

THE BELLRINGERS

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR SERRA LEADERS

19 March 2010

The Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

VALE FREDERICK LOUIS McNAIR

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our esteemed brother in Serra, Fred McNair, who died suddenly on 13 March 2010 in Mexico City where he had been attending a regular meeting of the international board of trustees. He was in his 65th year.

Fred is deeply mourned by his loving family including his devoted wife Evelyn and their three children, Alex, Adam, and Amy, and three grandchildren Andrew, Anthony and Aaron (the children of Alex and his wife Anna).

Fred McNair will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was an active and fully committed Serran for over thirty years. He joined the Serra Club of Austin, Texas in 1979 and was twice elected as its President. He also served a two-year term as District Governor. In 2002, Fred was appointed to the board of trustees of The Serra International Foundation, and served as an active leader on that board for six years and as its President in 2005-2006.

In August 2007, he was elected as a Vice President of the international board of trustees and served with distinction as Serra's Vice President for Membership from that time until his untimely death.

Fred was very active in his parish of St. Louis and also in the Diocese of Austin. He was also a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The Funeral Mass for Fred McNair will be celebrated at St. Louis Church in Austin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday 22 March 2010, followed by a reception at nearby Wozniak Hall. At about 2:30 p.m., the burial will take place at Austin Memorial Park located at 2800 Hancock Drive.

Fred is very present to those of us who worked closely with him and he will be greatly missed!

May perpetual light shine upon our brother Fred and may his immortal soul, through the mercy of God, rest in His eternal peace. Amen!

Condolences and memorial cards may be sent to:

The McNair Family 7806 Valburn Drive Austin TX 78731 U.S.A.

**John W. Woodward
Executive Director**

Announcement: Serra launches its upgraded universal Web site www.serra.org.

Take time to visit the new Web site and get the feel of what its fully interactive design can do for you, no matter where you are located in the Serra world. More user-friendly features and benefits will be added almost every day as part of our commitment to continual improvement in our means of communication.

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ANCHORAGE 2010

Serrans throughout the world are strongly encouraged to reap the benefits of participating in Serra's 68th international convention in Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. from 02-05 September 2010. As just one of many convention highlights, His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, will deliver the Keynote Address on the theme of the convention, "Bringing the Bread of Life – True Manna in the Wilderness" on Sunday morning.

The convention will be held in the magnificent Anchorage Civic Center which is located in the heart of Anchorage a short walk from the convention hotels, the Hotel Captain Cook and the Hilton Anchorage.

For registration and full details of the convention program, including pre- and post-convention tours, please go directly to www.serra.org.

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PLEASE NOTE: Included in this edition of THE BELLRINGERS is the necessary form to enable each and every Serra Club to send its delegate, alternate delegate or proxy delegate to the convention.

ANCHORAGE 2010 - A DELEGATE FROM EVERY CLUB!

We urge every Serra Club to send a delegate to Serra's 68th international convention to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. from 02 – 05 September 2010. It is important that each club's voice is heard and vote counted at the delegates' meeting held during the convention. Delegates also bring back to their clubs their reports of the convention happenings, thereby informing their fellow Serrans about new ideas and initiatives for vocation activities, internal programs, recruiting and membership retention, and communications. The convention is a special time of interaction and fellowship on a global level. Act now to make sure that your club will have representation at this year's international convention.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

2010 Convention Delegate Credential

Please have your Serra Club elect its delegate to the 2010 international convention by completing the form provided herewith and either mailing it to Serra International 70 East Lake Street Suite 1210 Chicago Illinois 60601 U.S.A. or faxing it to (312) 419 8077.

Delegate credentials sent by mail must be postmarked **no later than 02 August 2010**.

Bylaws of Serra International, Article II, Section 2

The only members of SERRA INTERNATIONAL entitled to vote as such under the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act shall be SERRA CLUBS. Each SERRA CLUB in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at international conventions, which shall be cast for it by its duly elected delegate. Each SERRA CLUB in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate. Such delegate, and an alternate shall be selected from the membership of the club, but, if the club cannot send one of its own members, it may select, as a proxy delegate, a member of another club in the same district to represent it at a convention, or it may select a proxy delegate from any other district. The credentials of a delegate, alternate delegate or proxy delegate shall be evidenced by a certificate of the president and the secretary of the club she or he represents, and such credentials shall be delivered to SERRA INTERNATIONAL before noon on the opening day of the convention, or mailed to the executive office of SERRA INTERNATIONAL postmarked not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the convention.

