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SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

JULY 2016

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 all for your Vocations.

July 1st is the feast day of our patron, St. Junipero Serra, a great example of perseverance and moving forward. Please continue to pray for more discerning of vocations amongst our flocks.

We had a great celebration at the ordination of Fr. Ross Epping, and Deacons Dan Dorau and Chris Weber. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

Several local Serra members will be attending this year's Serra International Convention in St. Louis, June 30-July 3. We'll be meeting Serrans from all over the world who have the same mission as we do and learn what's happening throughout the world in vocations.

Summer gathering is Aug. 14 at K of C Hall, Davenport, 4-6 pm. Please put that on your calendars.

Enjoy your summer and keep praying.

Bill Barrett
 President, Serra Club of Davenport

Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations

Dear Serrans,

As I write, we are wrapping up the application process for our new seminarians and should know just how many seminarians we will have for next year very soon. You may have seen my column in last week's Messenger. The gist of it is that we will have fewer seminarians than originally anticipated. We had a great number of applicants this year (9 in total), but did not end up accepting as many as we might have thought. We have an application process for a reason. Also, we had one seminarian discern out and we dismissed one. In the end, I think we will have 14 or 15 seminarians, as opposed to the 20 for which I had originally budgeted back in April. But it's good to remember that this is all part of the process. It is another powerful reminder that Jesus is the real vocation director for our diocese, I'm just his hired hand. Or, as I often tell people, "He catches 'em and I clean 'em." Keep up the prayer and encouragement. Your efforts are bearing fruit. Happy Independence Day and may you have a blessed summer!

In Christ,
 Fr. Thom

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - JULY 1, 2016

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
 Reader: Peg Beaudry

CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS

- Ordination 2016, 1 priest, 2 deacons: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/altar-call-priest-and-two-deacons-ordained-for-davenport-diocese/>
- Mercy in Motion conference, July 30: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/get-set-for-mercy-in-motion-conference-july-30/>
- Seminarian gears up for Totus Tuus: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/seminarian-gears-up-for-totus-tuus-in-the-diocese/>
- A milestone on the journey to diaconate: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/a-milestone-on-journey-to-diaconate/>
- JFK Students honor retiring Msgr. Parizek: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/gifts-for-a-pastor-jfk-students-honor-retiring-msgr-parizek/>
- Priest reinstated to active ministry: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/priest-reinstated-to-active-ministry/>
- Don't count your seminarians before they're hatched: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/dont-count-your-seminarians-before-theyre-hatched/>
- Seminarian Education Appeal succeeds: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2016/06/seminarian-education-appeal-succeeds/>

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

Joe Wolf, 7/2/94;
Thom Hennen, 7/10/04;
Greg Steckel, 7/12/81;
Fortunatus Rwehikiza, 7/12/13;
Bob Striegel, 7/14/73;
Tony Herold, 7/14/79;

Jim Parizek, 7/15/72;
Bob Busher, 7/17/76;
Rudy Juarez, 7/19/80;
Drake Shafer, 7/28/73;
Tshipamba (Apo) Mpanda, 7/31/88;

SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, ST. LOUIS 6/30-7/3, 2016

Schedule Highlights:

- Opening Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis celebrated by Archbishop Robert Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis on June 30
- A retreat led by Bishop Hermann of the Archdiocese of St. Louis focusing on the importance of unilateral forgiveness, something all Catholics should be mindful of during this Year of Mercy
- Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lucas of Omaha on July 1, the first feast day of St. Junipero Serra since his canonization
- Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration throughout the convention

Fun for the whole family:

- Join us for Serra Night at the Ballpark, Royals @ Cardinals on June 29! The first pitch will be thrown by Bishop Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS.
- Lace up your shoes for a 5K fun run/1 mile walk to support vocations with the National Life Runners on July 2!
- Complimentary childcare will be available for Serrans with children under 12.

Visit Serra International's website for more info:
<http://www.serrainternational.org/content/serras-74th-international-convention-st-louis-missouri-usa>

SAVE THE DATE

Board Meeting

July 20, St. Vincent's, 7PM

August Gathering

August 14, K of C Hall, Davenport, 4-6 PM
Please RSVP by August 9, 563-332-0448