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# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

MAY 2015

**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*

May is Mary's month, please keep her in your prayers when praying for Vocations.

Deb and Bill McAfoos have joined the Davenport Serra Club Please welcome them when you have the opportunity to meet them.

There are many people out there who have a desire to help in promoting, encouraging and supporting Religious Vocations. Look and Ask.

Adopt a Seminarian project for local parishes should be complete and hopefully distributed. Ask how you can help set up in your Parish!

God bless your works!!  
Bill Barrett, President  
Serra Club of Davenport

## 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 Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations*

Dear Serrans,

This April 26th is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I encourage each of you in a special way to set aside some time that day to pray specifically for an increase in vocations. Maybe show up to Mass ten or fifteen minutes early to pray in Church, or take a walk and pray a Rosary. There are thousands of way that you can pray for vocations.

As spring picks up speed the Office of Vocations is busily processing applications for a few new seminarians and looking toward the summer. Please keep us in your prayers. God bless and thanks for all you do.

In Christ,  
Fr. Thom

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## **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 Schwiertz, 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](http://www.dmserra.com) and click on the Region 9 Convention tab for speakers, topics, schedules and program.



**Fr. Junipero Serra**  
by artist George Pollard

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## **CATHOLIC MESSENGER ARTICLES**

- Franciscans share their thoughts on consecrated life: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/04/franciscans-share-their-thoughts/>
- More Franciscan share their thoughts: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/04/more-franciscans-share-their-thoughts/>
- Peace in the face of violence: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/04/my-peace-i-give-you/>
- Sister profiles: Consecrated Life: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/03/consecrated-life-profiles-of-sisters/>
- Sr. Fitzgerald on Consecrated Life: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/03/sr-fitzgerald-reflects-on-consecrated-life/>
- Bishop's Easter homily: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/04/bishop-reflects-on-salvation-history-in-easter-homily/>
- Canticle decrease carbon footprint: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/04/the-canticle-to-cut-carbon-footprint-by-harnessing-solar-energy/>
- Humilities to host benefit sale: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/04/fresh-start-benefit-sale/>

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## **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Tom Stratman, 5/6/50;  
Hai Duc Dinh, 5/10/08;  
Joseph Sia, 5/10/08;  
John Stack, 5/13/88;  
Patrick Hilgendorf, 5/17/97;  
Joseph Nguyen, 5/22/10;  
Bishop Martin Amos, 5/25/68;  
David Brownfield, 5/25/90;  
Jacob Greiner, 5/25/13;  
Bill Meyer, 5/26/49;

Ken Kuntz, 5/28/77;  
Jim Vrba, 5/28/77;  
Ed O'Melia, 5/28/77;  
Bob McAleer, 5/29/71;  
Nick Adam, 5/29/76;  
Marty Goetz, 5/29/92;  
Tim Regan, 5/30/91;  
Walter Helms, 5/31/69;  
Bill Kaska, 5/31/69;  
Mike Phillips, 5/31/69;

Mike Spiekermeier, 5/31/69;  
Brian Micolot, 5/31/74

**Ordination is June 6th at 10:00am, Sacred Heart Cathedral**

**Dcn. Bill Roush and Dcn. Guillermo Treviño will be ordained to the priesthood**