



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

February 5th. Speaker: Sister Elaine Poitras Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Prayer Leader: Dr. William Grubler.

February 19th. Speaker: Monsignor Gene Ostrowski Our Chaplain. Prayer Leader: Greg Marquart

Upcoming Events

Plans are being finalized for the Bishops Burse Dinner for March 14, 2010. Very soon you will receive a registration form. I hope you are able to attend and bring a guest or two or more. Please make an additional donation if you are able so that we can cover the costs for the Sisters and Priests that attend and contribute to the burse donation which is used to support the education of our future priests. Keep the date open on your calendar.

Recent speaker

Thank you to our recent presenter Donald Kirsch, Administrator of Good Shepherd Nursing Home. He provided a great deal of information regarding all the programs and facilities for which he has responsibility. It was also very interesting to hear his positive comments regarding various former Serrans with whom he had the privilege to interact and the positive impact these now deceased Serrans had on his life. He also commented on how much of an impact the Serran organized altar servers recognition program had on him as a young boy. Thanks again to Mr. Kirsch for his time and kind words and for his important work.

Vocations talk at Catholic Schools

On January 12th our president, Gary Mulhern, met with the Catholic school principals of the Wheeling area to discuss the best way to

conduct vocations talks in their schools. A planning committee is needed to organize these events, so if you are willing to help, please let Gary know. Tasks to complete are to contact each school to schedule dates and to help recruit speakers based on their availability and the scheduled dates. Monsignor Ostrowski also suggested having these talks on the local college campuses for the college students, so help is needed in scheduling those events. The principals said the best times for us to have these events is from April through the end of the school year. Gary can be contacted at gmulhern@csjoseph.org and (304)232-8160, ext. 148.

Prayer of the Month

Prayer for Vocations

Holy Father, look upon this humanity of ours that is taking its first steps along the path of the Third Millennium.

Its life is still deeply marked by hatred, violence and oppression, but the thirst for justice, truth and grace still finds a space in the hearts of many people, who are waiting for someone to bring salvation enacted by You through Your Son Jesus.

There is need for courageous heralds of the Gospel, for generous servants of suffering humanity. Send holy priests to Your Church, we pray, who may sanctify Your people with the tools of Your grace.

Send numerous consecrated men and women, that they may show Your holiness in the midst of the world.

Send holy laborers into Your vineyard, that they may labor with the fervor of charity and, moved by Your Holy Spirit, may bring the salvation of Christ to the farthest ends of the Earth. Amen

May the Lord of the Harvest Provide many holy priestly and religious vocations for His Church! --- John Paul II