



## SERRA CLUB OF VANCOUVER

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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2012

The following events have been carefully selected for the enhancement of our spiritual growth as Serrans and to help us carry out our Mission through prayers and actions to seek labourers for the Lord's vineyard. So let us fulfill our commitment by attending every event.

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| 1. Spiritual Talk (cancelled due to inclement weather)                                       | Jan. 18, 2012     |
| 2. Sisters & Brothers Lunch  | Feb. 11, 2012     |
| 3. Annual Retreat at Westminster Abbey   | Mar. 2 to 4, 2012 |
| 4. Serra Club business meeting   | Mar. 21, 2012     |
| 5. Spiritual Talk by Msgr. Greg Smith  | Apr. 18, 2012     |
| 6. Annual Clergy Golf Tournament & Dinner  | May 7, 2012       |
| 7. Annual General Meeting  | May 26, 2012      |
| 8. First Friday mass at 7.00 am every month<br>St. Patrick's Church, 2881 Main St. Vancouver |                   |
| 9. No Executive meetings in July & August  |                   |

#### ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

The Archdiocesan Adoration for Vocations Program is now fully instituted within the Archdiocese. As part of our Mission and our commitment to our Chaplain, all Serrans are kindly reminded to offer assistance as and when required, which may call for some personal sacrifices.

#### SISTERS AND BROTHERS LUNCH

All Serrans are cordially invited to help and participate in our biennial lunch for our Sisters and Brothers. This is to manifest outwardly our sincere gratitude for

the love, devotion and sacrifice they give to the communities in which they live and to the Archdiocese.

**Date:** Saturday, February 11 2012  
**Mass:** 11.30 am  
St. Augustine's Parish  
2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Vancouver BC  
**Lunch:** 12.30 pm in the adjoining hall  
**Cost:** \$15.00 per member

### ARCHDIOCESAN ORDINATION MILESTONES

As part of our commitment to promote and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we are also committed to support and help our priests in whatever way we can. Let us continue to support our priests through prayer for their dedication, sacrifice and service, they so willingly and selflessly give to the Archdiocese and to the communities they serve as Shepherds and Spiritual leaders.

### Completed Ordination Anniversaries of our Priests

#### Ten Year

Fr. Lawrence Travis  
Fr. Eugenio Aloisio  
Fr. Bruce Mc Allister  
Fr. Richard Au

Fr. Hien Minh Nguyen  
Fr. Joseph Hien Nguyen  
Fr. James Hughes  
Fr. Joseph Thonh Thoa Le

#### Fifteen Year

Fr. Anthony Tien Tran  
Fr. Mark Schwab  
Fr. Justin Trinidad  
Most Rev. Raymond Roussin

Fr. John Joliffe  
Fr. Lawrence Donnelly  
Fr. Amado Abubdo  
Fr. Paul Chu

#### Twenty Year

Fr. Joseph Phuong Nguyen  
Fr. Patrick Chisholm  
Fr. H. Lawrence Holland  
Fr. Bede Kiem Minh Le

Fr. Paul Thon Bui  
Msgr. Mark Hagemoen  
Fr. Joaquin Dias  
Fr. Gary Franken

#### Twenty-Five Year

Fr. Donald Larson  
Fr. Damian Cooper  
Fr. John McCarthy  
Msgr. Gregory Smith  
Fr. John Horgan  
Fr. William Mendenhall  
Fr. Wilfred Gomes

Fr. Bruce John Hamilton  
Fr. Stanley Galvon  
Fr. Ian Stuart  
Fr. Donald Larson  
Fr. Alan Boisclair  
Fr. Damian Cooper

#### Thirty Year

Fr. Vincent Hawkswell

Fr. David Hughes

Fr. Craig Scot  
Fr. Ronald Thompson  
Fr. Frank Landry

**Thirty-Five Year**

Most. Rev. Adam Exner  
Fr. Glen Dion

**Forty Year**

Fr. Norman Birch  
Fr. Timothy McCarthy  
Msgr. Bernard Rossi  
Fr. William Sommerville  
Fr. Nicholas Boomars

**Forty-Five Year**

Fr. Thomas Nicholson  
Fr. John Tritschler  
Fr. Rufin Mika  
Fr. Terence Larkin

**Fifty Year**

Fr. John Barry  
Fr. Joseph Swoboda  
Fr. Francis Chang

**Sixty Year**

Fr. James Fagan

Fr. Terence Bileski  
Msgr. Steven Jensen  
Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

Fr. Edwin Budiman  
Fr. George Varghese

Fr. Benna Burghardt  
Fr. James Comey  
Msgr. Dennis Luterbach  
Fr. Anthony Boniface

Fr. Fredric Haffey  
Fr. Terence Larkin  
Fr. Aloysius Lou

Fr. John Swinkels  
Fr. Peter Chiang

Msgr. Pedro Lopez- Gallo

Congratulations to all our priests without whom there would be no Eucharist in our Archdiocese. We are honored and privileged to have such dedicated priests and for this we praise and thank God.

We thank them for their service as God's representative in our midst and we pray that the Holy Spirit will give them the wisdom and the strength to continue to serve in our Archdiocese.

