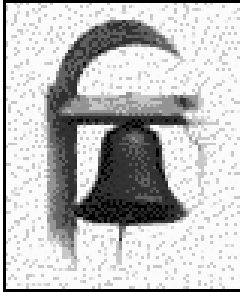




# Serra Club of Pensacola

## April 2009



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### **SERRA**

**S**piritual growth in Christ  
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**A**ssociation in Christian companionship

Dear Serrans,

Thanks to all who came out to the March luncheon meeting to judge the poster contest entries. It was a very difficult job since there were so many excellent submissions.

Our April meeting will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Luncheon with the Seminarians. It will be on Monday, April 6, noon, at St. Paul. We expect that most of the seminarians from the diocese will be able to attend since they are in town for the Chrism Mass and other activities of Holy Week. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with them.

Wanted to let you know about a new Eucharistic Adoration opportunity - from noon to 1:00, Monday through Friday, at St. Paul Church there is Eucharistic Adoration. Each day has benediction, prayers, hymns and time for quiet meditation. Monday is prayer to St. Paul, Tuesday is prayers for the dead, Wednesday is prayer to St. Joseph, Thursday is prayer to Guardian Angels, and Friday is prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Paul continues to have Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel on Thursdays.

Thank you and God bless.

*Jim Daigle*

### **CD of the Month Club**

**Join CD of the Month Club Today** - to receive a new CD release each month by inspiring Catholic priests, theologians and lay speakers. Start your subscription by April 14 to receive April's new release: **Catechism of the Catholic Church: A Sure Guide for the Modern World** by Francis Cardinal Arinze. Forms are available from Betsy Bowser or online at [lighthousecatholicmedia.com](http://lighthousecatholicmedia.com), enter promo code 4435 and a portion of your monthly subscription fee will be returned to the Serra Club of Pensacola.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Friday, April 3**

Mass, 12:10 p.m.  
St. Michael  
Open Board Meeting following  
Mass in the Pastoral Center

#### **Monday, April 6**

Lunch with the Seminarians,  
12:00 p.m.  
St. Paul, Fr. Giri Room

#### **Holy Hour, April 16**

Hour of Eucharistic Adoration,  
6:00 p.m., St Paul

#### **Friday, May 1**

Mass, 12:10 p.m.  
St. Michael  
Open Board Meeting following  
Mass in the Pastoral Center

## Birthdays

Deacon Richard Lurton, 4/14  
Rev. Kurian Manikuttyil, 4/15  
Very Rev. Peter Lawrence  
Zalewski, 4/22  
Deacon Nelson Madera, 4/22  
Rev. Ted Sosnowski, C.R., 4/23  
Rev. Eugene Casserly, 4/25

## Anniversaries

Rev. Ted Sosnowski, C.R., 4/5  
Rev. Msgr. Michael Tugwell, 4/5  
Rev. Florencio Lagura, S.V.D.,  
4/14  
Rev. Paul Thomas White, 4/16  
Rev. Msgr. Francis  
Szczykutowicz, 4/20  
Deacon Earl Mirus, 4/21

## College Connection Program

**The Purpose** - To help High School graduates locate the "Catholic presence" when they arrive on campus - especially at schools that have an active Catholic Campus Ministry program.

**The Rationale** - A recent study completed by CARA for the U. S. Bishops concerning Catholic Campus Ministry (November, 2005) confirmed a strong opinion that those who were active in Campus Ministry: attended Mass more often than those who did not participate in Campus Ministry; donated more to their Parishes; became leaders in the Parishes; and were more likely to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life. The obvious conclusion: increasing the number of students participating in Campus Ministry should greatly benefit the Church in many ways.

**The Method** - Serra Clubs in the United States are being asked to solicit student information from Catholic High Schools and Parish Youth Ministers. This information will allow to preparation of small packets of information about the school's campus ministry programs and facilities (location - time of Services - who's in charge - programs -fellowship, etc.).

By furnishing the Campus Minister names and addresses of Catholic

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students coming to their school, the Campus Minister has an opportunity to send a personal invitation to the student to visit their facility when they arrive on campus. Should there be no official "Catholic presence" on campus, the student will receive information about a nearby Parish.

If you wish to assist in the administration of the College Connection Program for our Club, please contact Betsy Bowser, 850-292-8349 or email: serra-pns@hotmail.com

## From the Board:

The Board of Directors met at the Pastoral Center March 6, 2009 at 12:45 p.m.

Officers present were Betsy Bowser, chair, Vera Alft, Esmond Drott, Gayle Elbert, Jim Osborne, and Joe Pastucha. Also present was Katie Pastucha.

Absent were: Jim Daigle and John Doherty.

Betsy Bowser called the meeting to order with the prayer for vocations.

The minutes of the March board meeting minutes were read and approved. Joe made the motion they be accepted as printed and Jim seconded.

Betsy reported that \$565 was collected at the Gumbo Dinner.

Question of number of Seminarians and guests at April Luncheon: It was agreed there would be at most 14 Seminarians and 4 guests. Esmond suggested we announce to parishes this event and invite anyone interested in meeting the Seminarians on April 6. Betsy reported calling 3 caterers for luncheon. Esmond made motion we use Weddings by Lorna, Jim seconded and vote passed. Cost of Luncheon for members and guests \$12.50.

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Betsy asked status of US Council and International Dues: Esmond reported he had checks written to cover dues through May. He also reported our current balance is \$1,948.60.

Discussion on the College Connection followed. It was a consensus that Betsy will present the program to the club as a whole at the March 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

Esmond wants members to arrive early at the March luncheon. Poster judging will start before lunch and continue afterwards.

Esmond read a thank you note from Michael Hartley and correspondence from Marlene Olson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the preservation of vocations prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Elbert, Secretary

## Love

Excerpt from EWTN Newsletter letter by Deacon Bill Steltemeier.

"LOVE. It is certainly the most misused word in the English language. "I LOVE your hair." I LOVE corndogs." "I LOVE my wife." "God LOVES me." All the same word – yet how drastically different are the meaning.

LOVE. I recently read a definition of love that I grasped onto, "seeking and doing the best for another." We can use this definition as a thermometer to gauge our love in different relationships. As with all things, we should start with God. How deep is our love for God? How do we seek and do the best for this Other? He is omnipotent. He is all-encompassing. He is LOVE."

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