

Serra Club of St. Petersburg

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October 2006

"Always go forward, never look back"

Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting. St. Jude Pastoral Center. Program: Fr. Robert Bisson.
- Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour. St. Jude's Chapel.
- Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting. St. Jude Pastoral Center. Program: Fr. Charles Yost.
- 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.

October Program Will Feature Fr. Roger Bisson

Our scheduled speaker for October is Fr. Roger Bisson, a retired priest with the Missionaries of Africa, an order founded in 1868 by Cardinal Charles Lavigerie when he was the Archbishop of Algiers, Algeria.

The Missionaries of Africa, (*formerly known as the White Fathers*) work throughout the African continent implanting the Gospel, providing relief and aiding the development of men, women and children.

A native of New Hampshire, Fr. Bisson now lives in St. Petersburg where he is on a sabbatical leave to study Scripture. Last year Fr. Bisson celebrated his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. He served 23 years in Africa, working for Catholic Relief Services.

Currently, there are 1,737 men serving as Missionaries of Africa in 23 countries throughout the African continent.



Priesthood Sunday Set For October 29th

The USA Council of Serra International has designated October 29th as Priesthood Sunday, a day set aside to honor the priesthood in the U.S. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church.

Although there is no set formula for the observance of Priesthood Sunday, local Serra Clubs are urged to devise their own method of observing the day in the parishes they represent. Sample liturgies, intercessions and other suggestions are contained in the Serra Leader publication.

The executive committee will be discussing options for this observance at our October Board meeting.



Three New Candidates Attend

Three prospective members, Mary Ann Wilson, Betty Teoli and Alida King, attended the Sept meeting and participated in the indoctrination conducted by Serran Jim Prior. This got our fall membership drive off to a good start. The membership drive of the Serra USA Council extends from Sept 1 to Nov 15. All Serrans are asked to approach this membership drive by asking themselves questions designed to prepare them to approach others.

The self examinations contain such questions as:

- Why am I a Serran ?
- What is Serra's mission ?
- Why am I dedicated to that mission ?
- Name three activities of Serra which promote that mission .
- Name three blessings I have received from Serra.
- Name three reasons the Church needs Serra .

Armed with this information, Serrans are urged to make a concerted effort to approach likely candidates during the drive and bring them to meetings.



Calendar of Events

As promised in our last newsletter, listed below is the Calendar of Events dates that we have collected for your reference. Please cut them out of the newsletter and keep them handily posted. Also please note that some dates may change due to club or diocesan contingencies.

Holy Hour Dates

2006

October 25 - November 29 - December 20

2007

January 24 - February 28 - **March 28*****

April 25 - May 23

*****Special Week of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations – Papal Monstrance Blessed by Pope John Paul the Great at St. Jude 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Serra Meeting Dates

2006

October 17 - November 14 - December 12

2007

January 16 - February 20 - March 20

April 24 - May 22

Other Vocation Events

2006

October 29 – Priesthood Sunday

November 27 – Prayer Vigil for Religious taking Final vows – Christ the King, Tampa. This function is supported by the club

2007

January 2007 – Vocations Month (Serran Seminarian Prayer Calendar)

February 13, 14, & 15 - Focus 11 held at Christ the King, Tampa – Tuesday thru Thursday. This function is supported by the club

April 29, 3:00 p.m. Altar Server Appreciation Mass at St. Jude Cathedral. This function is supported by the club



**Vocations Don't Just Happen:
Ask Somebody!**



Kathy's Korner

The Rule of 3: We have 3 new members, and 3 prospective members and all of them have a lot of enthusiasm for the projects that are being planned. As you may have heard we have 3 Serrans that are ill and are in need of our prayers. Virginia Tottle, and Marge Valente are both recovering well and are at home. Lee Boudart is in a rehab center in New York, but is expected to return home in a few months.

3 more: In addition, please keep Sharon Price's son, Ranon, in your prayers as he recovers from abdominal surgery. I called over to the Chancery to check on Bishop Larkin. As of the writing of this column he has been discharged from the hospital following a bout of pneumonia, so keep him on your prayer list a little longer as well as Msgr. Scully, who will not be released from Bon Secours until mid-October.

The Religious: On a happier note the Religious of our Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 35th, 50th, and 75th Jubilees this year will celebrate together with the Bishop on October 14th. My mom, Mary Mallette, and I have been invited to attend as representatives of the Serra Club of St. Petersburg. We will report to you all the happenings at our next meeting.

S.O.S Remember the SOS packages of goodies we sent to our seminarians the last couple of years? Well, this year we have a different idea: movie tickets. So instead of buying those little packets of candy and cookies, etc, please bring your \$\$\$ to the next meeting and drop them into the SOS basket. We'll buy movie tickets at theatres near the seminaries and send them along with the complements of Serra. We'll specify GA movies only. This will give our guys a night out and keep the calorie count down. Now if we can keep them away from the buttered popcorn!

Pray for them: This week's news of misappropriation of church funds by 2 priests in The Diocese of the Palm Coast is disheartening to priests of that diocese and all future priests. Join me at the Holy Hour to pray for all vocations and the Holiness of our priests. The next Holy Hour is listed on the front of the news letter.

God Bless

...Kathy

