



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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Check Out our New Website

Thanks to **Rob Wickham** and **Bryan Minor** from the Diocese, the Wheeling Serra website is back up on the Web. Check out www.wheelingserra.org to see what a great design job Rob did for us. We will be posting more information about our convention as it becomes available. Please send Janet Boyle any information you'd like to add to the site. Her email is jboyle@ghost-writers.com.

February Calendar

Feb. 1, 2008 - **TBA**
PRAYER LEADER: **Gene Fahey**

Feb. 15, 2008 - Our own **Jeff Smay** will talk about how Serra can help foster vocations at Wheeling Central Catholic High School.
PRAYER LEADER: **Jack Fahey**

Come to the Bishop's Burse Dinner

Larry Bandi asks us to put March 2 on our calendars as the date of the Bishop's Burse. It will be held at 6 pm. at the beautiful Catholic Heritage Center on Main Street. More details will follow.

Invite a Young Person to find a Lasting Peace

The Vocation Awareness Retreat that we co-sponsor with the Diocese, religious congregations, parishes and the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Feb. 8 - 10 at the Paul VI Retreat Center. This year's theme



is "Life Puzzling? Find a "Peace" that Fits."

Our own retired Bishop **Bernard Schmitt** asks us to personally invite any young man or woman we think might find this experience beneficial.

If you'd like more information or know someone who would like to attend the weekend, contact **Sr. Judy Minear, CSJ**, at 232.7733 or jminear@csjoseph.org.

Wheeling Serra Historical Highlights

Dr. **Bill Grubler**, faithful Serra member since 1955, shared some club historical highlights. The club was chartered on March 5, 1991 at the McClure Hotel in Wheeling **Bishop John J. Swint** addressed the 57 charter members (including **Earl Braunlich** and **Dr. Frank Carenbauer**, who remain active members.) In 1988 our own **Dr. Rizal Pangilinan** was elected president of Serra International; we are blessed that his widow, **Nellie**, and son, **Joe**, are active members of our club. In 1992 our chaplain for more than three decades, **Fr. Gene Ostrowski**, was named the Outstanding Serra International Chaplain of the Year."

This is quite an honor, Dr. Grubler points out, as only one chaplain of more 700 club chaplains is honored each year.

Dear Priests, Sisters, Brothers & Seminarians

President **David Singer** invites you to send us any information you might wish to share with Serra members. "If any of you want to send a report or update on your activities, we'll include it in our next newsletter," Dave said. "We look forward to hearing from you." Please send your updates to jboyle@ghost-writers.com.