*“ Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven; it is he who opens the door; he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods...”*

*Pope Benedict XVI – 2009 Year of the Priests*  
**Prayer for our Priests**

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord, keep them, for they are Thine.  
Thy priests, whose lives burn out before Thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world, though from the world apart;  
When, earthly pleasures tempt, allure – shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain,

When all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain.

Keep them, and O remember, Lord, they have no one but Thee,  
Yet they have only human hearts, with human frailty.

Keep them as apostles as the Host, that daily they caress;  
Their every thought and word and deed, Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

*Followed by one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.*

**EVANGELIZING**

In a recent Conference held in India, it was revealed the work of the Holy Spirit in India, through the Missionaries coming out of that country. In a survey conducted not very long ago, it showed that Missionaries from India were evangelizing in 166 countries around the world - 6543 religious sisters, 1940 religious priests, 226 diocesan priests and 159 religious brothers.

We thank Archbishop Miller for the priests and religious from so many countries who serve in our Archdiocese. This is a very good reminder to us, Serrans, and to all lay people, that our task never ends, that is, to pray constantly for the spread of God’s Kingdom on this earth. But the work of the missionaries is not without danger. Many missionaries work in countries where there is conflict or religious persecution. As a result, last year, 26 missionaries were killed including 18 priests.

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

This year we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> year of this premiere event when Serrans entertain the priests of the Archdiocese to a golf tournament and dinner. We would like to remember and thank Bishop Gary Gordon, who, as Chaplain of the Serra Club back in 1972, proposed to have such a function.

The golf and dinner appreciation event is our way of expressing our gratitude for the dedication and sacrifice of our priests in the Archdiocese. All Serrans are invited to participate and help to make this event a memorable one. Space for the dinner is limited so please book early so as not to miss this great event where you can mingle with and meet all the priests and personally thank them.

**GOLF**

**Date:** Monday, May 7, 201  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Location:** Surrey Golf Club  
7700 – 168<sup>th</sup> Street  
Surrey  
**Cost:** \$70.00

**DINNER**

**Date:** Monday, May 7, 2012  
**Time:** 5.00 pm  
**Location:** St. Andrew Kim Parish  
10222 – 161<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Surrey  
**Cost:** \$30.00

**Please contact: Terry Keenan 604 523 6393, Lorne Beauchamp 604 688 2777 or Gary Levangie 604 594 3602 and book early.**

**All sponsorships and donations will be gratefully accepted. Please consider sponsoring a priest for golf and dinner at \$100.00 or just dinner at \$30.00**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held in May this year and not in June as was customary in the past. There is a serious and urgent call for members to come forward and accept various positions on the Executive. We know that our active membership is limited and as such the same members have been volunteering more than once or willingly accepting a position since no one else will come forward. This has been going on for far too long.**

**All members of the present Executive have served multiple years on the Board. We sincerely thank all these members who have given many years of their time and talent together with many personal sacrifices as members of the Executive over the past years.**

**Each of us has a duty that we should discharge as members not only to our own Serra Club but also to Serra International, since we are a worldwide organization. Prayer alone without any work will not help our Mission to yield any fruit. We are the “lay vocation arm” of the church as designated by Pope John Paul II and this calls for more than just prayers as Serra members.**

***It is now time for newer and younger members and those who have not been on the Executive before to take up this responsibility. This responsibility is part of our commitment, which, we made when we got inducted into the Club under oath. It is our duty. How can the Club live out its Mission, if its members do not fulfill their commitment? We need a change with new ideas, new energy and a totally new Executive to move us forward. So step forward, accept your responsibility and discharge your duty!!!***

**Please call Ken Boguski at 604 987 8732 or Ted Chibber at 604 738 5584 and leave your name and the position that you are interested in. Thank you and May Blessed Junipero Serra be your guide.**

**Date: Saturday, May 26, 2012**  
**Location: St. Augustine’s Parish**  
**2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
**Vancouver BC**  
**Mass: 5.00 pm followed by dinner and the AGM in the adjacent hall**  
**Cost: TBA**

**SERRA CLUB BUSINESS MEETING**

The Executive has decided to have a business meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss various facets of our Mission; how has the Club discharged it to date, do we need to change or to improve, if so, then how do we implement the change and what new can we do to move us forward in this decade or any ideas that the membership may want to discuss.

All members are earnestly requested to attend. The presence of all members is important to collectively review and chart our course for the future of the Club. It is by voicing our opinion that we can make progress in the discharge of our Mission. Let us move forward collectively with one voice and purpose. Serra Club of Vancouver needs you to be there!!!

**Date:** Wednesday March 21, 2012  
**Mass:** 6.30 pm followed by meeting  
**Location:** St. Augustine's Parish  
2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Vancouver  
**Cost for dinner:** TBA

**Please continue to pray for our deceased Serrans:**

May they rest in peace.

Alfred Clarke, J. A. Archambault, His Grace James Carney, Jim Craig, 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. Hoefer, Gerry Hughes, Dr. Rodney Irving, 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, Dr. Albert Rader, J. Cliff Ryan, Walter Szafranski, Stan Taylor, G. G Topping, L. Tritschler, Jack Young.