

Serra Club of Pittsburgh



NEWS



MARCH / APRIL 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 16
Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

Wednesday, April 20
Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

The Vatican has declared the 48th World Day of Pray for Vocations to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Easter, **May 15, 2011.**

Wednesday, May 18
Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

Wednesday, June 22
Dinner Meeting at Scoglio's

College Connection Program

The Serra College Connection program is led by Serran Chris Chapman. He met with all Catholic High school principals this month announcing the program that was approved by Bishop Zubik. The principals will compile the names of students who will be attending College this fall and submit it to Chris. He will be reporting his progress to Jack Warwick. †

February Luncheon

Our speaker at the February luncheon/meeting was Seminarian Kristian Sherman. Kristian made the trip to Rome when Archbishop Donald Wuerl was elevated to Cardinal. He spoke about how the trip strengthened his desire to continue studies for the priesthood.



THURSDAY is designated "pray for vocations" day. Our Chaplain, Father Joseph Freedy made the request that Serrans make a prayer offering on Thursday's. Brian passed out cards at the February luncheon/meeting for Serrans and guests to commit some prayer or fasting. The cards were then turned over to Father Freedy to be placed on the alter when he celebrates Mass.

Bob Deasy spoke at the February luncheon/meeting about the "31 Club." Serrans are encouraged to help form "31 Clubs" in their parishes. Each member chooses one date in the month and offers Mass on that day for Church vocations. Anyone in a parish can join. They pick a date, then each month for the next year, offer the Mass on that day. Serra provides a calendar poster where the member places their name under the date selected. Serran Alicia Mack has met with the pastor of St. Louise de Marillac to see if that parish will start a "31 Club." If you wish to start a Club in your parish, literature and posters are available and can be obtained by contacting Jack Warwick. †

In Our Prayers

Pray for the repose of his soul:

Owen J. Gavigan

Pray for the sick:

Cliff Berschneider

Bob Dougher

Regina Kelly

Rosemary Merriman

Christina and

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 Tuesday, March 22 and April 26 at **St. Mary of the Mount Rectory** on Mt. Washington beginning at noon. The rectory is next to the Church. †

Jerusalem 2011

From Serra International Executive Director, John W. Woodward

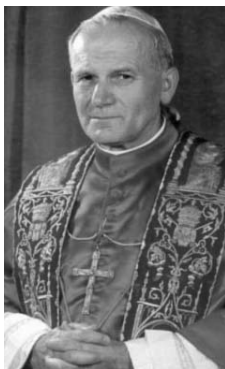
In this joyful season of Advent, I have some very good news to share with you! At the meeting in Chicago this past weekend, Serra's international board of trustees voted to approve Jerusalem as the site of our 2011 international convention. For many Serrans throughout the world, having Serra's 69th international convention in Jerusalem from 14-17 July 2011 will create a wonderful opportunity for them to make their first pilgrimage to the Holy Land where they can literally "walk in the footsteps of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." †

Jerusalem 2011 Travel Details for Serrans

Dick Ponzio's travel bureau, Ponzio International, has put together a very interesting and exciting trip to Jerusalem for the Serra International Convention, July 9-18, 2011. The trip includes a six day Holy Land Tour ending with the three day Convention. Our Chaplain Father Joe Freedy will be the Spiritual Director on the tour. For Information Contact: Ponzio International Travel at 412-571-1111. Flyers for the trip were on the tables at our February luncheon/meeting and will also be distributed at our March dinner/meeting. †

Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II will be beatified in Rome on May 1, 2011. Serran Sharon Capretto is planning on attending and is inviting Serrans to join her.



The trip leaves from Newark on April 26 and returns on May 4. You will visit Rome, Assisi, and San Giovanni Rotondo. Cost of the trip is \$1995 and covers airfare, accommodations, 2 meals daily, transfer, tour, and entrance fees. Add-on airfare from Pittsburgh is \$181.00.

Sharon is planning an extension to Medjugorje and Fatima. For further information call Sharon Capretto at 412-481-4422. †

Member News

Serran **Owen J. Gavigan**, 51, of Wexford, passed away January 19, 2011 at UPMC following a brief illness. Owen was sponsored by Brian Hardy in 2009. Brian attended his funeral burial in Pittston, PA. There will be a Memorial Mass at Saints John and Paul Church (Wexford) on March 19 at 3 p.m.

Rosemary Merriman is recovering after a hip operation. †

Membership

The following new members were approved at the January Board Meeting:

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New members are always welcome. For information on membership, contact Brian Hardy, Membership Chair at 412-486-1341 or 412-562-9117.

Membership applications are always 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. The card we send was specifically designed for our club last year by Ray Golebie's daughter-in-law, Susan Golebie. 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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Thought for the Month

We do not cease praying
so long as we continue
to do good. The prayer
of the heart and
of good deeds
has more value than the
prayer of the lips
— *St. Augustine of Hippo*

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 will carry past newsletters for your reference. The main page will list all current activities of the club. †