



# SERRA CLUB OF VANCOUVER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

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| 1. Mass, Spiritual Talk & Dinner/Meeting        | January 21     |
| 2. Archbishop Miller's Succession Mass          | January 25     |
| 3. Mass, Spiritual Talk & Dinner/Meeting        | February 18    |
| 4. Archbishop Roussin's Farewell Mass & Dinner  | February 15    |
| 5. Annual Serra Retreat in Mission              | March 27 to 29 |
| 6. Oratory Contest for Seminarians              | March 29       |
| 7. Annual Sandwich Making for the Poor          | April 11       |
| 8. Annual Priests' Golf Tournament              | May 4          |
| 9. Appreciation Dinner for Priests              | May 4          |
| 10. Annual General Meeting                      | June 17        |
| 11. Annual Archbishop's Altar Servers Awards    | Sept. 12       |
| 12. Region 12 Annual Serra Convention – Spokane | Sept. 25 to 27 |
| 13. Annual Christmas Party                      | TBA            |
| 14. First Friday Mass and Breakfast Meeting     | Each Month     |
| 15. Monthly Spiritual Talk and Dinner Meeting   | TBA            |

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"I want to invite all the People of God to reflect on the theme: *Faith in the divine initiative - the human response*. The exhortation of Jesus to his disciples: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (*Mt 9:38*) has a constant resonance in the Church. Pray! The urgent call of the Lord stresses that prayer for vocations should be continuous and trusting. The Christian community can only really "have ever greater faith and hope in God's providence" ([Sacramentum Caritatis](#), 26) if it is enlivened by prayer."

*Pope Benedict XXVI on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 3 May 2009*

## SANDWICH MAKING FOR THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY

This event usually comes and goes without any publicity. Vila Nova Carvalho arranges the annual sandwich making in liaison with the Sisters of the Atonement. Over 500 sandwiches are put together for distribution by the

Sisters to the homeless and hungry residents of East Vancouver. Vila Nova ensures that there is a strict discipline of work ethic under hygienic conditions with just one break for coffee. His incomparable style of supervisory support and humor makes what would normally be a mundane chore into one of light-hearted pleasure. No one leaves until all the work is completed and the place cleaned thoroughly. In all it is good fun and a source of great pleasure to work as a team for the benefit of the less fortunate of our Society.



*Serrans with family members and guests busy at work closely monitored by Vila Nova.*

#### ANNUAL GOLF AND APPRECIATION DINNER

The Serra Club of Vancouver's annual golf tournament and an appreciation dinner for all the diocesan clergy was held on May 3, 2009. This year the Serra Club of Vancouver and the Serra Club of Fraser Valley West jointly hosted the event.

A total of 40 golfers participated including 33 priests and guests. Fr. James Hughes, Pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Abbotsford and his group won the golf trophy. The evening ended with an appreciation dinner for all the clergy of the Archdiocese at St. Andrew Kim Parish, Surrey. Over a hundred clergy, Serrans and guest including Archbishop Michael Miller and Emeritus Archbishop Adam Exner graced the occasion. The parishioners of the parish prepared a most sumptuous dinner.

The event was a tremendous success, thanks to our many devoted sponsors and the tireless effort of the Golf Committee. Without these two we could not have succeeded. We also thank our most gracious hosts for the dinner – St. Andrew Kim Parish and its Pastor Rev. Joseph Lee and co-coordinator Paul Lee. We thank the following Sponsors: WPJ McCarthy & Co., Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, BMO Nesbitt Burns, HUB International TOS Ltd, Killick Metz Bowen Rose Architects, Kearney Funeral Services, Gauvin 2000 Construction Ltd, Beauchamp & Co., RBC Dominion Securities, Guild Yule & Co., and Master Care Janitorial Services.



*St. Andrew Kim Parish Hall, the venue of the Serra Clubs' appreciation dinner for the clergy of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.*

### **ARCHBISHOP'S ALTAR SERVERS AWARD PROGRAM**

*This is one of our most important Programs as part of our Mission to foster vocations. By our encouragement of service as altar servers, we provide the boys and girls an environment to nurture their spiritual growth.*

*"It is only when a young man has had a personal experience of Christ that he can truly understand the Lord's will and consequently his own vocation."*

**Pope Benedict XVI – WYD, Germany 2005**

*Your support and participation is very important if we are to make this a successful program. There are a number of duties for which we are still looking for volunteers and for donations of any kind. Please call any member of the Executive and enlist as soon as possible, because the summer vacations will soon be upon us. **Just imagine that your support today could lay the foundation for a future Priest or Sister.***

**Date:** *Saturday, 12 September 2009*

**Mass:** *10.00 am at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver BC*

**Reception:** *After mass at the Rosary Hall next door.*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual general Meeting was held at the Holy Name Parish with members of the Serra Clubs of Vancouver and the Fraser Valley West in attendance. The evening started with a mass by Archbishop Michael Miller followed by a dinner, the installation of the new Executive and an address by Archbishop Miller. He touched on the early formation of vocations within the family, the need for prayers and the need for parents and grandparents to be attentive to the early signs of vocations. He urged Serrans to expand their programs to all the parishes. Among the input that he received from his request to find ways to increase vocations, he highlighted the following: (i) foster vocations in schools (ii) invite young people to ordinations (iii) target youth programs and (iv) discern and target specific initiatives to foster vocations.

He reminded the Serrans that this year was the “Year of the Priests”. He requested Serrans to reach out to all the priests especially those working in the Archdiocese from outside the country. He urged the Serrans to acknowledge their apostolic work and the great sacrifice that they endure in the service of God and His people.

The new Executive for 2009-2010 was then sworn in:

President	Ken Boguski
Secretary	Amy Tam
VP Vocations	Pamela Ho
VP Membership	Sophie Lui
VP Programs	Ted Chibber
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Trustees	Vila Nova Carvalho, Joseph Tan
Past President	Terry Keenan



*Archbishop Michael Miller & Vocation Director Fr. Hien with the new Executive.*

## PRAYER CORNER

### YEAR OF THE PRIESTS

Serrans are especially reminded that this year has been declared as the “Year of the Priests”. Archbishop Michael Miller has requested all Serrans to pray for all the priests.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

*O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole church:  
Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give  
Power to the words of the priests so that hardened hearts  
Might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.  
Lord, give us holy priests; You, yourself maintain them in holiness.  
O Divine and Great High Priest may the power of Your mercy  
Accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's  
Traps and snares, which are continually being set for the souls of priests.  
May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught  
All that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.  
Saint Faustina's Prayer*

### THE TRUE SHEPHERD

“For thus says the Lord; I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel by the watercourses and in all the inhabited parts of the land.” *Ezekiel 34:11-13*

Please continue to pray for our deceased Serrans:

May they rest in peace.

J. A. Archambault, His Grace James Carney, Mrs. Ellen Crean, L. Delacherois, S.W. Faliszewski, C. T. Foley, F. J. Foran, Rev. P. Foran, Pat Foran, Pete Gorman, M. J. Griffin, J. K. Hancock, E. Hill, F. H. Hoefler, Gerry Hughes, Most Rev. Martin Johnson, J. B. Kane, J. F. Kearney, Rev. John Kilty, Rev. Bill Kilty, R. H. A. Lacey, C. J. McGuire, F. B. McLellan, Rev. Ray McLeod, Barry McNeil, Jack Mills, J. W. Monahan, J. M. Nett, Peter O'Callaghan, T. M. Pink, M. J. Pulchny, J. Cliff Ryan, Walter Szafranski, Stan Taylor, G. G Topping, L. Tritschler, Jack Young.