



SAINT PAUL SERRA CLUB



ST. PAUL #9

MARCH 2010

UPCOMING DATES/PROGRAMS:

March 10th, Wednesday

St. Joe's Hospital
7:30 a.m.

Board Meeting

March 12th, Friday

6:30 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass at Assumption
St. Joseph's Hospital

John Litchy, District Governor

March 17th, Friday

St. Patrick's Day!

March 25th, Thursday

5:45 pm Supper
7 pm Service at St. Paul Seminary

Via Dolorosa



March Programs

John Litchy- District Governor

John will be here to update us on District happenings and share some thoughts on last year's convention. John graduated from St. John's University in 1961, followed by a masters degree in Architecture and eventually opened his own engineering firm. John and his wife Bette have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. John is retired but very active as a trustee at Immaculate Conception Church I Columbia Heights. John is a 31 year Serran of North Minneapolis Club and served twice as president. Be there to help us welcome our District Governor!

Via Dolorosa – St. Paul Seminary

See flyer insert. Please call Tony Roszak at 455-6150 with your reservation by Monday, March 22nd.



April 9th, Friday morning- **Bishop Lee Piche**- note that this is a breakfast meeting at 7:30 am at St. Joe's Hospital Cafeteria.

April 23rd, Friday lunch- **Fr. Sebastien Bakatu**, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Inver Grove Heights. Holds a Phd. In Theology & World Religions.

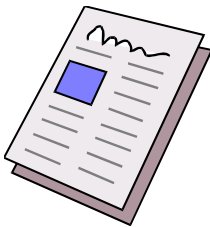
Other Dates of Note:

March 20th - Presidents Training, 8 am-noon at St. Paul Seminary

April 10th - Spring Leadership Training, 8 am-1 pm at St. Paul Seminary

May 6TH - St. Paul Serra's TEAM VIANNEY NIGHT – SJV

May 11th - **Year of the Priest Celebration, 6 pm Social, 7 pm Supper at: Earle Brown Center. RSVP with check for \$50 per attendee to: Appreciation Dinner for Priests
9834 Dellridge Road
Bloomington, Mn., 55425-2616**



Church Bulletin Humor

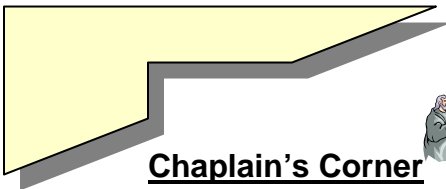
These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

"The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."

"Don't let worry kill you off, let the church help."

"Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."

"For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."



Chaplain's Corner

Once again this weekend we hear the story of the **Transfiguration**, this year Luke's version. At my parish of Transfiguration, we have a special place in our hearts for the story, since it is OUR story. And we do our best to live it every day,

since the words from above are etched in our rose window. Most often we can use the words of Francis of Assisi to help us: "Preach the Gospel always and if you must, use words." The following scenario comes from an unknown source and puts it another way.

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit the man welcomed him led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. IN the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes the pastor took the fire togs carefully picked up brightly burning ember and places it to one side of the hearth all alone; then he sat back in his chair still silent.

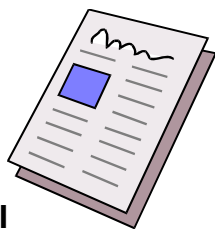
The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and places it back in the middle of the fire.

Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek. "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday". We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometime the

best sermons are the ones left unspoken.



May our best sermons be the ones left unspoken.
Peace, **Father Bob**



Bulletin Humor II

"Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get." "Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in there school days."

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

"The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility."

"Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm. Prayer and medication to follow."

Year for the Priest Appreciation Dinner! May 11, 2010

Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

Honoring our priest, a Serra Hallmark, takes on a special meaning during this Jubilee Year for the Priest. Be there to show your love for the priesthood. Be there to show your support for our Serra mission. Be there to honor your own priest. Sponsor a priest or seminarian. Tickets are \$50 each. Tables of 10 are available for reservation. Seating is limited so get your reservations in early to: Mariann Bramer 9834 Dellridge Road, Bloomington, MN 55425-2616. Social hour begins at 6 pm. Dinner at 7 pm. Plan to come early to offer your help and to receive our guests of honor. Each Club has an assignment. Be a part of your Club's efforts. **Reservation form on last page.....SEND NOW!!!**



Financial Planning

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed to find a wife with whom to share his fortune. One evening, at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary guy," He said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die and I will inherit \$200 million." Impressed, the woman asked for his business card and three days later she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at financial planning than men!!



