

El Camino

News from the Serra Club of West Omaha --March, 2020

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All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God!!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHAPLAINS MEETING REFLECTIONS



I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. I want you to know that the SCOWO continues on! Our boots on the ground soldier on! Our first Board meeting will occur this Wednesday since the virus has hit. It will be short and sweet since we are all trying to dial in but know we continue on. Keep praying! We will try to adapt how we can as Serrans and as a

volunteer ministry organization. We are all at different stages in life. Some of us are still working and some of us are retired and some of us are somewhere in between. We all are faced with challenges, especially with the virus that is in our midst. What we all have in common is our love of Christ, His Church, and Serra Club. Let us be patient with ourselves and each other. Lord, please fill us up with temperance and patience. And trust! Jesus, we trust in you!

You are receiving the SCOWO Newsletter that Mary Ann Casey puts together for you. God bless her it is a work of art! Thank you Mary Ann! Please see several suggestions for links to Masses you can view online. I also want to encourage you to remember to visit our SCOWO Facebook page where we post content. Consider looking up online Fr. Michael Voithofer and his ministry, Ablaze Worship, on Facebook and via their YouTube channel. Anytime you might be tempted to feel anxious please know that, for me, Fr. Voithofer's Ablaze Worship ministry is the best place to start. Our family has been watching Fr. Voithofer's Ablaze events as he holds them online and we have been watching him on St. Gerald's YouTube channel for Mass. Many of our parishes are live-streaming Mass. Praise God we have options and can connect even if only online or through the telephone.

If you go to our **SCOWO Serra Club of West Omaha** Facebook page (this is a public website you do not need to join

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January 6, 2020 Father Baumert gave the reflection. Today we celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew Bessette. In terms of vocation, here is another possibility. He was a consecrated brother. He became a brother as a young man. He died in 1937. He was 92 years old when he died. He was sickly as a child and no religious order would accept him. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross and lived in Montreal. His parents died when he was 12. He was adopted and worked on a farm. He did a lot of manual labor type jobs. When he was accepted in the Congregation of the Holy Cross to become a brother, he was given a job in

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Upcoming "Planned" Events

- June 5** Pre-ordination Dinner-St. James Parish
- June 6** Ordination - St. Cecilia's Cathedral
- June 8** Golf and Tennis Outing

Since we are unable to gather for our regular luncheons, etc. the following is a listing of some sites where you can join others for daily and Sunday Mass.

- St. Gerald's in Ralston - live streaming on Youtube.**
- Holy Ghost is live streaming on Facebook.**
- Holy Cross is live streaming on Facebook.**
- St. Wenceslaus is live streaming on Facebook (daily Mass at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday Mass at 5:00 p.Saturday).**
- St. Roberts is live streaming-weekdays 8:30 am**
- Mary Our Queen is live streaming on Facebook.**
- EWTN has daily Mass, rosary and many other opportunities.**
- KVSS has resources online**
- Mass for shut-ins is available at 10:30-Sunday-TV channel 6.**
- I'm sure there are more - search Facebook by the name and location of the parish you are wanting to locate.**

Note: The last Saturday of every month, Serrans from all over the world are invited to join together in a recitation of the Rosary for vocations.

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Facebook, it may ask you to join but you do not have to join) just click this link - [https://www.facebook.com/SCOWO-Serra-Club \(it may ask you -of-West-Omaha-312429266305767/](https://www.facebook.com/SCOWO-Serra-Club-(it-may-ask-you-of-West-Omaha-312429266305767/) so you can stay up to speed with our club and encouraging info such as Ablaze Worship.

I also would like you to take this time to view the following short SCOWO videos to put a smile on your face and melt your heart. Continue to pray. Pray. Pray. Be not afraid. Always forward. Never backward. God bless you!

