

Serra Club of Indianapolis – 2nd Quarter 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

July

- **1 – Feast Day of St Junipero Serra**
- **8 - Mass for Vocations** at Cathedral High School, 8:30 AM
- **20 – Board of Trustees Meeting** at the CYO office, 1:30 PM
- **25 – Club Dinner Meeting**, 6 PM at Fatima Retreat House. Msgr Joseph Schaedel will present on Divine Mercy.

August

- **12 – Mass for Vocations** at St Michael, Greenfield, 8:30 AM
- **22 – Night of Rededication** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:30 PM

September

- **2 – Mass for Vocations** at Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, 7:30 AM
- **18 – Cookout with Priests** at St Jude, Indianapolis, 4 PM
- **26 – Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM.

Club Events in the 2nd Quarter 2016

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference



Carole Kacius and Suzy McLaughlin represented Serra Indy at the Women's Conference.

Randy Noel died on April 8

Randy had been a member since 1985 and was president of the club in 1989-90. May he rest in peace.



Essay Contest Winners Luncheon – April 12

All six contest winners with their parents and sponsors joined many Serrans (total 54 people) at the luncheon at Fatima Retreat House. The winners each read their essays and received their awards from Dan Kelley, the son of John Kelley for whom the contest is named. Carl McClelland was the host and MC.

Spring Leadership Conference – April 16

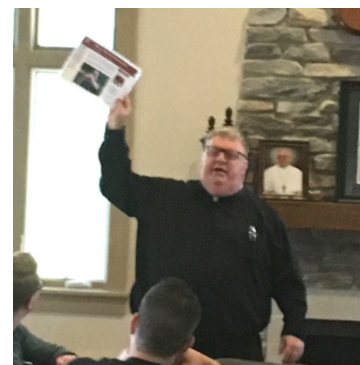
Carole Kacius, John Ryan, Carl McClelland, and Joe Dwenger attended the conference hosted by the Lafayette IN Serra Club. Bishops Doherty and Higi attended as well as 3 priests. Carl made a presentation on Serra Indy vocation outreach activities and on building relationships with vocation offices. Joe presented on strategic planning and the value of forming committees.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations at Our Lady of the Greenwood – April 17

16 Serrans and spouses attended this special Mass which was celebrated by Fr Eric Augenstein who identified and blessed several new **Parish Vocation Advocates** at the end of the Mass. A very pleasant reception sponsored by vocation committees from Our Lady of the Greenwood and Saints Francis and Clare was held after Mass.

Cookout with seminarians at Bishop Brute College Seminary – April 25

37 Serrans and spouses enjoyed an evening cookout with seminarians and priests at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary. President Ken Scheer presented a monetary gift and Art Berkemeier presented a certificate of appreciation to Fr Bob Robeson, the founding rector of the seminary, and new pastor of Holy Name Parish.



Fr Bob Robeson

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Mass for Vocations at Scecina High School -

April 27

13 Serrans (and spouses) attended the all school Mass celebrated by Msgr Paul Koetter. Serran Mike Kirk explained the role of the Serra Club, the importance of vocations, and that we should not be afraid to embrace God's call. A video about Fr Thomas Scecina was shown after Mass, followed by a nice social gathering with administrators and teachers of Scecina High School.

Mass for Vocations at St John – May 6

13 Serrans (and spouses) attended the Night Before the Race Mass for Vocations. It has been held annually before the Indy Mini Marathon. After the mass, a large crowd went to Buca di Beppo for a pasta dinner. Fr Rick Nagel thanked our Serra Club for sponsoring the Race for Vocations, both at the mass and at the dinner.

Saint Meinrad Graduation – May 14



Gil & Marilyn Ellis with graduate Deacons Doug Hunter & Nicolas Acpacaja Tzoc.

Club Dinner Meeting at Fatima Retreat House, May 16

23 Attendees listened to Beth Russell from the Catholic Charities of Indianapolis review the logic and process of receiving and helping refugees get settled into the Indianapolis Archdiocese. The meeting was highlighted with a visit by long time Serran Bob Cook. George Maley presented Bob with his 50 year pin, and they both told stories about their times together with the Serra Club.

Board of Trustees Meeting, May 18

Board members voted "no" on 3 of the 11 proposed Serra International By-Laws, and George Maley will represent these votes when he attends the June 30-July 3 convention. Marilyn Ellis and Joe Dwenger met with the prioress and director of vocations at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove to initiate an enhanced relationship with the Serra Club. Carl McClelland reported that Marilyn Ellis has sent 350 altar server certificates to 30 parishes. Art Berkemeier has submitted a letter of appreciation regarding Fr Bob Robeson to the *Criterion*.

Mass for Vocations at St Gabriel, June 3

Fr Mike O'Mara celebrated a Mass for vocations and attended the social following Mass.

Bishop Brute Days, June 14-17

Serrans provided lunches for a record number of campers and seminarians and priests on all 4 days of the camp. Ann Berkemeier and Marilyn Ellis coordinated all the meals and volunteers.

Board of Trustees Meeting, June 15

A new membership survey has been distributed to members.

Ordination of Archdiocesan priests, June 25

A large number of Serrans attended the ordination of 6 new priests to the Archdiocese.

Membership Drive, June 29

This was the first year that general invitations to the membership drive were made through the *Criterion* and parish bulletins. A large crowd (90-100) people attended with 30+ potential new club members. Archbishop Joseph Tobin and Fr Joe Moriarty, new rector of Bishop Brute College Seminary, gave inspirational comments and thanks to the Serra Club.

Serra International Convention, June 30-July 3

Past Serra International president, George Maley, represented Serra Indy at the convention in St Louis.