



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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October Calendar

Oct. 3 – Emily Jebbia – Growing up in a truly Catholic Family and its effect on Vocations; Prayer Leader: **Joe Pangilinan**

Oct. 19 – Fr. Kevin T. Connor, who is in residence this year at St. Michael Parish; Prayer Leader: **Nellie Pangilinan**

It's Time for the Convention

After more than a year of planning, it's time to welcome Serrans from throughout the Eastern and Central U.S. to Wheeling for the Super Regional Convention. God bless **Fr. Gene** and all the Serrans who have worked so hard to make the convention possible. It's Homecoming at Central and WVU that weekend, so many of you have other commitments, but please try to spend as much of the weekend as possible at Oglebay to help.

Meet the Seminarians: Thomas Gallagher



I am a native of Cross Lanes, West Virginia. My home parish is Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. I attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Charleston Catholic High School. After that I went to Wheeling Jesuit University where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

The first time I started wondering about the priesthood for more than a passing thought was when I was in late high school, but it was not until college that I began to take the nudging more seriously. I kept playing with the idea back and forth. After school I worked at the Library of Congress for a year. Through the inspiration of **Fr. Paul Hudock** I decided to apply to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. The two priests that really helped me discern were **Fr. Eric Hall** and Fr. Paul Hudock, the vocations director. I attended St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA this past year. This summer I attended the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. I will be studying at the North American College in Rome this fall.

I think the one thing to know is that **everyone** is called to holiness no matter whether their vocation is priest,

religious brother or sister, married, or consecrated life. Pope John Paul II really stressed this because people thought that holiness is something only for priests or religious. Holiness is for everyone. The most important thing one can do for holiness and their vocation is prayer. Change will happen, but not overnight. It will take time and effort. The fruits of this labor are rich beyond compare, and it is well worth it.

Pray the Rosary during October

It's time to visit Central again each morning to pray a decade of the Rosary with the students. Please see **Bill Grubler** to sign up for a day in October when you can go to Central to lead a decade.

Rosary Rally Set for Oct. 19

Jeff Smay reports that the date for the Serra Club / Central Rosary Rally is Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2 p.m. Our own Serra Club member, **Fr. Jim McGoldrick** (shown here leading a decade of the rosary in last year's Rosary Rally), will lead the rally in the Cathedral of St. Joseph and share his own call to a religious vocation.



Prayer for the Month

O Lord, help me know your will for me
Let your light shine in the depths of my heart
that I may know what you want
me to do with my life.

Help me believe that you have
a special plan for me.
Lord, I know that I pass through this
life only once:
help me decide how you want
me to make a difference.

Like our Blessed Mother, give me
the wisdom to hear your voice
and the courage to answer your call.
Above all give me peace
of mind and heart.
I offer this prayer in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen