

THE BELLRINGERS

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR SERRA LEADERS

08 April 2008

The Serrans of Brazil warmly encourage you to come early and stay late when you visit their beautiful and fascinating homeland for Serra's 66th international convention to be held in Aguas de Lindoia Sao Paulo State Brazil from 14 – 17 August 2008. As one of many convention highlights, Serra's Episcopal Adviser, His Eminence, Justin Cardinal Rigali will deliver the Keynote Address on the theme of the convention, "Vocation: The Dream of God!"

Located in the mountains northwest of Sao Paulo, the attractive resort city of Aguas de Lindoia provides a pristine and peaceful environment. The convention headquarters hotel is the 4-star Hotel Monte Real Resort.

Full details of the convention program, including pre- and post-convention tours are available by going directly to www.serraconvention.org.

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PLEASE NOTE: Included in this edition of **THE BELLRINGERS** is the necessary form to enable each and every Serra Club to send its delegate, alternate delegate or proxy delegate to the convention.

SERRA'S 2008 CONVENTION - A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CLUB!

We urge every Serra Club to send a delegate to Serra's 66th international convention to be held in Aguas de Lindoia, Sao Paulo State, Brazil from 14 - 17 August 2008. It is important that each club's voice is heard and vote counted at the delegates' meeting held during the convention. Delegates also bring back to their clubs their reports of the convention happenings, thereby informing their fellow Serrans about new ideas and initiatives for vocation activities, internal programs, recruiting and membership retention, and communications. The convention is a special time of interaction and fellowship on a global level. Act now to make sure that your club will have representation at this year's international convention.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

2008 Convention Delegate Credential

Please have your Serra Club elect its delegate to the 2008 international convention by completing the form provided herewith and either mailing it to Serra International 70 East Lake Street Suite 1210, Chicago, Illinois 60601 U.S.A. or faxing it to (312) 419 8077.

Delegate credentials sent by mail must be postmarked **no later than 15 July 2008**.

Bylaws of Serra International, Article II, Section 2

The only members of SERRA INTERNATIONAL entitled to vote as such under the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act shall be SERRA CLUBS. Each SERRA CLUB in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at international conventions, which shall be cast for it by its duly elected delegate. Each SERRA CLUB in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate. Such delegate, and an alternate shall be selected from the membership of the club, but, if the club cannot send one of its own members, it may select, as a proxy delegate, a member of another club in the same district to represent it at a convention, or it may select a proxy delegate from any other district. The credentials of a delegate, alternate delegate or proxy delegate shall be evidenced by a certificate of the president and the secretary of the club she or he represents, and such credentials shall be delivered to SERRA INTERNATIONAL before noon on the opening day of the convention, or mailed to the executive office of SERRA INTERNATIONAL postmarked not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the convention.

PLEASE NOTE:

Delegates have the option of delivering their credentials in person when they arrive in Aguas de Lindoia. To be valid, such delegate credentials must be delivered before noon on Thursday 14 August 2008 to the office of SERRA INTERNATIONAL located at the Hotel Monte Real Resort in Aguas de Lindoia, Sao Paulo State, Brazil.

As required by the Bylaws of SERRA INTERNATIONAL, every delegate credential must bear the signatures of both the president and secretary of the Serra Club that the delegate, alternate delegate or proxy delegate is representing.

The club chaplain is NOT eligible to serve as delegate. Each Serra Club, in order to send a delegate to the convention, must be in good standing with Serra International.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

Slate of Officers and Trustees 2008-2009

President	Cesare Gambardella, Palermo, Italy
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Trustees Nominees (One year remaining)	Emilio Artiglieri, Genoa, Italy Joseph M. Donahue, Northwest Metro Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Thomas A. Wong, Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China
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PLEASE NOTE: Included in this issue of THE BELLRINGERS are the necessary forms to enable Serra Clubs to participate in Serra's annual awards. Please respond appropriately for the good of Serra.

HARRY J. O'HAIRE AWARD

The annual Harry J. O'Haire award recognizes a Serran who has made an outstanding contribution to Serra International. *Please note that the nomination form should be submitted to your district governor by 31 May 2008.* District governors are asked to select a district nominee from the nominations received and forward that nomination to Serra headquarters **by 30 June 2008.**

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. COUSINS AWARD

To recognize the work of Serra chaplains, Serra's Board of Trustees instituted the Archbishop Cousins Award. Named after one of Serra's past episcopal advisers, the award is presented annually to a club chaplain, who by his leadership and dedication, has done the most to inspire his club in its work for vocations. The award will be made to a chaplain who has made the difference between a strong Serra Club and an average one. Clubs are invited to nominate chaplains who have made a real contribution by their presence and efforts. Longtime service will be taken into consideration by the judges. Current or past chaplains are eligible for the award. *Completed nomination forms must be received at Serra headquarters by 31 May 2008.* The Serra chaplain who is selected to receive this award will be recognized at the international convention in Aguas de Lindoia on 15 August 2008. The winner and the nominating club will be notified by 30 June 2008.

FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA AWARDS

Each year Serra International honors clubs or districts for outstanding programs that promote the objectives of Serra: the Father Junipero Serra Award for Promoting Vocations and the Father Junipero Award Serra Award for Furthering Catholicism. Tell the Serra world about your noteworthy program and give your club or district some well-deserved recognition. Please see the enclosed entry forms for details. *Completed award nominations must be received at Serra headquarters by 31 May 2008.*

HARRY J. O'HAIRE AWARD NOMINATION 2007-2008

THE SERRA CLUB OF _____ HEREBY NAMES THE FOLLOWING MEMBER "OUTSTANDING SERRAN" AND NOMINATES HIM/HER FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE **HARRY J. O'HAIRE AWARD**.

