



SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

A call for volunteers to serve your Serra Club on the Nominations Committee

We are forming a nominating committee and invite members to serve. The new Serra year begins in June. Your club can only be active and effective with members who are willing to serve. So consider volunteering to serve on the Nominations Committee to assist in developing a slate of officers for the next year to present to the membership. **Contact Ron today!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

4 Saturday 7:00am. Officers meeting beginning with mass at St. Procopius Abbey. Members welcome.

20 Monday 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be **Fr. Tom Botheroyd.**

Fr. Tom is Chicago born, family of 4 children. Educated in public grade schools and Catholic H.S. (St. Viator). Entered Christian Brothers Novitiate after high school and spent 8 years with the community. During that time I completed a B.A. Christian Brothers College in Memphis and a M.Ed. from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Taught on the secondary level for about 9 years then was hired by Northwest Airlines in the In-flight Service Dep. Worked for Northwest for close to 20 years during which time I also earned an M.A. in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola of Chicago. I established a practice of counseling with 3 Chicago parishes. I was accepted by the Joliet Diocese to study for the priesthood in the mid-90's, completed a Master of Divinity and was ordained in 2000. I then spent a five year assignment as parochial vicar of St. Joan of Arc in Lisle.

At the end of the assignment I was given permission to transfer to the Benedictines of Marmion Abbey where I have been a novice since July of 05. This is a year of discernment of monastic life at the end of which I may take vows or return to a parish in the Joliet Diocese. I was chaplain of DuPage Serra five years until last May.

MARCH

4 Saturday 8:15 am. Officers meeting beginning with mass at Visitation in Elmhurst.

20 Monday 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be **Fr. Joe Noonan**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Chicago.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill: Serran's Mary Younger, Marge Hangsterfer, Bernadette McGowan and Joe Baier. Also Jim & Rita O'Toole, Lydia Overton, Fr. Carl O'Rourke and Ann Dooley, mother of Serran Kathleen Dooley

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO A SEMINARIAN CANDIDATE FOR THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Oswaldo Ricalde - Fiat House in Joliet / *Fr. John Regan provided the following.*

Oswaldo is one our five seminarian candidates from Bolivia. His parents died in a tragic bus accident when he was 10 years old, and he was taken in by relatives in Tarija. After high school, he studied philosophy at San Cristobal Seminary, in Sucre, for the Diocese of Tarija. Oswaldo began formation with the Joliet Diocese this past fall. He moved in to the Fiat House and began studying English at Lewis University. Oswaldo loves Bolivian music, and he plays the guitar and sings. His **birthday is on the 6th.**

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO A RELIGIOUS IN FORMATION

Sister Kathleen Walsh, OSF made first profession of vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate (the Joliet Franciscans) on September 4, 2005 at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet. Sister Kathy was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, the oldest of 6 children born to Francis and Catherine Bellamy Walsh.

She is also the mother of 3 children and has 5 grandchildren. Sister Kathy was taught by the Joliet Franciscan Sisters at St. Mary Magdalene Elementary School and at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus and was very much influenced by the Franciscan spirit of the Sisters. She reencountered the Joliet Franciscan Sisters at a retreat she attended 30 years after graduating from high school. This reacquaintance with the Sisters sparked a desire in Sister Kathy to deepen her spiritual life. She began spending more time in prayer and became a lay associate of the Congregation. Eventually, she began to explore the possibility of vowed membership with the Congregation. When her children were grown, Sister Kathy asked to become a vowed member of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters and was accepted.

She currently lives in Rantoul, Illinois. Before entering the Congregation, Sister Kathy worked as an administrator in a public school food service program and is currently the cook at the TIMES Center, a shelter for homeless men and a soup kitchen, in Champagne, Illinois. **Sister Kathleen's birthday is on the 23rd.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Beatitudes for Nurturing Church Vocations in the Family

Blessed are the children of parents who ...

- + Witness love for their spouse, their children, their neighbor and the world.
- + Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and the sorrows of their lives.
- + Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- + Lead their family in prayer.
- + Speak positively about priests, sisters, brothers and deacons.
- + Participate in the lay ministries and activities of their parish and community.
- + Invite a deacon, brother, sister or priest to their home.
- + Encourage their children to consider priesthood and religious life, as well as marriage.

National Religious Vocation Conference

Note: Your Serra Club is researching the possibility of printing this prayer on a prayer-card format translated into Spanish on the reverse side.

SERRA REGIONS 6 & 7 CONFERENCE AT NOTRE DAME OCTOBER 27-29.

Following is a message from Dick Dornbos, President of the Serra Club of South Bend. Members of the DuPage Serra are urged to consider seriously attending the Annual Regional Conference. There is no reason that our Club cannot be well represented.

The two regions encompass eight states and are sponsoring the 2006 conference at Notre Dame Indiana. Serran's will meet at St. Mary's College and conclude on October 29th at the Basilica at Notre Dame, Indiana and the Grotto of the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Serran's have the opportunity to serve Jesus in an extraordinary manner. The hands Christ has now are the hands of people including Serran's. On behalf of Jesus and His Church, we ask you to join us at this inspiring Conference.

Registration is \$100 per person and includes one lunch and two dinners at an extraordinary Conference Center. Lodging is \$64 to \$75 per night for two persons plus tax and includes breakfast.

Members, priests, religious and guests are all welcome. For a registration form contact Ron Beaumont at rrboards@aol.com or phone 858 4646.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

1 Rev. Boniface Vaisnoras, MIC	St. Mary, Plano
4 Rev Lawrence Mudduse	St. Joseph, Lockport
6 Rev. Thomas Sularz	St. Philip, Addison
7 Rev. Frank Vitus	St. John the Baptist, Winfield
7 Rev. William DeSalvo	Holy Trinity, Westmont
8 Rev. Daniel Cambra, MIC	Our Lady of Peace, Darien
9 Rev. Michael O'Keefe	St. John Vianney Villa, Naperville
10 Rev. Danilo Soriano	Immaculate Conception, Braidwood
12 Rev. John Guiney, SMA	1N256 Forest, Glen Ellyn
12 Rev. Alphonse Micka, MIC	Our Lady of Peace, Darien
16 Rev. Don McLaughlin	St. Michael, Wheaton
17 Rev. Daniel Hoehn	Sacred Heart, Lombard
18 Rev. John Comerford, O.Carm	JCA, Joliet
19 Rev. Joel Fortier	St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville
19 Rev. Jacek Wesolowski, S.Ch	Divine Mercy Polish Msn, Lombard
21 Rev. William Cullen	Lisle
23 Rev. Odilo Crkva, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
23 Rev. John Driscoll	St. Andrew, Romeoville
24 Rev. Gerald Riva	St. Scholastica, Woodridge
28 Rev. Michael O'Connor, OSA	Providence

OBJECTIVES OF SERRA INTERNATIONAL

To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry.

To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church; and

To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

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