



Saint Croix Valley Serra Club

February 2010

Events for Saint Croix Valley Serra

Saturday, Feb. 6: Earlier time this day only!!! 8:15 a.m. at the St. Paul Monastery on Larpenteur and Century Ave.

Lifeline Youth Mass at the NET Center
Sat, Feb 6
6-9:30 PM
651-450-6833
110 Crusader Ave W.
West St. Paul, MN

Thursday, Feb. 18: 6:30 p.m. dinner at Tinucci's. Two Speakers - District Governor John Litchy & Pat Murphy

Saturday, March 6: 8:30 a.m.: Mass at St. Jude's. Speaker – Fr. Lawaga from Ghana (currently at SPS)

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The Year for Priests:

~ USCCB Quote of the week ~

"Let the whole of mankind tremble, the whole of the world shake, and the heavens exalt when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest."

–St. Francis of Assisi

8 Ways to honor your priest

From the Catholic Spirit

1. Shake his hand after Mass and thank him for his vocation.
2. Offer to help him with a job or task around the parish.
3. Invite him over to bless your house. Have him stay for dinner or a family picnic.
4. Remember him with a prayer bouquet.
5. Send him a card at Christmas and on his birthday.
6. Mow his lawn or offer to do other yard work.
7. Have your children color him a picture or write him a letter.
8. Ask him individually what someone could do to honor his vocation.

Information inside this issue:

1. "Celebrating our Celebrants" Dinner from Dave Nagan
2. Serra College Connection Program by Judy Cozzens
3. Invitations to vocation retreats and Vianney Weekend Visits at SJV
4. June visit by Bishop Lee Piche at St. Jude's

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to you all, my grandmother would have been 110 years old she was born on Valentine's Day 1900. Well the appreciation dinner for Priests is May 11, 2010 at 6 pm with dinner starting at 7 pm. Location is Earl Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. You are invited to be present when the Priests of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be honored by the laity at the Celebrating Our Celebrants'. There will be opportunities to help out on one night; like we are going to hand write all the invitations for the Priests. We are writing over 450 invitations to the Priests. As soon as I hear of a date I will let you all know. The World Apostle of Fatima is going to bring the statue of Blessed Virgin Mary. Make your checks out to: Appreciation Dinner for Priests, Individual tickets are \$50.00 a Table of 10 is \$500.00 dollars and Sponsor a Priest or SJS seminarian for \$50.00.

At our next February 18 meeting we will have John Litchy, our district governor, speaking with Pat Murphy, to talk to us about Parish Contact Instructions which will be a guide for those individual contacts.

Parish Contact Instructions

1. Contact a key parishioner for help
2. Encourage parish to recognize their Priests in this year.
3. Priests has been invited by formal invitation to be a guest at the May 11 Dinner. Encourage a parishioner to attend the dinner with the Priest. Get a parishioner to give the Priest a ride to dinner.
4. Maybe have a formal parish function to honor Priests this year.
5. Maybe have parish pray for vocations – be especially thankful for the vocation that is serving the parish now and for the vocations which served the parish in the past.
6. See www.?????f or more information. (Pat would like to have a web site or a link from an established site to a page that will contain all the information regarding the May 11 Dinner. A suggestion was made that maybe Relevant Radio would provide a link site for us.
7. Year for Priests: July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010
8. Spiritual Bouquet cards to be giving out on February 18 meeting by Pat.
9. www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/index.shtml

Reservations to: Appreciation Dinner for Priests
9834 Dellridge Road
Bloomington, MN 55425-2616

Make your checks out to: **Appreciation Dinner for Priests**

Dave Nagan

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Fr. Talbot on pilgrimage in the Holy Land...please remember him in a special way in your prayers as he walks in the steps of Our Lord!

Chaplain's Message:

Dear Serrans: Thank you for the Christmas and birthday gifts. I am grateful for your generosity and your prayers. May God continue to bless your work and bring forth many, many vocations to this Archdiocese.

Peace,
Fr. Talbot

College Connection for Catholics

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 for 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 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.

Approvals

Serra is working closely with the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) and the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers (NFCYM) The program has received the written approval of the several Past Chairmen of the Bishops' Committee on Vocations, including Bishop Blasé Cupich, our Episcopal Adviser; Archbishop Eldon Curtiss; and Bishops Robert Carlson and Paul Loverde. Other letters were received from Archbishop Wilton Gregory (Atlanta); and Bishop Leonard Blair (Toledo).

The program was featured nationally on "Life on the Rock" (EWTN June 14, 2007) and with an article in National Catholic Register (September 2, 2007.) Articles appeared in "trade" magazines or newsletters of National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD); National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC); National Catholic Education Association (NCEA); and of course the CCMA, and NFCYM .

Further Information

For further information on the COLLEGE CONNECTION for Catholics program contact [Judy Cozzens](#), Program Coordinator SerraUSA Vocations Committee.

Get started today

We are pleased to release the revised College Connection for Catholics Activating Kit. While the program typically begins in the Spring, it will help to get a head start. Download the new College Connection for Catholics Activating Kit today.

Mary, Queen of Vocations, pray for us.

Judy Cozzens
Homer Radford

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NEW [Student Enrollment Form \(Example\)](#)

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Serrans help to get the word out!
Upcoming vocation retreats & Vianney Visit weekend

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

On February 12-14, all single, Catholic women 18 to 28 years of age are invited to join in an enriching weekend of prayer, reflection, adoration and mission sharing with the Little Sisters, Postulants, and young women at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, DC. The registration deadline is February 5, 2010. A freewill offering will be accepted for both retreats. For more information, please contact Sister Maria Francis at 651.227.0336 or vcstpaul@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT COLLEGE SEMINARY!
VIANNEY VISIT, FEBRUARY 11-13, 2010

The Vianney Visit is a chance for young men, ages 16 to 22 to see what life at Saint John Vianney College Seminary is all about. During your visit you'll attend classes at the University of Saint Thomas, attend Mass, daily prayer, and hang out with our current seminarians. Vianney Visits are free, but space is limited. The next Vianney Visit begins with check-in on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 4 to 6 p.m. The weekend's events conclude on Saturday, February 13 at 11 a.m. Please bring a sleeping bag and pillow! For more information, please contact Mary at 651.962.6825

ANOTHER IMPORTANT "SAVE THE DATE" EVENT – JUNE 5

Saturday, June 5: Bishop Lee Piche to celebrate Mass and speak to our club at St. Jude's!!!

