



# **SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY**

**THE SERRA NEWS – Diocese of Joliet – Illinois / June 2006**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JUNE**

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

**10 SA** Officers meeting at Visitation in Elmhurst beginning with 8:15 mass. All members welcome.

**19 MO** Monthly meeting with rosary, mass, dinner and speaker at St. Petronille Church, Glen Ellyn. Serran Mike Kilker has arranged for a hot meal to be served this evening.

Our speaker will be Fr. Dan Bachner who was ordained in June of 2005, will share his vocation to the priesthood as well as his first year as a priest and parochial vicar at St. Petronille.

Driving directions from Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn, turn right (north) on Main Street and continue to Hillside which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> street prior to the rail tracks. Turn left on Hillside to St. Petronille which will be on your right side in the next block. Handicap and other limited parking is available on Hillside OR you can enter the parking lot across the street from the main church entrance. If arriving from the south, we suggest that you do not take Main Street from North Avenue because of construction on Main Street as well as one-way traffic.

Enter through the church and proceed to the chapel which is located to the left of the altar. If you should arrive following mass, you can proceed to the dining room, by entering the first door to the right of the main doors of the church. If you require assistance call Mike Kilker, cell 209 1213

## **WELCOME BISHOP J. PETER SARTAIN**

DuPage County Serrans welcome Bishop J. Peter Sartain on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. Bishop Sartain is succeeding Bishop Joseph Imesh who will be retiring at the mandatory age of 75. Installation of Bishop Sartain will be held at the Cathedral on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Sartain has a sister who is a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia.

Bishop Sartain has said that he has a strong desire to be a strong supporter of vocations in the Joliet Diocese. We wish him well.

## **ORDINATION OF PATRICK MICHAEL MULCAHY**

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 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, at St. Petronille Church, 420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn and

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Church, 1555 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights

## **SERRA CLUB POLO AND DENIM SHIRTS**

In conjunction with the Seminarian Picnic in August, we are ordering additional shirts similar to those that were purchased a year ago. We currently have available the following shirts for sale which can be delivered to you at the Serra meeting on June 19. Costs are Polo \$20, and denim \$26.

Men: Black XL; Blue Navy L, XL-2 & 3XL; Red L & XL; Forest Green L, XL; and blue denim L.

**Ladies:** Blue XL; Red M; and Denim M. Contact Ron Beaumont

## **OFFICER HANDBOOKS**

New Serra Club officers are reminded that handbooks for their respective positions can be requested at [http://www.serraus.org/resources/manuals\\_etc.htm](http://www.serraus.org/resources/manuals_etc.htm). Refer to the center column.

## **SEMINARIAN SENDOFF PICNIC – 2006 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The committee this year includes Mike Kilker, Margo Pidgeon, Betty Rosenbaum and Ron Beaumont. The first planning meeting will be held the evening of Tuesday June 20. If you are available to serve please contact Ron at 858 4646.

## **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](http://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 [rboards@aol.com](mailto:rboards@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.

## **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.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A SEMINARIAN STUDYING FOR THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET Kevin Hansen Conception Seminary College**

Happy summer, everyone! Thank you to the Serran's and all others who have supported us seminarians through prayer (the most important way) and other means. It is very gratifying to know that Catholic lay persons appreciate their clergy and their seminarians.

This June 18 marks my 25th birthday. About 1 month ago, I completed my first year of pre-theology studies at Conception Seminary College. The past school year was enjoyable; it was a time for increased prayer, personal growth, and fun. I played on the Conception Seminary basketball team, which competed against other seminaries at the Mundelein Seminary basketball tournament last January. I also represented the pre-theologian students as class representative for the student council and, at the end of the school year, served as a cantor at mass and communal prayer. When the weather was warm on weekends, one could often find me on the golf course near Conception!

