to join you for Mass at 5:30, but then will have to scoot out to Sugar Creek for our Fall Antioch Retreat for the students at St. Ambrose. What can I say? I’m still working on this whole bi-location thing!

God bless,
Fr. Thom
CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Answers to DACA’s frequently asked questions: http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/09/answers-to-dacas-frequently-asked-questions/
- Volunteers are busy making 7,000 military rosaries: http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/10/volunteers-are-busy-making-7000-military-rosaries/
- Prayer is an important part of marriage: http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/10/prayer-is-an-important-part-of-marriage/
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter/Enrichment: http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/10/28761/

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER

Francis Odoom, 11/12/05; Joe Roost, 11/25/89
Please take this time to pray for all vocations!

SAVE THE DATE

Business Meeting
November 15, St. Vincent’s, 7PM.

Thanksgiving Gala
Friday, November 10th, Mass at 5:30. Outing Club RSVP to Colleen: 563-888-4378, vocations@davenportdiocese.org