

Serra Club of Indianapolis – 4th Quarter 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

- Jan**
- 14** **Mass for Vocations** at St. Barnabas, 8300 Rahke Rd, 7 PM – With Archbishop Thompson
- 17** **Serra USA Rally** in Ventura, Ca
- 28** **Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:40 PM (5th Monday Rosary), 6PM dinner, Speaker will be Fr. Jeffrey Dufresne
- Feb**
- 2** **Race for Vocations Training Run** at Simon Brute Seminary, 8:15 AM – run or walk your pace, any distance you wish
- tbd** **Mass for Vocations**
- 25** **Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM – Archdiocesan vocation update with Fr. Eric Augenstein or Andy Miller
- Mar**
- 9** **Race for Vocations Training Run** at St. Luke, 7575 Holliday Dr E, 8:15 AM - run or walk your pace, any distance you wish
- tbd** **Mass for Vocations**
- 25** **Lenten Evening of Reflection** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:40 PM Rosary, 6:00 PM dinner – Lenten Evening of Reflection
- Apr**
- tbd** **Mass for Vocations**
- 6** **Race for Vocations Training Run** at Simon Brute Seminary, 8:15 AM – run or walk your pace, any distance you wish
- 10** **Essay Contest Winners Luncheon** at Fatima Retreat House, 12:00 PM

Club Events in the 4th Quarter 2018

Rosary for Vocations – October 3

In lieu of the monthly Mass for Vocations, Serrans joined students and staff at Cathedral High School to say the rosary for vocations. Serrans distributed 1,250 Serra prayer cards at the event.

Board of Trustees Meeting – October 17

Larry Timko updated the board on his idea to purchase several banners that promote vocations and the Serra Club with the goal of having at least two banners for each deanery in Indianapolis. The banners would be rotated from parish to parish. We will need members from each deanery to volunteer to be responsible for rotating these banners.

Bob Desautels reported that he met with Kim Pohovey and they updated the goals of the communications committee. These goals include website improvements, engaging parish pastors throughout the archdiocese to coordinate with Serra to promote vocations and increasing communications to non-Serran Catholics.

Dinner Meeting – October 22nd

28 Serrans heard a talk from FOCUS missionaries, Craig Novak and Zoe Houle. FOCUS stands for Fellowship Of Catholic University Students. FOCUS recognizes that almost 80% of those who leave the Catholic faith, leave by the time they are 23 years old. FOCUS helps college students encounter God through daily prayer, the sacraments and reflection on the Scriptures. They teach students to share the Gospel with other students, who, in turn, share with others they meet.

8th Grade Pilgrimages – November 9

Carl McClelland led the club's efforts for the 8th grade boys' pilgrimage to Simon Brute Seminary and Louise Collet was our liaison for the girls' pilgrimage to Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Joe Dwenger put together goody bags for all participants. If you have never been to these facilities or witnessed this special event, consider getting involved next year.

Meeting with Serra USA officers – November 12

Club president Rick Santangelo, president-elect Louise Collett and treasurer Dave Fink met with the president of Serra's National Council for the United States, Greg Schweitz, and our Serra USA district governor, Dan Schumaker. Discussion included the Indianapolis club's growth and programming.

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Mr. Schweitz gave his thoughts on member recruitment and meeting frequency.

Mass for Vocations – November 15

Serrans joined members of St. Christopher for a Mass for vocations.

Dinner Meeting – November 26

New member orientation was held while others prayed the rosary in the chapel before the dinner meeting. Zoe and Dick Cannon gave an excellent talk about the ministry they have taken on offering their guest house for priests for personal retreats, overnight lodging and getaways. They have also hosted pilgrims traveling the country for charitable causes.

Seminarian Dinner – December 17

The Serra Club of Indianapolis hosted the Archbishop's annual dinner for the archdiocesan seminarians. The evening started with a social hour that was enjoyed by seminarians and Serrans alike:



The evening's master of ceremonies, once again, was Kevin O'Brien:



And the highlight of the evening, as usual, was hearing from the Archbishop:



Mass for Vocations – December 21

A Mass for Vocations was celebrated at St. Michael's in Greenfield. Anne Wessel spoke to the group to promote vocations and the Serra Club.

The Race for Vocations

As we enter 2019, the Race for Vocations seems to have quickened the pace of its approach. The Race for Vocations will take place within the Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini Marathon and 5K on May 4th. Consider getting involved, with your family and friends, as participants or volunteers at the dinner the night before or on race day. Learn more at raceforvocations.org.