



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> speaker to be announced. Our prayer leader will be Eric Gadd.

## Upcoming Priests Picnic

Our annual priests' picnic will be held the evening of Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at Bethlehem Community Park. I hope you can attend. This is always an enjoyable event. Registration will be occurring soon.

## Welcome to our newest members

Thanks to the efforts of several of our Serrans under the leadership of our VP's of membership, Larry Bandi and Chris Freeman, we have been fortunate to have added more members to our roster. More importantly these are talented and dedicated new members just like our longer term members. The more recently added members are:

Mr. Chad Carter  
Mr. Tom Fahey  
Mr. Eric Gadd  
Mr. Brian Gordon  
Mr. Jonathan Greer  
Mr. Scott Schenerlein

Thanks to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join with us in our efforts to encourage and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and to continue our own personal vocations as Roman Catholics. We welcome you and look forward to working together. Also, thanks to all active members of Serra for your work and prayers.

## Congratulations to our newly ordained Priests

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests, Father Jose Manuel Escalante and Father Andrew Switzer. The June 4<sup>th</sup> ceremony was a beautifully inspiring solemn service and it was a gift to be able to witness this act of commitment to the lifelong service of others by these two

young men. Both of these new priests were obviously joyful to have completed their training and to take on this very special vocation of God's work. We are very blessed to have both of them in our diocese. Remember, this is what we work and pray for throughout the years.

## Thank You, Guest Speakers

Thank you to our own Doctor James Caveney for his presentation regarding the history of Serra in the Wheeling area. He talked about the important role that various former members of our Serra club played in the development of local community endeavors such as the Wheeling Hospital building project. He also shared his own personal beliefs concerning several issues in today's Catholic Church and challenged Serrans to stand up for their personal and spiritual values.

Thank you to Mr. John Paul Nardelli, our diocesan seminarian stationed at St. Michael parish for the summer, for his inspirational presentation on what it meant to him to have a vocation and how he arrived at his personal vocation. He immediately commanded our attention by his energetic delivery that was fashioned in part by his years of experience as a D.J. and by his heartfelt commitment that shone through in his actions and words. John Paul already had six years of education at Wheeling Jesuit University, experience in campus ministry, and youth ministry experience in Hawaii before entering the seminary. The development of his vocation came in stages with him feeling somewhat distant from the church at times. It was there in Hawaii that his priestly vocation was launched when he found himself arguing with a nonbeliever in defense of the Catholic Church. It was at that time he came to the decision that God wanted him to become a priest. We are fortunate that he is listening to his calling.

John Paul also emphasized our own lay vocations stating, "What you are is a Roman Catholic." Let us pray that we may listen to our own calling. Thank you again John Paul.

### **Congratulations to Wheeling Serra Club Officers for 2011 –2012**

Congratulations to our newly installed officers and thank you for your willingness to lead in the enactment of our club mission. The officers are:

Chaplin –	Monsignor Eugene Ostrowski
President –	Joe Pangilinan
Past President –	Jack O’Leary
VP Membership –	Larry Bandi
	Chris Freeman
VP Vocations -	George Smoulder
	Eric Gadd
VP Programs -	Bob Kagler
	Mike Niggemeyer
VP Communications	David Singer
Treasurer -	Frank Carenbauer
Trustees -	Renee Anderson
	John Anderson

### **Prayer for Vocations**

O God, send your Spirit, that we may hear and recognize your voice in the deepest part of our beings. Give us the courage and the strength to respond with the gift of our whole lives in witness to the person of Jesus Christ and the good news of the gospel.

Rev. Michael J. Sinor

### **Wheeling Serra Website**

Thanks to Gary Mulhern for his continued work on our website. You can access it by going to [www.wheelingserra.org](http://www.wheelingserra.org) . Check it out!

### **31 Club and Eucharistic Adoration programs**

Contact Joe Pangilinan to sign up to attend a daily Mass at your parish to pray for vocations and/or to attend Eucharist Adoration at Saint Michael parish. Joe can be reached at 304-277-3150 (home), 740-391-9465 (cell) or at [joeypang@aol.com](mailto:joeypang@aol.com)

### **Priest Website**

Remember to visit the wonderful website our Diocese has developed promoting vocations to the priesthood. [www.wvpriests.org](http://www.wvpriests.org) It is artistically designed and very informative.

This site is a very important part of the recruitment process because studies have indicated that the internet is where most candidates learn about vocations programs. Make sure you take the time to view it yourself.

### **Links for more information about Serra**

Wheeling Serra  
[www.wheelingserra.org](http://www.wheelingserra.org)

USA Council of Serra International  
[www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org)

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