

Serra Club of Indianapolis – 3rd Quarter 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events – (Put on your calendar)

- Oct**
- 1** **Cookout with Priests** – at St Jude Rectory, 4-7 PM
- 11** **Mass for Vocations** at St Malachy – 8:15 AM
- 30** **Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 5:40 PM Rosary. 6 PM Dinner – Sandra Miesel will present “How the Saints Link Us to Christ”
- Nov**
- tbd** **Mass for vocations**
- 9** **8th Grade Pilgrimages** – girls to Our Lady of Grace Monastery and boys to Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary
- 27** **Club Dinner Meeting** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM
- Dec**
- tbd** **Mass for Vocations**
- 18** **Seminarian Dinner** at Fatima Retreat House, 6 PM

Club Events in the 3rd Quarter 2017

Mass for Vocations – July 7

30 Serrans and guests attended a communion service in the Our Lady of Providence Chapel at Cathedral High School. Principal Dave Worland led the congregation, and George Maley delivered the readings. A nice continental breakfast was hosted by Cathedral and provided good opportunity for visiting with fellow Serrans and guests.

Board of Trustees Meeting – July 19

The club has 79 members including Chaplain Fr Bonke. 9 new members joined in 2017. Mike Hirsch resigned from the board. Slate of officers for the new board was reviewed.

Club Dinner Meeting – July 24

The evening began with a rosary at the shrine. Fr Joe Moriarty presented “A Father’s Welcome: The Gift of Mercy.” Members of the new Board of Trustees were elected, as follows:

President – Suzy McLaughlin
President Elect – Rick Santangelo
VP Programs – Mary Dougherty
VP Membership – Mike Kirk
VP Communications – Art Berkemeier
VP Vocations Outreach – Tim Kelker
Treasurer – Dave Fink
Secretary – Monica Foye

1 Year Trustees –
Joe Dwenger
Kevin O’Brien

2 year Trustees –
Larry O’Bryan
Larry Timko
Anne Wessel
Steve Wessel

Past President – John Ryan

The new board assumes responsibility at the August board meeting.



Serrans praying the rosary at Fatima Retreat House shrine.

Mass for Vocations – August 4

19 Serrans and guests enjoyed an intimate Mass with Our Lady of Lourdes pastor, Fr Richard Ginther, who, on this feast of St John Vianney, talked about how many great people found success doing God’s work in this life despite personal limitations. Fr Ginther would like to have Serra Club representation from Lourdes and is hoping to start a parish vocation committee.

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Board of Trustees Meeting – August 16

Thanks to Art and Ann Berkemeier for a generous donation to the club endowment fund (Donor-Advised Fund for Priestly Vocations). Serra International and USA Council dues have been paid for the year. Respective ads congratulating the new Archbishop and the new deacons and also promoting our club were published in the *Criterion*.

Night of Rededication – August 28

62 Serrans and guests attended a great evening at Fatima Retreat House for the club's annual Night of Rededication. Club chaplain, Fr James Bonke celebrated Mass on this feast of St Augustine and compared the power of prayer from the depth of her heart by Augustine's mother, St Monica, for the conversion of her son to the prayer by Serrans for religious vocations. New members were sworn in to the club, members of the new board of trustees were commissioned, and all attending members swore allegiance to the mission of Serra.



Fr Bonke swearing in the new board.

Mass was followed by social time and a fine dinner served by Fatima. New club president Suzy McLaughlin revealed her story about donating a kidney for a friend only 2 weeks before this event. New member pins were given to Chris and Monica Foye and Steve and Anne Wessel. 10 year pin was given to Carl McClelland. George Maley received his 50 year pin. Kevin O'Brien and Ken Scheer discussed the results of the recent club strategic plan. Forms were distributed for members to sign-up to work on club committees and activities.

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George Maley receiving his 50 year pin from Mike Kirk.

Mass for Vocations – September 15

A memorable Mass for vocations was held at Roncalli High School. Before Mass, Rick Santangelo introduced the mission of the Serra Club to the congregation. School chaplain Fr David Marcotte and Archdiocesan Director of Vocations Fr Eric Augenstein concelebrated the Mass attended by Roncalli alumni - 8 priests, 3 religious sisters, and 1 deacon - as well as the entire student body, teachers, staff, and 19 Serrans and guests. In his homily, Fr Eric compared the 3 "jobs" (physical therapists, firefighters, and clergy) that are rated with the highest satisfaction by those who are performing them; clergy is No 1. Fr Eric called Roncalli a special place to see and receive Jesus and to find vocations. He proclaimed that if we are seeking eternal happiness, we should take someone to heaven with us. Several Roncalli students who are considering religious vocations joined priests, sisters, deacon, school staff, and Serrans for a coffee and donuts social following Mass. Here is a bit of trivia learned at this wonderful event: Msgr Joseph Schaedel and Sr Barbara McClelland, SP attended the school prom together, and so did Fr Ben Syberg and Sr Tracey Horen, SP.

Board of Trustees Meeting – September 20

The impact of paying unbudgeted Serra USA Council dues is offset by budgeted items that will not be spent (membership drive and retreat). Program committee is planning an evening of reflection in February 2018. Membership committee is planning a membership dinner with the new Archbishop in 2018.

Remember to pray each day for an increase in Religious Vocations in our Archdiocese.