

# Serra Club of Indianapolis – 1st Quarter 2019 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

### Apr

- 5 Mass for Vocations** – 6 PM at St Luke and 7 PM at St Barnabas
- 6 Race for Vocations Training Run** at Simon Bruté Seminary, 8:15 AM – run or walk your pace, any distance you wish
- 10 Essay Contest Winners Luncheon** – Noon, Fatima Retreat House
- 15 Cookout with Seminarians** – 5PM at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary

### May

- 3 Mass for Vocations** at St John the Evangelist, 6:30 PM
- 4 Race for Vocations** – 7:30 AM, downtown Indianapolis/Military Park
- 20 Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:40 PM Rosary. 6 PM Dinner, speaker will be Matthew Faley

### June

- 1 Ordination Mass** – 10 AM, SS Peter and Paul Cathedral
- 3 Membership Drive/Dinner** – 5:15 PM at Our Lady of Grace Monastery
- 25-27 Bishop Bruté Days Summer Camp**

## Club Events in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018

### **Mass for Vocations – January 6**

Fr. Mark Svarczkopf celebrated a Mass for vocations at Our Lady of the Greenwood. Serrans enjoyed coffee and doughnuts after Mass.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting – January 16**

The budget for 2019 was approved. Tim Kelker reported that packets for the essay contest were being delivered. The topic question for this year's essays is, "If you could meet Pope Francis, what

would you want him to know about your journey of faith and the people and experiences that have helped you encounter Jesus Christ and the Church?"

Larry Timko reported that eight vocations banners would be delivered the week of the meeting. Two banners will be rotated throughout each of the four Indianapolis deaneries.

Bob Desautels expressed his appreciation to Dave Worland for his help as we begin plans to hold the 2019 Archbishop's Dinner for the Seminarians at Cathedral High School.

### **Club Dinner Meeting – January 28**

Forty-two attended the January dinner meeting with special guest, Fr. Jeffrey Dufresne.



Fr. Dufresne talked about his experiences in his first eight months of service as an Archdiocesan priest. Prior to dinner, Serrans and guests gathered in the chapel to say a rosary for vocations.

### **Mass for Vocations – February 21**

The February Mass for vocations was held at St. Christopher.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting – February 21**

Tim Kelker reported that Bruté Days are scheduled for June 25, 26, and 27. As part of the retreat a bus will take the kids to the Old Cathedral in Vincennes to see the Bishop Bruté exhibit on June

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26, 2019 (the anniversary of Bishop Bruté's death). Serrans interested in going are welcome on the tour, but will need to arrange transportation.

Rick Santangelo reported that, for the second year in a row, the club has been commended by the USA Council for membership growth

## **Club Dinner Meeting – February 25**

After praying the rosary for vocations in the Fatima Retreat House chapel, 35 Serrans and guests heard Fr. Eric Augenstein's report on the state of vocations in the archdiocese.

## **Mass for Vocations – March 13**

The March Mass for vocations was held at St. Simon.

## **Board of Trustees Meeting – March 20**

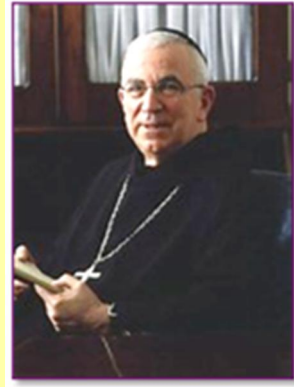
Dave Fink reported that he has accepted a request to be the chairman of the Audit Committee for the USA Council of Serra International.

Larry Timko reported that the parishes in the west deanery have been very receptive to the club's vocations banners. Banners have been at St. Malachy, St. Christopher, St. Susanna and Our Lady Queen of Peace. We will have banners at the Race for Vocations Mass at St. John the Evangelist on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Membership applications for Greg and Lisa Brassie were approved. Welcome Greg and Lisa!

## **Night of Prayer and Reflection – March 25**

Thirty-eight Serrans observed the Feast of the Annunciation at Fatima Retreat Houses for an extended evening of special prayer and reflection. We began with the rosary and a Mass celebrated by club chaplain Fr James Bonke, with Serran Deacon Mike Slinger. Seminarian Michael Schultz provided music.



After dinner, Archabbot Lambert Reilly presented a thought-provoking talk to stimulate an evening of reflection. The group was able to bring these thoughts back to the chapel for an additional prayer service and Eucharistic adoration. Thanks to Mary Dougherty for coordinating this special evening.

## **Club Communication**

Thanks to Joe Dwenger for heading up our club communications for so long! After several years of dedication and hard work, Joe deserves a break. If you have anything to communicate to the club, please feel free to send it to Dave Fink at [DFink@DFinkCPA.com](mailto:DFink@DFinkCPA.com) in a form that he can forward your news to the club.

## **Race for Vocations**

The Serra Club of Indianapolis is a major sponsor of The Race for Vocations and Serrans Rick Rader and Dave Fink serve on the organizing committee for this event. The Race for Vocations Mass will be on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM, at St. John the Evangelist. Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty are both expected to celebrate. The Race for Vocations Pasta Dinner follows the Mass.

The Race for Vocations is run as part of the Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini Marathon on the morning of May 4<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to participate or volunteer for these events. To register or for more information, go to [raceforvocations.org](http://raceforvocations.org).

**Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**