

El Camino



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2011 Serra Golf Outing Archbishop Sheehan Award Winner

Spirituality: you and I responding to God's love and His presence in our everyday lives. He is always there revealing Himself to us. God never gives up on calling vocations. He keeps asking those He calls for a "yes" response. Let us continue to affirm vocations, to affirm those who have said "yes" just the way we recently did with the seminarian picnic at St.

R t g u k f g p v ø u " Gerald Sheehan (see pictures on page 7)

We have wonderful news! **Bob Campney** has agreed to become our club's **current president-elect** and next year president. **Paul Jeffery** has agreed to follow Bob in those positions the year after that. It is very encouraging to have such good people stepping forward to lead us onward and upward. A **big thanks** to Bob and Paul for making this commitment.

As stated earlier, the golf/tennis outing in June was a big success in terms of involvement of priests, seminarians and Serrans. The financial results are in and the net proceeds were over \$6,800.00, another huge accomplishment. We hope to have Fr. Hoelsing at the October 17th meeting to present him the check to be used by his Vocations Office.

During the summer our members hosted Boys Town seminarians for home cooked dinners and conversations, helped with a brunch

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Many of the seminarians who attended our picnic were on a second career having already worked as an engineer or an attorney. Every issue of the El Camino has a list of the deceased priests and deacons listed by the anniversary date of their death. We

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Up coming Events:

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- Oct. 1 Vocations Committee Summit at St. Patrick Fremont
- Oct 8 Nun's Brunch at Happy Hollow CC at 9:30 following Mass at Mary Our Queen at 8:15 am
- Oct. 11 Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Wenceslaus with Archbishop Lucas 7:00 pm
- Oct. 14-16 Regional Convention at Embassy Suites in Lincoln NE.
- Oct. 21 Vocations Awareness for 6th Graders at Skutt High School
- Oct. 22 Permanent Deacon Ordination; Cathedral@10 am
- Oct 30, Priesthood Sunday
- Nov 7 Priest Appreciation dinner at St. Robert's at 5:30 pm
- Dec 22 Seminarian's Christmas Dinner at St Peter's following 6:00 pm Vespers

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for the IPF seminarians and also helped with the archdiocesan seminarian picnic at St. Gerald's. At the picnic, Fr. Hoelsing introduced the 27 seminarians in attendance and told all about their interesting backgrounds ranging from right out of high school to having worked several years as an Attorney or Engineer. They are fine young men and represent the future of our Church very well. Hosting and helping with these functions for our seminarians is the "bread and butter" of our work as Serrans and is very satisfying.

We recently completed our first year of **College Connection for Catholics** for the high school seniors who don't go to Catholic schools and 75 seniors made this connection, a very successful first year. A **new brochure on the Serra Club** of West Omaha has been completed and distributed. This will be good information and a great recruiting tool. Also, many of our members have committed to being a part of this year's committees and activities. Thanks for your involvement.

Upcoming events besides our luncheon meetings include:
October 1st, Parish Vocations Committee Summit at Fremont St, Patrick's at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

October 8th, Nun's Brunch at Happy Hollow CC at 9:30 following Mass at Mary our Queen at 8:15 am

October 11th, Holy Hour for
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recently lost another fine priest, Fr. Edward Hunkler. He served at many parishes throughout the diocese. I wonder what his first parish assignment was? Maybe our various vocation committees and/or groups who foster vocations, like Serra, could have a Mass said on the anniversary of a priest's death in the parishes in which they served. It would draw young people's attention at those Masses to the loss of a priest and perhaps help them to recognize that God maybe calling them to a vocation to fill the gap as it were. It's something to think about.

Speakers



Jay Dunlop, president of Madonna School in Omaha and a member of the Omaha Club spoke to the club about the school.

In 1960, Sister Mary Evangeline Randolph, RSM recognized the need Omaha had for a school to educate children with special needs. She was teaching three students at St. James Orphanage, who had cognitive disabilities that prevented them from enrolling in the public school system. They had nowhere else to go for an education.

