

# Serra Club of St. Petersburg

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November 2006

*"Always go forward, never look back"*

## Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting. St. Jude Pastoral Center. Program: Fr. Charles Yost, Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Monday, November 27, 7 p.m. Liturgy and Reception for Religious taking final vows. Christ the King Church, Tampa.
- Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour. St. Jude's Chapel.
- Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. Annual Christmas Social and Dinner. The Dusseault Residence, 4161 14<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg
- Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour. St. Jude's Chapel.

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## Fr. Roger Bisson Tells Of The Life of a Missionary

Our speaker for the October meeting, Fr Roger Bisson, of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) gave us a graphic picture of the life of a missionary.

Called to the priesthood more than 50 years ago, Fr Bisson served in Africa for 23 years, mostly in the Upper Volta region, working for the Catholic Relief Services, and Food for Peace programs. Fr Bisson told of digging wells, building chicken coops and catching rabbits, all the while spreading the gospel of Christ among his flock.

More recently he has served for 19 years as a fundraiser for his order. In this capacity while stationed in Washington D.C. he dealt with bequests and financial planning. Currently he is on a sabbatical here in St Petersburg studying scripture.

Fr Bisson, a native of New Hampshire provided us with a beautiful witness of a life totally given to the service of Christ.



## Prayer for Bishops, Priests, Deacons Brothers, Sisters, Lay Ministers And Seminarians

*(Provided by Fr. Roger Bisson)*

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal for bishops, priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, lay ministers and seminarians, especially those of our own diocese. We praise You for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days, renew them with the gifts of Your Spirit.*

*You once opened the Holy Scriptures to Your disciples when You walked on the earth. Now renew Your ordained and chosen ones with the truth and power of Your Word.*

*In Eucharist You gave Your disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish Your consecrated ones with Your Own Body and Blood.*

*Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection they celebrate around Your altar.*

*Give them enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all people, courage in leadership and humility in service.*

*Give them Your love for one another and for all their brothers and sisters in You.*

*For You love them, Lord Jesus and we love and pray for them in Your Holy Name - Amen.*

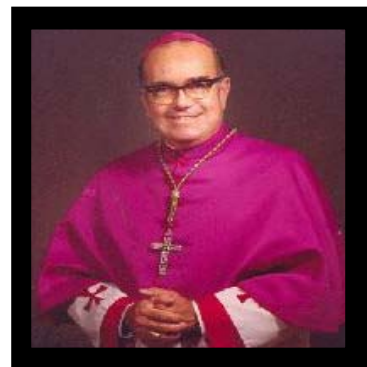


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## In Memory

**Most Reverend W. Thomas Larkin**

*Second Bishop of St. Petersburg*



1923 - 2006



## Fr. Yost to Speak at November Meeting

Our scheduled speaker for November is Fr. Charles E. Yost of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fr. Yost entered high school seminary in Donaldson, Indiana, and made his religious profession in 1951. After college and ministry, he was ordained a priest in 1958. Fr. Yost then earned graduate degrees in theology and library science. He taught theology for one year in Indonesia and then 17 years at Sacred Heart Monastery's School of Theology. During his teaching years, Fr. Yost was involved in various pastoral ministries in the Milwaukee area and later in other parts of the United States. His most recent assignment was in rural parishes and missions in northwest Mississippi. Fr. Yost now lives at the Priests of the Sacred Heart residence in Pinellas Park.



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## Christmas Social In Planning Stages

Again this year our Christmas Social and Dinner will be held at the home of Nancy and Norm Dusseault, 4161 14<sup>th</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg. The date is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and the gathering hour will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Serrans are asked to prepare a favorite dish to serve at the dinner, including needed serving utensils. A special invitation will be sent to all members.

Reservations and coordination of food offerings will be handled by Maureen Ahern, 381-2166.

Guests are welcomed, particularly if they are prospects for Serra membership. Reservations are absolutely necessary so that planning for food and seating may be arranged.

The Dusseault home is located in the Allendale neighborhood. Go to 9<sup>th</sup> Street N. (M L King Jr ), and turn left (west) on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N. to 14<sup>th</sup> Street N. and left again to the Dusseault home. Park on 14<sup>th</sup> Street or 42 Avenue N. Parking is limited and so we suggest car pooling.



## Kathy's Korner

Since we began the Serra Club of St. Petersburg in 1997, we have been praying for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Over the past few years we have begun to feel the effect of the decreasing numbers of priests within our club. Our past and current chaplains have been pulled away from our scheduled meetings because of priestly duties and other obligations to their parishes. As a result we have had numerous meetings with no chaplain or spiritual adviser present. I ask you to remember Fr. Tobin and all the past and future chaplains of the Serra Club in your prayers as they struggle to manage all the requests for their ministry and time.

November and December are such a busy time of year and I know that moving the Reception for the Religious who are taking their final vows to the Monday after Thanksgiving is very inconvenient. Your participation in the reception on November 27<sup>th</sup> will truly be a gift of Thanksgiving this year. There will be 2 Benedictines, Brother Matthew Clark, and Sr. Jane Mortenson, and 1 Salesian, Sr. Jane Jackson, taking their final vows, so we can anticipate members of their congregations to join us after the prayer service for refreshments. The Benedictines will be traveling from St. Leo's and I am sure they will be hungry. We will need all of you to come and help us feed and celebrate with them. If you need a ride to Christ the King, Please call me at 344-4065 or on my cell phone 542-0418 and I will arrange transportation.

Thank you for all you do for the mission of Serra,

*God Bless*

*...Kathy*



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## Four New Members Officially Installed

Serra President Kathy Bolich officially installed four new members at our October meeting. They are:

**Helen and Matt Wittenbauer**, members of St Jerome's parish.

**Mary Ann Wilson** of St Jude's , mother of seminarian Tom Wilson.

**Paulette Purvis**, sacristan at St Jude's

