



SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

7 Saturday The officers meeting will be held at St. Procopius Abbey beginning with mass at 7:00 am. Members welcome.

16 Monday Monthly meeting with rosary, mass, dinner and speaker at St. Petronille Church, Glen Ellyn.

Driving directions from Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn, turn right (north) on Main Street and continue to Hillside which is the 2nd 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 are available on Hillside OR you can enter the parking lot across the street from the main church entrance.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JEFF CHILDERS– IN DISCERNMENT FOR THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Jeff Childers - Fiat House - Joliet

My name is Jeff Childers. I am a convert to the Catholic Church, working previously as a minister in the Churches of Christ tradition. For one year at the age of 19, I studied at Conception Seminary College as a Joliet seminarian. I went on to study history education at Southern Illinois University, and have worked with Catholic media in print, internet, and television.

I turn 27 this month, and am grateful to be one of the five men who make up the community at Fiat House. It has been an excellent experience and opportunity for all of us, and I'm sure I speak for my brothers at the house in thanking Bishops Imesch and Sartain and Fathers Regan and Masters for the chance to be part of this community. It is a gracious second chance for us all! We are all especially grateful to the Serra Club for their tireless support of vocations.

I am currently majoring in social work at the University of Saint Francis, while my brothers at the house are studying English at Lewis University. All five of us share the hope to transfer back into the seminary in the near future and, if it is the Lord's will, to serve the Diocese of Joliet as priests.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS SERRANS WHO ARE ILL

Marge Hangsterfer, Bernadette McGowan, Jim & Rita O'Toole, Jane Whalen, Tom Hunter & Carolyn Beaumont. Also for Joe Ladone who had surgery on Tuesday this week and will be at Rush Hospital on October 2nd.

SERRA REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT NOTRE DAME

Nine members from DuPage Serra and Fr. Burke Masters have registered to attend.

-One month to go until the Serran International USA Council Conference at Notre Dame, Indiana.

-252 registered - unbelievable - just like the Irish football team - Wow!

-Rooms still available at Comfort Inn - Phone 574-272-1500.

-You are invited to a Conference to be remembered for a lifetime!

-Spread the Good News!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

Catholics in parishes throughout the United States will rally on Sunday, Oct. 29, to show support for their priests with prayer, celebration and dialogue. The last Sunday of October is designated as Priesthood Sunday; a one-day celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International. The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood. Priesthood Sunday was established in 2003 to provide a way for Catholic communities to express appreciation for the devoted priests who serve them so faithfully despite recent negative attention in the media. Additionally, such a celebration is increasingly relevant in light of the declining number of priests in the U.S. Only about 4,000 of the 19,000 parishes in this country currently have more than one priest. Many priests serve two or more parishes by themselves.

The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry are asked to develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring both priesthood and their own priests. Special liturgies, celebrations and the opening of a dialogue between priests and parishioners are encouraged. Priesthood Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but some dioceses and parishes may celebrate at a different time to coincide with other planned events.

Lay parish leaders are invited to visit www.priestsunday.org for suggested liturgies, social celebrations, reflections, and downloadable graphics, guides and posters. Requests for printed material may be directed to 888.777.6681.

“For 70 years, Serra has been committed to supporting and affirming the Catholic priesthood,” says Don DeDecker, president of the USA Council of Serra International, the non-profit organization coordinating Priesthood Sunday. The USA Council is responsible for disseminating information to parishes interested in honoring their priests on this very special day. “We are honored to handle this event and I see it as a way of sharing our mission with the nation in a celebratory way,” said DeDecker.

Priesthood Sunday is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation. Serra International is a worldwide Catholic organization of lay men and women dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. More than 12,000 members in over 300 clubs are active in the United States. The USA Council is available at the number above or at www.serraus.org. The USA Council office is based in Chicago.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - CLERGY - DIOCESE OF JOLIET

1 Rev. David Simpson, O. Carm.	Aylesford, Darien
2 Rev. Thomas Corbino	St. Anthony, Frankfort
2 Rev. Gordon Mahoney	Sts. Peter & Paul, Naperville
3 Rev. Raymond Lescher	Sacred Heart, Joliet
4 Rev. Jude Randall, OSB	Benet Academy, Lisle
6 Rev. Bradley Baker	St. Raymond Cathedral, Joliet
7 Rev. James Curtin	St. Dennis, Lockport
7 Rev. Mathew Maniampra, CMI	St. Isidore, Bloomingdale
7 Rev. Joseph Mundakal, CMI	Our Lady of Lourdes, Gibson City
7 Rev. Kevin Sheeran, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
8 Rev. Thomson Panakal	St. Dennis, Lockport
9 Rev. James Antiporek	St. Irene, Warrenville
10 Rev. Francis Maher	Retired-Colorado Springs, CO
11 Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs	St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet
13 Rev. Edward Grotovsky	St. Joseph, Manteno
13 Rev. Arthur Maher	Retired-Wheaton
13 Rev. John Phan	Holy Spirit Catholic Community, Naperville
15 Rev. Gerald Nicholas, OSA	Providence HS, New Lenox
17 Rev. Larry Dreffein, OFM	Mayslake, Oak Brook
17 Rev. Robert Noesen	Holy Trinity, Westmont
17 Rev. Kevin Shanley, O. Carm.	Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien
19 Rev. John Palmer, CSV	Benedictine University, Lisle
20 Rev. Richard Bennett	Holy Spirit Catholic Community, Naperville
23 Rev. Charles Wheeler	St. Rose, Kankakee
23 Rev. Kenneth Zigmund, OSB	St. Joan of Arc, Lisle
25 Rev. Mark Cote	St Thomas the Apostle, Naperville
29 Rev. Patrick Murphy	St. Isaac Jogues, Hinsdale

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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