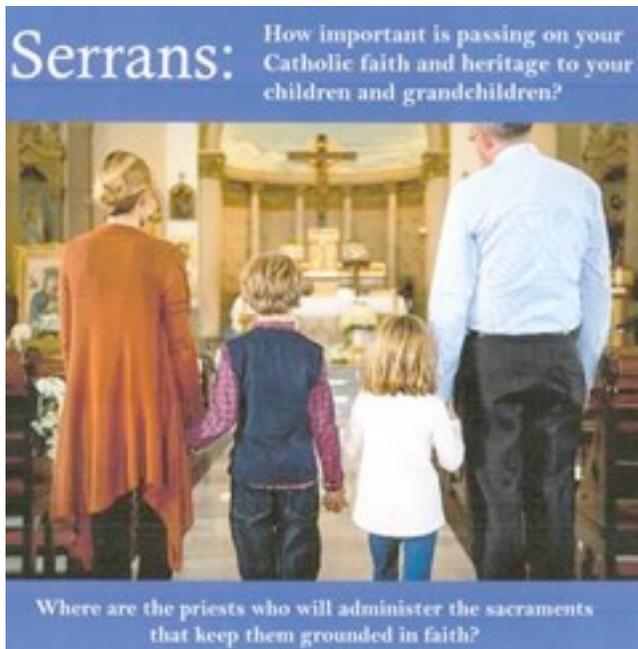
Christmas SCOWO Seminarian Gathering – Please watch <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QqVw-2UAmgpwFNcy0fipMMvbCWvNmGiN/view?usp=sharing>

Consecrated Brunch Vido – Please watch https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d3bPPwaHbPOP_AoFeAhHTwn3dMYATaBc/view?usp=sharing

See our Seminarians and learn more about them – please watch <https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life/>

Hang in there!

Julia K. Palzer
Serra Club of West Omaha
2019-2020 President



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the reception area and was placed near the door where he welcomed visitors for over 40 years. The things he did in terms of helping the church were amazing. He had a special love for St. Joseph and he pointed all the time to him. People who came to do business started to realize this was a holy man and they would talk to him and ask him to pray for them. Miracles started happening which he attributed to St. Joseph. Many people did not realize he was a consecrated brother.

We sometimes forget being a consecrated brother is a vocation. Father said a young man from St. Elizabeth Ann wanted to become a brother. He went to Atchison, KS. He came to the school and talked to his sister's 8th grade class. He liked the fact that he knew what is expected every day. God calls people to different vocations. We have always known St. Andre Bessette as Blessed Andre'. He was canonized in 2010. St. Andre' Bessette pray for us and pray for vocations.

January 20, 2020 Fr. Baumert gave the reflection. In yesterday's reading from Isaiah, "The Lord said to me: You through whom I show my glory. Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is the strength for all nations...". He is talking about us — we are all servants. We are asked by the Lord Jesus to do his work in the times we are in—right now. As we were growing up we just pitched in. It is hard to get people to volunteer. We get discouraged. Everyone is busy with all sorts of things going on in their lives. The mission is still the same. We, too, are called to become disciples. Israel struggled and didn't believe much of what Isaiah said. Jesus is the truth and the light and he got himself killed. Would we be willing to undergo martyrdom? We celebrate two martyrs today. Many of our beliefs are under persecution. In the old days martyrdom was the only thing that led to sainthood. In recent times others have become saints for the good deeds they have done.

How many believers did Jesus have at the time he died? Did he fail? Only one apostle stayed beneath the cross as he died. When St. James went to Spain, many did not believe. We need to think of things a little differently. We are servants. We need to ask "Lord, how can we serve you"? Father ended his talk by asking the Holy Spirit to guide this group of Serrans as they work on plans to make the West Omaha Serra Club stronger.

February 3, 2020 Deacon Mike DeSelm gave the reflection. In the gospel reading today Jesus is approached by a man with an unclean spirit. The man has been dwelling among the tombs in the cemetery and could not be restrained. He had been bound in chains but always managed to break free. He recognized Jesus as the son of God and started to follow him. Jesus asked him his name and said "my name is Legion and there are many of us" and he pleaded with Jesus to send them

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into a large herd of swine and Jesus did this. A herd of about 2,000 rushed down a steep bank and into the sea where they drowned. When the swine herders went into town and told the people, they came out to see what had happened and as they approached they saw the man, who had been possessed, sitting there clothed and in his right mind. The people were afraid of the man and did not want him to remain in their area. They did not understand the demons had been driven out. The man wanted to go with Jesus, but he would not let him. He told him to go home to his family and to announce what the Lord, in his pity, had done. The man went off and proclaimed what Jesus had done for him and all were amazed. The people should have been thrilled, but they were afraid.

