

Vocare Newsletter Toronto West Serra Club



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New Year's Greeting from President Pat

Relationships comprise life
God, man, fellowman without strife
The Church as a catalyst be
Brings cohesion to all three
We Serrans in the new year must comply
Pleading/working for Vocations in ample supply
Amen

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PRIEST'S PORTRAIT PRESENTATION



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On November 4th at 9.30 a.m. approximately 900 students filled the gymnasium of Chaminade College School to assist at the Eucharist celebrated by Father Ante Market. Father Ante was ordained on May 27th, 2011, the first graduate in Chaminade's history to be ordained to the priesthood. Father Ante spoke with fondness and humour of his time at Chaminade, of the many students who

had passed through the school over the years and of Chaminade's proud tradition. He also spoke of his vocation which he had felt since the early age of 7 and of his education leading to the priesthood. At the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration a portrait of Father Ante was presented to the school which will be displayed in the chapel.

Thanks to Joseph Gennaro, who organized the event in collaboration with the Chaminade Alumni Association. Our District Governor, Vince Primucci, joined Serrans from Toronto West and Toronto Central for this very special occasion.

Speakers in Review

Father Luis Calleja, Chaplain, Toronto West Serra Club

On November 14th Father Luis spoke on the new translation of the Roman Missal which will come into use on November 27th. All English-speaking countries will use the same translation which is more faithful to the Latin and more formal.



The biggest change for the laity is the reply to: "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit" recognizes the working

of the Holy Spirit in the man who is ordained.

Father Luis then went through the Mass prayers one by one explaining the changes and the reasoning for them.

He assured us that the new translation will be great for us and will help bring us closer to God, although it will take a while for us and the clergy to be comfortable with it.

Father Allan Donald Hood, KCHS, Diocese of Peterborough

On November 28th Father Hood spoke on his road to the Catholic priesthood. He was born into a family of Presbyterian ministers and elders. In his teenage years

he studied various religions and was Confirmed in the Anglican Church of Canada. He entered Waterloo Lutheran University and after one year took a year



from studies during which time he decided that after finishing his B.A. he would study for the priesthood.

In 1970 he began studies for his Master of Divinity at Trinity College, Toronto, then went to London, England to obtain his PhD. Returning to Canada he was ordained as an Anglican priest and worked in various dioceses.

In 1993 he made a submission to the Holy See, was accepted into the Catholic priesthood and was invited to the Diocese of Peterborough.

Father explained that the main difference between the Anglican and Catholic churches is authority. Anglicans have a national authority and Catholics are under the Pope. He spoke of his work screening Anglican candidates for the priesthood. The Anglican Church has too many candidates, the Catholic Church too few. In Peterborough over 50% of clergy are from overseas which can cause a cultural mismatch especially in rural parishes. He also spoke of women priests and married priests in the Anglican Church. He explained that God is always calling people to religious vocations but vocation must not be confused with ministry as all are called to ministry and spiritual growth.

Eileen Jean Holland

March 9, 1927 - December 17, 2011



It was a great shock and sadness for Club members to receive news of Eileen's sudden death, as she had been with us for a club function just a few days previously. Although Eileen became a full member of Serra only in 2007 she had a long association with Toronto West as John's membership goes back many years. Eileen was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother with a strong connection to her church, St. Mary Star of the Sea. She was a kind and gracious lady with a ready smile who will be greatly missed by all her friends in Serra.

May she rest in peace.

VOCATIONS CONGRESS IN ROME

From November 3rd to 5th a convention was held in Rome to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Pontifical Pastoral Ministry for Priestly Vocations (PPMPV) by Pope Pius XII. The over 200 registrants included many Serrans representing 14 countries including 6 members from Toronto. Serra was recognized for its role in promoting vocations during the sixty years since its aggregation to the PPMPV in 1951. The topics covered by the speakers included the development of the Ministry over seventy years, the theology of Christian vocation and a discussion of the forthcoming document "Pastoral Guidelines for the Promotion of Vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood".

