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A Message From our President Paul Kohl...

The January Luncheon was held at Sunset 44 in Kirkwood. While over 50 registered, the snow really came down right at the time for the Luncheon so several were unable to attend. However, over 40 were there to hear Msgr. Henry Breier, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica, as he reviewed his many experiences since he was ordained. It was a

wonderful presentation.

We are grateful for his assistance with the logistics of our annual Christmas Mass at the Cathedral. Many Serrans were able to view the presentation live on our Facebook Page. We will continue to live stream future luncheons. If you miss the live presentation, the video is always available on the Club's Facebook page.



Thanks to Angie Doerr for her efforts to make the arrangements for our Luncheons. The next

Luncheon will be on February 24, at Sunset 44. Details are in the Newsletter.

Thanks to Adina for organizing the High School Sophomore Essay Contest. The top essays were wonderful and inspiring. Choosing the winning essay was a very difficult decision. Adina read the top boy's and girl's essay at our January Luncheon. Thanks also to Jeanne Fluri for her assistance with the essay contest. The 6th Grade Essay Contest is being organized at this time.

While we don't currently have two meetings a month, I encourage all of you to take advantage of Serra USA's monthly ZOOM meetings, Serra Meets, as our second meeting. These are great presentations by national personalities connected with Serra International. The most recent one was by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and Episcopal Adviser for Serra International. The presentation was very personal and easy going. Even though this is a Zoom presentation, you aren't visible to the participants when you log in, so there is no reason not to view it. The next presentation is on Saturday morning, February 13 at 11 AM. The presenter is Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, WA, the Episcopal Adviser for Serra's USA Council.

I strongly encourage everyone to reach out to invite new members. They can attend our luncheons in person or by live stream to get a feel for what we do as Serrans. Things will open up in the near future, and we need to continue to build our membership. Please do not hesitate to invite people you know who might benefit from being a member of the St. Louis Serra Club.

St. Junipero Serra, Pray for Us
Mary, Queen of Vocations, Pray for Us
-Paul



Sophomore Essay Contest Winners

Ladies:

1st Place \$1,000 - Kendall Roberts - Incarnate Word Academy, Immaculate Conception Dardenne Parish

2nd Place \$500 - Carley Pohl - Visitation Academy, Immaculate Conception Dardenne Parish

3rd Place \$250 (Tie) - Reagan Kilcullin, St. Dominic High School, Sacred Heart Parish Troy
- Mary Morgan, Cor Jesu Academy, Oratory of Sts. Gregory and Augustine & St. Clare of Assisi Parish youth group

- Katherine Williams, Visitation Academy, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Gentlemen:

1st Place \$1,000 - Andrew Keenan - Chaminade College Preparatory, St. Paul's Parish Fenton

2nd Place \$500 - Kevin Huber - St. Dominic High School, St. Cletus Parish

3rd Place \$250 (Tie) - Timothy Forget - John Paul II Preparatory, St. Alban Roe
- Kellen Zoberi - Chaminade College Preparatory, St. Genevieve du Bois

Teachers of 1st Place Winners \$250 - Mrs. Cassie Hackworth, Incarnate Word Academy
\$250 - Dr. Emmanuel Pretila, Chaminade College Preparatory



1st Place - Andrew Keenan
Chaminade College Preparatory



3rd Place - Kellen Zoberi
Chaminade College Preparatory

In the past, it has been customary to present these awards in person, usually at an all-school Mass. Due to the current Covid related restrictions at the schools, it will not be possible this year. Checks will be mailed to the teachers, and schools are planning ways to recognize and honor the winners. We have also asked them to share any pictures of the presentations with us.

We are now preparing to launch our **6th Grade Vocation Essay Contest** with the theme *"Who or what has helped you stay close to Jesus during this strange time of pandemic?"*

Information will be sent to parishes, private schools, home school and scout organizations, as well as middle school youth ministry programs. Please encourage any 6th grade students, teachers, PSR programs, etc. to participate. Submissions will be accepted throughout February, with judging beginning in March.

Fr. Fallon and the Vocation Office will be taking Focus 11, the annual vocation awareness event, online this year. This day retreat is designed to help students strengthen their Catholic identity and foster personal awareness of God's plan for their lives. Catch it on YouTube live or watch the recording here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCixTkyA8H1O5iz6a87gwwLA>

Thank You Notes received from St. Louis

I recently received a grant from the Hoflich Fund and I'm writing to thank you again for your years of financial and spiritual generosity to me as I progress toward priestly ordination. I'm always humbled by your support and really, it's the voices of Serrans that are always the loudest in encouraging our discernment. And that's no small thing! Please remember how much we appreciate everything you do for us. This financial gift is a great support on my internship. By God's grace, I'll be ordained a deacon next year and a priest in 2023! It's hard to believe it's getting so close! Please continue to pray for me, that I might serve our Archdiocese and its many people with great zeal and energy. As always, know of my prayers and continued gratitude for all of you. Wishing you every grace and blessing from the Lord, as well as continued success for the Serra Club organization.