It is interesting we, too, do not understand the power of God. How do we proclaim the gospel? We are called to be the bearer of good news. It is difficult to think of getting rid of thousands of demons, but we can save souls. We need to talk to people and share our faith. If they turn us down, that is fine. However, we can plant the seed. Let them know we are available. Today is also the feast of St. Blase. He was a physician and Bishop and he was martyred. He healed the sick. He was a co-worker with Christ and is a saint. We ask him to pray for us as we now labor.

Deacon Mike also reported he had just received an e-mail indicating our speaker of two weeks ago, Fr. Tom Bauwens, is the recipient of the 2020 National Catholic Education Association's Lead, Learn and Proclaim Award. He will receive this award during the NCEA Convention in Baltimore which will be held in April.

2-17-2020 - Neither Fr. Baumert nor Deacon Mike were available for the reflection. Jolene gave a brief report regarding the survey. Jolene reported 57 surveys were returned. She is working to provide a summary of the surveys to be distributed to the West Omaha Club members. It is hoped to be able to draft a five year plan, which would be put into action year to year. Julia reported Serra International is asking for prayers for a Vocation Director in New York State who needs prayers and there is not a Serra Club in his area. Since there are 15 members of our club doing a Holy Hour for Fr. Rosa, we are asked to include this vocation director in our prayers. Information will be sent to the group regarding this Priest.

Our speaker also was unable to come to our meeting. (She will be re-scheduled at a later date.) After lunch, a decade of the rosary was said as well as some additional prayers.

SPEAKERS

January 6, 2020 - Deacon Mark Capoun - St. Wenceslaus Church. - Deacon Mark grew up in the small town of Dwight, NE. In 1972 the Capoun family moved to Schuyler where he graduated from Schuyler Central High School in 1980. Deacon Mark then attended UNL graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business



Administration. His parents are Deacon Marvin and Clarice Capoun. (His father recently passed away.) Deacon Mark met his wife, Lynne, on a Pro-Sanctity retreat in July of 1991. They were married July 24, 1992 at St. Leo's Parish and have been married for 27 1/2 years. Mark and Lynne have four children; Matt - 25, Noah 24 - Anna 21 and Luke 17. They were members of St. Leo's parish from 1992 - 2000 and have been members at St. Wenceslaus parish since 2000. Deacon Mark is employed by Pinnacle Data Services and has been serving as the Manager of the Computer Operations and item processing for the Pinnacle Banks for the past 24 years. Mark and Lynne completed the Diaconate formation during the years of 2013 - 2017 and Mark was ordained a Deacon on April 29, 2017. In addition to serving as Deacon at St. Wenceslaus the past 2 1/2 years, Mark and Lynne have served as Lectors, EMHCs, Sacristans, RCIA Team members, Family Life committee members, communion to the homebound and hospital, participated and led bible studies and summer book studies. They also enjoy being on the Pilgrimage of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. with high school students from the Omaha Archdiocese.

Deacon Mark said one of the first questions he is always asked is about his last name. He grew up in the small town of Dwight which is a Czech community. Some of his relatives migrated to the area of Butler County from Bavaria and the Czech Republic to the town of Bruno in 1870. There was a Catholic church in Bruno - Assumption - as well as a catholic school run by the Notre Dame nuns. He had a love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. After reconciliation and first communion, he was confirmed in third grade. He felt he was ready for confirmation, he never asked many questions. When the bishop asked what sacrament they were receiving, he called out the Holy Spirit. He wanted to receive the Holy Spirit and be strengthened. They moved to Schuyler and he changed schools in 1972. At that time his sister, Ann, was still born at 8 months. She was his parents fifth child. This made him think of everlasting life and getting to meet his sister for the first time. It made him take a hard look at life at a young age. The community was a great blessing at that time. The construction of the Benedictine Monastery started about that time. In the summer of

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1978 he helped to build a St. Joseph's grotto. He enjoyed spending time at the monastery. Through all the years God always kept him grounded. After graduating with a degree in Business Administration from UNL he started having some digestive problems and was diagnosed with Crohns's disease. It was very painful and he had to have surgery. Even after surgery he had several occurrences when he felt he was riding the waves of pain. All he could do was lay on the floor, sometimes for 10-12 hours at a time. During that time he always felt Christ rode the waves with him. He has been a lot better lately. It made him aware Christ is with us when we suffer.

