

Serra Club of Pittsburgh



NEWS



JULY/ AUGUST 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Holy Hour at St. Paul Seminary
at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 24

Ordinati Dinner at LeMont

Installation of Officers

Approximately sixty people attended the June Meeting. The first item on the agenda was the Installation of the following new Trustees and Officers for the coming year:

President - Brian Hardy

VP-Programs - Brian Golias

VP-Membership - Ben Barcaskey

VP-Communications - Ray Golebie

VP-Vocations/Parish Relations - Steve Oslica

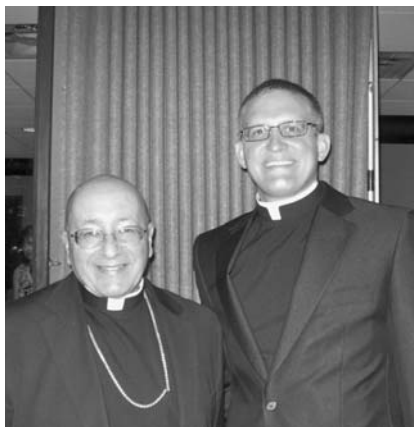
Secretary - Alicia Mack

Treasurer - Peg Keopfing

Past-President - Jack Warwick

Trustees: Carl Eck (7/10-6/12) Chuck Muzik (7/11-6/13)

John Pillar (7/11-6/13) Rose Vega (7/11-6/13)



New Auxiliary Bishop William Watersheid with Seminarian-Transitional Deacon William Wuenschel.

Many of us were unfamiliar with our new Auxiliary Bishop, but the Vice President of Programs, Chuck Muzik, did a good job of enlightening us with his Introduction of the Most Reverend William Watersheid. The Bishop was born in Ashland, PA (Northeast Pennsylvania). After graduating from high school, he worked in the health care field. In 1985, he was accepted as a candidate for the seminary formation program of the Diocese of Harrisburg. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology and a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a priest in Harrisburg on July 11, 1992. He returned to Rome for further studies until 1995 when he was assigned as parochial vicar at Prince of Peace in Steelton. In 1999, Father Watersheid returned to Rome again until 2003 where he served on the faculty of the Pontifical North

American College, Director of Apostolic Works and Vice Rector of the Seminary. On return to the Diocese of Harrisburg, he served as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle, then as Secretary for Clergy and Consecrated Life. On February 25, 2011 His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Bishop Watersheid started by thanking the Serrans for all they do promoting vocations. He said we should promote the culture of vocations to the church by inspiring promising young men to consider the

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Photos in this issue of the newsletter were taken at the June dinner meeting. Thanks to Nunzio Galleta for his efforts in capturing so many smiling faces.

In Our Prayers

Pray for the repose of their souls:

Lucille Brusco - Mother of Cynthia Brusco

Frank Caridi - Brother of Violet Gallo

Thomas Donnelly - Member since 1974

Dr. Anthony Galletta - Brother of Nunzio Galletta

Joseph Graner - Husband of Earla Jean Graner

Pray for the sick:

Bob Dougher
Emma Golebie
Regina Kelly

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



Continued from front page. priesthood, to listen to what God is saying and to ask God for direction in finding what they really want in life and where is the real peace and happiness they seek. He also reminded us of the words of Pope John Paul II "God is always faithful to the Church, but God asks us to do our part to encourage vocations." Priests are of great importance to all us during our lives. All of the sacraments are at the hands of the priest. As St. Augustine and Pope John II proclaimed "The Holy Eucharist makes the Church, then there is no Church without the Eucharist and no Eucharist without priest." The Bishop ended by asking us to continue to tell our young men to consider the priesthood, to pray for the priests, the seminarians, those considering the priesthood and to pray for him and all of the bishops. He then gave his blessing to all those present.

Prior to the end of the program, President Brian Hardy stated that his goal is to have 200 members by the end of this year. It's a very ambitious goal, but he thinks it is possible. †

Summary of Past President's Term

The 2009-2011 term of Jack Warwick saw some significant positive changes in the Serra Club of Pittsburgh. Membership increased 35% to the current 102 members. The average age of members has dropped. We are happy to report we now have 34 women members. Last years Ordinati Dinner was partially funded by soliciting ads (for the first time) from members for the new Ordinati Program Booklet. Jack, with assistance of his wife Dolores, received a generous donation from the Dunlap Foundation which helped fund some of the vocation programs for our Chaplain, Father Joseph Freedy. Also, a very successful "College Connection Program" was initiated this year. †

Ordinati Dinner In August

On Wednesday August 24, the 62nd Annual Ordinati Dinner will be held at the LeMont on Mt. Washington. Four priests who were ordained on June 25, 2011, their parents and pastors will be honored. Bishop David Zubik will be the principal speaker for the evening. All seminarians residing at St. Paul Seminary are invited and will have interesting stories to relate, having returned on August 21, 2011 from the World Youth Conference in Madrid, Spain. Serrans will receive invitations by mail. †

Ordinati Dinner Program Booklet

Serrans are encouraged to place advertisements in this years program. 1/4-page ads are \$25, 1/2-page ads are \$50 and a full page is \$100. Serrans may donate any dollar amount and be listed as a Patron (donation amount will not be listed) Deadline for placing ads is July 24, 2011. Proceeds help pay for all invited guests. †

College Connection Program

This year, for the first time, our Club participated in the Serra USA/Council College Connection Program. Serrans mailed letters to 514 catholic students who will be attending college this fall. The letters included Catholic Ministry information for the colleges, and provided the Ministry at the colleges with the names of the students so that they may contact the students when they arrive in the fall. Serran Chris Chapman was commended at the June dinner meeting for his role in implementing the Program. Ten Serrans volunteered to sign and mail the letters. †

Member News

Emma Golebie is recuperating at home after a month of therapy at Manor Care, Bethel Park. †

Serra Websites

For easy access, put the following websites in your "Favorites" folder:

Serra Club of Pittsburgh: <http://serraclub.catholicweb.com>

District Governor: <http://Mysite.verizon.net/tjpbsp/>

The Serra Club site also includes past newsletters for your reference. The main page lists all current activities of the club. †

New Members

Serrans are always searching for new members. For information on membership, contact Ben Barcaskey, Membership Chair at 724-251-9035.

Membership applications are also available at the monthly meetings. †

Birthday Cards

Some of our members may not know that The Serra Club of Pittsburgh sends a birthday card to all active and retired priests in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Currently there are 350 priests on our card list. Occasionally we receive notes back from the priests expressing their appreciation for our remembering them. †





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Prayer for the Newly Ordained

Holy Fire
Burn through the clouds of
their souls
Fill them with Your Breath
Lead them with Your Light
Enrapture each of their hearts
With Your Precious Sight
Breathe on them oh Breath
Of Fire from within
Use their chosen hearts
For You more souls to win
Bless them Father now
Ignite within the Flame
Protect them with the Love
Of Your most Heavenly Name

In the name of the Father
And of the Son
And Of the Holy Spirit
Amen

— Serran Alicia Mack †

