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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

OCTOBER 2017

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.*

Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings and thank you for your vocations.

October is Mary's month; please pray some of your rosaries for support and new vocations.

I recently attended a gathering in Denver for their Serran Priest of the Year meeting and was able to speak about our state of seminarians: 13 for this year and really holding steady. Their seminary is also at a high number. Hopefully we can continue to grow, not only for priests but sisters and deacons as well. We're all working towards keeping our faith growing.

Mark your calendars for Nov. 10th for our Thanksgiving Gala at the Outing Club.

We thank you for your support and vocations.

May God bless you
Bill Barrett, President
Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

By the time you are reading this, I should already be in Rome for the diaconate ordination of John Lamansky, along with his classmates from the North American College. Probably my greatest joy as a vocation director is to walk with a man through the formation process, all the way to ordination.

Of course, as you know, not everyone goes all the way through, and this is actually good news. Just because a man decides to give seminary a try, doesn't mean he has a vocation to the priesthood. Frankly, I would much rather have a man figure this out a few years before ordination than a few years after ordination. Seminary is not "priest factory," but a journey of continuing and deep personal discernment and formation.

As Serrans who devote yourselves to praying for and promoting vocations, I know that this is sometimes difficult to understand. When we send out the new "adopt a seminarian" cards or put up the new seminarian poster each year, we can easily start "counting our chickens before they're hatched," myself included. Please pray for the seminarians and do encourage them, but allow the process to run its course.

Let's keep each other in prayer, as well as our bishop, retired bishops, priests, deacons, deacon aspirants, religious sisters and brothers, and all the many lay people that serve the Church.

In Christ,
Fr. Thom

LEADERSHIP

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FIRST FRIDAY MASS— OCT. 6TH ST. MARY'S

First Friday Masses will be moving parish to parish.

October 6th will be at 8:00 AM Mass at

St. Mary's Catholic Church
701 E. 3rd Street
Wilton, IA 52778

There is NO Nov. Mass

Welcome to the 2017 Serra Region 9 Convention

Serra is an international Catholic Lay organization dedicated to fostering and supporting Priesthood and Religious Vocations.

THEME: Inspire! Ignite! Engage!

WHEN: October 20 to October 22, 2017 (Friday evening through Sunday morning)

WHERE: Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114 402-399-9000

Marriott Reservation Website: Book your group rate for Serra International

Room rate until September 30, 2017: \$ 99.00 + taxes (Free Parking on-site.)

WHO: Serrans from Region 9 (Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma), as well as Serrans from states surrounding Region 9, are encouraged to attend. Catholics who are not Serrans but have an interest in fostering and supporting religious vocations are also invited to attend.

REGISTRATION FEE: Entire weekend - \$150.00 per person (includes all sessions and all meals —Friday - dinner, Saturday - breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday -breakfast, as well as coffee and snacks at program breaks).

REGISTRATION: Registrations are due by October 1. A registration form is enclosed and online registration is also available at the website, www.serrainternational.org.

HOST: Serra Club of West Omaha, Serra Club of Omaha and Serra Club of Council Bluffs, IA

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Information on the convention will be constantly updated on the website until the convention begins.

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Fr. Belger to lead the Newman Center: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/09/fr-belger-to-lead-newman-center/>
- Semiarian reflects on the Iowa Convocation: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/08/seminarian-reflects-on-iowa-convocation/>
- Human rights defender to receive Pacem in Terris Award: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/09/human-rights-defender-to-receive-pacem-in-terris-award/>
- Jasmin Tone's new tune: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/09/jasmin-tones-new-tune/>
- First American martyr has diocesan connection: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/09/first-american-martyr-has-diocesan-connection/>
- Kentucky mission: We are not given more than we can handle: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/09/kentucky-mission-we-are-not-given-more-than-we-can-handle/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - OCTOBER

Damian Ilokaba, 10/4/86

Please take this time to pray for all vocations!

SAVE THE DATE

Business Meeting

October 18, St. Vincent's, 7PM.

Thanksgiving Gala

Friday, November 10th, Mass at 5:30. Outing Club