



SERRAN-DIPITY

President's Message



Welcome to a new year of Serra enthusiasm. We started the winter season by contributing to the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate vocation video. This is Serra's way of helping foster vocations. The video is professionally done and will be a boost to their community.

Father Toby Collins, CR. Vocation Director is working very hard promoting his website. If he adds an interview with Father Collins interviewing Cardinal Collins, it would make his website complete.

The Religious Life Banquet in January and the Priests' Ski Day in February were both well attended. Thanks to the Serrans who made this a success.

April will be a busy month as you see on our "coming events" calendar. Serrans, please review these events and help keep the Serra Club alive by helping where you can and by attending the extra events.

This is our Winter Newsletter but we are still waiting for winter to arrive. Now that the Canadian snow birds feel bad, let's look forward to a beautiful spring and summer and a bountiful harvest of more vocations.

Sincerely,

Bill Zister,

President Serra Club of Kitchener Waterloo

On January 18th, 2012, The K-W Serra Club hosted the Annual Religious Life Dinner. One hundred and twenty-two people came together to honour the sisters and deacons from our community who give constant and unselfish service to the Church.

His excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby was the main celebrant at the Mass for vocations. He was accompanied by Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki, Chaplain Fr. Wojciech Kuzma, Msgr. Edward Sheridan and Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, Fr. Toby Collins.

Bishop Crosby gave a rousing talk at the dinner which followed Mass. He brought us up to date on the present and future state of the diocese.

We assured him that we will continue to pray for the success of his mission.

We would like to thank Janet and Grant Ertel. All the sisters were presented with a gift to remember the occasion.

Fr. Bob Walz (retired) was our guest speaker on Wednesday February 1st.



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All Serrans should be aware of Fr. Toby Collin’s website promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This is a new undertaking by Fr. Toby and features several video interviews. You will find interviews with our Chaplain, Fr. Wojciech Kuzma, Bishop Douglas Crosby, Sister Theresa Joseph, a Sister of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate in Cambridge, as well as other interviews. These are about five minutes in length.

www.vocationculture.ca



Fr. Toby has shown his skills in interviewing before the camera and I’m sure you will find these interviews and other information on the website most interesting.

A member of the Congregation of the Resurrection, Fr. Michael Kruszewski, was recently ordained in Poland, and Frank Brick, a seminarian and recent speaker at our club, is studying for the Order.



Cardinal Designate Archbishop Thomas Collins was installed as Cardinal on Saturday February 18th

His Grace Thomas Collins Archbishop of the Toronto diocese has been recently elevated to the office of Cardinal. His Grace was born in Guelph Ontario and taught at St. Peter’s Seminary in London. Later he became Rector there.

He was Archbishop of Edmonton from 1999 to 2006 when he was appointed Archbishop of Toronto the largest diocese in Canada.

A special recognition is being planned for Thursday March 22nd 7:00 pm at Church of Our Lady in Guelph.

SISTERS OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE IN CAMBRIDGE
PRODUCE A VIDEO

The SOLI Sisters are drawing vocations to their order and hope through a video to be able to bring more members.

As you know the SOLI Sisters are working in our community operating a retirement home in Cambridge. They also have sisters training as teachers and plan to teach religion.

Many of our individual members as well as our club have contributed to the cost of funding of this video which they hope to release in the near future. The sisters are still looking for additional funds.



Priest Ski Day

The K-W Serra club held its priest ski day on **Monday February 27th** at Blue Mountain in Collingwood. The skiing priests were, Fr. Paul Boucher, Fr. David Perrin, Fr. David Lewis, Fr. David Reilander, Brother John Clare, Fr. Peter Meyer, Fr. Sam Restivo, Fr. Franjo Sprajc, Fr. Toby Collins and Fr. Ted Slaman.

The priests had a sunny morning for skiing however cloud appeared in the afternoon to make it more challenging.

Thanks to Jim and Sandy Beingessner, the priests were treated to après ski at their condo in Collingwood. We would all like to thank them for their generous reception.

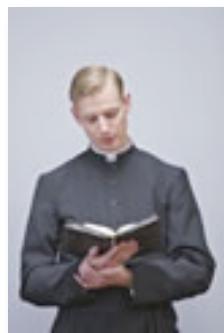
Late in the afternoon we were visited by District Governor Vince Primucci who drove up from Toronto to meet everyone and joined us for the après ski.



PRIEST PORTRAIT PROGRAM

One of the most impressive of Serra club activities is the Priest Portrait Program where we make a presentation of a photo of the priest to the school from which they graduated, to be displayed in the school.

This year a presentation of two portraits will be made. Fr. Paul Hrynczszn, presently at Holy Rosary Parish Milton and Fr. Brad Markus, stationed at St. Joseph Parish in Guelph.



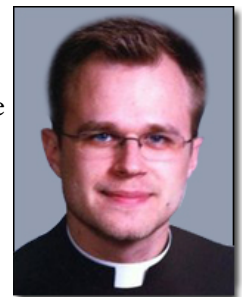
Fr. Bradley Markus

The date of the presentation will be Tuesday April 17th at 9:20 am at Resurrection High School during a mass for the students.

It is interesting to note that Fr. Adam Voisin is a graduate of Resurrection High School and his photo hangs in the hall. Fr. Adam has recently returned from Rome following his studies there.

Fathers Carlos Martins and Tim Devine of the Companions of the Cross are also graduates of Resurrection High School

Thanks to Berg Bergman for arranging the details of this event.



Fr. Paul Hrynczszn

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Coming Events

Mar 7 Fr. Phil Sherlock Theme Power of Prayer
Mar 14 Officer's and Trustee's Meeting
Mar 21 Fr. Toby Collins C.R.
Apr 17 Mass at Resurrection High School 9:20 am
 Portraits for Fr. Paul and Fr. Brad Markus
Apr 18 Charter Night Angie's St. Agatha after 6:00 pm Mass
Apr 21 Serra Spring Conference- St. Bonaventure
 Parish Hall – Host - Downtown Club
Apr 24 Altar Servers' Presentation St. John's Arthur ON
 7:00 PM
Apr 26 Altar Servers' Presentation Our Lady of Lourdes
 Waterloo, 7:00 PM
May 1 Celebration Dinner Liuna Station Hamilton
Jun 6 Closing Banquet Conestoga Place
 (formerly K of C Kitchener) Mass at the Carmel 6:00 PM
Jun 21-23 Serra International Convention, Providence RI

Canada Council and District News
 The Serra Canada Council held its semi annual meeting Saturday
 February 18th at Columbus Centre Toronto 9:30 AM

May 3 Vocation Awareness Day: York Central District School
 Board 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

SERRA ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

At our regular Serra meeting on February 15th Father Wojciech Kuzma gave our annual Lenten retreat. This was a most interesting presentation as it included his path toward priesthood.

All present were impressed with his teaching on how we can improve our prayer life. Any form of prayer is acceptable as long as we have the proper attitude. Start with as little as five minutes each day. Make a commitment and follow it.

Pictured above along with Fr. Kuzma are Dave Deppisch and Mary Helen Stroeder.



DEACON JOHN REDMOND

Serran's let us continue our prayers for Deacon John Redmond who is in his final year of study at St. Peter's Seminary in London. Deacon John was born in Orangeville and belonged to St John the Evangelist parish in Dundalk before entering the seminary.

God willing, John will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese on Saturday May 5th at Christ the King Cathedral in Hamilton. If you plan to attend it is advisable to arrive early. The Mass begins at 11:00 am and it would be wise to arrive before 10:00 in order to get a good seat.



This is a great day of celebration for the diocese and anyone is invited to attend.