



# SERRAN - DIPITY

## President's Message



This year has been another successful year for the Kitchener Waterloo Serra Club. The meetings and Holy Hours were well attended, the speakers were exceptional and this was due to a very efficient slate of officers.

We were saddened when Father Frank Frietas said he could no longer be our Chaplain due to activities in his busy parish. Thank you Father Frank for your faithfulness and may God continue to bless you in your parish duties.

Words cannot express the faithfulness that Father Clarence Hauser has shown as our assistant Chaplain, we will continue to pray for your complete recovery. Thanks Father for the work you have done over the years for the Kitchener Waterloo Serra Club.

Our new Chaplain for 2010 – 2011 will be Father Wojciech Kusma pastor at St Aloysius in Kitchener. Welcome Father to our Club.

I want to wish a safe trip to the group of Serrans who will be attending the International Serra Conference in Alaska in September.

I'm looking forward to seeing a good crowd of our priests attending the Serra Barbecue for Priests on September 15th 2010.

May God bless you all.  
Bill Zister

Just a reminder that the **Priest Barbecue** will be held on **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010** At Lou and Carol Reitzel's Cottage on Conestoga Lake

**FIRST SERRA MEETING  
OF THE 2010, 2011 YEAR  
WILL BE ON  
OCTOBER 6, 2010.**

**Guest Speaker  
Father Kevin Cull**

### *Prayer for the Year of the Family*

God of all times and places, we ask you to be with us as we pray.

For families who struggle to speak to one another in love.

For families who delight in being together.

For families who want to live with less in order that others might have more.

For families who do not have enough, and struggle for the necessities of life.

For families who read your word together,

For families who find it hard to spend any time together.

For my family,

For the families in my community,

For the families in our parish,

For the families around the world,

For all families, we pray that your love will grow in them so that your love will shine through them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Altar Servers' Award**

Held at  
St Teresa of Avila Church Kitchener.  
87 Altar Servers received the Altar  
Servers' award on April 15, 2010.

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Alter Servers' Award**

Held at  
Holy family Church Hanover  
39 Altar Servers received the Altar  
Servers' award on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Special thank you to Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki for your wonderful Homily, especially your talk on the ringing of the bells. A special thank you to the priests who came to Support their altar servers.

**On April 21<sup>st</sup> 2010. KW. Serra Club Charter night was held at Kypreos restaurant, Kitchener.**

Nine Members received there long service certificates:

Lou Reitzel 35 years	Berg Bergman 25 years
Stefan Esperjesi 20 years	Jeannine Gosselin 10 years
Noreen Hishon 10 years	Carol Reitzel 10 years
Shari Guinta 5 years	Gunther Federeau 5 year
Darlene Lustic 5 years	

**Ordination to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton.**

On May the 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, four young men were Ordained to the Priesthood by The Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton. Please remember to pray for them that they will be good and Holy Priest. They are Michael Anderson, Stephen Crowley, Mark Morley, Jeffery Oehring

**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Hamilton**

On June 12, 2010, two men were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by The Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, DD. Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton.

Cornelius (Neil) James Devereaux from Blessed Sacrament Church Kitchener  
Basil George Markides from St Marks Church Kitchener

**Ordination to the Traditional Diaconate for the Diocese of Hamilton**

On June 18, 2010, two men were ordained to the traditional Diaconate by The Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, DD. Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton.

Paul Hrynczyszyn from Sacred Heart Church in Kitchener  
Bradley Thomas Markus from Blessed Sacrament Church Kitchener

**Our year end Banquet on June 16, 2010, was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Kitchener.**

Our newly ordained Permanent Diaconate Basil Markides and his wife Susan were presented with a thank you plaque.

Mr and Mrs Martins parents of Father Carlos Martins were also presented with a thank you plaque. Father Carlos was Ordained May, 2009, to the Companions of the Cross. He is presently stationed in Houston, Texas.

