



## SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY – DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Encouraging and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer and active fellowship since 1958

# THE SERRA NEWS – FEBRUARY 2010

### CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

**6 Saturday**

Members welcome at all meetings. Guests welcome at monthly meetings, (dinner is optional at \$15).

Monthly officers meeting at St. Petronille Church beginning with mass at 8:00 am

**15 Monday**

Monthly mass and dinner meeting beginning with rosary at 6:00 PM at St. Petronille church. Celebrant and speaker will be Abbot Hugh Anderson, OSB. More information below on this page.

**Please RSVP (yes or no) to Joanne Carr at [carrgj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carrgj@sbcglobal.net) or 630 665 0994 by February 10.**

#### MARCH

**6 Saturday**

Monthly officers meeting beginning with mass at 7 am at St. Procopius Abbey.

**15 Monday**

Monthly mass and dinner meeting.

#### APRIL

**5 Monday**

Monthly mass and dinner meeting.

#### MAY

**17 Monday**

Monthly mass and dinner meeting.

#### JUNE

**1 Tuesday**

Beginning of new Serra Year

**5 Saturday**

Ordination to the priesthood of Deacons Raed Bader, Stephen Eickhoff, John Lindsey, Joshua Miller & Jason Stone

**7 Monday**

Installation of new officers and induction of new members. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Siegel will officiate. (The former date of June 21 for the mass and dinner meeting has been cancelled)

### ABBOT HUGH ANDERSON, OSB – SPEAKER AT SERRA MASS AND DINNER MEETING FEBRUARY 15

Abbot Hugh was born January 30, 1938 in Ohio, IL, the last of six children to Charles and Bernice Anderson. Baptized and Confirmed in Immaculate Conception Parish Ohio, IL  
Attended Ohio Community Grade School and High School before attending St Procopius College (Now Benedictine University) in 1956.

Entered St Procopius Abbey as a novice in June 1958 and professed vows on June 24, 1959.

Ordained May 22, 1965

Graduated from St Procopius College in 1961 with a BA

Graduated from St Procopius School of Theology 1965

Graduated from Indiana University in 1970 with a MS

*Work experience:*

Teacher of Latin and Theology at Benet Academy

Dorm Director at Benedictine University

Director of Admission for Benedictine University

Assistant Principal of Benet Academy

Associate Pastor at St Joan of Arc

Abbot of St Procopius Abbey

Presently, Director of University Ministry Benedictine University

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE ILL

Jim & Rita O'Toole, Betty Rosenbaum, Jim & Jeanne Cormack, Hugh Toner, Gahan Hangsterfer. Jim McGonnagle, Dick Haymaker's Daughter Kate. John Matyasik, Mark Jenkins, son of Stephanie & Scott, who is recovering from brain surgery, Joanne Carr; the brother of John Thompson who passed away on December 30.

### MONTHLY MASS AND DINNER MEETINGS – SERRANS

We wish to remind Serrans regarding the nominal charge for dinners taken at the monthly meetings. The food caterer requires a guaranteed count on Friday (noon) prior to the Monday dinner meeting. Dinner cancellations made after Friday noon are not refundable since we are obligated to pay the caterer for the number of dinners guaranteed. If unexpected members or guests come for dinner, their meal charges may satisfy our guarantee to the caterer; and, in this instance, we would not invoice the member(s) who unexpectedly were unable to attend."

**“COME & SEE WEEKEND” DOMINICAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**February 12-14** our Community invites **women ages 18-35** to a **Come& See Weekend** where they will be 1) exposed to the Dominican charisma, spirituality and mission of our Congregation; 2) meet the sisters; and 3) advance their vocational discernment by means of talks, Q&A, time of reflection, etc. Could you please help to spread the word through:

Thank you very much for your support of vocations to religious life and our community. I am looking forward to hearing from you! With prayers and Dominican joy, Sr. Margaret Lekan, OP, Vocation Director, Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. (708) 458-3040 www.sistersop.com

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY’S - SEMINARIANS STUDYING FOR THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

Serran’s and others reading The Serra News are requested to take a few minutes and read about the Seminarians who are celebrating birthdays each month. Remember to pray for all of our Seminarians.

Consider taking a moment and sending a birthday, Easter or Christmas card with a personal message. And where possible consider including a gift card that could be used at McDonald’s, Wal-Mart or wherever. Here are the addresses.

Mundelein Seminary	1000 E. Maple Ave.	Mundelein, IL 60060
Conception Seminary College	P.O. Box 501	Conception, MO 64433
North American College in Rome	00120 Vatican City State	Europe
Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary	3535 Indian Trail	Orchard Lake, MI 48324
St. John Vianney College Seminary	Mail #5024, 2115 Summit Avenue	St. Paul, MN 55105-1095
St. Meinrad School of Theology	200 Hill Drive	St. Meinrad, IN 47577

**Tom Dunn Pre Theology 1 - St. Meinrad’s School of Theology**

My name is Tom Dunn and I am 24 years old. I was born on Feb. 20, 1985. I grew up in Wheaton with my parents, Tom and Adele, my older sister, Kate (27), and two younger brothers Bill (22), and Jim (18). I am a parishioner at St. Michael’s Parish, Wheaton. Thanks to my loving, hardworking parents, I have been blessed with an overwhelmingly positive upbringing. My parents were unflinching in bringing our family to the Sacraments and Sunday mass while raising my siblings and me. It is namely because of their dedication and discipline in the Catholic faith that I am entering into the Seminary in August.

