March, 2018

SERRA OF BEAUMONT
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Pope Francis’ Monthly Prayer Intentions

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

VOCATION CORNER

CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER FALL & SPRING Semester MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY ... 6:00 P.M.
Tues-Friday ... 11:30 A.M. (Tues. mass followed by Lunch Bunch)
Rosary @ 9AM, Monday, during school sessions

Rev. Tino Barrera
Vocation Director & Campus Minister
Diocese of Beaumont
Office # 409-924-4300,
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Ext. 4360 Kelly de la Rosa (Coordinator)
ext. 4363 Lindsey Parish (Secretart)
Email: tbarrera@dioceseofbmt.org
CSC Hours

Mon.– Thurs 8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Serra Business Meeting
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2018
St. Jude Family Life Center

Present: John Begnaud, Aileen Luistro, Dennis Weyant, Richard James, Pat Harrigan, Jim Fennell, and Natalie Roberts. The meeting opened with the Serra Prayer for Vocations.

Treasurer’s Report
January 31 bank account balance $17,810.93
Deposit $1,554.01
Expenses - $4,523.00
$1,311 from dues
Religious Dinner
Proceeds - $4,555
Expense - $2,727.13
Net Gain - $1,827.87
From Last year - $1,369.43
In the bank for the next religious dinner - $3,197.30
Angels gave 3350
Member meals more than $1,000
Priest meals - $200

Dennis said we were a little shy from last year but even with the increased meal we did very well. Pat said some of that money is intended for Serra to buy other things for priests and religious (ex: birthday cards).

Dennis said we have $700 for cards. If we do well on the fundraiser, it will help the bank account. Serra gave Bishop a check for $6,000. ($3,000 was from the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. The balance was from our account.)

Pat said two Angel sponsors came in late. He asked for the names and addresses to add to the list for next year. Dennis will work on the printout of the treasury report.

Programs
Pat thanked everyone who worked the Religious Dinner:

Decorations:
Karen B., Sara, Kitty, Sheila, Melody, Karen S, Mary, John, Jim, Gene, Richard, and the Kocots

Working the Dinner:
Dennis, Karen B. Sara, Ailene, Natalie, Jim, Vic, Melody, Richard, Gene, and Karen S.

Special Thanks:
John, Sheila & Michael, and Bob for helping move the program along smoothly

Pat thanked Natalie for emailing the prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Planning the Annual Fundraiser:
Pat booked the date with Courville’s. We need to get with them on the details.

Pat thinks we might need to do publicity about the traveling crucifix program and use that to give people an objective to help support the fundraiser.

Traveling Crucifixes for Schools:
Pat has a National Catholic Register article on crucifixes and a Crucifix kit. It contains a bronze crucifix with a base, two brochures, travel case, etc. Pat suggested getting a wooden crucifix from Autum for $10 (The Pope’s Crucifix) or less, get prayers, and put together our own kits.

John spoke to Alison Kiker, who was interested in the program. John sent her the article. He went to Band’s, looked at Crucifixes, and almost bought one for St. Anne’s in case they were interested.

The kits cost $75 each and has a standing crucifix in a case. The kids could take them home. It comes with prayer cards. John is interested in doing St. Anne, St. Anthony, St. Catherine, St. Mary, and Kelly. He was thinking one per school. Pat was thinking one per grade.

Serra International’s 3rd Goal:
“To assist its members to recognize and respond to their own lives to God’s call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.”
That is the reason he requested prayer be emailed. Aileen included the prayer in the newsletter to youth ministry.

The Novena to St. Joseph is in March. Pat will get that out at the next meeting and will encourage everyone do to the novena.

There is also a novena for St. Serra before his feast.


It calls him Blessed and asks for his canonization.

On Sunday, April 22 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations - There will be a mass at the CSC. John will discuss this with Fr. Tino and schedule a lunch on a Tuesday. Jim suggested asking the Knights or Men of Jude for assistance. The K of C is looking for service hours.

Dates and Meeting Topics:
Thursday, February 15 – Marian Apparitions
St. Joseph Novena information
Sunday, March 11 – Monday, March 19 – Novena
Thursday, March 15 – Dining with Jesus & Paul
Thursday, April 5 – Annual Fundraiser

Membership
Richard has called people and asked them to join Serra. Around March we usually get a letter from the Bishop and send it to potential new members.

Communications
Sara Tenini was not present, but submitted her report via email.

11 birthday cards are going out.
17 ordination and profession day anniversaries will also be sent.
13 thank you cards were sent out to our supporting angels who contributed to our ministry through the Religious Appreciation Dinner.

Notable Anniversaries:
Deacon Luis Magana celebrates his 15th year ordination anniversary

Pat is correcting 3 certificates. He asked for letterhead to write an apology letter to Sister. John and Richard suggested checking with Sara or Gene. Dennis said he has letterhead he uses for dues. Jim suggested going online.

Vocations
Gene could not attend the meeting but sent a message. He communicated to the parish contacts and will follow up. There will be an update on the vocations projects at next week’s general membership meeting.

Serra International Foundation
Jim discussed Fidelitycharitable.org. It is a charity you put money in. You put it in at any pace and take it out at any time you want. Why couldn’t Serra International do something similar for the clubs? This will give us the opportunity to grow money in a meaningful way for long term projects.

St. Louis is doing this, however they are a large organization. Richard – decide how much ready cash you need.

Right now we aren’t making any money on our investment. Look at what we can do locally.

