

Serra Club of Indianapolis – 2nd Quarter 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

July

9 Prayer services for vocations – 6 PM at St Luke and 7 PM at St Barnabas

12 Mass for Vocations at Cathedral High School, Our Lady of Providence Chapel, 8:30 AM

23 Club Dinner Meeting at Fatima Retreat House, 5:40 PM Rosary. 6 PM Dinner. Board election. Speaker: Fr Andy Syberg

Aug

2 Holy hour for vocations at St Joan of Arc, 7 PM

TBD Mass for Vocations – East Deanery

13 Prayer services for vocations – 6 PM at St Luke and 7 PM at St Barnabas

27 Night of Rededication at Fatima Retreat House

Sept

4 Holy Hour for vocations at St Monica, 7 PM

5 Holy Hour for vocations at St Jude, 7 PM

TBD Mass for Vocations – South Deanery

TBD Cookout with Priests

26 Holy Hour for vocations at St Michael, Greenfield, 7 PM

Club Events in the 2nd Quarter 2018

Mass and training for race for vocations – April 7

About 10 Serrans attended Mass with Fr Joe Moriarty and dinner at Bishop Brute College Seminary.

Essay Contest Winners Luncheon – April 17

A large group of Serrans attended a luncheon at Fatima Retreat House to listen to the winners of the John D Kelley Essay Contest read their essays and

collect their prizes. Carl McClelland coordinated the contest and judging process. Louise Collet moderated the luncheon and awards ceremony and Lisa Kelley made the award presentations. This year's essays answered the question: **How has a priest, deacon, or man or woman in consecrated life in your life accompanied you in your life journey?**

The winners were:

- Sophia Curry, 7th grade, St Mary's, North Vernon
- Mary Ketcham, 8th grade, St Nicholas, Sunman
- Kevin Collins, 9th grade, Cathedral High School
- Ella Hagenow, 10th grade, Cathedral High School
- Joseph Lahmann, 11th grade, Seton Catholic HS
- Sara Gray, 12th grade, Seton Catholic HS



Mass for Vocations – April 18

11 Serrans and guests attended an all school Mass for Vocations at Holy Spirit. Mass was celebrated by Msgr Paul Koetter who also joined Serrans and parishioners for coffee and donuts following Mass.

Board of Trustees Meeting – April 18

For the first time, dues statements were sent by email to club members. The club provided goody bags to the attendees at "Indy's Got Sisters." New Member Orientation is now available on the club website.

Serra Spring Leadership Conference – April 21

Suzy McLaughlin and Mary and Larry Dougherty represented SerraIndy at the Spring Leadership Conference in Lafayette IN.

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Cookout with Seminarians – April 23

40 Serrans and guests attended evening prayers with seminarians and priests in the chapel. Then all moved to the dining room to enjoy grilled brats and burgers and good conversation. This annual event has given Serrans a casual opportunity to meet and learn about these special young men as they discern their vocations.

Mass for Vocations – May 4

10 Serrans attended a special Mass for Vocations and pasta dinner at St John the Evangelist on the evening before the “Race for Vocations.”

Board of Trustees Meeting – May 16

For 2018, Marilyn Ellis provided 321 altar server certificates to servers from 30 parishes.

Club Dinner Meeting – May 21

Mother’s prayers and vocations: Judy Hoyt, Judy Hipkind, and Anne Wessell. Each shared their thoughts about their sons’ vocation journeys.

Ordination of New Priest – June 2

Jeffrey Dufresne was ordained as a priest of the Indianapolis Archdiocese by Archbishop Charles Thompson at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral. There were a dozen Serrans in attendance. The cathedral was only about 1/3 full. With over 70 Serrans, we should provide better support.

Board of Trustees Meeting – June 20

In honor of his 25th anniversary of ordination, Art Berkemeier presented Fr Joe Moriarty a cash gift and spiritual bouquet. A new board election slate has been developed and election of the new board will occur at the July club dinner meeting.

Bishop Brute Days – June 26-28

Marilyn Ellis and Ann Berkemeier planned and provided lunches for the 40 high school (3 day/2 nights) campers and 25 middle school 1 day campers, Archdiocesan staff and seminarians at Bishop Brute Days with help from several Serra Club volunteers.

Serra International Convention – Jun 27- July 1st

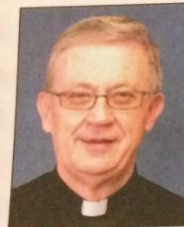
Art Berkemeier, and Rick Santangelo represented SerraIndy at the Serra International Convention in Nashville TN.

They met with Serrans from St. Louis regarding their Essay Contest process and awards, and heard other clubs talk about going to the student’s school to present the essay award and check in front of classmates.

Prayer provides vocations. Art and Rick heard instances where two different diocesan Bishops requested that a vocation prayer be said after every mass for one year, and the number of seminarians greatly increased in those dioceses.

There were approximately 400 Serrans attending the conventions, with most coming from the United States. Next year the convention will be held in Mexico City.

The convention program guide paid tribute to many Serra Club Chaplains. Listed first:



**Fr. James R. Bonke, MDiv, JCL
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USA**

People are loved for what they do, not who they are. Fr. Bonke defines that statement: Priest, cannon lawyer, confidant, consoler, and counselor. What’s not to love?

Indy Serran Bob Desautels made this submission

Membership Drive – June 28

More than 80 club members and guests, including more than 35 potential new members, attended the Membership Drive at the St Augustine Home. Special guests included Archbishop Charles Thompson, Fr. Joseph Moriarty, Fr. James Bonke, Mother Francis Gabriel, LSP, Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB, and Gayle Spencer, widow of recently deceased and long-time Serran Tom Spencer.