



780 W. Central Park Ave.  
Davenport, IA 52804

# SERRA CLUB OF DAVENPORT

SEPTEMBER 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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John Stratman

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS - SEPT. 4, 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

Reader: Peg Beaudry

### *Letter from Bill Barrett, President*

Greetings!

It's a great time for Serrans. Our patron is being canonized on Sept. 23rd by Pope Francis at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.. Please keep Pope Francis and all his fellow priests in your prayers.

Our duty as Serrans is to PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT those in religious life so please do it daily.

We, like Christ are looking for new laborers in our mission, please being asking new pray-ers to join us.

Bill Barrett, President  
Serra Club of Davenport

### *Letter from Fr. Thom Hennen, Director of Vocations*

Dear Serrans,

We had a great seminarian convocation in early August in Cedar Rapids and then, of course, the annual Serra Club picnic was wonderful as always. Almost all of our 15 seminarians have now started at or returned to their respective seminaries and I am back to teaching part-time at Assumption High School. So far, so good! I look forward to the new academic year and am already in the process of talking to potential candidates for next fall. Keep your ears to the ground about our November Serra gathering. Also, we are in the process of organizing a diocesan-wide envelope campaign to support seminarian education, given the increased numbers over the past few years. Thanks for the many prayers and words of encouragement to me, our seminarians and those who may be discerning. What you are doing is making a difference!

God bless,  
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.

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.

### **Thanksgiving Gathering**

Friday, Nov. 13th at St. Ambrose Rogalski Center

## **JUNIPERO SERRA'S CANONIZATION**

Serra International has created a fund to help finance the canonization celebration and to raise awareness of the work of the Serra Club called the **Serra Spread the Word Fund**. The goal for this fund is \$250,000 **by Sept. 15th**.

Checks may be made payable to "Serra Spread the Word Fund" and sent to the address below. Donations may also be made online at the following website: <http://www.serrainternational.org/spread-the-word>

Serra International Foundation  
Attn. John Liston, Executive Director  
333 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60606

## **100 CLUB**

We will soon be sending out 100 Club letters to various donors who have supported us in the past. If you have people or organizations to recommend to solicit donations to our cause, please contact the Office of Vocations or a member of the Board with their name and address. As always, personal invitations to join the cause of the Serra Club in the support of vocations is ideal.

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## **CATHOLIC MESSENGER NEWS**

- Seminarian Terry Ball shares about his pilgrimage to the Holy Land: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/08/holy-land-pilgrimage-refreshes-seminarian/>
- Serra Club Picnic honors religious, priests: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/08/serra-club-supports-applauds-vocations-at-picnic/>
- Fr. Greiner reflects on vocation, stewardship: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/07/the-link-between-gifts-of-vocation-and-stewardship/>
- Letter to the editor, appreciate vocations: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/05/pray-for-and-appreciate-vocations/>
- Two women answer the call to religious life: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/08/two-women-answer-the-call-to-religious-life/>
- Clinton sisters mark milestone anniversaries: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/08/clinton-sisters-mark-milestone-anniversaries/>
- Brothers together again: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/08/priestly-brothers-together-again/>
- Parishes merge: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2015/08/lost-nation-and-toronto-parishes-merge/>