



SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY

THE SERRA NEWS – Diocese of Joliet – Illinois / March 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

4 Saturday 8:15 am. Officers meeting beginning with mass at Visitation. Members welcome.

20 Monday 6:00 PM. Rosary, mass, hospitality at Loretto Center. The speaker will be **Fr. Tom Noonan**,
Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

LET US ALL PRAY

As our Church makes its way through some very stormy seas, there is a growing recognition of our need for prayer.

We all witnessed some terrible tragedies around the world in the last few years. At those times we came together to pray for all the people affected.

As our Church continues to experience our own tragedy of clerical abuse, let us pray for victims of clerical abuse and for our bishops, priests and seminarians.

Let's ask the Good Shepherd to calm the seas, bind the wounds and heal us all.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee to elect the new slate of officers for 2006-07 is John Sullivan, Peter Cary, Robert Loffredi and John Thompson. Serran's are encouraged to take an active role in their Serra Club and should contact any of the committee members. The committee holds their first meeting on February 27. A slate will be presented at the March member meeting with elections in April and installation in May. The Serra year begins June 1st.

SERRAN JOE BAIER

Joe Baier has moved to a new nursing home; Heritage Manor in Elgin at 355 Raymond St.
Phone (847) 697-6636 60120

PARENT BEATITUDE PRAYER

In the February Serra News we printed the Parent Beatitude Prayer. The prayer is copyrighted by the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) and was inadvertently printed without permission. It is available for sale through the National Coalition for Church Vocations (773.955.5453).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A SEMINARIAN STUDYING FOR THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Johnathon Emanuelson Conception Seminary College, Conception, Missouri

On March 13, 1982, I was born to Martin and Nancy Emanuelson, the second of three children. I was baptized into the Church at the age of two-and-a-half years, and received the Sacraments of Initiation in conjunction with my studies at Holy Trinity School in Westmont. Through the grace of my parents, I have received a Catholic education most of my life, and, in December 2004, I graduated from Lewis University in Romeoville with a degree in journalism. In August of 2005, I entered Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri, as a pre-theology student.

Because I was raised a Catholic, I have always felt a strong connection to the Church. I have always admired the ministry of the priest, and, from the time I was a young altar server at age twelve or thirteen, I

have often imagined myself doing the same kind of work. The thought of being a priest stayed with me through junior high, high school, and into my college years. When I entered Lewis University in the fall of 2002, I became involved with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, which radically changed my outlook on life and gave me a renewed desire to spread the Gospel of Christ to all persons.

More than anything else, my vocation for the priesthood is strengthened by a love of the Eucharist and a desire to share this great Sacrament with God's entire family. I greatly appreciate the support and prayers I have received so far, and I thank everyone for their help in discerning God's plan for my life. **Johnathon's birthday is March 13 and his pen pal is Bill Reid.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A RELIGIOUS IN FORMATION FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

Vince Kuna, CSC Congregation of Holy Cross

Vince was a business major who graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1999. He was also an accomplished varsity swimmer who was named several times to All-Big East swimming and academic teams. He spent three years after graduation working as an account consultant for Metropolitan Life in Aurora, Illinois. In addition to his full-time job, he maintained his interest in aquatic sports by assistant coaching Naperville Central's swimming team, helping to lead them to their first state title in the 2001-2002 season. He completed his Candidate (postulancy) Year in May 2003, continuing in Cascade, Colorado as a novice for the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a summer (in 2005) doing mission work in East Africa, he is now back in his second year of graduate theology studying at Notre Dame. He serves as a teacher's assistant for a film class, and does marriage preparation for engaged couples at a local parish (St. Pius X) in South Bend. **Vince's birthday is on the 7th and his pen pal is Ed & Linette Graham**

SERRAN MARY YOUNGER ENTERS ETERNAL LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Mary Younger, a faithful Serran for the past 8 years who died at the age of 72. A Funeral mass was held on Saturday February 4th at St. Pius X Church in Lombard.

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.

2006 SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention will be held in Spokane 29 June – 2 July. All members are encouraged to attend. For additional information and registration go to www.serrainternational.org or phone 312 419 8077

MARCH BIRTHDAYS - CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

1 Rev. Raymond Garbin	Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst
1 Rev. Tri Van Tran	St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove
3 Rev. Anthony Taschetta	St. Isidore, Bloomingdale
4 Rev. Kenneth Yarno, CSV	St. George, St. George
4 Rev. Tom Corley	St. John Vianney Villa, Naperville
5 Rev. Dennis Spies	St. Mary, Plainfield
9 Rev. Ernest R. Norbeck	St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville
9 Rev Jose Cilia, O.Carm	St. John, Joliet
14 Rev. Jerome Kish	Sts. Peter & Paul, Naperville
18 Rev Ed Skorup	Convent, Frankfort
24 Rev. William Conway	St. Mary, West Chicago
25 Rev. Austin Murphy, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
26 Rev. Frederic Beller, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
26 Rev. Scott Huggins	St. Philip the Apostle, Addison
28 Rev. Douglas Martis	Mundelein
29 Rev. Anthony J. Jacob, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
30 Rev. Laurian Janicki, OFM	Resurrection, Wayne
30 Rev. Donald Kenny	Ecuador
30 Rev. Vytas Memenas	St. Anthony, Joliet

SERRA NEWS EDITOR

Ron Beaumont will be away March 2-11 and will not be able to respond to your calls or messages. He will be in Poland with Roy, his oldest son.

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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