

Serra Club of Indianapolis

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On January 8, 2015, a Serra Mass for Vocations was held at SS Francis and Clare in Greenwood for the first time. Bad weather prevented a large turnout, but a few brave Serrans and parishioners attended an excellent service by newly ordained Fr David Marcotte assisted by Deacon Ron Pirau. One of the attending parishioners was Tim Kelker, a recently retired engineer who attended the coffee and donuts social to learn more about the Serra Club. Tim has since submitted his application to join the club.

Carl McClelland and the Vocations Outreach Committee prepared, assembled, and mailed this year's essay contest materials on January 7 to all parishes in the Archdiocese. This year, Fr Eric Augenstein, the Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, provided a challenging theme and question for the essay: "What are you doing to discern your vocation?" The contest runs through the end of February.

28 Serrans and 3 guests attended the Serra Club Dinner Meeting at Fatima Retreat House on Monday, January 19. Serra Club member John Fink was the featured speaker, and his topic was "World Wide Persecution of Christians." A copy of his presentation can be obtained from Club secretary, Joe Dwenger.

The Board of Trustees met on January 21 at the CYO Office. The board agreed to pursue a memorial Mass for past club president Fr Thomas Murphy near the anniversary of his death. To conform to changes made at Serra International, club treasurer, Art Berkemeier, made a motion to change the club fiscal year from June – May to January – December; the motion passed; by-laws will be revised accordingly.

February 2015

Serrans served meals at the first Deo Duce discernment group meeting for high school boys at Bishop Brute College Seminary on February 5. Deo Duce is an opportunity for a small group of high school boys to meet with Fr Eric Augenstein and seminarians. 5 more Deo Duce sessions are scheduled: Feb 19, March 5, 19, April 9, 23. Deo Duce is sponsored by endowment funds from the Serra Club of Indianapolis.

On February 8, 2015, a Mass for Vocations was held at St Monica.

Serra Club member Joe Naughton passed away on February 12, 2015. Joe had been a member since 1980.

The Board of Trustees met on February 18 at the CYO Office. Michael Eagan reported: At the invitation of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the membership drive has been scheduled for June 25, 2015 at the St Augustine Home; this event will replace the scheduled club dinner meeting in June.

With funds provided from the Serra Club of Indianapolis endowment fund, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of Vocations and Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary held an Open House on February 17 for Archdiocesan high school counselors and religion teachers with the purpose to encourage school staff to promote Bishop Brute as a good choice for college consideration. On February 5 and 19, still using Serra Club endowment funds, the Vocations Office hosted High School Men's Discernment Group (Deo Duce) sessions; Serrans served food.

On February 23, Fr James Bonke, club chaplain, celebrated a memorial Mass for Fr Thomas Murphy in the chapel at Fatima Retreat House. Following the Mass, the regularly scheduled club dinner meeting was held. Fr Rick Nagel, pastor of St John the Evangelist and Catholic campus minister at IUPUI, was the featured speaker. With baptism, Fr Nagel stated, we are all called to be "Priest, Prophet, and King," i.e. we need to pray for those who need help, be a good example to all, and provide care for those for whom we are responsible. Attending the dinner meeting were 28 Serrans, 8 guests, and 2 priests.

March 2015

Serra Club member Hugh Sullivan passed away on March 5, 2015. Hugh had been a member since 1993 and was a past president of the club.

On March 10, 14 Serrans and 2 spouses met at the Catholic Center to read and judge the essays submitted by 7-12 grade students in the Archdiocese. The winners are: 7th grade – Ella Gebke, St Thomas Aquinas; 8th grade – Ryan Hollingsworth, Seton Catholic (Richmond); 9th grade – Matt Zinser, Oldenburg Academy; 10th grade – Katrina Cooper, Our Lady of Providence HS; 11th grade – Grace Malinoski, Home Schooled, Holy Rosary Parish; 12th grade – Annie Gregory, Cathedral HS.

On March 11, 10 Serrans and 2 spouses attended the Mass for Vocations at St Mathew. Fr Nick Dant was the celebrant at the school Mass. President Ken Scheer gave an excellent presentation on vocations to the students following the Mass. Fr Dant joined the Serrans for coffee and donuts after Mass and discussed his vocation story.

On March 14, 9 Serrans were among the 35, or so, attendees at the Archdiocesan 2nd Annual Parish Vocations Gathering at Bishop Brute College Seminary. This program was developed by the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations to encourage and provide resources for Catholics to initiate or join vocation efforts in their parishes.

A Serra Board of Trustees meeting was held on March 18 at the CYO Office. In recognition of the Year for Consecrated Life, Sisters of Providence and Daughters of Charity will be featured speakers at the May and July club dinner meetings. Jim and Carole Kacius of the Membership Committee have prepared a survey to distribute to all members. Fr Junipero Serra timeline booklets will be acquired and presented to club members.

Fr Eric Augenstein gave an outstanding presentation about the initiatives and objectives of the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations and status of priestly vocations at the March 23 club dinner meeting. Fr Eric stated that we must be first called to holiness; then vocations will come. He also stated that vocation outreach at the parish level is critical, and there is where we Serrans can help. There were 23 Serrans and 4 guests attending.

Coming in April, May, and June 2015

- April 7, 12 noon - Essay Contest Winners Luncheon at Fatima Retreat House
- April 9, 6-8 PM - Deo Duce Discernment Group
- April 13, 7 PM - Holy Hour for Vocations at St Barnabas with Archbishop Tobin
- April 15, 1:30 PM - Board of Trustees meeting, CYO Office
- April 23, 6-8 PM – Deo Duce Discernment Group
- April 27, 5:15 PM - Cookout with Seminarians at Bishop Brute College Seminary
- May TBD - Mass for Vocations
- May 18, 6 PM - Club dinner meeting – Speaker: Sr Editha Ben SP
- May 20, 1:30 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting, CYO Office
- June TBD - Mass for Vocations
- June 16-19 – Bishop Brute Days summer camp for boys 13-17
- June 17, 1:30 PM - Board of Trustees meeting, CYO Office
- June 25 – Membership Drive at St Augustine Home

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