



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

Friday, July 2nd-Speaker - Jeff Smay - Regarding Catholic Education. Prayer leader – John Anderson.

Friday July 16th Speaker – Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney - Regarding Eucharistic adoration. Prayer leader – Dr. James Caveney

Wheeling Serra Club Officers 2010/2011

Congratulation and thank you to our 2010/2011 officers.

Chaplain: Monsignor Peter Ostrowski

President: Jack O’Leary

President-Elect: Joe Pangilinan

Past President: Gary Mulhern

VP Membership: Larry Bandi
Chris Freeman

VP Vocations: Joe Pangilinan

VP Programs: Bob Kagler
Mike Niggemeyer

VP Communications: Dave Singer

Treasurer: Frank Carenbauer III

Trustees: Renee Anderson
John Anderson
Joe Front

Gratitude

Many thanks to Gary Mulhern for a job well done as Serran president 2009/2010. We

appreciated his willingness to take on this responsibility so early in his time with Serra. Keep up the good work Gary.

Recent speakers/programs

Thanks to Fr. William Matheny for an informative and entertaining presentation regarding St. Johns parish in Morgantown and the Neuman Club programs. He noted that there is a correlation among college students actively practicing religion and doing well academically and staying out of trouble. He also talked about how the different priests over the years reached out to the students utilizing their various skills and talents. One of his links to the students is his love of sports.

Fr. Matheny also talked about his own vocation and how he was in the seminary beginning with the minor seminary, then latter left the seminary, entered the military and eventually decided to return to the priestly vocation.

During this meeting we also had the opportunity to meet seminarian Mr. Justin Blanc who is doing his summer pastoral assignment at St. John/St. James parishes under the direction of pastor Fr. Joseph Hayden, and Patrick McCarty, the newly appointed Coordinator of Priesthood Vocations Awareness for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Patrick was in the seminary for a couple of years and discerned that God was calling him to serve in other ways. He went on to complete a Bachelors of Arts in communications and minors in Catholic studies and philosophy from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. In the recent article in the Catholic Spirit (www.thecatholicspiritwv.org) he noted that he believes one of the best ways to raise awareness of vocations is social networking

sites such as facebook and use of e-mail blasts to help reach a new audience. We welcome Patrick and look forward to helping and supporting him in his efforts.

Thanks to Mr. Ron Meyer, a regional manager, for his informative presentation regarding EWTN. It was inspiring to hear the story of how through faith, effort and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Mother Angelica began a television broadcast that developed into the largest religious media network in the world. EWTN is in 159 million homes internationally and is also accessible via radio and internet. There is no advertising.

Ron noted that EWTN is viewed by many non Catholics and that it is a type of "soft evangelization" in that the individual can turn it off or on at their discretion. He also noted that there will be an EWTN Family Celebration on October 9th and 10th, in Canton Ohio, the birthplace of Mother Angelica.

Our new Serran President, Jack O'Leary, an experienced EWTN viewer, shared the following information regarding EWTN. "From a news point of view EWTN provides two outstanding shows that cover the news from a Catholic perspective along with guests discussing the issues. The first is 'The World Over', hosted by Raymond Arroyo. It can be seen at the following times: Friday – 8pm, Saturday – 1am, Sunday – 4pm, and Monday – 10am & 11pm. The second, 'Rome Reports', which is broadcast from the Vatican, can be viewed on: Sunday – 10am and Friday – 11pm."

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.
Amen.

Serra Ohio Valley – Great Lakes Regional Convention – October 8-10, 2010

Just a reminder of the upcoming convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. I hope we can have a good turnout from our club. For more information go to www.CincySerraVocations.org and click on convention.

Serra 68th International Convention September 2 – 5, 2010. Anchorage, Alaska

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