**A letter was read from Bishop Ustrzycki on the life of Father Jerzy Popieluszko.**

Twenty five years ago, on October 19, 1984, a frail, young priest was savagely beaten and drowned by government security agents in the woods of rural Poland. The brutal death of this holy Priest, carried out in the dark of night. The Servant of God, John Paul 11, on learning of his death said: "**May good arise from this death like the Resurrection from the Cross.** Father Jerzy Popieluszko was born in 1947 on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, in the village of Okopy near Suchowola in North Eastern Poland and was baptized two days later. His parents were very devout Catholics. As a high school student, Jerzy kept secret his intention to become a priest for fear that the results of his examinations would be altered if his secret were known. In 1965 he entered the Major Seminary of Warsaw. After a year in the Seminary he was drafted into the army. He would defy the army authorities boldly for which he was severely punished. He was Ordained as a Priest in 1972. Workers from the Warsaw Steel plant, who were on strike, ask for a Priest to say Mass for them. The Priest that was available was Father Popiehuszko. He stayed with the workers night and day and heard confessions and said for them. **The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed and to bind up the broken hearted.** In February 1982, Father Jerzy said a monthly Mass for people suffering for Poland. His message echoed the great Pope in Rome. **Evil overcome it with good. Whose side will you take? The side of good or evil? Truth or falsehood? Love or hatred?** Let us pray to God to fill us with the power of his spirit, **to reawaken the spirit of true solidarity in our hearts.** I am convinced that what I am doing is just, that is shy I am ready for anything. **Let us pray to God to fill us with the power of his spirit, to reawaken the spirit of true solidarity in our hearts.**

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**Programs 2009-2010**

The theme for this year was Faith – Anchor in our changing world. We were blessed with an excellent slate of speakers who addressed our theme from different perspectives. A number of them related how their own life journey or vocation was connected to the theme.

Our program began with the annual priests barbecue held at Lou & Carole Reitzel's cottage. Thanks folks! The weather was great and many priests, Serrans with their spouses attended and enjoyed a fabulous dinner and good fellowship.

Our first speaker, John Murphy, a high school teacher at St. Mary's, began his talk with some history of the anchor informing us that it was a symbol used by the early Christians.

In October, Sister Joselyn Monette read the poem, The Dash. It is the little line which separates our date of birth and our date of death, reminding us of what matters most, is how we live and love, and how we spend 'our dash'.

Father Kevin Cull, vocations director for the dioceses, updated us on his work with the seminarians and thanked the Serra Club for their prayers and encouragement. He seems to have a great repore with the young men and women interested in vocations. His enthusiasm and joy of his own vocation is very evident and, no doubt, has a great influence on the young people.

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In November Sister Dorothy Goetz SSND stated how our theme related to her vocation and time while she was in Peru. She told us of the School Sisters of Notre Dame's social justice involvement in the world by helping to rid the world of the evil practice of child and women trafficking.

Father Wojciech Kuzma talked on our theme. His faith is his anchor. He was very influenced as a child when he saw his father kneeling by his bed praying the rosary every night because prior to that he thought his father was rather disengaged. He indicated that faith must be shared not kept to ourselves and that faith demands acceptance of all truth not just the ones on which we agree. Faith may lead to persecution and suffering especially when people are rebelling against God.

In December Reverend Dr David Perrin, President of the University of St. Jerome asked the question – What is Faith? Faith, he stated, does not rest on logical reason and intelligence. The origin of our faith rests in our belief in a "Someone" who is Jesus the anchor of our faith. Faith is not in one aspect of our life but involves all of it. Faith gives us a framework, and security. We build faith thru community, Mass, scriptures. Faith pushes us beyond the boundaries.

Sister Elizabeth Marie formation Sister for the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate spoke to us of her personal journey of faith. The anchor of her faith was found in her family, her parish priest and the community. Father Brian Quigley was our first guest in 2010. He stressed that we must walk by faith not sight. He left us with a question. What is that 'one' great thing or risk that God is calling you to do that you have not done while trusting completely in Him?

