



*Saint Serra Club of Des Moines*

*Monthly Newsletter*



**February 2016**

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### **Serra Vocations Prayer**



God our Father, today may I have an opportunity by my actions to encourage a vocation to the religious life. Help me to conduct myself in a Christian manner that I might give proper example particularly to the young. Through the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, may I also support those in religious life in their vocation of service to your Church. May the sincerity of my prayers and my concern for vocations result in an increase of laborers for Jesus and His Church.

Amen.

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### **Thoughts from the President -**

Hello to all members of the Des Moines St. Serra Club! By the time you read this the 2016 caucus will be over. On one hand I will be glad it's over, but on the other hand I understand the importance of our presidential selection process! Iowans can be proud that the nation looks to us to start the election process. It has world-wide implications, and I know Iowans do NOT take it lightly! I trust your religious views guided you in the selection process!

Invitations have gone out to all members for the Annual Bishop's Dinner to present him with the Mark Mulvihill Bishop's Burse. It is Sunday evening February 21st at Des Moines Golf and Country Club starting at 6:00 PM.

Our Club will have a retreat on Saturday April 16th at the Dowling Catholic High School chapel starting with rolls and coffee/juice at 8:30 AM. Bishop Emeritus Joseph Charron will lead the retreat at 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. I expect that we will conclude by 11:30 AM. Please plan to attend as Bishop Charron always provides great reflection!

We will not have our February luncheon, but we WILL have First Friday Mass this week at St. Francis. Mass is at 7:15 AM, preceded by the Rosary at 6:45 AM. Coffee and donuts to follow Mass!

I would like to shout out a big THANK YOU to Virginia Klemm for offering to help our Club on a few projects, and I hear that she's recruiting so you may get a call from her! Please say YES!

Lastly, one of my personal goals this year is to work to grow our Club! I want to reach out to all area priests, deacons, sisters, and seminarian families to ask for their prayers of support and to consider membership into our St. Serra Club, if they aren't already members. And, all current members will be encouraged to reach out to those in their own parish to spread the word about our St. Serra Club!

God Bless you all!

**- Jim Henscheid**

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## February Calendar of Events

- Eucharistic Adoration - Location and date TBD
- NO Monthly Luncheon Planned in February due to Bishop Pates Appreciation Dinner

### February 5 -

First Friday Mass for Vocations - St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7075 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, IA - 6:45 AM (Rosary); 7:15 AM (Mass)

### February 21 -



Annual Bishop's Dinner - In honor of the Most Reverend Richard E. Pates and to present the Mark Mulvihill Bishop's Burse. Des Moines Golf and Country Club. 6:00 PM - Reception in the Continental Lounge. 6:45 PM - Dinner in the Starlight Ballroom. Valet Parking is available. Reservations are \$45.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to St. Serra Club of Des Moines and mailed to Linda Rutledge, 3505 SW 27th St., Des Moines, IA 50321-2622. If

you are unable to attend but want to make a donation to help defray the costs, please send to the same address.

### February 27 -

International Rosary for Vocations Conference Call - We will begin our prayer on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8:00 AM CST with Serrans from around the world. For more information, see the information in the article found this newsletter.

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## Member Dues -

Invoices for member dues were recently emailed/mailed to all members. The semi-annual dues are \$60.00 for regular members and \$30.00 for spouse members. If you want to pay for an entire year, annual dues for regular members are \$120.00 and spouse members are \$60.00 (that's only \$10 per month for regular members and \$5 per month for spouses).



For the past 25 years, our Club has sent a birthday gift of \$25.00 to our Seminarians. We would like to increase that to \$40.00 or \$50.00 in the future. In addition to remitting your dues, please consider an additional voluntary contribution to our Seminarian Birthday Fund.

Please make your check(s) payable to the **Saint Serra Club of Des Moines**, and mail it to the following address:

**Mr. William R. Cook  
Saint Serra Club of Des Moines  
1133 7th Street  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265**

Thank you for all the financial support and time you devote to the mission of the Saint Serra Club of Des Moines!

