

# SERRA CLUB OF PORTLAND BULLETIN



**Support our Priests**  
**Send a card—Say a Prayer**  
*Let them know that we care*



## Ordination Anniversaries

### OCTOBER

- 10/4 Rev. John Kerns
- 10/5 Rev. Thomas Farley  
Rev. David Zegar
- 10/14 Rev. Richard Sirianni
- 10/18 Rev. Joseph Heuberger
- 10/23 Rev. Steve Stobie
- 10/29 Rev. Wayne Forbes

## Birthdays

### OCTOBER



- 10/05 Rev. Jeffrey Meeuwssen  
Rev. John Luat Nguyen, OFM
- 10/06 Rev. William Hammelman, OSB  
Rev. Joseph Sergott, OP
- 10/09 Rev. Msgr. Carl Gimpl  
Rev. Jack Krall  
Rev. Michael Sprauer
- 10/11 Rev. Daniel Reynolds
- 10/12 Rev. Craig Boly, SJ
- 10/14 Rev. Rock Sassano
- 10/15 Rev. Ronald Nelson
- 10/16 Rev. Joseph Bosch  
Rev. Angel Armando Perez  
Rev. John Brouillard
- 10/21 Rev. Jose Luis Gonzales
- 10/22 Rev. John Morris, SJ
- 10/23 Rev. Joseph Betschart
- 10/24 Rev. Daniel Adams
- 10/27 Rev. Ronald Millican
- 10/29 Rev. Todd Molinari  
Rev. Leslie Sieg
- 10/31 Rev. Patrick Conroy, SJ  
Rev. William Ryan, OSA  
Rev. Theodore Weber



### **YEAR OF THE PRIEST**

*Litany for Priests*

*Priests who are alone,  
Accompany them, Lord*

*Missionary Priests,  
Protect them, Lord*

*Priests who are preachers,  
Enlighten them, Lord*

## President's Message



Dear Serrans: The coming Region 12 Conference in Spokane October 2-4 is a spiritually rewarding opportunity for all who can and will attend. For those who will not be attending the Region 12 Conference, you can have a lot of fun playing golf and/or having dinner with the seminarians on October 2. Dave Hughes has the details (503) 533-4080.

In this *Year of the Priest*, all are invited to attend a Solemn High Mass to celebrate and pray for all those who have answered God's call to the holy priesthood on Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 6015 SW Franklin Street, Beaverton. This invitation is also extended to all priests who would like to concelebrate this special Mass. For further details call 503-644-2619.

Peace, Jack Talbott

## USAC SUPER WEEKEND/SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN OMAHA AUG 26-30

The Liturgies of Serra International convention were outstanding with 5 different Archbishops and the programs were very informative. We heard that the strongest demand from many seminarians was for Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and frequent availability of the sacrament of Penance. The priests of the 21st century should know themselves well and need to be and act happy. They must be effective witnesses to the gospel, must have a deep prayer life and receptive to the call of God. They must fall in love and be in love with God. The Virgin Mary must be at the center of their prayer and spiritual life because of her humility, receptivity and positive response to the call of God. A priest must be a beloved son of the father as was Christ, a beloved husband to his spouse (the Church) and a Spiritual father.

The highlight to me was the Most Reverend Timothy M Dolan, Archbishop of New York. His talk was on the role of the laity in Vocation in our Church. He made four points: (1) the importance of the vocation of marriage and family life. "Vocations to the priesthood and religious life come from life-long, life-giving faithful marriages." (2) recreate a culture of vocations in the parish and our families. "We need to recapture the climate/tenor/tone/ambiance in the Church where a boy or man isn't afraid to publicly say, 'I want to be a priest'; and where his family, relatives, neighbors, parish, priest, sisters, teachers, and even non-Catholics are robustly supportive." The same applies to women. (3) the laity need not be afraid to ask their priests to help them be holy. Several sacraments are available only through our priests. And (4) the laity must remind our priest that they are here to help us get to heaven. "A priest is an icon of the beyond, the eternal, the transcendent. Heaven gives us hope and meaning in life".

I'm sure many of you wonder about the business of SI meeting. There was much concern expressed about the \$13 dues increase from Serra International and in my opinion it would have failed. A compromise was passed for a \$5 increase each of the next three years starting in 2010. All other by-laws were passed as a package. All issues have not been solved but progress is being made. For more information come to Spokane to our Fall Conference!

Dan Jones, Regional Director

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

"It is better to be the child of God than king of the whole world."

