



Serrapost

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Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us

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Thirty Serrans and friends enjoyed a fabulous BBQ under a sunny sky on July 14th. Following Mass celebrated by Chaplain Ed Curtis and Father Murphy, Diana Novak was inducted as a new member by Father Curtis and Vice- President of Membership Anne MacCarthy. Diana received her certificate, Serra pin and handbook from President Dane MacCarthy.

The following Officers and Trustees for 2010-2011 took their oath of office:

- Anne MacCarthy -President
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- Joan Beaulieu -Vice-Pres Membership
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Bishop James Wingle, Ecclesiastical Advisor to Serra Canada Council, submitted his resignation to the Vatican in April. This was accepted.

Consequently the Toronto Star, which seems to have a vendetta against the Catholic Church, ran a series of articles speculating on why and where the Bishop had gone. A number of priests also publically added to the speculation.

We did not have to know why Bishop Wingle left or where he had gone. What we did have to do or should have done was pray for his wellbeing, safety and health.

Eventually, it was revealed that Bishop Wingle was in the Holy Land on sabbatical, in a time of prayer and rest and planned on doing some writing and research on a catechetical-pastoral project.

As Serrans we should now pray for the success of his research and writing. Please do!



“Can You Hear His Voice?” Young men and women age 18-35 are invited to register for a series of seminars and workshops. Its objective is to strengthen the participants relationship with God to find out His plans for them, whether a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, marriage or single life.

The seminar led by Father Leonard Altilia, SJ will begin September 18, 2010 from 2-6 pm, at the Scarborough Missions, 2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough. Subsequent dates are scheduled for 2 to 4pm November 27, 2010, January 8, 2011, March 12 and June 4, 2011. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Toronto Downtown, the registration is free. To register, contact Zinnia Milburn at 416-305-5192 or email to zinniamilburn@gmail.com .

Numbers of Catholics on the rise. The new edition of the Statistical Yearbook of the Church with information from 2000 to 2008 indicates the number of Catholics has risen from 1,045 billion to 1,166 billion, an increase of 11.54% with Africa showing the greatest increase of 33%.

The number of bishops increased 10.15% to 5,002. The number of priests increased in Africa and Asia, remained stable in the Americas and fell in Europe and Oceania.

Female religious are almost double the number of priests but the numbers are falling, from 800,000 in 2000 to 740,000 in 2008. Europe showed the largest decline and Africa up by 21% and Asia up by 16%.

Only in Russia? 6000 employees of a large dairy company near Moscow have been informed that the company was formed to promote the Orthodox revival of Russia and rules were established “to prevent future sins of employees.”

The new rules require all Orthodox Christian employees who have been civilly married or living together to be married in Russian Orthodox Church ceremonies by October 14, the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. Those who are not baptised do not have to be married in the church but will be able to take an educational course on basic Orthodox culture.

Anyone procuring or counselling for abortion will face dismissal from work.

Vasily Boik-Veliki director of Russkoe Moloko (Russian Milk), said “this summer of abnormal heat and forest fires is a judgement upon Russia’s Godless ways. Our prayers are probably too weak and there is no repentance in our hearts.”

Facts As Outlined by Fr. Joseph Fessio SJ, Head of Ignatius Press. The Catholic Church holds the marriage vows to be indissoluble. Even an annulment, contrary to a widespread misconception, does not dissolve those vows. It is a declaration that because of some impediment, there never was a valid marriage in the first place,

Priestly ordination is also “indissoluble,” in the sense that a validly ordained priest never ceases to be a priest. It was latterly scandalous in the Church that priests, who had been prepared for eight years to ten years for their ordination and their promise of celibacy were, in the 1970, being so easily dispensed from promises.

When John Paul was elevated to the papacy in 1978, he immediately changed the policy on priestly dispensations to restore the integrity of priesthood and marriage. A priest may be removed from ministry, but will not be given dispensation to marry.

In the cases of abuse, nothing prevents a bishop from removing a priest from all ministries, from removing faculties, to reporting him to civil authorities. There is no need to even inform Rome.