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## Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Junipero Serra



Led by

Msgr. Frank Chiodo  
St. Anthony Church

**April 11-20, 2016**



**\$3099.00** single supplement \$840.00

Visit 10 California Missions

Arrive in San Diego and travel north to San Francisco

Contact the parish office at 244-4709 or

Fran Chiodo at 991-5403 for more on the pilgrimage to CA.

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### **Serra Foundation - consider giving this year!**

The Serra Foundation was established in 1951 and had over \$1 million in requests for help last year from seminaries and convents worldwide. It gave out about \$225,000 to many worthy vocations projects, including the Archdiocese of the US Military in the US. Clubs and individual members are asked to consider giving any amount this year to the Foundation to help with worldwide vocations work. For more information, go to [www.serrainternational.org](http://www.serrainternational.org) and click on the Serra Foundation tab.

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### **Serra International Convention to be Hosted by Region 9 this year in St. Louis, June 30 - July 3**

In lieu of its annual regional convention, Region 9 is helping to host the Serra International Convention this year in St. Louis. The St. Louis Serra clubs are organizing the event with the help of Serra International. It's rare that we get the opportunity to attend a Serra International Convention so close to us. Please consider coming. The event will be held in downtown St. Louis at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. The Archbishop of St. Louis, Robert Carlson (formerly of Sioux Falls SD) will be celebrating the opening Mass. Father Brett Brannen, author of *To Save A Thousand Souls*, will speak, as will Patty Schneur on her personal faith journey. Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha will celebrate Friday Mass, and Bishop Andrew Cozzens, our episcopal advisor to Serra US will celebrate the Mass on July 1 (first anniversary of Junipero Serra as a Saint). For baseball fans, The KC Royals are playing the St. Louis Cardinals at the nearby stadium on Wednesday, June 29th, at 7:30 pm, and Thursday, June 30th at 6:15 pm.

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## Feb. 27 International Rosary for Vocations Conference Call

Serra International has started a new prayer initiative for vocations—a worldwide rosary prayed together with hundreds of Serrans from around the world on a conference call or, if you use your computer, online. The last Saturday of every month, Serrans from all over the world are invited to join together in a recitation of the Rosary for vocations. Please join us for our fourth monthly international prayer of the Rosary for vocations. We will begin our prayer on **Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8:00 AM CST** with Serrans from around the world .

**To join our rosary from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981>

**You can also dial in using your phone.** Dial 1-321-757-3119 and enter the access code: 314 315 981

### Rosary Conference Call Etiquette

#### Quiet Please

- **The Phone:** If possible, use a regular telephone. Good quality cell phones with a clear signal also work. Avoid using the speaker function.
- **Call from somewhere quiet** - away from pets, children, your spouse or coworkers - where you won't be disturbed. Put a "Do not Disturb" sign on your doorbell or office door. Turn off the TV and any music.
- **Mute:** When necessary, use the "mute" button on your phone to keep out background noises, breathing, coughing, sneezing, etc.
- **Don't use the "hold" button FOR ANY REASON.** It might make a buzzing in the line that can be heard by other callers. If you are calling in from work and have "music on hold," the music will be heard by the other participants and interrupt the call.

#### Dialing In

- **Be on time!** Have the conference call phone number and participant access code (if any) ready so you don't have to search for it at the last minute. Try to call in just a minute or two before the official start time.
- **Note long distance:** Please note that in most cases you'll be calling a long-distance number, and that cost will show up on your telephone phone bill. (Unless you've got an unlimited long distance plan.)
- **No answer:** If the phone rings but you get no answer - or if the participant access code will not work - you might have misdialed or you are calling at the wrong time. Check the number and the time (and the code) and redial.
- **If you arrive late, do not interrupt the prayer.** Remain silent and catch up as best you can.

#### Call Courtesy

- **Focus on the call:** Be courteous to your conference call leader and your fellow participants by giving your full attention to the prayer of the Rosary.
- **When the call is over,** feel free to say goodbye to everyone and hang up.
- **If you must leave early, do not interrupt the prayer** by announcing your departure. Just hang up.