

# SERRA CLUB OF PITTSBURGH



## NEWS



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, March 14**

Noon Luncheon - Amici  
Bishop David Zubik

**Saturday, April 12**

Gathering of Catholic Men  
A. J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne  
University

**Sunday, April 13**

Adore 2097  
St. Vincent College, Latrobe. PA

**Friday, April 18**

Noon Luncheon - Amici  
Installation of new members

**Saturday, May 17**

Spring Leadership Conference  
Erie - 8:30 to 3:00 pm

**Monday, August 25**

Ordinati Dinner  
LaMont Restaurant

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## Vocation Projects † Vocation Awareness Weekend

The Vocation Awareness Weekend was held at Kearns Spirituality Center in January. Although attendance this year was lower than in past years, the Weekend was deemed a success by PRVC. John Pillar recently met with the Program Directors of PRVC, who conducted the Weekend, and discussed the future of VAW. It was agreed that the discernment weekend should begin on Saturday and end on Sunday (only one overnight). Kearns Spirituality Center was chosen as the site for future VAW's because of its excellent facilities and accommodations. In order to improve attendance, Serra was asked to consider how they might help facilitate the use of the internet to reach interested young men and women in discerning about vocations. PRVC will consider the available dates at Kearns for the next weekend retreat. †

## † Parish School Mass Program

For several years, Jim Finn, of the Pittsburgh Serra Club, has promoted a parish school mass at St. Mary of the Assumption in Allison Park. This mass is for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and following mass, the pastor or another priest, a single person and a married person (usually a Serran), a deacon and a religious sister or brother are available to discuss vocations with students. This has been an effective program and should now be implemented in other parishes with elementary schools. Information about this will be made available to Serrans so that Serrans who belong to parishes having an elementary school can promote this program in their parish. The Vocation Directors of PRVC are very much interested in being involved in this as well, and Father Fred Byrne, of St. Vincent College, and other Vocation Directors have expressed a willingness to attend these masses. It is important to try to have a representative of the Pittsburgh Diocese, either the Vocations Director or seminarians from St. Paul, in attendance.

*\*Copy of the "Parish Level Vocation Project" is attached - please see page 5. †*

## † St. Vincent College Adore 2097 Program

St. Vincent College has scheduled an evening of worship, called Adore 2097, on Sunday, April 13, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Father Fred Byrne, the Director of Vocations of the Benedictine Order at St. Vincent, is promoting this event which is sponsored by St. Vincent Archabbey. Serrans are invited to attend this event which will involve musical performers and

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## In Our Prayers

Those in special need of our prayers this month include:

Cliff Berschneider  
Marie Deasy  
Jim Ferry  
Madeline Kosky  
Paul Kress  
Lou Manns  
Janet Pschirer  
Ernest Tegge

If you know a member in need of our prayers, call Ray Golebie 412-531-3670 to have them added to our prayer list. †

## Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees will meet on the following Wednesdays: **March 26<sup>th</sup>** and **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Paul Seminary in Benedict Hall Board Meetings begin at 5:30 pm and are open to all members. †

St. Vincent College Adore 2097 Program - *continued from front page.* inspirational talks. The cost is \$15 at the door, or \$10 if paid in advance. For more information, check out <http://www.adoreworship.com>. PRVC has asked Serra to consider coming up with other ideas for a rally or event to attract young men and women and to provide additional opportunities for PRVC to promote vocations. †

## February Luncheon

Our luncheon speaker on February 15<sup>th</sup> was Dr. Kristopher L. Willumsen, PhD, from Wheeling Jesuit University. Dr. Kristopher spoke on Pope Benedict's encyclical on Hope. In this letter to all Catholics the Pope tells us to have faith in ourselves and not to sell ourselves short. Hope is the foundation of our spirit. We are human and we are made in the likeness of God. Remember that we were made for more than this life and only God can fulfill our hope for eternal life. †



Dr. Willumsen & John Pillar

## Member News

At the January luncheon, Clark Martin was presented with his 25 year pin. Clark served as President from 1997-1999 and is now a Trustee. We thank Clark for his years of service as a Serran.

Bob Deasy's wife, Marie, had back surgery on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Magee Hospital. The operation was a success and Marie is recuperating at home.

Ernest Tegge suffered an attack on February 15, was taken to the hospital and had a stint inserted. He is now recuperating at home.

New member Paul Kress is scheduled to have both knees replaced. †

## Serra Club of Pittsburgh Installs New Members

A membership drive that began with a Communion Breakfast in September culminated with the installation of thirteen new members at our January meeting. Our Chaplain, Father Joseph Mele, who had sponsored the Communion breakfast, officiated at the installation. Over forty Serrans and guests were on hand for the luncheon which was held at Amici's Restaurant on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Six more members who could not attend are scheduled to be installed at our April meeting.