St. Aloysius Gonzaga



## PROGRAM RECAPS

**Sept 2, 2009** - Pope Benedict XV's latest encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate", was the focal point of the presentation to the Serra club by Sister Catherine Hertel SSMO (Sisters of St. Mary). Sister Catherine pointed out that the Pope emphasized that everything we do should be Christ-centered. If Christ is the center of your life, then you are praying in everything you are doing. Thus, many of us pray all the time. You must be aware that Christ is with you, even though you may not be talking to Him all the time.

The Pope also emphasized that there is a need for religious freedom in the world, not religious fanaticism or religious indifference. It is not necessary to be a martyr for your religion, but it is also not desirable for people to feel that they need only "to be a good person". Religion needs to be a part of their life.

Pope Benedict also writes that there is not a separation between the spiritual world and the secular world. We need Christ-centered economics, Christ-centered politics, Christ-centered education, Christ-centered technology, Christ-centered environmentalism, and a Christ-centered workplace. He urges all Catholics to keep our Catholic identity in this multi-cultured and pluralistic world. Try to imagine a world where we are connected with God in prayer. Try to imagine a world where people would see God in each person they meet.

**Sept 16, 2009** - Kathryn Marcellino is a wife and mother and also a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. She has written a book, "How to Pray the Rosary as a Pathway to Contemplation". The book's title was the topic for her talk to our Serra Club.

Kathryn related that a common definition of contemplation is "a divinely originated, general, non-conceptual, loving awareness of God." Both St. John of the Cross and St. Catherine of Siena in their writings send a message that, while meditation is a very good form of prayer, and even necessary, contemplation is a higher form of prayer. They indicate that contemplation is not something we can produce through a method or when we want to, but is given by God and is a gift of God. We can't produce it or prolong it, since it is God's action.

These saints teach us to practice vocal prayer and meditation. Then God will lift us up to contemplation when God sees fit. Thus, when praying the rosary one should not focus entirely on each word of each prayer, but rather meditate the mystery for that decade. Our speaker concluded by emphasizing that "the rosary is a prayer highly recommended by the Blessed Mother herself as well as popes and saints. It has very many levels to it: from vocal prayer to meditation and even a pathway to contemplation. The goal is a greater love for God and union with God."

To learn more about contemplative prayer our speaker highly recommended reading the actual writings of St. John of the Cross and St. Catherine of Siena, plus books written by Fr. Thomas Dubay (often seen on EWTN). Fr. Dubay's books are entitled, "The Fire Within", and "Seeking Spiritual Direction".

Serra Club members may order a copy of Kathryn Marcellino's book, take her online class called "Seeking Union with God", or read her e-mail newsletter at [www.catholicspiritualdirection.org](http://www.catholicspiritualdirection.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Priesthood Sunday—October 26

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor clergy. Visit the Priesthood Sunday website at: [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org) for suggested liturgies, social celebrations, reflections, graphics, guides and posters.

### SEMINARIAN BENEFIT DINNER—November 1

The Mt. Angel Seminarian Benefit Dinner on November 1 will be held at the Convention Center. We encourage Serrans to support this event. If you are interested in sponsoring a table contact fellow Serran, Steve Beard, at [stevebeaird@hotmail.com](mailto:stevebeaird@hotmail.com)

### SISTERS' APPRECIATION LUNCH

Double Tree—Lloyd Center

Sunday, November 8, 2009

1:00 Social / 2:00 Lunch

\$35 / per person

Invitations are being mailed this week

to Portland and Salem Club members

If you are unable to attend, sponsoring a sister would be appreciated

Questions contact Co-chairs

Margret Harris (503-645-5589) or Lynn Jones (503-645-2172)



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### October 7, 2009

**Board Meeting 10:30**

**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

*PROGRAM: Recap of SI Convention*

### October 21, 2009

**Mass Noon**

**Lunch/Meeting**

*PROGRAM: Fr. Gary Lazzeroni, Prayer/Late Life Vocation*

### November 4, 2009

**Board Meeting 10:30**

**Lunch/Meeting Noon**

*PROGRAM: Sister Jeremy Gaultet, SP Praying the Mass*

### November 18, 2009

**Mass Noon**

**Lunch/Meeting**

*PROGRAM: TBA*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### October 2, 2009

**Seminarian Golf Tourney**

### October 2-4, 2009

**Region 12 Convention**

**Spokane, WA**

### November 1, 2009

**Mt. Angel Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner**

### November 8, 2009

**Sisters' Luncheon**

### December 16, 2009

**Serra Club Christmas Party**



**Please pray for vocations**

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