Coming Events:

Sept. 1 Meeting Cancelled
Sept. 2-5 Inter. Conv. Anchorage Alaska
Sept. 15 Fr. Fred Chung
Sept.29 Trustees Meeting
Oct. 23 Altar Servers Awards- St. Paul’s Basilica
Nov.12-14 Fall Ont..Region Conv. Niagara Falls

RIP

Remember in your prayers Francis Saverio Ulia father of Serran Dr.Christian Elia, who died July 25th.
Memorial Mass-7pm Aug 25 St. Pius Church,
2305 Bloor St. W

Come Out and Get Out

In a undercover investigation, Panorama, a Rome journal, alleged that it had followed a handful of Catholic priests who were a part of a gay-subculture: saying Mass by day and frequenting gay bars by night.

The Vicar of Rome sent an unequivocal message to homosexual priests: come out of the closet and get out of the priesthood.

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, who rebuked the priests for leading a double life, said “No one is forcing them to stay priests, only getting the benefits.”

When a Priest Lives in Sin

A priest who falls into grave sin, just like any member of the faithful, should seek sacramental reconciliation as soon as possible. Meanwhile he should abstain as far as possible from celebrating the sacraments. Sacraments celebrated by an unrepentant priest are gravely sacrilegious acts. They would be valid but illicit.

A priest who induces a woman to abort is automatically excommunicated and also irregular and impeded from exercising his ministry (Canons 1398, 104.4; 1043.) He cannot celebrate any sacraments nor himself receive sacramental absolution until the excommunication is formally lifted. If he were to continue to act as a priest, not only would the celebration be sacrilegious, but the sacrament of penance and matrimony would also be invalid.

If his excommunicated state was publicly known the faithful should not go to one of his Sunday or daily Masses,

In such situations the bishop has grave responsibility towards assuring the holiness of the sacraments. A bishop could not give a positive permission for a sacrilegious act or turn a blind eye without himself becoming morally responsible and guilty of the sin of sacrilege.

If the faithful have certain proof of a priest’s publicly immoral behavior they should present it to the bishop. If the bishop refuses to act they should refer the case to the apostolic nuncio or directly to the Holy See.

Legionary of Christ Father Edward McNamara

Huh?

At the end of the school term thirty four teachers attended Mass. Three genuflected before entering the pew. Have I missed something?

Financial Loss

For the third year in a row, the economic crisis has left the Holy See and Vatican City State in the red.

The Holy See is composed of all the organisations of the Roman Curia and of the pontifical representations around the world, as well as its media network: Vatican Radio, L’Osservatore Romano and Vatican Television Center. It is financed by the donations of diocese, religious congregations and the generosity of the faithful. The deficit was US \$5,186,556. The Holy See employs 2,762 persons.

Vatican City State employing 1,891 persons showed a operating deficit of US \$9,881,117.

Vatican Tour

The nearest thing to personally touring the Sistine Chapel, St. Paul’s Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and St. Peter’s is a virtual visit from your own home.

The two-year project was accomplished by students of the Villanova University of Pennsylvania and is likely the closest anyone has come to simulating the experience.

On the Net:

St.Peter’s: www.vatican.va/various/basilliche/san_pietro/vr_tour/index.html

Sistine Chapel: www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/sistina_vr/index.html

St.John Lateran: www.vatican.va/various/basilliche/san_giovanni/vr_tour/Media/VR/Lateran_Nave1/index.html

St.Paul’sOutsidetheWalls: www.vatican.va/various/basilliche/san_paolo/vr_tour/index-it.html

Retireing

Bert Cambre, the Director of Deacons for the Diocese of Toronto will retire August 31. See the August 29th edition of the Catholic Register for an article on Deacon Bert.

National Anthem Debate

During the debate to change our National anthem the CBC asked “Do you believe the word God should stay in Canadian culture?”

They had the highest number of responses ever.

**86% to keep “God keep our Land” in the Anthem
14% against**

Sept.17 Downtown Serra will present a portrait of newly ordained Fr.Calleja SJ to St. Patrick’s H.S.