

# Serra Club of Indianapolis – 2nd Quarter 2017 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

### July

**7** **Mass for Vocations** at Cathedral High School, 8:30 AM

**24** **Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM – Speaker Fr Joe Moriarty. Election of new board members.

### Aug

**4** **Mass for vocations** at Our Lady of Lourdes, 8:15 AM

**28** **Night of Rededication** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:30 PM

### Sept

**10** **Cookout with Priests** at St Jude, 4-7 PM

**15** **Mass for Vocations** at Roncalli High School, 9:30 AM

## Club Events in the 2nd Quarter 2017

### **Mass for Vocations – April 7**

20 Serrans and several guests attended an all school Mass celebrated by Fr Chris Wadleton at St Philip Neri. Fr Chris told the students that God wants everyone to be their best. Serran Mike Hirsch complimented St Philip's for their many religious vocations. He also told the students the story of St Junipero Serra and about the Serra Club. Mike advised that they will hear God talking to them in their hearts and that it is OK to talk about vocations with their parents and with Fr Chris.

Following Mass, at the coffee and donuts social, Fr Chris talked about his vocation which he believed may have started when he was an altar server at 4 Masses on one Saturday when he was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Serran Don Beckerich had submitted the young Chris Wadleton's name to a Called by Name dinner. After graduating from college, he was working and occasionally met a retired Jesuit priest for a drink. The Jesuit advised that "If God's plan is for you to be a priest, you don't have a choice."

### **Essay Contest Luncheon – April 17**

55 Serrans and guests attended the luncheon at Fatima Retreat House to celebrate and hear the John D. Kelley Essay Contest winners read their essays about how they learned what it means to be a disciple through the ministry or witness of a man or woman in consecrated life, a priest or a deacon.

The 2017 winners were:

Xavier Wilson – Gr 7, St. Roch, Indianapolis

Abby Hanlon, - Gr 8, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, IN

Hayden Redelman – Gr 9, Bishop Chatard

Katie Kelley – Gr 10, Cathedral

Catherine Jasper – Gr 11, Cathedral

Reilly Trieloff – Gr 12, Cathedral

The "disciples" (Frs. Jeff Godecker, James Wilmoth, Bob Sims, and John Zahn, Deacon Rick Wagner, and Sr. Nicolette Etienne, OSB) attended the luncheon as well as the students' parents and sponsors. Louise Collet was the MC for the luncheon and Lisa Kelley presented plaques and cash awards to the winners.



**In his winning essay, St Roch 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Xavier Wilson, talked about Fr Jim Wilmoth (foreground), and his example of discipleship.**

### **Cookout with Bishop Brute College Seminarians – April 24**

Approximately 80 attendees (Serrans and guests, seminarians, priests, etc) enjoyed a great evening of prayers and cookout at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary.

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## **Spring Leadership Conference – April 29**

Suzy McLaughlin, Carole Kacius, George Maley, and John Ryan met with members from Serra Clubs in Lafayette, Kokomo, South Bend, and Champaign –Urbana at St Lawrence Catholic Church in Lafayette, IN. Featured speakers were: Bishop Timothy Doherty, Bishop of Lafayette Diocese, Fr Thomas Haan, Chaplain at Bishop Guerin High School, and Ray Vales, Treasurer of Serra International.

## **Mass for Vocations – May 5**

Serrans attended the Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations at St John the Evangelist followed by a pasta dinner.

## **Club Dinner Meeting – May 22**

Matt Faley, the Director of Young Adult and College Campus Ministry (YACCM) for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis gave an overview of why we have such a need for outreach to young adults and the hope that he has seen through daily work with this group.

## **Mass for Vocations – June 2**

For the first time, a Serra Club Mass for vocations was held at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Danville IN. Fr Michael Fritsch was the celebrant.

## **Bishop Brute Days – June 22-24**

15 Serra Club volunteers provided lunches for the 40 campers, 3 priests, and 6 seminarians. Fr. Eric expressed appreciation of the Serra Club's support. The priests, seminarians, and campers prayed for the members of the Serra Club and our mission.

## **Ordination of New Archdiocesan Deacons – June 24**

Archbishop Designate Charles Thompson ordained 21 new permanent deacons to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral.

## **Club Dinner Meeting – June 26, 2017**

35 Serrans and guests heard Deacon Rick Wagner lead with the Gospel parable about the rich man who asked Jesus what he had to do get into heaven in his presentation on "Our Work is Never Done." The lesson Deacon Rick taught is that we should never believe we have accomplished enough to be worthy to get into heaven. But as Deacon Rick's spiritual advisor, Fr Don Schmidlin, once advised him: As long as we keep working on it, we will become worthy.

President Elect, Suzy McLaughlin presented a proposed slate of candidates for the new Board of Trustees and asked if others would be interested in serving. The election will be held at the July 24 club dinner meeting, and installation of new board members will occur at the Night of Rededication on August 28.

Chaplain Fr Bonke advised us to pray for the several priests who are transitioning to new assignments, for the 21 new deacons who were just ordained, and for our new Archbishop Charles Thompson as he begins his role as our shepherd.

## **Strategic Planning**

Kevin O'Brien and Ken Scheer coordinated 3 meetings and led several Serrans through a strategic planning process for our club. The results are: new mission, vision, 5 year goals (2018-2022), and objectives for the year 2018. Once final approval is obtained by the Board of Trustees, the new plan will be distributed to all club members and explained at future club dinner meetings.

## **Server Awards**

Marilyn Ellis again coordinated the distribution of the Robert Alerding Altar Server Awards to parishes in the Archdiocese who requested them. In 2017, 333 certificates and 36 medals were sent to 35 parishes.

<p><b>Remember to pray each day for an increase in Religious Vocations in our Archdiocese.</b></p>
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