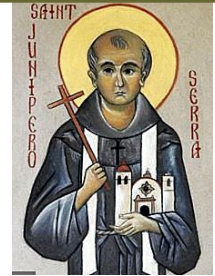


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ROCHESTER SERRA NEWSLETTER

"Always to go forward, never to turn back."

Fr. Junipero Serra



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President's Message - Ed Rowley

Serra Summer Events!

Dear Serran Friends,

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, Los Angeles, held a Mass on June 18 for all immigrants. Present during the liturgy were relics St. Junipero Serra. Archbishop Gomez talked of how we are always to be proud of who we Serrans are. "Siempre adelante" [*Always go forward*] is for all of us. We are to pray first to enlighten our minds and open our hearts.

Joanne Drews hosted us among the burr oak around her home for the Serra picnic. Thanks especially to Joanne, to all who attended, and to all who made it so nice.

Jim Cook, John Roemer, Bill Doucette, Wendy Shepherd and *all the volunteers* brought us a great Serra Golf and Dinner Day at Willow Creek Golf Course. Many attendees did not get down to the creek or snap a branch of a willow – but maybe next year! It seemed everyone had a good, uplifting time. During the dinner, Fr. Harold

Francois of Haiti, being hosted by Fr. Tim Reker, shared his experiences during a recent major earthquake and starting his new church and school in a remote area. It was interesting that Fr. Francois was listed as the "winner" on several of the golf prize holes. Hospitality!

Thanks to all who attended and to the donors and helpers. Willow Creek Golf Course's staff made the day flow in a seamless manner. Please mark that 2018 calendar for *Monday July 16* for the next Rochester Serra Golf and Dinner Outing. Remember, you don't need to be a golfer to enjoy the Social and Dinner times at the end of the day!

A special thanks to Fr. Shawn Haremza for his presence at both the picnic and the outing. We are so blessed to have Father as our chaplain!.

Saint Junipero Serra, pray for us!

Blessings,
Ed Rowley

Chaplain's Corner – Fr. Shawn Haremza



Watch for Fr. Shawn's article in the September newsletter!

July 2017 Special Events

There was no July General Meeting. We did do some celebrating in July. On July 12th we had our annual Rochester Serrans Picnic at Joanne Drews' house and our annual "Priests and Religious Golf Outing and Dinner" on July 17th. Both afforded great conviviality – good camaraderie, good food, and some good "prizes." Dorothy Arendt ran our 2nd "match the playing cards" contest during the picnic at Joanne's. Seemed like all the "winners" were seated in one area of Joanne's backyard. Hmmm!

At the Golf Outing and Dinner there were 24 golfers 18 were priests, deacons, and seminarians, plus 6 Serrans and Serran Friends. Golfer foursomes played according to "best ball" rules. Selected holes were associated with a "closest to" and "longest shot" attributes, along with a best 18 holes score for prizes awarded later during the dinner portion of our get together. After the "golf shot" award presentations, additional prizes were chosen according to raffle tickets selected from a "bucket."

Some participants golfed for the first time and some probably felt they were playing for the first time. But FUN was the theme of the day! Interestingly some names won more than a few prizes, whether it be for golfing or as raffle ticket winners!

86 attended the dinner, 48 of which were priests, deacons, and seminarians. Ed Rowley was our MC. Bishop Quinn led us in prayer before the meal and ended the evening reminding us to keep praying for vocations, updating us on IHM seminarians, and concluding with a prayer.

Fr. Tim Reker brought us visitor Fr. Harold Francois of Haiti to our event. Fr. Francois shared how he survived 18 hours of being buried in rubble from an earthquake and how he is now charged with starting a parish with school in a remote location. Fr. Reker's St. Joseph the Worker parish is championing Fr. Francois' parish.

Things to Know

2017 Priests' Appreciation Dinner: This year's dinner will be held October 10th at Willow Creek. Save the date.

New Rochester Area Priest Assignments: Pax Christi: Fr. Will Thompson as pastor and Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht as parochial vicar; St Pius X: Fr. Russ Scepaniak as pastor and Fr.

Chinnappa Pothireddy as parochial vicar; Fr. John Lasuba is the new pastor at both Byron's Christ the King Church and at Kasson's Holy Family Church.

Retiring Priests are: Fr. Charlie Collins (to LeRoy, MN); Fr. Joe Fogal (to Mankato); Fr. Paul Surprenant (to Hartford, South Dakota).

Vocations Director for the Winona Diocese: Rev. Jason Kern is the new Vocations Director and now resides in Winona.

Reminder - New Rochester Serra Web site: Steve Sturm has created our own Rochester Serra Club Web site at <http://sites.google.com/view/rochesterserraclub> See what is there and make suggestions.