Number of priests increases

The latest Vatican statistics show a slow but steady rise in the number of priests and seminarians worldwide. The statistics, for the end of 2008, were presented along in the annual Vatican yearbook. The number of priests stood at 409,166, an increase of 1,142 from the end of 2007. The number of seminarians around the world rose from 115,919 at the end of 2007 to 117,024 at the end of 2008, an increase of more than 1 per cent.



ELECTIONS

Our proposed slate of Officers and Trustees for 2010-2011 is presented. The new Serra year starts July 1, 2010, and runs until June 30, 2011. We will hold our election on April 9th. We are grateful for the response of these individuals and their desire to perpetuate the ideals of Serra.

Officers and Trustees for 2010-2011

President	Michael O'Halloran
President-Elect	Open
Vice President-Vocations	Jerry Halloran
Vice President-Programs	Open
Vice President-Communications	Karen Beaudette
Vice President-Membership	John Cosgrove
Treasurer	Tony Roszak
Secretary	Paul Childs
Trustee	John O'Donnell (2012)
Trustee	Eleanor O'Donnell (2012)
Trustee	Joe Kueppers (Term ends 2012)
Chaplain	Fr. Robert Hart



Thoughts from the Seminary

On Friday, February 12th, Bishop Richard Pates of Des Moines presided over the installation of 15 lectors at The Saint Paul Seminary. The men instituted as lectors included seminarians and a candidate for the permanent diaconate from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and seminarians from the Diocese of Duluth, the Diocese of Davenport and the Diocese of Des Moines. It is great having them lecturing now at Masses and communal prayer because it gives us a chance to hear some new voices.

May 29th is creeping around the corner (the day I get ordained to the priesthood) and it is starting to get really busy. However, I am pretty calm and really enjoying my last few months here at the seminary. It seems like all of the classes that I am taking are aimed directly what I will be doing in 3 months, which is being with the people of God. It seems strange to think that my time is winding down at the seminary, but at the same time it feels great. I am very grateful for all that I have been blessed with and for all the people that have been praying for me. Know of my prayers for all of you during this time of Lent.

**God Bless,
Deacon Alex B. Carlson.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS
APRIL 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>For subsequent months or extra copies call or write:</i>	Mert Lassonde 20953 Junco Trail Lakeville MN 55044	Phone: 952-469-5895 Email: mertlass@usfamily.net		<u>1</u> YOUR PASTOR	<u>2</u> REV. MICHAEL REDDING	<u>3</u> REV. JAMES REICHERT OSB
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<u>18</u> REV. GREGORY SCHAFFER	<u>19</u> REV. DAMIEN SCHILL	<u>20</u> REV. GILES SCHINELLI TOR	<u>21</u> REV. CONRAD SCHNEIDER OFM	<u>22</u> REV. LEO SCHNEIDER	<u>23</u> REV. JAMES SCHOENBERGER	<u>24</u> REV. DONALD SCHWALM
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WOULD *YOU* PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

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SERRA CLUB of ST. PAUL
MEETING of OFFICERS and TRUSTEES
February 10, 2010

ATTENDING: Mike Fratto, Mike Smeby, Jerry Halloran, Jeannie Minea, Joe Kueppers, Tony Roszak, and Paul Child.

The meeting was held in the cafeteria of St. Joseph's Hospital.

President Mike Fratto led the Serra Prayer for Vocations and then called the meeting to order at 7:41 am.

1. Paul Child distributed copies of the minutes for the January 6, 2010 meeting. The minutes were then approved by the board.

2. Treasurer's Report (Tony Roszak)

Tony distributed copies of his one-page report: Schedule of Checking Account, As of February 9, 2010 (copy available on request), and discussed several of the key entries.

- a. the current balance is \$4,220.44.
- b. contributions for Christmas totaled \$1,145.00.
- c. John Steger's status has been converted to emeritus. John made a \$200.00 contribution.
- d. Jay McGiven is now back on a regular status.
- e. We have had no recent contact with Kelly Rowe. Mike S. will attempt to contact him.