I went to public school kindergarten through college. I graduated from Wheaton North High School in the spring of 2003 and entered Southern Illinois University in the fall. I completed one year at SIU, but due to a lack of direction, returned home to community college. I studied one year at the College of DuPage but felt the constant urging of the Lord to return to SIU. I returned in the fall of 2005. Upon my return, I immediately began attending daily masses at the Newman Catholic Student Center. Regular attendance of mass over four years, as well as countless hours hiking the Shawnee National Forest, helped me gain clarity from the Lord of the priestly vocation for which I believe I am being called.

After graduating SIU in Dec. 2007, with a degree in University Studies, I was lucky enough to find employment with my father’s carpentry company for about 7 months. During this time I applied, was accepted, and committed to a year of volunteer work for a Catholic affiliated agency called the Bend Volunteer Corps., located in Bend, Oregon. I began my commitment Aug. 1, 2008 and recently finished Aug. 1, 2009. During my time in Bend, I worked a full-time volunteer job at a senior center, assisting the coordination of a Meals-On-Wheels program.

Currently, I am enjoying my first year of study at St. Meinrad’s School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana.

**Birthday February 20, 1985**

**Gabriel Payne Senior - St. John Vianney College Seminary**

My name is Gabriel Payne. I am the fourth of eleven children; I have six brothers and four sisters. I was born in Bensenville, Illinois on February 5, 1986. Shortly afterwards we moved to Lombard. When I was five years old I received my first Holy Communion on New Years Eve at midnight Mass. When I was six years old, I became an Altar Boy and had the privilege of serving Mass often with my brothers; this helped to inspire me to consider the priesthood. When I was in high school I had the joy of helping teach CCD at Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard in which I found great benefit, being able to teach the faith to the young children.

After I finished high school I did some studies at College of DuPage before I went to the seminary. This last academic year I completed my junior year of college, and I look forward to being a senior this coming academic year. I also look forward to continuing formation at St. John Vianney college seminary in St. Paul Minnesota.

This past summer I took a summer class at College of DuPage, and worked at Sacred Heart in Lombard. I would like to thank all the Serrans for all their prayers and support that they give to me and all the seminarians.

**Gabriel’s birthday is on February 5, 1986**

## **ADOPT-A-PRIEST PROGRAM**

With the concurrence and encouragement of Bishop Peter Sartain, the Serra Club has established the Adopt-A-Priest program for diocesan and religious priests in the diocese of Joliet. The purpose of Adopt-A-Priest is to insure that all our active and retired priests know that they are supported with prayer by Serrans and others.

The method of adoption is a lapel pin with a Roman collar against a black background with wording at the top "Serra for Vocations" and at the bottom "Adopt-A-Priest". Each pin is unique with inscription on the back of the pin which includes the adopted priest's initials and year of ordination.



The adopter is provided with the pin to wear. They are also provided with an introductory card with the name of the adopted priest along and a mailing envelope to mail to the priest. The card will also indicate the name of the adopted priest.

We encourage all of our readers and friends to Adopt-A-Priest **today**.

To Adopt-A-Priest mail a check for \$10 payable to Serra Club of DuPage County. You may adopt more than one priest. To insure that all priests are adopted, names will be assigned randomly. Mail to Joanne Carr at 320 Browning Court, Wheaton,, IL 60189. E-mail carrgj@sbcglobal.net Net proceeds will go for the education of Diocese of Joliet Seminarians.

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - CLERGY - DIOCESE OF JOLIET – PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS**

6 Rev. Thomas Sularz	St. Daniel the Prophet, Wheaton
7 Rev. William DeSalvo	Holy Trinity, Westmont
7 Rev. Frank Vitus	St. John the Baptist, Winfield
8 Rev. Daniel Cambra, MIC	St. Mary, Plano & St Patrick, Yorkville
10 Rev. Danilo Soriano	Immaculate Conception, Braidwood
12 Rev. John Guiney, SMA	Retired-Glen Ellyn
12 Rev. Alphonse Micka, MIC	Our Lady of Peace, Darien
13 Rev Arno Dennerlein	Retired
15 Rev Rafel Dygula, SChr	Divine Mercy Polish, Lombard
16 Rev. Don McLaughlin	St. Michael, Wheaton
17 Rev. Daniel Hoehn	St Mary, Plainfield
18 Rev Grzegorz Podwysocki	St. John, Winfield
19 Rev. Joel Fortier	St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville
21 Rev. William Cullen	Retired-Lisle
21 Rev. James Enin, MIC	Our Lady of Peace, Darien
22 Rev John Peeters, CSV	St. Patrick, Joliet
23 Rev. Odilo Crkva, OSB	St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle
23 Rev. John Driscoll	Retired-St. Andrew the Apostle, Romeoville
24 Rev. David Lord, MIC	Our Lady of Peace, Darien
24 Rev. Gerald Riva	St. Scholastica, Woodridge
28 Rev Enrique Varela-Nungaray, O.Carm:	Mt Carmel, Joliet

## **OBJECTIVES OF SERRA INTERNATIONAL**

To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry. To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church; and

To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

## **THE SERRA NEWS**

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