I am the oldest of four children; I have two brothers and a sister, and all of us live with our two parents in Joliet. I am thankful that my parents have been very supportive of my vocational discernment, and I am grateful for their instruction in the teachings of the Church and for their guidance in virtuous living. This summer, I look forward to participating in a month-long clinical pastoral experience program ("C.P.E.") at St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet. I will learn how to better minister to the sick and the dying and their families. I will also volunteer my time at one or two parishes in the diocese. Please continue to pray for seminarians and priests and to strive for personal holiness. A holy parishioner is an inspiration for the priest! **Kevin's birthday is on the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A RELIGIOUS IN FORMATION**

### **Sister Linda Marie O'Connor**

Sister Linda Marie was born in Chicago, IL in 1960. On October 2, 2005, she professed and celebrated her first vows as a **School Sisters of Saint Francis of Christ the King in Lemont, IL**. Sr. Linda Marie works part-time this year as the Director of Religious Education at St. Patrick Parish in Lemont, IL. She also spends her time in prayer, in study, and in service within the religious community. Prior to entering the community, Linda worked at a parish, a retreat house, and at social service agencies.

Linda felt the call to share her gifts through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. She was attracted to this particular community because she felt at home with their Franciscan spirituality and simple ways of living. Her home parish is St. Thomas More, Elgin. Sr. Linda's birthday is on the twenty-fourth.

## **SERRA OFFICERS/TRUSTEES DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS**

The new Serra year beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup> will see the following changes in leadership.

**Departing: Chuck McGowan** who has been a Serran since 1992 and has volunteered in various activities in addition to serving for several years as VP Vocations and as a Trustee. We look forward to Chuck's continued activity as a Serran.

**Arriving: Bob Loffredi** joined the Serra Club of DuPage County in 2005. He was elected President-elect and Vocations Vice President. As President-Elect Bob will become president one year from now. Bob shares the following,

I'm married to Karen Loffredi, and have three sons and a daughter. My youngest son is Bill Vagenas, a seminarian at St. John Vianney Seminary on the campus of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. I am a native Chicagoan. Growing up on the west side. My parish is St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale, Illinois. I am the owner of Raymond Financial Group, Inc., located in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

My background has always been in the financial world. I have been President of five Chicago area banks, Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, Calumet Region (approximately 1800 boys). I also served as Chairman of the Governing Board of Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois for 5 years.

A person may experience a calling but unless it is followed through with, how would one know about the exceptional life available in serving God. If we Serrans can make a difference; then we need to do whatever is necessary.

**Arriving: John Thompson** joined the Serra Club of DuPage County in 2004, having previously served in the Serra Club of Indianapolis. John was elected as a Trustee.

John writes, "I am married to Mary Ann, with one daughter, Mary Kate. We are from Indiana originally, moving from Indianapolis to Wheaton 9 years ago. We belong to St. Michael parish in Wheaton, where I am a Lector. I am employed by AT&T, where I have worked the last 16 years in various areas, primarily in Business Marketing.

I enjoy the outdoors, biking, hiking, jogging, and gardening, and just spending time with the family. Serra is important to me given the tremendous need for more priests and religious, and anything we can do to foster these vocations is key.

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS - CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

1 Rev. John Zanoni	Sacred Heart, Lombard
3 Rev. Robert Sum, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
3 Rev. Stanley Orlikiewicz	St. John Vianney Villa, Naperville
4 Rev. Charles Joseph	St. Walter, Roselle
4 Rev. Robert Collogan	St. Anne, Oswego
5 Rev. Gerald Tivy	St. Joan of Arc, Lisle
5 Rev. Thomas McGivney	St. Joseph, Lockport
9 Rev. Paschal Honner, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
9 Rev. Edward Andrews, OSA	Providence, New Lenox
10 Rev. Anthony Nockunas, MIC	St. Mary, Plano
11 Rev. William Ryan	St. John Vianney Villa, Naperville
13 Rev Michael Valente	Chicago
17 Rev. Kevin Farrell	Holy Ghost, Wood Dale
17 Rev. Richard Smith	Immaculate Conception, Morris
19 Rev. Anthony Kelsas, MIC	Our Lady of Peace, Darien
20 Rev. Luis Gutierrez	St. Dominic, Bolingbrook
20 Rev Daniel Hessling	St. Margaret Mary, Naperville
21 Rev. James Flint, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
21 Most Rev. Joseph L. Imesch	Bishop of Joliet
22 Rev. Tuan Nguyen	St. Alexander, Villa Park
24 Rev James Pajkos, OFM	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Joliet
25 Rev. Joseph Tremonti, CSV	St. Patrick, KKK
26 Rev. Damien Graziano	Ascension of Our Lord, Oakbrook Terrace
27 Rev. Jerome Zalonis, MIC	St. Mary, Plano
28 Rev. Daniel Bachner	St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn

## **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.

## **THE SERRA NEWS**

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