International has done well with investments, but contributions have declined.

Pat asked if it would be appropriate to put the appreciation funds in something like this. John asked what the balance is and Dennis estimated about $13,000 after the donation that went to the diocese and income. There was a discussion on if money is invested, can we get it back when it is needed.

Is the local club making anything if you invest money and have to pay a management fee?

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Please pray for them, support them, and celebrate with them.

**Our Religious’ March Birthdays**

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<td>Sr. Francisca Nava, CMST</td>
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<td>2207 South Main Anahuac, TX 77514</td>
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<td>1414 Droddy Dr. Port Neches, TX 77651</td>
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<td>Rev. Urbano Saenz, O. S.A.</td>
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<td>Our Lady of Guadalupe Ch. 3648 S/Sgt. Lucian Adams Dr. Pt. Arthur, TX 77642-6100</td>
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2/7/18 Business Mtg. Continued

**President’s Report**

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is conducting a Vocation Expo focusing on creating plans for Parish Vocation Ministries. It will be February 24 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Mary’s Seminary. For more information see the President’s Corner of the February edition of The Call newsletter.

Serra will provide a donation check for $125 to cover the cost of the Newman Center’s payment to Seminarian posters. Jim moved to approve the donation. Richard provided a 2nd. The motion carried.

John, Ailene, Jim, and Port Arthur Serra member Doreen Badeaux and President Michael Sigur will have lunch with USAC President Gregg Schwietz and Region 10 Director Don Simonette at Cracker Barrel in Beaumont on Thursday, February 8 at 11:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm after the Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations.
President's Corner

Lenten Season is a time to formulate a plan for the future. This applies to not only ourselves, individually, but as Serrans as well. Pope Francis asks all to be disciples during Lent. This, of course, is in line with our Serran goals and objectives as we encourage and foster the understanding and growth of vocations. Thanks to all as we complete our preparation for the upcoming fundraiser. This initiative not only makes people aware of Serra, but more importantly provides for our financial ability to support the understanding and growth of vocations. To all, have a wonderful Lenten Season.

Creating a Parish Collaborative Voc. Team

A Pastoral Collaborative Vocation Team is charged with leading the collaborative in promoting a culture of vocations with a three part approach of prayer, awareness and inviting.

The team, led by the pastor, would include pastoral staff members, such as, for example, parochial vicar, pastoral associate, DRE, RCIA coordinator, youth minister, liturgy and music coordinators, school principal and parishioners from a variety of aspects of parish life.

When the pastor considers himself the first leader in inspiring and calling others to promote a culture of vocations in the collaborative, there is usually success. Past history has shown that without the pastor actively leading the team, it often can flounder.

The team would have regular meetings, depending on the collaborative, and would select a variety of activities to implement. The most important starting point for the teams that have been successful is to have an attitude of creativity and openness to promoting a culture of vocations throughout the entire life of the parish or collaborative.

There are some practical ways to get the team established. The collaborative may choose to simply recruit members from the pastoral team and from parishioners known to have an interest. You may also choose to give a presentation to the parish on a particular weekend and invite people to attend an informational session or simply to join the team. The primary job of each team member is to encourage a culture of vocations in their particular part of the life of the collaborative, to pray daily for vocations and to encourage other to do the same. Each member would also have some specific duties that might relate to a specific project.
Serra Club of Beaumont
Officers and Board
2017-18

John Begnaud
President
Ailene Luistro
President-Elect
Natalie Roberts
Secretary
Dennis Weyant
Treasurer
Richard James
VP. Membership
Pat Harrigan
VP. Programs
Gene Landry
VP. Vocations
Sara Tenini
VP. Communications

Officers

Carolyn Fernandez
Vic. Soares

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Victor Soares
Chaplain
Bob Kocot
Newsletter Editor
James Fennell
Serra Fndn. Rep

Interested in joining Serra, please contact VP Membership at (409-466-3965)

Communications / PR Committee:
Sara Tenini
VP Communications
Victor Soares
Newsletter Editor

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Victor Soares
Broussard’s Family of Funeral Directors

Prayers for Restored Health for:

All priests, deacons and religious who are without good health and need our prayerful support, and for their family members who are ill or have passed. May God restore the health of all Serra family members. May he daily fill our spirit with the joy of his peace and presence.

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A MASS AND DAILY PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S)

Name:________________________

____ living   ____deceased

____recovery   ____memorial   ____special

REQUESTED BY ____________________________

REVEREND TINO BARRERA

Please cut out & enclose Mass information with your offering. Mail to Fr. Barrera.

Father Barrera has graciously agreed to include prayer requests in one of their daily masses. If you so wish, you can cut out and mail the adjacent “prayer request” to the selected priest. The address is listed below:

Rev. Tino Barrera
Diocese of Beaumont
P. O. Box 3948
Beaumont, TX  77704-3948

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE
FOR SERRANS:

The Board has decided to make it mandatory for all members to attend and be certified as having completed the training below.

Protecting God’s Children Sessions:

CHECK SCHEDULE at www.dioceseofbmt.org/organizations/awareness training. Alternately, an electronic training session is also available at that website. You need to renew every 5 years.

Please schedule at earliest convenience as your participation in projects will require certification of completion. (CPC = Catholic Pastoral Center at the Chancery.)

Pres. Soares wants each member to provide a copy of their certificate of attendance to this program as soon as possible. As a member of Serra you will be asked to participate with Rev. Barerra and parish programs involving children. Please submit your certificate copy to club secretary.
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