



SERRA NEWSLETTER

The SERRA Apostolate of Council Bluffs
May, 2011

Rev. David Muenchrath To Address Serrans At May Dinner Meeting

Rev. David Muenchrath, Diocesan Director of Vocations, will speak at the May 11th 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 a buffet for the event to be held at St. Peter's Hall.

Serrans To Make Italian Sausages On Saturday, May 7th at Queens

On Saturday, May 7th members of the Council Bluffs Serra Club will be making sausages to be cooked and served at the opening dinner of the Institute For Priestly Formation. Please plan to stay following the monthly Rosary and Mass to help. The project will be done in the kitchen of Queen's Great Hall.



The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated
Sunday, May 1st.

Preparations For the Institute For Priestly Formation To Be May 28th at Creighton

Your help is requested to hang artwork and prepare the hallways of Creighton's Swanson Hall for the seminarians who will be attending the IPF summer program at Creighton University.

This work will be done beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 28th. If you are able to help please contact Rosie Wallace.

Calendar of Activities

Friday, May 6th **First Friday of May**

Saturday, May 7th Rosary at 8:10 am, Mass at 8:30 am, followed by refreshments and the Serra **Monthly Board Meeting** at Queen of the Apostles
Followed by sausage making in the kitchen.

Wednesday, May 11th **Serra Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6:00 pm at St. Peter's church hall.**

Bus Chartered For the Day Trip To The Ordination of Guthrie Dolan on June 3rd

Make plans now to participate in the charter bus trip to Des Moines on Friday, June 3rd for the Ordination of Deacon Guthrie Dolan to the Priesthood. The trip will cost \$37.50 and include supper at the Machine Shed.

Seminarian Birthday In May

Matthew Krastel May 24th

Matthew attends Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri.

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Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2011

On Saturday, April 2nd, 2011 the Board of the Serra Apostolate of Council Bluffs met at 9:20 am in the Social Hall of Queen of Apostles church in Council Bluffs. The following Board Members were present: President Mark Versch, Jan McGargill, Irene Schlautman, Monica Scortino and Linda Chevalier.

The meeting began with a brief prayer led by President Versch.

The Board was asked to consider the minutes of the March 5th meeting as printed and distributed in the April newsletter. After some discussion, Irene Schlautman made Motion, seconded by Chevalier, for approval as prepared. Motion carried.

A Treasurer's Report was not provided.

Vice-President of Programs, Monica Scortino was thanked for her work preparing for the desert meeting held March 16th at St. Patrick's church. She explained that Father Meunchrath would be available for the May and June Dinner meeting, but that a speaker had not been identified for the April meeting.

In the absence of the Vice-President of Vocations, Lois O'Gara, President Versch reported that arrangements had been made for a 47 passenger bus for the trip to the ordination of Deacon Guthrie Dolan on Friday, June 3rd. It was also reported that she was making plans for the Fall Retreat.

Vice-President of Membership Jan McGargill explained that she did not have anything to report.

Versch directed the Boards attention to the following New Business:

- Linda Chevalier reported on work done for the College Connection project.
- The Board was reminded again of the Spring Leadership Planning Conference in Carroll on Saturday, April 30th.
- There was brief discussion again of the set-up work to be done on Saturday, May 28th at the Institute For Priestly Formation.
- An individual had been identified with interest in attending the Mercy Challenge week in California in July. The Board considered if it would be willing to pay for the individual's travel expenses estimated to be \$500. There was discussion regarding the need for an interview and of other local opportunities for such a program.
- Time would have to be set to make sausages for the IPF opening dinner (set for Monday, May 30th) at Queens. It was also noted that Larry Ward was familiar with operating the dishwasher at Queens and that Brian Bower may have access to a grill for cooking the sausages.

Versch explained that the next board meeting would be held on Saturday, May 7th following the monthly Rosary and Mass at Queens.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Versch

Featured Ministry:

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas . . . Omaha Regional Community

The Sisters of Mercy are an international community of Roman Catholic women religious vowed to serve people who suffer from poverty, sickness and lack of education with a special concern for women and children.

The Sisters of Mercy dedicate their lives to:

- Sheltering the homeless,
- Teaching the uneducated,
- Caring for the sick
- Counseling the distressed,
- Welcoming the stranger, and
- Acting in harmony with all of creation.

The Sisters of Mercy offer:

- "Mercy Challenge" a one-week experience for single, Catholic woman to minister with the Sisters for individuals seeking to understand God's Call in their lives and
- "Mercy Volunteer Corps" for women or men who want to make a one-year commitment of volunteer service.