Sister Evangeline was determined to help teach these children. Thus, Madonna School was conceived. Word spread in the community of the special classes she was conducting, and several other students enrolled. The school was originally called Omaha Archdiocesan School for Exceptional Children; however, the name was later changed to Madonna School serving special needs students.

By 1970, there were 38 children attending classes, and Madonna School was experiencing growing pains. Through the generosity of many donors and volunteers, Sister Evangeline was able to purchase a church in the Benson area and remodel it to accommodate the growing number of students. The school remained at this site for over 30 years. Madonna School has evolved from its humble beginnings in the St. James Orphanage to a beautiful 20,000-square-foot building, which opened its doors in August 2004. Today, there are 58 children attending Madonna School, ages 5 - 21.

Madonna is the only Catholic grade school in the Archdiocese that is not part of a parish. Madonna comprises three elements: a K-12 school serving mildly to moderately disabled children, a Life Skills Transition Program for mildly to moderately disabled 18-21 year olds, and a sheltered workshop for moderately to severely disabled adults.

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Speakers
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Madonna is an educational organization founded on the Christian principles of the value, worth and dignity of every individual as created by God. Their mission is to serve students and adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities to become as independent as possible.

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Fr. Dave Korth has spent the last nine years at the St. Augustine Indian Mission on the Winnebago Reservation. In 2003 he succeeded Father Tom Gall as Associate Director of St. Augustine Indian Mission. Father Dave was also Pastor of three reservation parishes. Another parish has since been added and currently Fr. Mike Eckley is pastor of the parishes. In 2005 he became the Director when Fr. Steve Boes left to go to Boys Town. He is now in his 19th year as a priest.

The Mission has a K-8 grade school and four parishes. The school has grown from 70 students in 2003 to 125 students today. More and more families now want their children to get a college degree and they see St. Augustine's as a very good foundation for that education.

Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. has created a tribal owned business that is employing many tribe members. FROM FORTUNE MAGAZINE:

What sets the Winnebago tribe of Nebraska apart from other Native Americans isn't the millions it has made from blackjack tables and slot machines--it's how the tribe has used the dough. By investing \$8 million in tribally owned startup Ho-Chunk Inc. in 1994, the tribe now has a \$95 million company that employs 350 people. And it has tribe member Lance Morgan largely to thank for that. In a poor, rural corner of the upper Midwest, the Harvard Law School grad created a diversified business, encompassing home manufacturing, construction, grocery and convenience stores, tobacco and gasoline sales and distribution, and telecommunications, as well as websites for distributing news and selling Native goods. Now Morgan, 35, is moving on to phase two: using corporate success to turn his largely empty, undeveloped reservation into a brand-new community of homes, shops, offices, and community spaces.

Fr. Dave went on to talk about the poverty levels on the reservation as well as the reduction in alcoholism and domestic violence because of the jobs that are now available.

The Benedictine Nuns have a long history with St. Augustine's and now they will be building a new convent on the mission so that more nuns will be able to teach in the schools.

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Vocations with Archbishop Lucas at St. Wenceslaus at 7:00 pm
October 14th - 16th, Serra Regional 2011 Convention in Lincoln at Embassy Suite Hotel
October 21st, Vocations awareness for 6th graders at Skutt at 7:00 am to 3:00pm
October 30th, Priesthood Sunday
November 7th, Priest Appreciation dinner at St. Robert's at 5:30 pm
December 22nd, Seminarian's Christmas Dinner at St Peter's following 6:00 pm Vespers

I wish to emphasize the great opportunity we have to attend the **Regional Convention** so conveniently **located in Lincoln**. We will have the chance to - network with other Serrans from across our region; learn about the latest happenings in Serra; hear from dynamic speakers and attend seminars to become informed of new programs that are working for other clubs. Please give this a top priority.

Together, we continue to serve the Lord and especially **to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and other vowed Religious Life**. Keep up the good work!

*God bless
Bob Huber, President*





Fr. Dave Korth mentioned the St. Augustine award winning calendar and even brought a few of them with him to our meeting.