I remain sincerely yours in Christ, Ryan Quarnstrom

Thank you very much for the extremely generous gift of your support and assistance in my discernment process. Besides the funds that have been applied to my tuition, I am also very grateful for your many prayers. Thank you very much and know that I am praying for you!

In Christ, Curtis Prize

Thank you again for your outstanding generosity. I am so grateful for all that you do to support me financially and spiritually in my discernment. Please be assured of my prayers for you all during this blessed Advent and Christmas season.

In Jesus through Mary, Michael Laugeman

Thank you so much for the (money) granted to me through the Hoflich Fund. Your prayers and financial support are so helpful to my seminary formation! Please know of my prayers for you all as you continue to be so generous in the Church's mission of forming holy, happy, healthy priests.

In Christ, Joseph Esserman

SERRA MEETS, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 AT 11 AM

The presenter at the next Serra Meets is His Excellency Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane, WA. He is the Episcopal Adviser for Serra's USA Council. He will kick off a series of guided Lenten reflections for Serrans. Using the book, *Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Vincent de Paul*, by Fr. John Rybolt, CM, as a companion, Bishop Daly will lead us in weekly reflections for the holy season leading up to Easter. The book is available from Liguori Publications at a 25% discount. Contact Paul Kohl for details if you are interested.

Mark your calendars for a special opportunity to grow closer to Jesus with our USA Episcopal Adviser as our guide.

Below are the links for the meeting. If anyone has trouble or a question about the link, contact Paul Kohl.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVlKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09>

Passcode: 853558

Prayers For Priest

1. Tomaszewicz, Rev. Edward J., C.M.
2. Weber, Rev. George , C.M.
3. Wood, Rev. Robert E., C.M.
4. Zoellner, Br. Richard P., C.M.
5. Beighlie, Rev. James , C.M.
6. Cormack, Rev. James B., C.M.
7. Lause, Rev. Richard L., C.M.
8. Schulte, Rev. Daniel , C.M.
9. Albin, Br. Joseph Paul , O.P.
10. Bowen, Rev. Brent , O.P.
11. Cavanaugh, Br. James Pierce, O.P.
12. DeGuire, Br. Jordan , O.P.
13. Dunn, Br. Greg , O.P.
14. Durham, Rev. De Porres C., O.P.
15. Goergen, Rev. Donald , O.P.
16. Grote, Br. Matthew Paul , O.P.
17. Harrington, Rev. Jay M., O.P.
18. Hill, Br. Michael , O.P.
19. Johnson, Deacon Christopher , O.P.
20. Keller, Br. Benjamin , O.P.
21. Kuhlmann, Rev. Steven Francis, O.P.
22. Lewtizke, Br. Peter , O.P.
23. McCaffery, Br. Adrian , O.P.
24. Mele, Rev. Carmen , O.P.
25. Michalski, Very Rev. Simon Felix, O.P.
26. Miranda, Br. Isaac , O.P.
27. Nguyen, Br. Hoang , O.P.
28. Nobles, Br. Martin , O.P.
29. O'Brien, Rev. Scott , O.P.

February Birthdays

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| Lucy Mertens 1 | Jack Giebe 15 |
| Mary Landgraf 3 | Christopher Burnes 18 |
| Mary Lewis 8 | Eliot Casey 18 |
| Mark Martin 8 | Marje Sulewski 20 |
| Colin Power 8 | Pat Hanley 24 |
| Betty Telthorst 8 | Abby Cole 25 |
| Angie Doerr 13 | Lauren Fogarty 29 |
| Jim Ferris 14 | |
| Gary Uthoff 14 | |

Events

Wednesday February 24: Mass, Lunch and Meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Sunset 44 Bistro and Banquet, 118 W. Adams Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Mass Presider and Speaker: Father Philip Krill, Pastor of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Lemay, Missouri

Spiritual Works

As a Serran Family, we remember our Serra Club members and friends who have gone before us with the sign of faith. We pray they are now celebrating with Our Lord in heaven. We remember in prayer: Glenn Holtz, father of Lennis Bange, Robert Stoverink, Marietta Riehemann, Marie Klein, Mary Fitzgerald (former Serran), Elmer Borgmeyer, Glenn Mertens, Dorothy Tracy, mother-in-law of Adina Tracy, Walter "Bud" Leonard, Bob Wiedemann- Jeanne Fluri's father, Whitey Schneller

We also pray for those who are ill, especially, Judy Maurer, Dottie Borgmeyer, Mary Espenschied ,Gloria Schwarz, Evelyn Keller, Karen Taylor and her husband John.

Membership Update:

Dear Serrans,

As we approach Spring, think about inviting a friend who might like to join Serra Club!

In 2020, a number of great Serrans unfortunately passed away.

Let's continue to keep our STL Serra Club largest with the most members!!

Questions, call Jeanne Fluri 314-822-2055.

Prayers,
Jeanne Fluri