Prayers, Prayers, Prayers: Pray especially for Claudia Owens, whose husband Richard journeyed to heaven during July; Art and Helen Mueller and Helen's brother Walter who journeyed to heaven during July; Warren Wehner, Jim Ward, Natalie Kline, John Konkel, Ed and Jo Fujan, Ray and Mary Kostner, Chuck and Marlene DeVos' daughter Elizabeth, and Paul Walsh.

Golf Outing and Dinner Thanks: Special thanks to all who helped make the event a success, especially "chief" sub-event" task coordinators Bill Doucette, Wendy Shepherd, John Roemer, and Ed Rowley. We greatly appreciated the "connections" and mentoring provided to us by the leader of 40+ previous Golf Outing and Dinner events, Ray Zeman.

UPCOMING ROCHESTER SERRANS EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
August	3	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	4	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass. Celebrant, Fr. Shawn Haremza; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Program Speaker – Kate Peterman (Chaplain at Mayo Campus) Reader Bill Doucette; Communion Ministers - Esther Connelly, Chuck DeVos; Gift Presenters - Dorothy Arendt, Marti Roemer.
	10	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	17	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	18	Board Meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Resurrection Church.
	24	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	31	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
September	1	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass. Celebrant, Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Bernard Harrington; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Program Speaker – Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Bernard Harrington; Reader Steve Sturm; Communion Ministers - Joanne Drews, Virginia Smith; Gift Presenters – Marlene and Chuck DeVos.
	7	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	14	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	15	Board Meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Resurrection Church.
	21	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	28	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
October	5	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	6	Regular Meeting – 11:30 AM Mass. Celebrant, Fr. Shawn Haremza; 12:00 PM Lunch with program speaker. Program Speaker – Fr. Will Thompson; Reader Jim Cook; Communion Ministers – John Roemer, Chuck DeVos; Gift Presenters – Evelyn Cashman, Natalie Kline.
	10	Priests' Appreciation Dinner.
	12	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	19	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
	20	Board Meeting – 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Resurrection Church.
	26	Holy Hour of Adoration – 9:00 - 10:00 AM on Thursday mornings in Fr. Winkels' Chapel at Resurrection
October	29	Priesthood Sunday
November	4-11	National Vocations Awareness Week
November	17-19	Serra Retreat at Christ the King in Buffalo, MN.

ROCHESTER SERRA CLUB PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Rochester Deanery, Diocese of Winona, MN

AUGUST 2017

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Let us pray for those men and women in training to be priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons.		1 Fr. Joseph Pete	2 Fr. Chinnappa Pothireddy	3 Fr. Russell Scepaniak	4 Fr. Peter Schuster	5 Fr. William Thompson
6 Fr. Luis Vargas	7 Fr. John Wilmot	8 Fr. Stephan Abaukaka	9 Fr. William Becker	10 Fr. James Buryska	11 Msgr. Thomas Cook	12 Fr. John Evans
13 Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht	14 Fr. Shawn Haremza	15 Fr. John Lasuba	16 Fr. Tom Loomis	17 Msgr. Gerald Mahon	18 Fr. Greg Parrott	19 Fr. Joseph Pete
20 Fr. Chinnappa Pothireddy	21 Fr. Russell Scepaniak	22 Fr. Peter Schuster	23 Fr. William Thompson	24 Pope Francis	25 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	26 Deacons
27 Sisters Serving Our Deanery	28 Bishop John Quinn	29 Seminary Students	30 Senior Priests	31 Bishop Emeritus Bernard Harrington	Pray also for those discerning to commit themselves to the religious life. See our current seminarians by linking from the Web site at: http://www.ihmseminary.org or http://www.dow.org/Departments/Vocations/Seminarians	

Prayer suggestions

Prayer for Consecrated Persons: God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations: O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by baptism and confirmation has called us to build your Holy Church, we implore you to choose among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

A Prayer by Jack and Judy Cozzens on behalf of their son Bishop Andrew Cozzens: "Dear Jesus, we thank you for all the priests and religious who have helped us to live our faith. Please give us the strength to live as faithful Catholics and work with them to promote your Kingdom. We beg you to send us more holy priests and religious to bring Christ's saving message to this and future generations. Bring to us men and women who will dedicate their lives to sharing our great Catholic Faith. We pray there will be priests to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, anoint us near death, administer the Sacraments to our future off-spring, and bring them all to dance with us in heaven."

For more information about our Serra Club or if you have questions, call Ed Rowley at 507-287-0153 or Berny Saletel at 507-259-8498 or Mike Sheehan at 507-288-3767.