



SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

6 Saturday, officers meeting beginning with 7:00 am mass at St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle. Members welcome.

8 Monday 6:00 PM. Rosary, mass, installation of new officers at the Loretto Center in Wheaton.

Bishop Joseph Imesch will celebrate mass as well as install new officers.

NOTE: Anyone planning on joining the Serra Club should consider joining NOW in order to be inducted at the annual meeting by Bishop Imesch. Contact Peter Carey at 573 4260 or 654 9002 or Ron Beaumont at 858 4646.

JUNE

3 SA Ordination to the priesthood of Patrick Michael Mulcahy at 11 am. See article below.

SA Since the first Saturday conflicts with the ordination, Officers meeting date to be advised

19 MO Monthly meeting with rosary, mass, hospitality and speaker at St. Petronille Parish, Glen Ellyn.

ORDINATION

Serran's are cordially invited to join Patrick Michael Mulcahy on his ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ through the imposition of hands and invocation of the Holy Spirit by the Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop of Joliet.

Ordination will be held on Saturday, the third of June, 2006 at eleven o'clock in the morning at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N. Raynor Avenue in Joliet. A reception will follow.

Concelebrated Masses of Thanksgiving will be as follows:

Sunday June 4th at 3:00 PM, at St. Petronille Church, 420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn and

Sunday June 11th at 8:00 am at St. Matthew Church, 1555 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights

VOCATIONS IN OUR FAMILIES

The Vocation Office in conjunction with the Joliet Area Vocation Association will host Vocations in Our Families, a whole parish faith formation experience on **Thursday, May 4** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. This evening is for parish vocation contacts and those involved in family catechesis to model a parish event to encourage a sense of vocation within families. The evening, which includes dinner, is open to individuals and families with children in first grade and older. More information is available at www.vocations.com, or (815 834-4004).

2006 SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention will be held in Spokane, 29 June – 2 July. For additional information and registration go to www.serrainternational.org or call 312 419 8077.

All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Please contact Ron Beaumont at rrboards@aol.com or phone 630 858 4646 for a copy of the agenda and program. The conference will be held at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, Indiana. Plan now to attend and support the 8 state regions.

SEMINARIAN SENDOFF PICNIC

Please mark your calendar for the annual Seminarian Sendoff Picnic which will be held in Krasa Hall on August 14 at Benedictine University.

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, Tom Hunter, Kathleen Dooley and her mother Ann.

Those who have died: Ann T. Sullivan, sister of Serran John Sullivan, who passed away at her home on April 21st. Funeral mass was held on April 26 at St. Emily Parish.

FIAT HOUSE IS BEING SOLD

A message from Fr. John Regan, Vocation Director follows.

The group buying the former St. Mary Carmelite Church wants to also buy the current Fiat House (House of Discernment) which is adjacent and connected to the church in Joliet. After talking with the Diocese about finding an arrangement for us to keep the current facility, it seemed as though an arrangement for us to keep the house was not workable. Apparently there will be night clubs in both the former St. Mary-Carmelite Church and the former Christ Episcopal Church next to us, and with the casino on the other side of us, the Fiat House would soon become an "island amidst temptation". We have demonstrated over the past five years the need for such a facility as the Fiat House, and I am confident that the Fiat House will indeed be relocated, either to another existing facility, or more likely to a newly constructed facility.

My recommendation is to locate it in a separate building on the campus of the Pastoral Center, next to Lewis University. There are significant advantages to relocating it there. I am hopeful that a new structure would be able to house up to 14 or 16 residents, instead of the current 10. There is a sadness in eventually having to move from a place that has been home to many of you at some point in your discernment or formation. In its brief period of time, the Fiat House has provided many fond memories.

The sale has not been finalized as of May 1st.

MAY BIRTHDAYS - CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

1 Rev. Nguyen Huy Quyen	Queenship of Mary, Glen Ellyn
1 Rev. John Sullivan	St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn
3 Rev. Julian von Duerbeck, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
4 Rev. Michael Schweifler, OSA	St. Jude, New Lenox
5 Rev. George Klepec	St. Paul, Joliet
8 Rev. James Holup	Assumption, Ashkum
8 Rev. Dennis Schafer, OFM	St. John, Joliet
10 Rev. Paul Hottinger	St. Joseph, Downers Grove
10 Msgr. John Moriarty	
11 Rev. Lambert Zulkie, O. Carm	Carmelite Carefree Village, Darien
15 Rev. Thomas Wolter	Mary Queen of Heaven, Elmhurst
22 Rev. Roman S. Galiardi, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
22 Rev. Kieran Kemner, OFM	St. Gratian Friary, Countryside
28 Rev. Thomas Fleming	St. John Vianney Villa, Naperville
28 Rev. Michael Ginter	St. Paul, Peotone
28 Rev. Ronald Hart	St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
30 Rev. Denis White	St. Mary, Paxton
31 Rev. David Medow	St. Mary, Plainfield

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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