President John Pillar presented Fr. Mele with a gift to acknowledge his work and support in securing the largest group of new members in the past thirty years of the Pittsburgh Serra Club. All Serrans who sponsored new members are to be congratulated. †



## Member Profile

George J. Pavlic M.D. was among the new Serrans initiated at the January meeting. He is a retired hematologist /oncologist. George is a member of St. Sebastian Parish, and volunteers there one day a week. He has also discussed "Moral Medical Issues at the beginning and end of life" with the RCIA candidates for about 15 years. His wife, MaryAnn, is a Eucharistic minister, and has been on the RCIA instructor team for 20 years. MaryAnn and George also volunteer at the Red Door, passing out lunches to the homeless. They have 5 children and 3 grand children. Dr. Pavlic talked at the Serran luncheon last year on "Spirituality and Healing." In additiona, he wrote a book *Coming to Grips with Cancer and Chemotherapy*. (e-mail: [docpavlic@verizon.net](mailto:docpavlic@verizon.net))

Since his early years at St. Nicholas Church, Northside, and North Catholic High School, George has always admired the dedication of priests and other religious to our spiritual welfare. He has appreciated the many excellent priests that have served the parishioners of St. Sebastian parish. Dr. Pavlic notes that of 200 graduates from his high school class, 6 were ordained into the priesthood, including Monsignor Jules Roos. He joins Bishop Zubik and other Serrans with prayers and support for our current seminarians; and with the hope that in the very near future, once again, more men will follow their vocation into this special ministry. †

## A Gathering of Catholic Men

The annual meeting of Catholic Men will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the A.J.Palumbo Center at Duquesne University. This all-day event will feature local and nationally known speakers including: Bishop Zubik, Fr. Wehner, Peter Herbeck (EWTN Program Host), Author Robert Rogers, Fr. Richard (President - Reason for Hope Foundation) and others.

Mike Clark, WTAE News, will emcee the event. Tickets can be obtained from Jack Warwick (412-381-8668) or Jin Finn (412-486-0187). Pre-Registration donation is \$35 compared to \$55 at the door. Deadline for Pre-Registration is March 29<sup>th</sup>. †

## NEW Serra Club Website

The construction of a new website for the Pittsburgh Serra Club has been completed and is now in operation. The new address is:

<http://serraclub.catholicweb.com>

New features include:

- ✓ Newsletter is now available on-line
- ✓ Link to bio of Fr. Serra
- ✓ Links to USAC and Serra International
- ✓ Links to Vocation Office and Seminarians
- ✓ Link to Pittsburgh Catholic †

## Membership Book Changes

Please add the following new members to the Membership Booklet:

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*St. Malachy*

Retired

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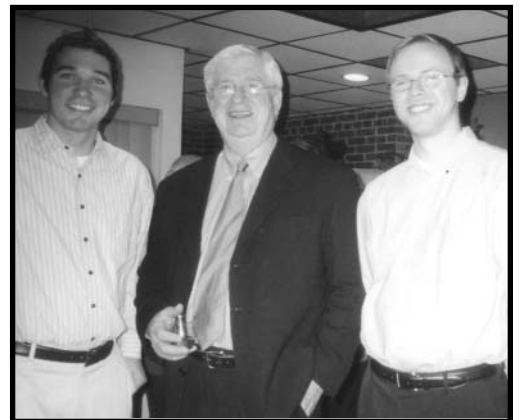
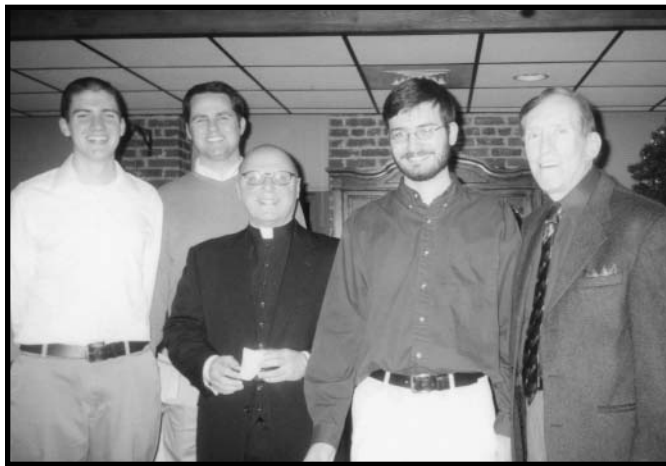
[rjgolebie@verizon.net](mailto:rjgolebie@verizon.net) †

## Quote of the Month

I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And, because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do what I can.

— Edward Everett Hale, American clergyman and writer (1822-1909)

# A Look Back at the Serra Club Christmas Party



## Parish School Mass Program Details

Below is a copy of the details for the Parish School Mass Project.

**A Parish Level Vocation Project  
Aimed at Middle School Students  
of St. Mary Of the Assumption Parish School, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania**

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**Each year during NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK (typically in January) the Diocesan Vocation Director is invited to preside at an All School Mass.**

**Following Mass middle school students (grades 6-7-8) are invited to remain for a panel discussion on vocations. Included on the panel are:**

- **A priest**
- **A religious sister and/or brother**
- **A deacon**
- **A single person involved in a lay ecclesial ministry**
- **A married person (usually a member of the Serra Club)**

**Each panelist gives a brief description of how he or she came to his or her vocation. Then follows an opportunity for questions or comments by the students.**

**As a follow-up religious personnel may visit class rooms to give more insight and answer any questions.**

**Suggested steps to follow:**

- 1. Obtain permission of the pastor and school principal to undertake this effort.**
- 2. Invite Diocesan Vocation Director to celebrate the Eucharist on a specific day during Vocation Awareness Week.**
- 3. Line up panelists to participate in discussions.**
- 4. Prepare Bulletin announcements inviting parishioners to attend the Liturgy.**