The Sisters banquet held for all who are presently working in our area or who have retired, was one of the highlights of the year to date. Reverend Bishop Matthew Ustrycki, Father Frank Frietas and Father Dr. David Perrin concelebrated Mass. Three new Serrans were inducted into the Serra Club. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Bishop Ustrycki talked about his recent trip to the Cure de Ars Shrine and the life of St. John Vianney, the patron of priests. Mark & Maggie Banga, lay Comboni missionaries, our guests, gave a brief talk of their commitment and their placement in Ethiopia. The Sisters were given a candle by Janet Ertel. The Proximity Pickers, a group of retired catholic musicians entertained us with their music and songs to end the evening. Several thank you notes expressing their enjoyment and appreciation for the evening were received.

In February Justin Ruiss, a seminarian, currently at St. John's Parish in Guelph, said his faith was his anchor. He grew up in a home where faith was practiced and loved by both parents and family. He sees four aspects, four essential tools to build a good anchor of faith - (1) prayer, (2) the regular receiving of the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist (3) friendship, fellowship and worshipping together (4) service.

Bernadette Furman-Arnott, pastoral assistant, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish thanked the Serra Club for the altar server's awards. She spoke of change, be it pastoral, developmental, life style, social or cultural, wanted or unwanted. Changes can open us up to the ways of God. If our anchor is faith, Jesus will either calm us or calm the 'storm'.

Our chaplain, Father Frank Freitas, asked us at our mini retreat in March some thought provoking questions – Who lives in us? To whom do we belong? What guides our decisions? Are we citizens of heaven or of the world? If we belong to Christ, then Christ lives in us. He is our anchor. The choices we make show us who lives in us, whose citizens we are – God's or the world.

Father Robert Love of St. Martin of Tours parish, Drayton, sees Canada becoming more secular by the media and a time is coming when human rights and the Church will clash.

Still to come:

- ☐ April 21 - Charter night
- ☐ May 5 - Program Planning
- ☐ May 19 - Father Brendan McGrath
- ☐ June 2 - Father Jason Kuntz
- ☐ June 16 - Our year will end with Mass at Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha and Closing banquet will be held in the Kitchener Knights of Columbus lounge.

My sincere thanks go to Joanne Shewchuk and Noreen Hishon for their help and assistance in many numerous ways.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Vice President – Programs

Regina Maloney

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Dear Serra Club Waterloo,

Happy Easter! May our risen Lord fill your heart with great joy and peace! Thank you first of all for all your prayers and sacrifices and for all the ways you have helped me follow the call of Jesus. I am writing today to share with you the joy in my heart. I have been accepted to profess first vows as a Missionary of Charity May of this year. Please help me to thank the Lord for this tremendous gift, truly he has been so good to me.

For the past 2 years I have been in San Francisco in our Novitiate. Right now we are forty –one novices so as you can imagine our house is full! The sisters are from all over North and South America and each brings a special gift and joy to the community. We spend lots of our time in prayer and study as well as a little bit of time in the apostolate. We visit poor families in their houses, visit the jail, teach catechism as well as helping in our house for men with Aids and our soup kitchen. We have seen many miracles – the poor are very open to Him for help.

Right now as we are preparing for profession we are staying home and spending more time in silence and prayer. It has been such a privilege to spend so much time with Jesus- I am so grateful. Please continue to pray for me and my sisters, the profession will be May 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 4:00pm St Paul's Church San Francisco. Thank you once again for the many ways you have supported and encouraged me in this beautiful Vocation.

With love and prayers

Sister Eucharistica

( Michelle Harney)



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**Priest Golf Tournament**

On June 28<sup>th</sup> 2010, 28 Priest and Serra members including four brave women came out to golf. The weather was great. Thank you to all who came out to golf and the Serra members who joined the golfers for dinner.

