



# Serra Club News

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month at noon at the Wheeling Civic Center

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## Congratulations to Monsignor Ostrowski!

The Serra Club of Wheeling is very proud of the honor that **His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI** has bestowed on our chaplain. The pope named the **Very Rev. Eugene S. Ostrowski, V.F.**, a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, entitling him to be addressed as Monsignor. Our bishop, the **Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield** said the honor is "a wonderful gift from Pope Benedict XVI to Monsignor Ostrowski, to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and to Corpus Christi Parish."

In addition to serving as our chaplain and pastor of Corpus Christi, Monsignor Ostrowski is Vicar Forane of the Wheeling Vicariate.



Monsignor Ostrowski, right, with Bishop Schmitt at the recent Serra Conference . ~ Photo by Joe Pangilinan

A pontifical honor like this is conferred exclusively upon secular or diocesan priests in recognition of their dedication and exemplary service to the Church. Monsignors are honorary members of the Pontifical Family, appointed by the Pope himself. A liturgical celebration in Monsignor Ostrowski's honor is being planned.

Serra Club President **David Singer** was enthusiastic on hearing the news. "Monsignor Ostrowski has been and continues to be a blessing to our organization. He has brought honor to our club in many ways, including being named Chaplain of the Year by Serra International. He has always inspired us with his eloquent, heartfelt and meaningful talks. He has been a wonderful personal example of how to live a Catholic vocation and be of service to others."

Singer continued: "He has provided valuable direction in our planning of conventions and projects. Most of all he has been a devoted chaplain to our club for thirty years and has always treated us with respect and friendliness. We congratulate him for what we believe is a well deserved honor."

## Eternal Rest Grant unto Him, O Lord

All of us were saddened greatly by the loss of our dear friend and charter member, **Dr. Frank Carenbauer, Jr.** He was a pillar of our club, our church and our community for many years. Dr. Carenbauer lived the gospel every day, inspiring all who knew him to be better people. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to his son and our brother **Frank III**, and all the Carenbauer family.

## April Programs

April 3 – **Father Dismas Young O.F.M., Cap.**  
Prayer Leader: **John Anderson**

April 17 - **Bishop Emeritus Bernard Schmitt**  
Prayer Leader: **Renee Anderson**

## Bishop's Burse

Many thanks to **Larry Bandi** for all his hard work to make this year's Bishop's Burse Dinner such a terrific event. **Bishop Emeritus Bernard Schmitt** presided with his usual warmth and good humor, and the **Very Rev. Anthony Cincinnati** was a delightful speaker. All who attended said it was a memorable event. Larry sends thanks to all who helped make the evening a success, including **Pat Templeton, Fr. Paul Hudock, Jack & Gene Fahey, Brann Altmeyer, Chris Freeman, Fr. Gene, R. Cincinnati, Bishop Schmitt and Dave Singer.**

## Prayer for the Month

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we humbly beg of Thee to revive in Thy Church that spirit which Thou didst so abundantly bestow on the Apostles. Call, we pray Thee, very many to Thy Priesthood and to the religious life. And may zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls, inflame those whom Thou hast chosen; may they be saints in Thy likeness, and may Thy Spirit strengthen them. O Jesus, give us priests and religious after Thine own Heart!