



SERRA NEWSLETTER

The SERRA Club of Council Bluffs

June, 2010

Council Bluffs Serrans Plan To Attend the Ordination of Deacon Zachary Kautzky in Des Moines on Friday, June 4th

With praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty God, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines, together with the Kautzky family, will joyfully celebrate the ordination of Deacon Zachary Jon Kautzky to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on Friday, June 4th at 7:00 pm in St. Ambrose Cathedral (607 High Street) in Des Moines.

All Serrans and members of the Diocese are welcomed to attend this joyful event. The imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit will be done by His Excellency Richard E. Pates, Bishop of Des Moines.

The image shown below was taken from the formal invitation prepared by the Diocese. The accompanying scripture is . . . ***“Do this in memory of me.”*** Luke 22:19

Charter Bus Travel is Available

The Serra Club of Council Bluffs is sponsoring a tour bus to the ordination of Deacon Zachary Kautzky on Friday, June 4, 2010 at St. Ambrose Cathedral.

The bus will leave the Mall of the Bluffs at 3pm.

Those participating will enjoy dinner at the Machine Shed prior to the ceremony.

The cost is \$30 per person, including meal and transportation.

Please contact Rosie Wallace at 323-8357 by May 24th to make a reservation.



“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” . . . St. John Vianney

Serra Club of Council Bluffs Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2010

On Saturday, May 1, 2010 the Board of the Serra Club of Council Bluffs met at 8:50 am in the basement of Holy Family Church at 2217 Avenue B in Council Bluffs. The following Board Members were present: Jan McGargill, Rosie Wallace, Lois O'Gara, Bonnie Helms and Mark Versch.

The meeting began with a prayer led by President McGargill.

The Board was asked to consider the minutes of the March 27th meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion by O'Gara, seconded by Wallace, for approval as prepared and distributed. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Versch briefly summarized the work done for the College Connection and asked the Board Members for help to complete the packets at the conclusion of the meeting.

With time being of the essence, President McGargill directed the Board's attention to the upcoming dates for meetings and events. She explained reviewed the following:

- Wednesday, May 12th Regular Dinner Meeting with a may Crowning Ceremony
- Friday, June 4th Bus Trip to the Ordination of Deacon Kautzky in Des Moines (departs at 3:00 pm),
- Saturday, June 5th, Monthly Rosary, Mass and regularly scheduled Board Meeting cancelled due to gathering of priests in Des Moines for the Ordination,
- Wednesday, June 9th Installation of New Board and Club Members during the monthly dinner meeting,
- Thursday, July 1st Special Mass in honor of the Feast day of the Blessed Junipero Serra.

Time was then spent briefly summarizing the following, additional, upcoming activities:

- The Lay Vocations Committee is scheduled to meet with Fr. Muenchrath at 6:30 pm Monday, May 24th,
- Set-Up for the Institute For Priestly Formation will be coordinated by Rosie Wallace and will be done on Saturday, May 29th,
- Serrans are needed to provide dessert and greet attendees at the IPF Seminarian/Faculty dinner on Monday, May 31st at Queen of Apostles,
- Visits to the area parishes to encourage the formation of Parish Vocations Committees will be concluded by the end of June.

Upon the departure of Wallace and O'Gara the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Versch

Serra Board Meets To Develop Plans, Goals For Coming Year

On Thursday, May 13, 2010 the Board of the Serra Club of Council Bluffs met at 7:00 am in the home of Bonnie Helms in Council Bluffs. The following Board Members were present: Mark Versch, Lois O'Gara, Jan McGargill, Rosie Wallace, Rita Hughes, Irene Schlautman and Bonnie Helms.

Time was spent discussing potential monthly programs and how the Club can aide in the spiritual growth of our members while encouraging and affirming vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life.

On Thursday, May 6th Lois O'Gara and Irene Schlautman presented a "College Connection" packet to each of the 47 graduating seniors at St. Albert's High School.

There are No Seminarian Birthdays To Celebrate During June

(But Four Will Be Celebrated During July)

A Prayer For Our Priests

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they Celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

Financial Report Prepared By Sharon Beckman, Vice-President of Finances . . .
 April 1, 2010 Through April 30, 2010

Balance brought forward		\$3,876.40
EXPENSES		
Check Number 1874 No Frills, Dinner expense	\$82.79	
Check Number 1875 Serra application	\$8.08	
Total	\$90.87	
INCOME		
Dues	\$469.75	
Dinner, April	\$149.00	
Memorial, Bob Dressel	\$55.00	
Seminarian Fund	\$30.00	
Total	\$703.75	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$4,489.28
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE		<u>\$1,707.78</u>
TOTAL		\$5,584.18
SEMINARIAN BAGS	\$115.35	
SEMINARIAN FUND	\$1,030.00	
WORKING BALANCE		\$5,051.71

Calendar of Activities . . .

- Saturday, May 29th **Set-up at Creighton University for the Institute For Priestly Formation**, between 9:00 am and noon. Contact Rosie Wallace to help.
- Monday, May 31st IPF Seminarian/Faculty Dinner at Queen of Apostles, Serrans help is needed to greeter the visitors and provide deserts; arrive at 5:45 pm.
- June 4th The **Ordination of Deacon Zachary Kautzky** at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, June 5th The regularly scheduled Serra Mass and Board Meeting **Will Not Be Held**
- Wednesday, June 9th **Installation of New Officers and Members** at Queen of Apostles, Mass begins at 6:00 pm.
- Thursday, July 1st **Mass celebrating the Feast Day of Blessed Junipero Serra** at 6:00 am at Queen of the Apostles, followed by a Board Meeting
- Friday, July 2nd **First Friday of July**
- Saturday, July 3rd The regularly scheduled Serra Mass and Board Meeting **Will Not Be Held**
- Friday, July 16th Ice Cream Social with Seminarians Attending the Institute For Priestly Formation

Visits to area parishes to Encourage the Formation of Parish Vocations Committees will be concluded soon.

Remember: In August, September, October and December the First Saturday Rosary, Mass and Regular Meeting will be held at Holy Family at 8:00 am.

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