NAME _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ (RES.) _____ (BUS.)

PARISH _____

BUSINESS/PROFESSION _____

TITLE _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB: YEARS IN SERRA _____

OFFICES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS HELD IN CLUB:

YEAR(S)	OFFICE	YEAR(S)	OFFICE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB (E.G. IN MEMBERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROGRAMS, PROMOTION OF VOCATION PROGRAMS, OR COMMUNICATIONS:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERRA INTERNATIONAL:

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS (DISTRICT GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR-ELECT, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE, INTERNATIONAL OFFICER, ETC.) AND YEARS SERVED:

YEAR(S)	OFFICE	YEAR(S)	OFFICE
_____	_____	_____	_____

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERRA INTERNATIONAL (E.G. ORGANIZING NEW CLUBS, DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL PROGRAMS, PROMOTION OF VOCATION PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATIONS, CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON):

LIST BELOW OTHER CATHOLIC, CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS THAT MAY BE PERTINENT:

LIST BELOW NAMES AND MAILING ADDRESSES OF NEWS MEDIA IN THE CLUB TERRITORY THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN NEWS CONCERNING THE NOMINEE:

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
(CLUB PRESIDENT)

PLEASE SEND THIS NOMINATION FORM TO YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR BY **31 May 2008**

(District Governors to forward the district nominee to Serra headquarters by **30 June 2008**)

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Fax: (312) 419-8077 Toll Free: (800) 377-7877 (U.S.A. only)

Web site: www.serra.org

e-mail: serra@serra.org

NOMINATION FOR THE ARCHBISHOP COUSINS AWARD 2007-2008

The Serra Club of _____ hereby nominates its
Chaplain for the Archbishop Cousins Award:

Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State _____

Telephone _____

1. How many years has your chaplain been with your club? _____
2. What percentage of meetings does he attend each year? _____
3. What percentage of Board meetings does he attend? _____
4. How would you describe the rapport he has with the president and officers of your club?

5. How and when does he acquaint himself with new members?

6. How many district conventions has he attended? _____
7. How many international conventions has he attended? _____
8. Is he in contact with seminarians in your diocese? If so, in what ways?

9. In what other ways does he give spiritual guidance to your club?

10. How has the chaplain provided guidance in planning the club program?
11. In what way does the chaplain motivate your membership?
12. Is your chaplain in contact with and does he confer with other successful Serra chaplains?
When?
13. Is he familiar with Serra's Constitution and Bylaws at the international and local levels?
14. Please attach a statement (100 words or less) on what distinguishes your Chaplain and makes him
an excellent nominee for the Archbishop Cousins Award.

Submitted by: _____

Club President's signature: _____

Date: _____

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Father Junipero Serra Awards

WHY THE TWO FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA AWARDS?

The purpose of this program is to encourage activity in promoting the objectives of Serra, and to provide recognition to those Serra Clubs or Districts that excel in promoting these objectives.

WHAT ARE THE ANNUAL AWARDS?

A permanent plaque is maintained at Serra headquarters, detailing the title of the awards, the name of the winning Clubs or Districts, and the year. A separate award plaque shall be presented to each winning Club or District listing its name and a description of the winning program.

WHAT ARE THE AWARDS FOR?

1. For the club or district that initiated during the past year the most innovative and effective new vocation activity program or the most innovative and effective new application of an existing vocation activity program.
2. For the club or district that offered the most recognizably successful and innovative effort to further Catholicism by helping members fulfill their Christian vocations to service.

HOW DOES A CLUB (DISTRICT) QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE?

Every Serra Club (District) in good standing is eligible to be selected for these two awards. Clubs or Districts interested should submit an entry form demonstrating the originality of the idea and implementation or revitalization and implementation of a program.

WHAT ARE THE "GUIDELINES" FOR PARTICIPATION?

Originality is most important. A degree of success is a primary criterion and will be considered along with innovation in the ultimate decision. Written objective evaluation of the program by Serrans, their associates and participants is most important. Programs presented for evaluation should be initiated by the club or district no earlier than the beginning of January of the preceding year.

WHERE SHOULD YOUR ENTRY FORM BE SENT?

Your completed entry form should be sent to Serra International headquarters **no later than 31 May 2008.**

WHEN WILL THE AWARDS BE PRESENTED?

Selection of winners will be announced at Serra's international convention in Spokane, Washington. Clubs and districts in contention will be notified so they might have ample representation at the convention should they receive the award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Entry for 2007-2008

**Father Junipero Serra
Award**

For

Promoting

Vocations

Club Entry _____
(Name)

OR

District Entry _____
(Name)

DATE: _____

PERSON TO BE CONTACTED
REGARDING THIS REPORT:

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

NAME:

ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE:

BUSINESS TELEPHONE:

2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

OFFICE HELD:

3. DESCRIPTION OF HOW PROGRAM DEVELOPED

4. TIMETABLE FOLLOWED

5. PROGRAM RESULTS (Compared to Program Objectives)

6. SUPPORTING MATERIAL. Please include any or all of the following material that might be available: Scrapbooks, news clippings, letters of commendation, reactions of participants, brochures, photos, etc.

Entry for 2007-2008

Father Junipero Serra Award

for

Furthering Catholicism

*Recognizing Excellence in Serra Club
Programming*

Club Entry _____
(Name)

OR

District Entry _____
(Name)

DATE: _____

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