Here is information from their [website](#):

The 2011 version of the award winning St. Augustine Indian Mission calendar is now available. We ask for a \$15 donation. They make great stocking stuffers! Contact us at 402-878-2402 to place your order



For more information on Ho Chunk (HCI) Inc. see: <http://www.hochunkinc.com/>





Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for June :

General Intention:

That all teachers may know how to communicate love of the truth and instill authentic moral and spiritual values.

For Missions:

That the Christian communities of Asia may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, witnessing to its beauty with the joy of faith.



**Happy Birthday
Fr. Tom
September 7th**

Meeting Time

First and third Monday of each month, a luncheon meeting at 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Garden Café at Rockbrook Village, 11040 Oak Street Omaha, NE 68144 (108th & Center)

Objectives

We are an organization of Catholic lay men and women who work to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life of the Catholic Church and to develop an appreciation of the priesthood and of all religious vocations in the Catholic Church. We also strive to further Catholicism by encouraging members in fellowship and education to fulfill their Christian vocation to service.

Activities and Goals

Financial support for seminarians and novices.
Letter writing and cards to seminarians.
Assistance to Archdiocesan Vocation Office.
Support for parish vocations efforts.
Start a "31" Club in all parishes.
Encourage attendance at the Serra District and International conventions.
Encourage attendance at First Saturday Mass for Vocations.
Sponsor "Wellness" programs and newsletters to priests.

History

The Serra Club of Omaha was chartered on October 7, 1951. By 1987 the Club had grown to more than 100 members and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, established a second club in the Omaha area. The Serra Club of West Omaha received its charter from Serra International on February 11, 1988 with 31 members.



Deceased Deacons and Priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha

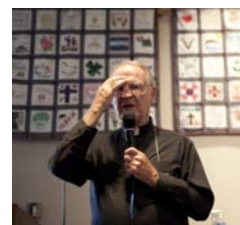
DATE	NAME	YEAR	DATE	NAME	YEAR
October			5	Rev. John J. Vogel	1958
1	Rev. Raymond G. Auer	1979	6	Rev. Francis Smutny	1890
2	Deacon Dan Janssen	1994	7	Rev. Thomas P. Healey	1916
3	Rev. Ray O. Bonham	2005		Deacon Joseph Friend	2004
4	Msgr. Edward J. Schad	2001	8	Msgr. Charles Mugan	1932
5	Rev. James J. Koros	2001		Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel	1964
	Msgr. William Kelligar	2005		Rev. Wilfred J. Spenner	2002
6	Rev. Thomas P. Moriarty	1964	9	Msgr. Barthalomew J. Leahy	1976
8	Deacon Bernie Burton	1995	10	Rev. Joseph E. Duhmel	1951
9	Rev. Nicholas J. Neuberger	1946	11	Rev. John Krajicek	1948
10	Msgr. Joseph A. Aughney	1975		Rev. Joseph Bernauer	1953
12	Rev. John W. Jungels	1944		Rev. Floribert Jaspers, OFM	1930
	Rev. Joseph L. Kaup	1987	12	Rev. Francis J. Oborny	1995
14	Rev. John C. Connealy	1991	13	Rev. Ferdinand Schnuttgen	1930
	Rev. Joseph S. Micek	2007	14	Msgr. John Vranek	1925
15	Rev. Richard M. Arkfeld	1996		Rev. Ralph M. O'Donnell	1996
	Msgr. Paul F. Peter	2000	15	Rev. Gerald C. Millenkamp	1973
	Rev. Adam Brass	1935	17	Rev. James E. Fitzgerald	1993
17	Rev. Leonard Ficenc	2006	18	Rev. John A. Hayes	1882
18	Rev. John McGoldrich	1877		Rev. John B. Daxacher	1904
	Rev. John J. McIllehenny	1926	19	Rev. Martin F. Einzing	1899
	Msgr. Patrick A. Flanagan	1960	20	Rev. Ignatius C. Spenner	1964
	Msgr. Francis J. Barta	1973		Rev. Benedict LaRoque, O.S.B.	2004
20	Rev. Joseph J. Vitko	1958	21	Rev. Thomas Carmody	1974
	Msgr. Joseph J. Faso	1965	22	Rev. Francis Aschoff	1933
	Deacon Dave Edwards	1980		Rev. Elias Abboud, O.S.B.	1937
22	Rev. Daniel W. Moriarty	1930		Rev. Francis S. Walaskewicz	1937
	Rev. William B. Martin	1982	23	Most Rev. James H. Ryan	1947
24	Msgr. Bernard Westermann	1962	24	Rev. Arthur Toher	1979
	Most Rev. Daniel E. Sheehan	2000		Deacon LeRoy Creamer	2008
25	Rev. Charles J. Knippen	1993	25	Rev. William Connor	1974
26	Rev. Kevin J. Kraft	1993		Rev. Allen H. Martin	1993
27	Rev. Stephen Carroll	1918		Msgr. Stanislaus F. Pieczonka	1993
28	Rev. James Gleeson	1907	27	Rev. Victor E. Herman	1975
29	Most Rev. Jeremiah J. Harty	1927		Rev. Patrick L. Nolan	1992
30	Rev. John Pieper	1941		Rev. Patrick A. Carroll	2004
				Deacon Vincent J. Schmit	2006
November			28	Msgr. John S. Palubicki	1956
1	Rev. Anthony Tuma	2006		Msgr. Ernest G. Graham	1975
2	Msgr. John McNamara	1949			
3	Rev. Charles J. Oborny	1992			