Mark's father became a Deacon in 1987. They introduced the kids to what they were doing. His mom suggested he go to a Pro-sanity retreat. While on that retreat he met his wife, Lynne. Her life was very centered in Christ. After their four children were grown, Mark decided to pursue the diaconate in 2013. For probably 15 years prior to that they had been involved various ministries. His wife was very involved in bible studies and the two of them led bible studies.

The diaconate formation is over a four year period. He said they studied the Catechism of the Catholic Church which is a beautiful book. To become a deacon is a calling, a lot of time is spent in discerning. He has been a deacon for the past 2 1/2 years and his faith has grown in so many ways. In addition to being on the altar he also goes to Nursing Homes and to the hospital and conducts communion services at nursing homes.

For all of us who are baptized we should be living lives not just for ourselves but for others. His dad passed away recently and his father-in-law passed away about a year ago. They were two different men. His father-in-law went to church but he was not one who went out and shared his faith with others. He showed his love in different ways. He knew mechanical and electrical workings and was a very hands on person for his five daughters and their husbands. He was always there to help fix things, His dad was always the one to share his faith, not in an overbearing way but in a loving way. Through both of them he learned to become a good listener and to interact with people and to see where they were in life and how to help others. As a deacon he enjoys the opportunity of encountering people. He talked about being at Lakeside Hospital one day and when he went into a room and an elderly gentleman started talking about his life. He had been in trouble when he was young and he was sent to Boys Town. Fr. Flanagan started to work with him to get him to stop lying. He would flick his finger at him every time he felt he was lying, Deacon Mark enjoyed hearing the man's conversion story. The man said it was the first time someone had taken the time to listen to his story. There are many amazing stories, we just need to take the time to listen.

We are graced with so many things here in Omaha. We have IPF, Pro-sanity and FOCUS (his son is a missionary). There are so many great organizations within our church. All of us are a gift of God. We all have different abilities and interests. We need to spend time with people and help them with their struggles.

Deacon Mark was asked if he finds it difficult in that Deacons are seen as glorified altar boys and that people don't realize Deacons are members of the clergy. They receive Holy Orders just like a priest, however, they do different things. Deacon Mark said he has not. Being ordained in the Holy Orders he feels he lives partly with the laity and partly with the Priests and Bishops. He is still working, so his perception may be a little different. He has been graced to perform 35 baptisms and feels that is an incredible honor. He enjoys seeing these young parents and children grow in their faith.



January 20, 2020 - Father Tom Bauwens Pastor St. Wenceslaus Church. Fr. Tom has been a Priest in the Archdiocese of Omaha for 33 years. He was born on 11-02-59 and he was ordained on June 6, 1987. He is the son of Barney and Betty Bauwens (both deceased) and is one of 9 children. Four live in Omaha, three in St. Louis, one in Virginia and one in Indiana. Fr. Tom was an Associate Pastor at Mary Our Queen and St. Leos Parish in Omaha. He was pastor at St. Augustine Indian Mission, Winnebago, with mission parishes of St. Joseph parish, Walthill and Our Lady of Fatima, Macy; St. Boniface, Elgin, with a mission parish of St. Bonaventure, Raeville; St. Francis, Humphrey and currently at St. Wenceslaus in Omaha since February of 2011.

He has been active in Teens Encounter Christ, Christians Encounter Christ, Beginning Experience and Catholic Engaged Encounter. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes grade school and Omaha South High School. About three years ago he was inducted into Omaha South's Outstanding Alumni Hall of Fame.

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He said he is currently running a “big” business. When he was first ordained, 33 years ago, he rarely looked at a financial statement. Now he spends 5-10 hours a week working on the building project and finances. He has learned a lot and he has help. He has renovated two churches and now he is building a church. He looks forward to the time when he can concentrate on the sacraments and ministering. It is a different world today from when he was ordained. We need to generate more interest in religious life. We are losing 25 Priests to retirement and death in the next 5 years. The Archbishop has restructured the assignments, but what will happen in five years? Father said when he was ordained there were 240 Priests in the diocese, by the time he retires — at age 70 — there will be 100. Our Priests need to have thick skin. We need to pray God will provide good applicants, we need to meet God half way. Our vocation committees need to make our young men aware of what the Priesthood has to offer. The Priesthood is a vocation, not a job.

Father said he was asked to talk about the sacrament of the sick and end of life issues. Jesus healed a lot of people. Before he healed them of their physical illness, he forgave their sins. He told his disciples to do the same. Part of the reason Martin Luther left the church was that he felt only God could forgive sins. He wanted this to be worked out. At that time travel was difficult and it could be a couple of years before a council could be gotten together. Martin Luther was very scrupulous and couldn't wait and he left. He was a Monk and he also had a devotion to Mary.

Father said the blessing of the sick used to be called extreme unction. If people saw a Priest coming they thought for sure they were dying. We have gotten away from that and can be anointed for any illness of body, mind or soul. Father said in 2003 he had ortho-sopic surgery. He was asked if he wanted a blessing before surgery and he said no. He had a massive heart attack after surgery. He was told 80-90% of patients who this happens to die. He doesn't remember any of this until he woke up to Fr. Bill Bonds praying over him and they were getting him ready to life flight to CU. Everyone's experiences are different.

Father said he had a funeral last week for a man who had been in Hospice for 14 1/2 months. His wife's whole life had been spending time at the Hospice Center. Her life will be changed. A wake is held to support one another. In the past basically the wake consisted of saying the rosary. Now scripture readings are used and usually one or two decades of the rosary. There is also time for a eulogy and sharing, also more choices in music. People can more or less ask for what they want.

The funeral Mass has not changed as much. We were blessed with holy water at our baptism and holy water is used at the funeral. The

Easter candle is lit at the time of our baptism and is once again used at the funeral. When we are baptized we are dressed in a white gown. A white cover is placed on the casket and a crucifix is placed on top of the casket to indicate that we are people of God. Incense is also used representing our loved ones soul being offered up to God along with our thoughts and prayers. The Priest wears white because it is a celebration. The only other time the Priest wears white is at Christmas and Easter and on special feast days. The family is asked for information so the Priest can deliver the homily and have something to say in addition to “he was really a nice guy”. Need to talk about the blessings of their life. The homily needs to also involve scripture and talk of the person entering into eternal life. This gives the family a chance to celebrate the life of their loved one. It helps them to move forward.

Father encourages people to plan their funeral. He has distributed packets at church but only receives a few back. This is something we don't like to talk about. You can go to the funeral home and plan the funeral and pre-pay if you wish. This just makes things so much easier for the family. Father said he has planned his funeral and it is all paid for with the exception of inscribing the date of his death on the tombstone.

Father talked about a Priest in the Chicago diocese who died very suddenly at an early age. There were no plans made ahead of time for his funeral. He was a young man. It makes us realize there are no guarantees on when our life will end and we and our families need to prepare.

Father mentioned cremation and that it is approved by the Catholic church. However, it is still preferred to have a casket at the wake and at the funeral. Families need closure.



Strategic Planning Meeting - St. Patrick's Church - Gretna - February 1, 2020.

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Speakers - Luke & Hayley Miller - Missionaries with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), serving at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Both are Omaha Archdiocese natives, who joined FOCUS as full-time campus missionaries in 2015 after completing their bachelor degrees. Hayley graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in Elementary & Special Education while Luke graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul MN with degrees in Philosophy & Catholic Studies. They have a rambunctious & joyful 14 month old named Mercy. They enjoy traveling, trying new foods, watching documentaries, and are kept young by the college students who frequent their home.

Luke began the talk by saying he had gone to college at St. John Vianney in Minnesota and he is aware and grateful for everything Serra does. He grew up in Norfolk. He is one of 8 siblings. He said his family instilled many good habits but he really learned how to pray when he went to the seminary. The Lord called him out of seminary and he has served as a FOCUS minister at UNL for the past five years. Nebraska has a large program and they are in their 21st

year. There are 20 programs in Nebraska. Luke is a team director in Lincoln and there are 10 members on the team.

Haley is from Omaha. She is from St. Wenceslaus parish and school. She went to Skutt High School. She went to college at UNL where she learned a lot about her faith. She had gone to Catholic high school but wanted more as she was heading to college. In the first two weeks of college a girl in her sorority invited her to a FOCUS bible study. She was challenged to pray every day. She started going to daily Mass and going to retreats. She was invited over and over to make good decisions. Finally she had to start inviting other people. There were a couple of moments where she started realizing the Lord really was calling her. She went on a mission trip. She saw how young lives were being changed. She spent two years at Carnegie Mellon University. Since she has been in Nebraska she is serving in a more National role.

They have had many blessings. Luke said when he was first at UNL he was looked at as one of the guys. Since he is in more of a leadership role, he feels he is looked at as being more "holy" - he said he is far from perfect. The young people ask more profound questions. They had a group at the house following the March for Life and the guys were the ones playing with their little girl.

Nebraska is the third campus to have started FOCUS. They are now on 72 campuses. They started out with 44 missionaries and now there are over 700. In 20 years 1/4 to 1/3 of seminarians have been impacted by FOCUS. They have a front row seat to see changes. Over 870 young men have gone into seminary and over 200 young women have gone into religious life. He said there is authentic friendship when there is a spiritual element. Fr. Stack and Fr. Leffler were in seminary when he was in St. Paul and they were a big help. He said Fr. Taylor was a Deacon when he and Haley were married and he was able to assist at their wedding.

Haley said everyone has a story. She talked about a girl who had been in a sorority and was freaking out. After taking her to lunch a couple of time Haley said she gained her trust. After awhile she came to the house and they were able to talk more. Eventually she went on a mission trip. After about 10 days she came out of her comfort zone broke down and started to allow Jesus to be her God. Everything in her life changed. She started praying and her anxiety decreased. She recently started working as a FOCUS minister.

It is a blessing to interact as a family, they can be there for each other. It gets them away from social media. A Catholic fraternity has been formed. Hopefully this will bring good role models who won't get caught up in college life. Going on a mission trip means giving up things. They are asked to give up their phones. That is a hard thing to do. Luke talked about one student who really didn't want his phone back. He started going to Mass on Sunday and got involved in bible studies. They are now friends working together and he is teaching bible studies. It takes time and a lot of prayers. At one point this friend went on a trip where he was the only Catholic. He could have just skipped Mass, etc., no one would have known. Instead he practiced his faith and was an example to those on the trip.

Ash Wednesday is coming up and church will be packed. Having ashes on the forehead is such a sign, everyone wants to be part of it. God is not an option, it is all or nothing. About 40 students have come into the church. They have put out an SOS to find students who will lead bible

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studies. At an upcoming FOCUS conference there will be over 8,000 students. There will be a SEEK conference in St. Louis in 2021 and 2,000 are already signed up.

How is God calling you? We need a church that is active, not in maintenance mode. We need to say yes for our work mates and friends. We need to pray and be willing to share our faith with them.

How many students? Up To 2,000 attend Mass on Sunday. However, there are 8,000 students on campus registered as Catholic. Luke was asked about the UNO campus. He said that campus is quite active as well.

Luke said Nebraska is pretty open about giving out religion information that appears on the ACT exams so they have a pretty good idea about Catholic students. They have something called dorm storm whereby if someone is registered as Catholic, they go to their dorm and say "I know you are Catholic" and let them know what is available. The Lincoln campus is vibrant because of the Newman Center. The Newman Center in Omaha will bear fruits as well.

Luke and Haley stressed a lot of this is just providing a normal life style, inviting to lunch and into their home. They had a group at their home for the Super Bowl. They were thanked for talking to our group and for making this their life's work to spread the word.



Annual Serra Induction Mass and Dinner - Monday, March 2, 2020.

West Omaha Serra Club Inductees: Front row (left to right): Blake Sheldon, Leisa Sheldon, Corliss Lovstad, Fr. Roza, and Maurice Shanley. Back row: John Kaiser, John Lovstad, Joanna Lighthipe and Rod Lighthipe.

Please see page 8 for this year's Distinguished Serrans and 10-year awards.



*Pope Francis'
Prayer Intention
April 2020*

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Remember the West Omaha Serra Club when you update your will. Estate planning is an easy way to make a lasting donation.

Note:

Joe and Jeannie Vlock are the Distinguished Serrans of the Year. They were out of town the evening of the Induction Mass and Dinner. The award will be presented to Joe and Jeannie at one of our upcoming Luncheon Meetings.

Ten Year Member Awards:

Bob Huber
Don Schaefer
Jean Schaefer
Kathleen Sibbersen
Joe Vlock

Meeting Time

First and third Monday of each month, a luncheon meeting at **11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.** at Garden Cafe at Rockbrook Village, 11040 Oak Street Omaha, NE 68144 (108th & Center)

Objectives

We are an organization of Catholic lay men and women who work to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life of the Catholic Church and to develop an appreciation of the priesthood and of all religious vocations in the Catholic Church. We also strive to further Catholicism by encouraging members in fellowship and education to fulfill their Christian vocation to service.

Activities

- ... Financial support for seminarians and novices.
- ... Assistance to Archdiocesan Vocation Office.
- ... Encourage attendance at the Serra District and International conventions.
- ... Appreciation Dinner for Priests hosted by Serrans and spouses.
- ... Appreciation Event for women of Consecrated Life
- ... Summer picnic for Seminarians and their families along with priests.
- ... Pre-ordination dinner for seminarians and priests.
- ... Chair Archbishop's Committee for Lay Vocations.
- ... Golf & Tennis Outing and Dinner for Archdiocesan priests, brothers and seminarians.
- ... Boys Town Dinner for those attending the Institute for Priestly Formation.
- ... New Member Induction Mass and Dinner,
- ... E-mails, letter writing and cards to seminarians.
- ... Support for parish vocations committees.
- ... Organize "31" Clubs in Archdiocesan parishes
- ... Development and maintenance of West Omaha Serra Membership Directory.
- ... Development and maintenance of West Omaha Serra Website.
- ... Seminarian Christmas Dinner.
- ... College Connection for Catholics (CCC).
- ... Seminary Visits.

History

The Serra Club of Omaha was chartered on October 7, 1951. By 1987 the Club had grown to more than 100 members and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, established a second club in the West Omaha area.

The Serra Club of West Omaha received its charter from Serra International on February 11, 1988 with 31 members.

Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Omaha

DATE	NAME	YEAR
April 2	Pope John Paul II	2005
	Rev. I. Seiberlich	1966
3	Rev. Joseph R. Kohler	1925
4	Rev. Wayne W. Schlautman	2019
6	Rev. Michael E. Condon	1961
	Rev. William F. Weidner	1999
7	Msgr. George A. Smiskol	1953
	Rev. James F. Bartek	2002
	Deacon Duane Bronk	2014
9	Deacon Steve Costello	1994
	Deacon Leonard Obershaw	2000
10	Rev. William J. Corboy, S.J.	1951
11	Rev. Edward J. Chapuran	1952
12	Rev. Karel Kucera	1980
	Rev. Lucian S. Astuto	2016
13	Rev. John F. Brock	1967
	Rev. William J. Borer	1985
14	Rev. Patrick J. Boyle	1890
	Rev. John H. Griese	1945
	Deacon Jesus Herrera	2018
15	Deacon Bill Hecht	2011
16	Rev. Peter A. Grobbel	1965
	Rev. Anthony J. Paschang	1982
17	Rev. Charles L. Zak	1920
	Rev. Robert P. Duffy	1998
	Rev. Stanislaus C. Mitera	1998
18	Rev. James F. Borer	1929

DATE	NAME	YEAR
19	Rev. William P. Kearns	1952
20	Msgr. Timothy O'Sullivan	1966
	Rev. Leo J. Raus	1983
22	Rev. William P. Fitzgerald	1916
	Rev. Henry R. Schorn	1981
23	Msgr. John S. Juricek	1982
24	Rev. James Burke	1947
	Rev. Robert J. Eimers	1996
	Deacon Duane Iwanski	2014
25	Rev. Alfred Hoelsing	1975
	Rev. Richard L. Swolek	2005
	Msgr. Andrew H. Meister	2011
26	Rev. John P. Hilt	1971
27	Rev. Walter Nabity	1995
28	Rev. Leo Patrick	1964
29	Rev. John Fitzpatrick	1914
30	Rev. Patrick R. Kelly	1952
	Rev. James S. Dobson	1945
May 1	Deacon Tom Livingston	2010
2	Rev. James Crowley	1964
	Msgr. Francis P. Schmitt	1994
3	Msgr. Edward P. McCaslin	1984
	Deacon Joe Waite	1991
	Deacon Mike McGuire	2017
4	Rev. William J. O'Sullivan	1934
6	Rev. James A. Ladd	1957
	Deacon Fred Ridder	2009

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	Deacon Maurice Maiefski	1995		Pope St. John XXIII	1963
8	Rev. Daniel F. Brick	1999		Rev. James Buen	1894
9	Rev. George A. Saxon	1971	4	Deacon Louis Liss	1987
10	Msgr. James W. Stenson	1944		Rev. John L. Farrald	1984
11	Rev. Anthony J. Tresnak	1997	5	Rev. Anthony Pluhacek	1996
12	Rev. Bernard Teves	1944	6	Rev. Peter McLoughlin	1920
	Rev. Leo A. Kuhn	1976	8	Rev. John F. Wieczorek	1962
	Deacon William Fell	2002		Deacon Al Kohles	1990
13	Rev. Francis Walaskiewicz	1937		Msgr. John Michalak	2010
	Rev. Francis G. Schopp	1956		Deacon Robert Obershaw	1999
14	Rev. William A. Foster	1997	9	Rev. John F. Costello	1934
	Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, Servant	1948	10	Deacon Kurt Sorenson	1994
15	Deacon Duane Kosmicki	2007	11	Msgr. Robert J. Gass	2010
	Rev. James M. K. Martin	1899		Rev. Charles Z. Petlach	1953
16	Rev. Emil Zepf	1943	12	Rev. J. F. McCarthy	1927
17	Rev. Aloysius McMahon	2011	13	Rev. Thomas P. Hitch	1995
	Rev. F. L. Kubiszewski	1959	14	Rev. Norbert H. Boland	1989
	Most Rev. Anthony M. Milone	2018	16	Rev. Walter Thies	1948
	Rev. Michael O'Toole	1925	18	Rev. John D. Goergan	1928
20	Rev. Daniel Twohig	1958	21	Msgr. Charles F. Brodersen	2013
	Rev. Rudolph F. Kluthe	1974		Msgr. Eugene Kerwin	2009
	Msgr. Joseph A. Suneg	1989	23	Rev. John F. Beacom	2012
21	Deacon Hugh Robinson	2007		Rev. Martin J. Petrasic	2014
	Rev. James F. Kenny	2011		Rev. Peter J. Vanderlaan	1953
	Deacon John Cerveny	2011	24	Rev. James Brady	1973
22	Rev. Henry Loecker	1928	27	Rev. Cornelius Collins	1931
23	Msgr. Edward J. Appelbaum	1985	28	Msgr. Jeremiah H. O'Sullivan	1978
	Rev. Alphonse A. Lehman	1951		Rev. Russell Monzu	1995
25	Rev. Nicholas Horn	1884		Rev. Robert A. Garvey	1984
26	Deacon Ralph Hueser	2015	30	Deacon Andrew Steffen	2011
	Rev. Thomas R. Ward	2008			
27	Deacon Justin Lauer	2003			
28	Deacon Joseph Ramirez	2016			
	Rev. John J. Emster	1889			
29	Rev. Conrad J. Spenner	1985			
30	Deacon Don French	2010			



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