Serra Club of Indianapolis

New Member Orientation

March 19, 2018

Agenda

- Mission & Vision Statements
- History of Serra: National & Local
- Organizational Structure
- Activities: Internal & External
- Strategic Plan
- www.serraindy.org
- Obligations of Serrans
- Future Vision

MISSION STATEMENT

The Serra Club of Indianapolis, a lay Catholic organization, nurtures the call of the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

VISION STATEMENT

We work with our parishes, Archdiocese and local religious communities to foster and call forth religious vocations through prayer, active personal involvement, and club-sponsored activities while growing in our faith and fellowship.

History of Serra International

- First Serra Club Founded February 27, 1935
- Four Catholic laymen in Seattle, WA
- Named after St. Junipero Serra
- On July 2, 1938 the first five Serra Clubs voted to form Serra International

History of Serra International

- St. Junipero Serra - Spanish Franciscan missionary known as the Apostle of California
- Founded El Camino Real, the missions of San Diego, San Luis Obisbo, San Francisco, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Clara, San Carlos and others

History of Serra International

- Over 20,000 Serrans worldwide
- Today over 1,100 Serra Clubs in 46 countries
- Pope St. John Paul II called Serra the “Lay Vocations Arm of the Church”
- Each Serran is a member of a local Serra Club sanctioned by the bishop of the diocese in which the Serra Club is located

History of the Serra Club of Indianapolis

- Founded December 27, 1951
- Founded by John LaRosa, Robert Langsenkamp, John Rocap and Patrick Fisher
- Indy became 71st club of Serra Int'l
- Indy became 3rd Serra Club in Indiana behind South Bend and Calumet Clubs

History of the Serra Club of Indianapolis

Serra International Presidents:

- Tom Murphy 1978-1979
- Fr. Tom Murphy ordained August 1985
- George Maley 1990-1991

International Structure

- Chicago IL offices
- Board of Trustees with President, 4 VP's, Secretary and Treasurer
- Episcopal Advisor – Bishop Andrew Cozzens
- Executive Director – John Liston

Serra Club of Indianapolis Organizational Structure

- Board of Directors includes:
- President, 4 VP's, Secretary, Treasurer
- Immediate Past Pres., Pres. Elect
- At least four Trustees
- Chaplain – Fr. Jim Bonke

Executive Committee

President – Suzanne McLaughlin

President Elect – Rick Santangelo

Past President – John Ryan

Secretary – Monica Foye

Treasurer – David Fink

Committees

V.P. Programs – Mary Dougherty

V.P Vocations – Tim Kelker

V.P. Membership – Mike Kirk

V.P. Communications – Art Berkemeier

Trustees

Larry Timko

Steve Wessel

Anne Wessel

Kevin O’Brien

Joe Dwenger

Larry O’Bryan

Internal Serra Activities

- Re-evangelize Serrans through prayer and actvities
- Have speakers informing us of their vocations, our Catholic faith, activities in our Archdiocese and the larger Church
- Conduct special activities such as the Night of Rededication, Fall Social, Membership Drives

External Serra Activities

John Kelley Essay Contest, Robert Alerding Server Awards, Bishop Brute Days, Run for Vocations, Priest Appreciation events, Seminarian Dinner, monthly Mass at parishes around metro area, vocations pilgrimages, seminarian contact program, parish contact program

2018-2022 Strategic Plan

Set Goals for Finance, Membership, Vocations Outreach, Internal Programs and Communications

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Set annual Objectives for Finance and Operations, Membership, Vocations Outreach, Internal Programs and Communications

Serra Handbook

- Each member is encouraged to refer to www.serraindy.org
- Includes sections with Mission and Vision Statements, Membership Roster, Seminarian information, Parish information, vocations committee information, club history, upcoming events, etc.

Obligations of Members_

Practicing Catholic
Pray Daily
Attend SCI Monthly Activities
“31 Club”
Support a Seminarian
Volunteer on a Committee

Obligations of Members_

Promote Vocations
Engage w/ Parish Vocations Committee
Attend Club Activities
Visit Club Website
Read “Membership Growth…”

Future Serra Vision

Suzanne McLaughlin, President

Serra Websites

- Serra Club of Indianapolis:

  www.serraindy.org
- Serra International

  www.serrainternational.org

Questions & Answers