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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.*

Mass and Breakfast: 1st Friday, September 5, 2014

Rosary	Rosary for our Bishop's intentions & Serra's prayers
6:40 a.m.	Leader of the Rosary: John Stratman
Mass:	7:00 a.m.
	Celebrant: Bishop Amos
	Reader: Peg Beaudry

Monthly Newsletter	If you have any information or suggestions you would like to have in the newsletter, please email me at pajbeaudry@hotmail.com . Thank you!
Bill Barrett, President	<p>Fall is on its way. Seminarians are back to school and we need to look for new recruits. Not only for Vocations but for active new members who have a desire to find new helpers for God's work. Like the BLUES Brothers said "We are on a mission from God."</p> <p>We have helped support Vocations in many ways this year and need to start replenishing our coffers. Please help us and submit as many names of people who you feel might be willing to help us financially by joining the 100 Club.</p> <p>Always go Forward.</p> <p>Thank you Bill</p>
Fr. Thom Hennen Director of Vocations	<p>Dear Serrans,</p> <p>I hope you have enjoyed the relatively mild summer. It was a busy one for the Office of Vocations, culminating with the State Seminarian Convocation Aug. 8-10 in Iowa City. Everything went very smoothly. The seminarians are now all back to school. Four new seminarians also started this fall. So, we now have a total of fourteen seminarians and already some good prospects emerging for next year. As for me personally, I started teaching Senior Religion at Assumption High School</p>

	<p>three weeks ago. It is a new challenge, but I love it. It is very life-giving for me as a priest. To lighten the load with this added responsibility I am happy to announce that we have a new part-time assistant for the Office of Vocations. Colleen Tague will help me with the many administrative details that come along with vocations ministry. She started just after Labor Day and is already doing great work. I am sure that you will get to know her in time. Please keep the prayers coming for our seminarians and for all who are discerning God's call.</p> <p>In Christ, Fr. Thom</p>
Serra	Each Serra member is asked to submit names of five perspective new members.
Articles from the Catholic Messenger	<p>In an effort to “go green” in this newsletter, the following articles from the Catholic Messenger that highlight the work of our priests and religious in the diocese can be assessed by going online to catholicmessenger.net.</p> <p><u>Click on Search on left hand side of page and enter Sr. Fournier and Fr. Ott to find the following two articles:</u></p> <p><u>8/7/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sr. Fournier</u>, former teacher, dies • <u>Fr. Ott</u>, Ottumwa, native, dies <p><u>Click on People on left hand side of page to find the following four articles.</u></p> <p><u>8/7/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminarian spends summer at the Chancery <p>8/14/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iowa's seminarians gain insight about the priesthood • PBVM Sisters celebrate jubilees • Seminarian finds new home in the Midwest <p><u>Click on Features on left hand side of page to find the following article.</u></p> <p><u>8/7/14 –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocation Corner: Summer Activities Keep Vocation Director Busy <p><u>Click on Diocesan news on left hand side of page to find the following article:</u></p> <p><u>8/7/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Nun to four, order growing in Sisterhood <p><u>Click on Bishop's News on left hand side of page to find the following article.</u></p> <p><u>8/28/14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bishop's Letter: Meeting a Need in the Middle East
Priest Ordinations	<u>No September Priest Ordinations</u>

SERRA INTERNATIONAL
SERRA USA COUNCIL
REGION 9

HELLO TO ALL SERRANS. As Regional Director and USA Council Board member, I am responsible to assure that our Serrans in Region 9 (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and parts of Illinois and Oklahoma) are well informed about Serra International, USA Council, and other Clubs' activities. I try to do this through the six District Governors and four Deputy Region Directors and by encouraging you to read the newsletters and bulletins sent out by Serra.

Much has been accomplished this past year to resolve the conflicts of the past and we are asking all Serrans to go forward with new energy to revitalize our efforts to achieve our mission.

We need to start at the local club level. Vocations are the very heart of each club's mission. How does each club pursue this? We all must take some "ownership" in the club and enthusiastically get involved in its activities. The 31 Club, Holy Hours, Seminarian Visits, Priest Appreciation Days are just some of the things we can do. The list goes on and I myself need to try and do more.

Will you help by adding an activity in addition to your regular meeting attendance? Also, consider bringing a friend to your meetings and invite them to join with us in our mission. Please let me, your Club President or District Governor know how we may best help your club.

We will have a Regional Meeting of District Governors and Club Presidents at the Wichita Conference on Friday, Oct. 10 at 1:45 p.m. to pursue these and other issues facing our clubs. All Serrans are invited to attend.

Mary, Mother of Vocations
Pray for US

Dan Spencer, Region 9 Director