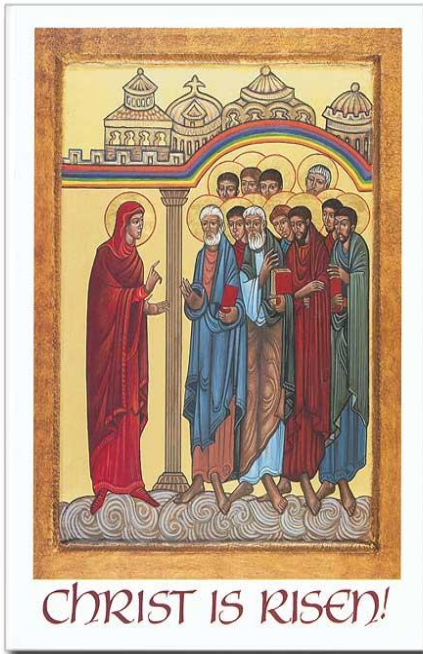


SERRA NEWSLETTER

The SERRA Apostolate of Council Bluffs
April, 2011



Celebrate the Joy of Easter, Sunday, April 24th

Monthly Rosary and Mass To Be Saturday, April 2 At Queens

The Council Bluffs Serra Club will gather hold its monthly Rosary beginning at 8:10 am on Saturday, April 2nd at Queen of the Apostles church. The Rosary will be followed by Mass. Coffee and rolls will be served following Mass.

Father David Muenchrath To Address Serrans At April Dinner Meeting

Rev. David Muenchrath, Diocesan Director of Vocations, will speak at the April 13th dinner meeting of the Council Bluffs Serra Club. He will provide an update on the current class of seminarians and share his perspective on "**Vocations For All of Us**". Please feel free to invite friends and guests for the dinner and program. Arrangements have been made for to have a meal during the meeting at St. Peter's Hall. This presentation by Fr. Muenchrath is the first of two programs regarding vocations.

Proposed 2011-12 Serra Officers

The following officers and board members are proposed for the 2011-2012 Serra Year:

- President . . . Mark Versch
- Vice-President of Vocations . . . Lois O'Gara
- Vice-President of Membership . . . Unfilled
- Vice-President of Programs . . . Monica Scortino
- Vice- President of Communications . . . Unfilled
- Secretary/Treasurer . . . Art Hill
- Trustees . . . Mary Dressel, Irene Schlautman and John Schlautman

Special thanks to Linda Chevalier (Trustee during the current year), Jan McGargill (Vice-President of Membership during the current year) and Sharon Beckman (who has served as Treasurer for five years). There efforts have helped the Club in a variety of ways.

As shown above, two positions have not yet been filled. Please contact President Versch if you are willing to help with one of these positions.

Linda Chevalier Is Working On the College Connection Program

In the spring of 2010 the Council Bluffs Serra Club made efforts to ensure that the graduates of St. Albert High School became connected to a church on campus of the college they planned to attend in the fall. This was done through the USA Council of Serra International's **College Connection for Catholics Program**. The program, developed in 2002, gives the names of incoming Catholics to the Catholic Youth Ministry on campus or nearest to it and gives the incoming freshmen the location and meeting times of the Catholic Youth Ministry's special programs.

The information exchange was done to connect Catholic youths with others who share their faith and faith traditions before they arrive on campus. This also gives the campus ministries a chance to reach out with open and friendly hospitality to those who have freshly arrived. College freshman who do connect are more likely to remain connected to their Catholic faith and to be receptive to the possibility that God is calling them to a religious vocation.

St. Albert's Counselor Connie Schechinger has graciously provided the Council Bluffs Club with the intended college destinations of the 2011 graduates. Linda Chevalier has uploaded their names and destinations into the College Connection database. Serra forwards their names to the appropriate campus ministry directors. At graduation time, a packet identifying the nearest Catholic Campus Ministry will be presented to the graduates, along with our congratulations of our club and a vocations' prayer card.

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