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December		
1	Rev. Daniel P. Neligan	1920
	Msgr. Michael F. Cassidy	1933
	Deacon Fred Alexander	2000
2	Rev. Jerimiah C. Buckley	1959
3	Rev. Thomas O'Brien	2005
4	Msgr. James J. O'Brien	1972
5	Rev. James Hundt	1949
6	Rev. Michael J. Kelly	2003
7	Rev. Joseph Drbal	1963
8	Msgr. Francis P. Kenny	1996
9	Msgr. James Aherne	1955
10	Rev. Raymond Micek, O.F.M.	1960
	Rev. Anthony A. Petrusic	2010
	Rev. James L. Weeke	2003
12	Rev. James J. Morrin	1970
	Deacon Fred Cuva	2003
13	Rev. Victor End	1934
	Rev. John O'Flynn	1943
15	Rev. Knute Lobinski, O.F.M.	1957
	Msgr. Marcel T. Keliher	1976
	Rev. Joseph W. Ariano	2007
16	Rev. Francis Xavier Korte	1922
17	Rev. Thomas W. O'Connor	1885
19	Rev. Clement J. Nacke	1981
20	Msgr. Ferdinand Peitz	1931
21	Rev. William X. Fitzpatrick	1947
	Deacon Richard Edgerton	2003
23	Deacon Eugene Hanson	2001
24	Rev. Raymond J. Lisco	1955
	Msgr. Floyd F. Fischer	1992
25	Rev. Stanislaus Jaszczynski	1918
	Rev. Michael Schauer	1972
26	Rev. William Giblin	1960
	Rev. George F. Jonaitis	1963
	Rev. Kenneth M. Potts	1998
27	Rev. Stefan Flisiak	2001
28	Rev. Martin J. Brady	1953
	Msgr. Theodore H. Buelt	1979
	Msgr. Joseph H. Osdick	1983
30	Rev. Henry J. Buerger	1932
31	Rev. Thomas E. McDermott	1990
	Rev. Peter F. Zarkauskas	1994

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Pictures by Bob Ervin



The Serra Club of Lincoln invites you to attend the 2011 Serra Region IX Conference, which will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 14 ì 16, 2011. The

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c/o Deacon Mike DeSelm
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God is always calling men to the priesthood, religious life and the Permanent Diaconate, and women to religious life. Helping them to hear that call is the most important role that YOU can play.

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