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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

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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.*

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FIRST FRIDAY MEETING - MAY 1, 2015

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
Homilist: Fr. Thom Hennen
Reader: Peg Beaudry

Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Easter is upon us, I pray you had a great Lenten experience.

He is Risen and we are to follow. Renew your commitment to Serra and allow it to help you support Vocations everywhere.

Help others see the opportunity in helping those in Religious Life. Encourage them to join us in our cause of the Serra mission.

God bless,
Bill Barrett, President
Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

I don't know about you, but I can't believe it's already Holy Week! What happened to Lent? I will be spending Triduum and Easter at Immaculate Conception Parish in Colfax (the northwestern most parish in our diocese, just a half hour from Des Moines). This will be my fourth year with them. It has been the "standing gig" of the Vocation Director to cover Colfax at Christmas and Easter going back to now Bishop Gruss. But why? Well, Colfax does not have a resident pastor. Most Sundays they are covered by Fr. Reynolds from Newton, but at these particularly busy times of the year he has enough on his plate as it is. So, the Vocation Director goes to Colfax. Thankfully, the parish does have a fulltime Parish Life Coordinator, Deacon Joe Dvorak, who takes care of the day to day running of the parish. He is an invaluable source of help to me whenever I am there and has in many ways been their "pastor," that is, their spiritual shepherd. Still, Deacon Joe often reminds me and the people of Colfax that the parish is not what it is fully meant to be until they once again have a priest. (Incidentally, we do currently have one seminarian from little Colfax, James Flattery.) There are signs of "spring" for vocations in our diocese, but this reminds us that there is still work to be done by you and me. How wonderful it would be if Immaculate Conception in Colfax and other similarly sized parishes could have a priest of their own once again. To that end, please keep up the good work in praying for and actively encouraging vocations within your families and parishes. Have a blessed Easter!

In Christ,
Fr. Thom

There will be NO First Friday Mass in April as it is Good Friday.

SAVE THE DATE

What: **Serra 2015 Region 9 Convention**

When: **Sept. 18-20, 2015** (Friday evening to Sunday morning)

Where: **West Des Moines, IA,** Marriott Hotel & Convention Center

Who: **All Serrans from Region 9 (Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri & Kansas) as well as surrounding states are encouraged to attend.**

Out of state speakers include Msgr. James Shea (President, University of Mary, Bismarck ND); Sister Joseph Andrew, Vocations Director and one of the four founding sisters of the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist (Ann Arbor MI);

Judy Cozzens, VP of Vocations for Serra US and mother of Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Serra's new Episcopal Advisor;

and Greg Schwietz, member of SI board & Omaha Serra Club, on Following the Footsteps of Junipero Serra (Blessed Serra is expected to be canonized the week following the Convention.)

Local speakers who are passionate about vocations are also lined up to present to us.

For more information, go to www.dmserra.com and click on the Region 9 Convention tab for speakers, topics, schedules and program.



Fr. Junipero Serra
by artist George Pollard

CATHOLIC MESSENGER ARTICLES

- Seminarian bringing youth vocations program to diocese: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/totus-tuus-setting-the-way-for-the-new-evangelization/>
- Fr. Philippe, conversion in prayer: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/fr-philippes-approach-to-prayer-resonates/>
- Bishop, DPC look at pastoral needs of the diocese: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/03/dpc-looks-at-marriage-and-family-needs-parish-planning/>
- RCIA candidates prepare for reception into the Church: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/02/responding-to-gods-call-to-join-the-church/>

