



# Serra Club News

Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month at noon at WesBanco Arena

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## Schedule of Meetings

January 1<sup>st</sup>. NO MEETING

January 15<sup>th</sup>. Speaker: Donald Kirsch, Good Shepherd Nursing Home Administrator. Prayer Leader: Joseph Front.

## Upcoming Events

The Bishops Burse Dinner is scheduled for March 14, 2009. This is the time of year that we make our donation to the Bishop to support the education of the future priests of our Diocese. Please give what financial support you can to this cause and mark your calendar so you can attend this event. We hope to have a good turnout.

## Sisters Appreciation Luncheon

Great turnout, great company, great entertainment, great food and great people being honored. This year's Sisters appreciation luncheon was a great success. Most importantly, we again honored the Sisters who have dedicated their lives to God's work. We are blessed with their service and their presence. Thirty one sisters attended including sisters from Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, Congregation of St. Joseph, Sisters for Christian Community, Sisters of the Visitation, Marist Sisters, Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Sisters of Divine Providence. Thanks to all who worked to host this event, including Gary Mulhern, Chris Freeman and Tammy Poppe of Raymond James Financial Inc. (provided the poinsettias), Bob Kagler (guitarist/song leader), Renee Anderson, Frank Carenbauer and others I may have forgotten to mention as well as all those who attended.

## Vocation Talks at Area Catholic Schools

The Board continues to work to sponsor a series of vocation talks at our area Catholic schools this school year. To that end, we have been added to the agenda of the next regular area Catholic school principals' meeting to present the idea and to work with them to determine the best way to do this. The meeting is scheduled for January 12.

We are also working with the Diocesan Vocations office on this project. The idea is to put a panel together consisting of a priest, sister and brother to give their vocation stories and to discuss with the children that God has a plan for each of us, and all we have to do is to listen to God's call. We hope to sponsor assemblies for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders and all high school students at each area school. More information will be coming as we move forward. If you'd like to help on the project, please contact Gary Mulhern via phone at (304) 232-8160, ext. 148, or via e-mail at [gmulhern@csjoseph.org](mailto:gmulhern@csjoseph.org).

## Seminarians Support

All seminarians of our diocese were sent a Christmas card and monetary gift from our Serra Club. We continue to encourage all to pray for the well being our seminarians and the continued development of their vocation.

## Prayer of the Month

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity and peace to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen