



SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA

Newsletter April 2022

The Five Elements of Serra

- ✠ Spiritual growth in Christ
- ✠ Religious education of the laity
- ✠ Encouragement of church vocations
- ✠ Responsive lay leaders
- ✠ Association in Christian fellowship

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Serran Prayer for Vocations

O God who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junípero Serra and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Perseverance in Vocations

O God, you have constituted your Only-Begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Reminders

REMEMBER to say the Serran Prayer DAILY and 31 Club commitment.

Trustees Meeting

Thursday, 5th May, 2022, 5.30 p.m.

Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday 12th May, 2022 at 6.10 p.m. Holy Trinity, Curtin followed by **dinner 7.30 p.m.** in the Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club, Woden. **Guest Speaker:** Peter Hade, Catholic Missions, Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn.

Forthcoming Events

Every Friday: Evening Prayer and Adoration, Mary Help of Christians, Pearce 5.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. (With the exception of Good Friday, 15th April).

4th May, 2022 (First Wednesday): Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson,

Serra commitment - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m.

6th May, 2022 (First Friday): Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

5th June, (Sunday): John Stephens Memorial Luncheon for Parents of Priest and Religious at the Southern Cross Club, following 11 a.m. Mass at St. Christopher's Cathedral.



SERRANS WELCOME OUR NEW CHAPLAIN - FR. MICHAEL MULLEN

We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Christopher Prowse, has appointed Fr. Michael Mullen as our new Chaplain following the retirement of

Fr. Bill Kennedy who served us magnificently for several years, but had to retire due to health issues. Thank you Fr. Bill for your dedicated time with us. We will meet and greet Fr. Mullen at our May meeting.

CAMBODIA PROJECT

Our treasurer, John Malycha, reports a very pleasing response of \$4,700 to our appeal for financial support for the Seminary in Phon Pen, Cambodia. We will make the transfer through Fr. Brian Lucas, Director of Catholic Missions Australia, that will also contribute the same amount. Project details will be determined by the seminary and made available at a later date.

ANNIVERSARY CARDS

Michael Doherty continues to generate the list of anniversary dates for the ordination of priest/religious in the Archdiocese – we receive some replies which shows the project is worthwhile. Michael is always looking for volunteers to send out the cards, please contact Michael if you can assist.

Always to go forward, never to turn back

Plenary Council Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Taken from “Prayer for Vocations” – Marist Messenger Day One.

“The first word of vocation, then, is gratitude. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat.” Message of Pope Francis for the 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Prayer: Almighty God, you have placed your call deep within the hearts of your faithful people. We give you thanks for your personal call to us. Help us to always follow that call, even as Peter Chanel did. We pray especially for those young people you are inviting to follow you today as committed laypeople, as religious and as priests. Grant them courage to answer that call.

Lord, hear us...

Prayer for the intercession of St Peter Chanel:

St Peter Chanel you left your homeland to proclaim Jesus, Saviour of the world, to the peoples of Oceania. Guided by the Spirit of God, who is the strength of the

gentle, you bore witness to love, even laying down your life. Grant that like you we may live our daily life in peace, joy, and in love. May your prayer and example call forth from our midst many workers for the Gospel so that God’s kingdom may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen

Day Two

“Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. “Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call” (Letter to Priests, 4 August 2019). We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.” Message of Pope Francis for the 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Prayer: Almighty God, help to deepen the knowledge of your love for each of us. In the midst of his mission on Futuna, Peter Chanel was sustained by your love for him. May all young people be aware of your love and care for them. May they open their hearts and respond to the call you have for them. Lord hear us...

Prayer for the intercession of St Peter Chanel as above.

Day Three

“When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear” (Mt 14:27). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: encouragement.” Message of Pope Francis for the 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations”.

Prayer: When we are fearful, may we remember we can take heart from the Lord’s love for us. Peter Chanel was constant in the face of disappointment and even danger. We pray for those who may be searching with some anxiety for their vocational path. May they always be assured of the Lord’s constant presence and strength. Lord, hear us...

<https://www.maristmessenger.co.nz/2022/03/31/novena-of-prayer-for-vocations/>

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

It is often forgotten that Our Lady of Fatima requested the First Saturday devotion to be widely observed to ensure Russia's conversion.



Now and then we need to lighten up!

A retired man volunteered to entertain the patients in the hospital. He took along his portable keyboard, told some jokes, and sang some funny songs. When he finished he said, in farewell, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too".

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