

# Serra Club of St. Petersburg

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June/July 2005

*"Always go forward, never look back"*

## Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. Annual Installation and Dinner and Seminarian Reception, Yacht Club, Central Avenue & Bayshore, St. Petersburg**
- **Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m. Holy Hour. St. Jude's Chapel.**
- **No Monthly Meeting in July 2005. Next meeting will be 16 August 2005.**
- **Wednesday, July 27, 7 p.m. Holy Hour. St. Jude's Chapel.**
- **Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting, St. Jude's Pastoral Center. Program: TBA**
- **Wednesday, August 24, 7 p.m. Holy Hour. St. Jude's Chapel.**

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## **Fr. Ted Costello Warms Hearts of Serrans**

For those of us who remember him during his service at St. Jude's, Fr. Ted Costello's talk at our May meeting provided a touch of nostalgia. It was typical Fr. Ted, filled with warm humor, and boyish charm which endears him to parishioners in the four parishes he has served. It was also Fr. Ted's 20 anniversary of ordination and we surprised him with a cake and congratulatory messages.

Fr. Ted recounted his service in the four parishes, Light of Christ, St. Jude's, St. Luke's, and now St. Michael's and stated that at each parish was impressed with the uniqueness of the people and their faith-filled response to their baptismal calling. He also discussed his recent appointment as prison chaplain.

## **Fr. Ted Costello - Continued**

He reminded us that a priest may be called to holiness, but may not always act "holy." Priests, he said, need for the people to understand them, and their foibles, and to support and pray for them. He praised and thanked Serrans for their leadership in offering this support, not only to priests, but to seminarians.

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## **Annual Dinner Ends Serra Year**

It's our final official meeting of the 2004-2005 Serra year and so we'll do it in grand style with our dinner meeting at the Yacht Club in St. Pete. The date is Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with a gathering at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

This is also our opportunity to meet and greet our seminarians who are working in the area for the summer. We have invited them as our special guests. We understand they will be having a meeting during the afternoon, and so will migrate to the Yacht Club for our dinner. We should have a full house.

Our speaker for the evening will be our vocations director, Fr. Len Plazewski, who will introduce the seminarians, and his comments will be spiced with anecdotes and secrets about each of them. Fr. Len always lends a festive air to our program. Our president, Kathy Bolich, will report briefly on the activities of the past year, and she and other officers for the new year will be installed by our chaplain, Fr. Anthony Coppola. You should already have received a special invitation to the dinner, stating the cost, \$35 per person. Response should be made by June 6<sup>th</sup> to Charlie or Carol Fuss, 360-6549. Checks should be made to Serra Club and sent to Charlie Fuss, 2983 W. Vina del Mar, St. Pete Beach, 33706.

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## Annual Dinner - Continued

General Chairman for the event is Jan Davy, and we are grateful to Mary Mallette for again securing the use of the Yacht Club for our dinner. Serrans are encouraged to invite spouses and other guests, particularly prospective members. Because of our large guest list, Serrans who are able are asked to consider sponsoring one or more seminarians at \$35 each. No one should stay away because of cost, however. We will find the funds to cover all Serrans. Just be sure to come.

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## Slate of Officers Offered for New Year

Maureen and Larry Ahern, co-V.P's for Membership, offered the following slate of officers for the 2005-2006 year:

President-----Kathy Bolich  
VP Vocations-----Denise Reilly  
Co-VP's Membership-----Larry and Maureen  
Ahern  
Co-VP's Programs-----Jim Prior and Charlie  
Fuss  
Co-VP's Communications-Bob Tufaner and Norm  
Dusseault  
Treasurer-----Bob Scott  
Secretary-----**(not yet filled)**  
Trustees:  
Dr Bob Iler  
Mary Mallette  
Dr Jorge Miyares.

The appointment of Fr Anthony Coppola as chaplain continues, and, in fact, will be somewhat facilitated by the summer transfer of Fr Coppola to St Raphael's parish which is nearer to our meeting place at St Jude's. Members voted acceptance of these officers at our May meeting, and they will be installed at the June 14 Installation Dinner.

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## No Meeting In July

Summer is almost upon us, with numerous vacations and other absences on the part of our members. Accordingly, **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY**. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug 16, at St Jude's Pastoral Center. Also, there will be no separate July Serra



## No Meeting In July - Continued

Newsletter as it has been combined herein. Expect to receive a newsletter in early August. This does not mean that the work of Serra will be discontinued, however. Your board will continue to meet and plan the new year, and Serra Holy Hours will be held on Wednesday, July 27, and Wednesday, Aug 24. Many of our seminarians will be working in our parishes, and this is a good opportunity to meet and befriend them. They, and new prospects, continue to need our prayers.

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## Kathy's Korner

**VIGIL RECEPTION:** Many thanks to all Serrans who made donations or came to help with the reception following the prayer vigil for guests of Deacon Mike Morris and Deacon Tom Tobin. The prayer vigil was held prior to their ordination at Christ the King in Tampa, with Bishop Robert Lynch presiding and some 60-70 guests in attendance. Particular thanks to Serrans Rose Parker, Marilyn Deeb, Elaine Schroeder, Joyce Lamoureux, Gwen Hunt (and Kirsten), Tricia Tufaner, Bob Tufaner, Jim Prior, Jan and Loren Davy, who joined me to host the event. Serrans were very much in evidence with new name tags prominently displaying the name "Serra Club", prepared by Norm and Nancy Dusseault. We were proud to present gift copies of the Book of Blessings to each of the ordinands.

**ORDINATION:** Several Serrans witnessed the culmination of our efforts and prayers the following day, May 21, when the Deacons became Fr Tom Tobin, and Fr Mike Morris. Fr Tobin will be assigned close to us at St Jude's, and Fr Morris will be assigned to Espiritu Santo, Safety Harbor.

**ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER AND SEMINARIAN RECEPTION:** As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, our annual dinner and seminarian reception will be held on Tuesday, June 14. Please, everyone, come. If there is cost problem please let me know and come anyway. We will find the funds. And, if you are able, please plan to sponsor a guest or seminarian. Thank you. God Bless!

**...Kathy**