3. Programs (Jeannie Minea)

a. Father Schill cannot be at our coming Friday meeting, so will be rescheduled for a later date. Paul Cernohous has kindly agreed, with very short notice, to address our club instead.

b. Meetings in February:

February 12	St. Joseph's Hospital	Paul Cernohous
February 26	Joseph's Grill	Fr. Eugene Tiffany

c. Meetings in March

March 12	St. Joseph's Hospital	John Litchy
March 25	St. Paul Seminary	Via Dolorosa

d. Meetings in April

April 9	St. Joseph's Hospital	Bishop Lee Piche
April 23	Joseph's Grill	Fr. Sebastin Bakatu

4. Vocations (Jerry Halloran)

Planning for the Priests' Dinner on May 11 is progressing well. It will be held at the Earle Brown Center. Jerry has attended all of the planning meetings and will continue to do so. Members are encouraged to submit letters telling how a special priest has affected their lives. Jerry is confident that the dinner will be a very special event, and well attended. He suggests that our members get their reservations in early.

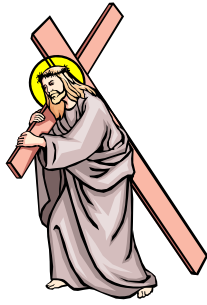
5. Business (Mike Fratto)

- a. Mike does not have the complete information on the coming International Meeting, but hopes to have it by this Friday's meeting.
- b. The Via Dolorosa meeting will be held on March 25th at the St. Paul Seminary with supper at 5:45 pm and the Stations at 7:00 pm. The board discussed the dinner menu and settled on the following: house salad, red potatoes with rosemary, asparagus, beef tips, and bars for dessert; there will be no wine. Cost for the dinner will be \$20.00.
- c. More work will need to be done on lining up the slate for our coming election. Mike F and Mike S will get together to line up the candidates. We probably no longer need a VP for Membership.
- d. Information for the Officer Spring Training Program will be forthcoming.

Mike F. led the Prayer for the Preservation of Vocations and adjourned the meeting at 8:14 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 am on Wednesday, March 10, in the hospital cafeteria.

Submitted by Paul Child, Secretary.



Via Dolorosa Service


Our annual Lenten supper and Via Dolorosa [Way of the Sorrows] service will be on Thursday, March 25th this year. Hence, this email/mailed invitation because we need attendees to R.S.V.P.

EVENT: *VIA DOLOROSA SERVICE*

DATE: *THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH*

TIME/PLACE: 5:45 P.M./ Binz Refectory/Dinner
7:00 P.M./ St. Mary's Chapel/Via Service

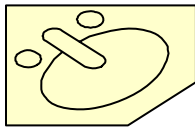
COST: *\$20.00 FOR Retired Members & Guests*

MENU:  Beef Tips, Red Potatoes with Rosemary, House Salad, Asparagus, Assorted Bars

R.S.V.P. *Tony Roszak 651-455-6150*

On or before March 22nd

The Via is a very reverential Stations of the Cross featuring "Servants of the Cross" group. The service is about an hour in length. Binz and St. Mary's are on the University of St. Thomas's Campus, S.W. corner, where the St. Paul Seminary is located (off Cretin Avenue).



From the Top

We need you to step up to help the club. Mike Smeby is chairing the Nominations committee. The committee's task is to find candidates for the various club officer positions. Unfortunately, some of the members of my great boards have decided it's time to move onto other commitments.

Of course, it would be nice to actually have competition for each of our positions. Since we don't have many newer members, it's likely we will need to rely on members who have served on the board in the past.

I also want to encourage you to attend this year's Via Dolorosa service and dinner. If you have email you have already received the information. If not the information is included in this newsletter.

The Via Dolorosa will be presented by Servants of the Cross. These, mostly young people, will present a Living Stations. Depending on the schedule of the various cast members, there could be 50 or more actors. These dedicated people will be performing this service at three different parishes on Good Friday. Those of us who have witnessed their performances come away with greater experience of the actual events on the original Good Friday.

Add this to your calendar for next fall: November 20 – 22, Region 8 Convention/Retreat, Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

Remember we are in a period of preparation for the church's greatest feast, Easter. Do you think your Lenten resolution something that makes you weaker? Think about this: Many of us have a tendency to forget about God's help in our successes. We think we can get by without God in our lives. Lenten weakness helps us remember that we need to recognize that God plays a significant role in our successes. **Mike Fratto, President**

Seating is limited – Make your reservations early and invite a priest or seminarian to honor them in their vocation.

REGISTRATION:

Checks to: **Appreciation Dinner for Priests**

Guests:

Your Name † _____

Mailing Address † _____

City, State, Zip † _____

Telephone † _____

e-mail † _____

Name of Parish † _____

City † _____

Name of Serra Club (if member) † _____

Use additional paper to print names of your party, if needed

- Individual Ticket \$50
- Table of 10 \$500
- I will sponsor a priest/seminarian \$50

Reservations to:

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Priest/Seminarian's Name orselect one for me