The registrants included many clergy involved in vocations work in seminaries as well as in diocesan work throughout the world. It was another opportunity to realize the importance of our recognition as the global lay apostolate for vocations.

John Baycroft

FORUM WITH CATHOLIC ASSOCIATIONS AND MOVEMENTS

From November 25 to 27 a Standing Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops held a forum with national Catholic Movements and Associations representing about 30 groups from across Canada. This Committee is chaired by Most Reverend Gary Gordon who is also Episcopal Advisor to the Canada Council of Serra International. John Baycroft of the Toronto West Serra Club was the Serra representative.

The purpose of this forum, which is held every second year, is to foster personal contacts and discussion among Associations across Canada and to ensure a continued link between the Bishops and national Associations and Movements.

The theme of this year's forum was "Witness of Communion". After presentations by participants, the keynote address by Toronto Auxiliary Bishop McGrattan, a presentation by Father Renaud, OMI of St. Paul University in Ottawa, as well as various group discussions and panels, it became evident that we must view the church as unity in diversity. One size does not fit all. The groups must collaborate through communion in order to aid in implementing the New Evangelization which is the topic of the Synod of Bishops in October, 2012.

With regard to the position of Serra in this "new evangelization" we must continue to be a part of such forums as this and be aware of the many groups of Catholic Movements and Associations. We also must make them knowledgeable of our existence as we look forward to our expansion.

John found the weekend most enlightening and was thankful that he had participated.

VISIT OF BISHOP GORDON

On November 27th approximately 50 Serrans from across the GTA gathered at the home of Rose and John Gennaro to meet with His Excellency, Bishop Gary Gordon, Episcopal Advisor to the Canada Council of Serra International. Bishop Gordon took the opportunity to speak on a number of subjects and, as usual, charmed us with his remarks about his work in the North.



Bishop Gordon stressed that in the GTA and Dufferin-Peel areas we have a great number of students in Catholic schools and Serra's work includes finding ways to encourage those young people whom God is calling to "follow Him".

Serrans left the gathering revitalized in their mission and secure in the knowledge that we have been greatly blessed in the leadership of our Episcopal Advisor.

The Last Word

Winter Calendar

Jan. 16 Board meeting
Jan. 23 Club meeting- *Sharon DiCecco*
Feb. 13 Club meeting
Feb. 20 Board meeting
Feb. 27 Club meeting
Mar. 6 Ordinandi dinner
Mar. 12 Club meeting
Mar 19 Board meeting
Mar. 26 Club meeting - *Board elections*
Apr. 9 Club meeting - *cancelled*
June 21 - 23 International Convention,
Providence, R.I.

Birthdays

Jan. 24 John Holland Mar. 4 Bernard Smith
Feb. 4 Florence Smith Mar. 27 Gloria Spaziani
Feb. 7 Maria Popik Apr. 11 Patrick Hearn

90th Birthday Congratulations

February 7, 2012 Helen Husar

February 19, 2012 Maria Ceresna

Wedding Anniversaries

Feb. 23 John and Mary Plunkett

Apr. 19 Maria and Milan Popik

Apr. 21 Frances and Mario Cinelli

CLUB CHRISTMAS GATHERING

It was a very festive scene at the home of Maria and Anthony Tolomei on December 12th when club members met for the annual Christmas celebration. Members were overwhelmed by the way in which the house was decorated but particularly with the fabulous Nativity scene which Maria spent days setting up.

The Eucharist was concelebrated by Father Joseph Feneck and Father Ruggiero Dibenedetto and for the first time a new Roman Missal was used which had been donated by a thoughtful club member.

Sincere thanks to Maria and Tony for their wonderful hospitality, fabulous food, and for the great joy-filled evening which they provided.

Remember your daily decade of the Rosary for Vocations

In your Prayers and Mass Intentions please remember:

Naida Takaoka
Anthony Mangione
Peter Calzavara
Ambrose Lucas
Bill and Claire Whelton

Eileen Holland, R.I.P.
Roderick MacDonald, R.I.P. (Father of Gary
MacDonald of Toronto West)

All those we have promised to pray for