

Serra Club of Indianapolis – 3rd Quarter 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

- Oct**
22 **Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:40 PM Rosary. 6 PM Dinner – FOCUS Missionaries, Craig Novak and Zoe Houle
- 28** **Priesthood Sunday** – pray for vocations
- Nov**
tbd **Mass for vocations**
- 9** **8th Grade Pilgrimages** – girls to Our Lady of Grace Monastery and boys to Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary
- 26** **Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM
- Dec**
tbd **Mass for Vocations**
- 17** **Seminarian Dinner** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM
- Jan**
14 Mass for Vocations with Archbishop Thompson at St. Barnabas
- 19-20** Serra Rally in Ventura, CA.

Club Events in the 3rd Quarter 2017

Mass for Vocations – July 12

About 40 Serrans and guests attended Mass and prayed for vocations in the Our Lady of Providence Chapel at Cathedral High School. A nice continental breakfast was hosted by Cathedral and provided good opportunity for visiting with fellow Serrans and guests.

Board of Trustees Meeting – July 18

Marilyn Ellis sent the Club's Altar Server Award to 363 altar servers from 36 parishes. This is an increase from 329 servers from 34 parishes in 2017.

Approximately 40 high schoolers and 25 seventh and eighth graders attended Simon Brute days from June 26th to the 28th. Marilyn and Gil Ellis coordinated efforts to provide meals. Steve and Ann Wessel will coordinate meals for the event next year.

As a result of a successful Membership Dinner at St. Augustine's, we have confirmed 3 new club members (Gordon Becker, Greg McAloon and Kim Pohovey) with about 6 more potential members.

The board discussed the need to recruit members to take over the many and varied duties that Joe Dwenger has handled for the club. We will require several people to do all the tasks that Joe has performed. Any club members who would like to become more involved should contact a board member.

Club Dinner Meeting – July 24

The evening began with a rosary in the chapel. Fr Andy Syberg spoke about being a young person in the 20th century with regards to social concerns, technology, and events of the 20th century and how they shape us.

The Board of Trustees were elected, as follows:

President – Rick Santangelo
President Elect – Louise Collet
VP Programs – Mary Dougherty
VP Membership – Larry Timko
VP Communications – Bob Desautels
VP Vocations Outreach – Tim Kelker
Treasurer – Dave Fink
Secretary – Monica Foye

1 Year Trustees –

Mike Kirk
Larry O'Bryan
Anne Wessel
Steve Wessel
Kevin O'Brien

2 year Trustees –

Mike Slinger

Past President – Suzy McLaughlin

The new board assumes responsibility at the August board meeting.

Board of Trustees Meeting – August 15

Serran, Dave Fink informed the board that he and Serran, Rick Rader are both now on the Race for Vocations board. Dave asked the board to renew the Serra Club's commitment to the event and indicated his hopes that the club would recruit

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many participants and volunteers for the event. The Race for Vocations is run in conjunction with the 500 Festival Mini Marathon in May each year.

A membership application for Rich Lively was approved.

The board discussed creating an application for parish vocations advocates to request funds from the club. The application will be added to the website.

Kevin O'Brien, Joe Dwenger, Art Berkemeier and John Ryan were thanked for their years of service to the club, as their terms on the board came to an end.

Mass for Vocations – August 24

Fr. Robert Gilday celebrated the August Mass for Vocations at Little Flower Church. Serrans, parishioners and school staff enjoyed coffee and doughnuts after the Mass.

Night of Rededication – August 27

67 Serrans and guests attended a great evening at Fatima Retreat House for the club's annual Night of Rededication. Club chaplain, Fr James Bonke celebrated Mass and commissioned the new board of trustees. New members were sworn in to the club by Larry Timko:



Mass was followed by social time and a fine dinner served by Fatima. New club president Rick Santangelo presided at the dinner and shared some of what he and Art Berkemeier took away from the Serra International Convention in Nashville, TN. This included news of a dramatic increase in seminary enrollment in the Nashville Diocese since Bishop Spalding instituted the practice of praying for vocations after every Mass for a year. Rick and Art also pointed out that Serra

International succumbed to the desire for glam up the program for the convention, using Fr. Bonke's photo for their cover:



Photos of another Serra chaplain or two were also included.

Mass for Vocations – September 7

A Mass for Vocations was celebrated at St. Mark's Church. Serrans and others enjoyed coffee and doughnuts after the Mass.

Board of Trustees Meeting – September 21

The board thanked Art Berkemeier for his very generous gift of \$1,000 to the Serra Fund for Priestly Vocations.

The club has received a request from Fr. Eric Augenstein to sponsor a dinner during the FOCUS Conference in January for 40 seminarians and others discerning vocations.

Tim Kelker has begun distributing the club's new vocations prayer cards at monthly vocations Masses.

The board approved membership applications for Anne Heid and Mary Patout.

Deacon Mike Slinger recommended that club members seek greater interaction with parishioners and students after monthly vocations Masses.