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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

AUGUST 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.*

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Letter from Bill Barrett, President

Greetings and thank you for your vocations.

The Feast of the Assumption is coming and we ask Mary to help us in our vocations and help us to encourage, promote and support those discerning.

We welcome Deb McAfoos as a new member of the Serra Club. Her husband, Bill, has been a member for over a year, and Deb has decided to join us in our efforts. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you at our Summer Gathering on Sunday, August 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, upstairs. I believe Bishop Zinkula will be in attendance. Let's all support our religious brothers and sisters.

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

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

I hope this finds you well and that you are enjoying the summer. It is flying by for me as I transition into my new position as Chaplain at St. Ambrose. Not even a month in and I've already had two weddings and, sadly, a funeral for a beloved priest and professor in the theology department, Fr. Joe DeFrancisco.

I think most of us see the impact of our parish priests and feel their loss when they are gone, but perhaps we don't always realize the great impact that our priests working in other ministries have, for example in hospital chaplaincy and in teaching at our own diocesan university. Over the 27 years that Fr. Joe taught at St. Ambrose, he reached many students and will be greatly missed. Please pray for Fr. Joe and for his colleagues, and pray for many more to respond to God's call so that we might always have the priests, deacons and religious we need in the various ministries in which they are so needed.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly Serra Club Mass, this month at St. John Vianney, *on the feast of St. John Vianney*, August 4.

God bless,
Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS – AUG. 4TH @ SJV,

First Friday Masses will be moving parish to parish.

August 4th will be at 9:00
AM Mass at

St. John Vianney
4097 18th St,
Bettendorf, IA 52722

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Deacon candidate-turned-seminarian has no regrets: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/deacon-candidate-turned-seminarian-has-no-regrets/>
- Nine deacons ordained– and they’ve only just begun!: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/nine-deacons-ordained-and-theyve-only-just-begun/>
- Deacon Appointments: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/appointments-6/>
- Helping others in our own diocese: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/helping-others-in-our-own-diocese/>
- Person, Places & Things– A wedding album: <https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/06/persons-places-and-things-a-wedding-album/>
- Humor, hard work among lessons learned on the farm: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/06/humor-hard-work-among-lessons-learned-on-the-farm/>
- Decree for Burlington-W. Burlington Merger: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/decreed-regarding-the-parishes-of-burlington-and-west-burlington-formation-of-divine-mercy-parish/>
- Merged parishes choose Divine Mercy: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/merged-parishes-choose-divine-mercy/>
- 2018 synod to focus on youths: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/2018-synod-to-focus-on-youths/>
- Black & White Gala set for Aug. 11: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/black-and-white-gala-set-for-aug-11/>
- Fatima, devotion to Mary isn’t just for women: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2017/07/fatima-devotion-to-mary-isnt-just-for-women/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST

Robert Grant, 8/5/84;

Adokole John Paul Otanwa, 8/6/05;

Richard Okumu, 8/8/81;

Mark Spring, 8/29/80

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Picnic

August 13th, 4:00-6:00 pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, upper level.

Please RSVP by August 7th to vocations@davenportdiocese.org or 563-888-4378.

Admission is \$30/person at the door. Extra donations are appreciated.

Clergy and religious may attend gratis.

Business Meeting

August 16, St. Vincent’s, 7PM.