PLEASE NOTE:

Delegates have the option of delivering their credentials in person when they arrive in Omaha. To be valid, such delegate credentials must be delivered before noon on Friday 28 August 2009 to the office of SERRA INTERNATIONAL located at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.

As required by the Bylaws of SERRA INTERNATIONAL, every delegate credential must bear the signatures of both the president and secretary of the Serra Club that the delegate, alternate delegate or proxy delegate is representing.

The club chaplain is NOT eligible to serve as delegate. Each Serra Club, in order to send a delegate to the convention, must be in good standing with Serra International.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

2010 Convention Delegate Credential

This certifies that the official delegate of the Serra Club of _____
to the 68th convention of Serra International to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. is:

Delegate's Name:

Address:

Alternate Delegate's Name:

Address:

Signatures President: _____ Secretary: _____

President: _____ Secretary: _____
(print name) *(print name)*

(If no member of the club can attend this convention)

Proxy Delegate's Name:

Serra Club of:

Address:

Signatures President: _____ Secretary: _____

President: _____ Secretary: _____
(print name) *(print name)*



2010 Serra International Convention

Bringing the Bread of Life

True Manna in the Wilderness

02-05 September 2010

Anchorage Alaska U.S.A.

Name _____ Spouse (if attending) _____

Name on badge _____ Spouse name on badge _____

Children (give ages if attending) _____

Address _____ City _____ St./Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Tel (Home) _____ Tel (Work) _____

E-Mail _____ Serra Club of _____

Language: English Spanish Italian Portuguese _____

Check all applicable titles for attendees (as of 1 June 2009)

- | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club President Elect | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> Council President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> Past District Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> District Governor Elect | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Rep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocations Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Priest | <input type="checkbox"/> Brother | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Int'l President | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | |

Registration Information:

_____ Adults at USD 360.00

_____ Spouses at USD 300.00

Total Number of Registrants _____

Total Due USD _____

Payment by (circle one): Check Credit card

For Hotel Accommodations please contact:

The Hotel Captain Cook

1 (907) 276-6000

www.captaincook.com

Group Code: Serra2010

or

Hilton Anchorage

1 (907) 272-7411

www.hilton.com

Group Code: Serra

Credit Card Information

Visa MasterCard Discover

American Express

Card Number

Expiration Date _____

Signature

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be received by 25 August 2010 to receive a full refund. Cancellations received 15 July – 01 September 2010 will receive a 50% refund. There will be no refunds after the convention has

Registrations are accepted:

Online at www.serra.org By Fax at (312) 419-8077 Telephone (312) 419-7411
By mail at Serra International 70 East Lake Street Suite 1210 Chicago IL 60601 U.S.A.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL

Anchorage 2010

Invited Speakers and Principal Celebrants

Thursday 02 September 2010

6:00 p.m. Opening Mass in Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom
Principal Celebrant His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago

Friday 03 September 2010

9:00 a.m. Mass in Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom
Principal Celebrant The Most Reverend Elden Curtiss
Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha in Nebraska

10:30 a.m. State of Serra President Alejandro Carbajal

11:45 a.m. General Session The Most Reverend Edward Burns
Bishop of Juneau in Alaska

Saturday 04 September 2010

9:00 a.m. Mass in Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom
Principal Celebrant The Most Reverend Edward Burns
Bishop of Juneau in Alaska

10:45 a.m. General Session His Eminence Anthony Cardinal Okogie
Archbishop of Lagos in Nigeria

2:00 p.m. General Session The Most Reverend James Wingle
Bishop of St. Catharines in Canada

Sunday 05 September 2010

9:00 a.m. Keynote Address His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago

4:30 p.m. Closing Mass in Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom
Principal Celebrant The Most Reverend James Wingle
Bishop of St. Catharines in Canada

6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom

Monday 06 September 2010

8:00 a.m. Traveler's Mass at Holy Family Cathedral
Principal Celebrant His Eminence Anthony Cardinal Okogie
Archbishop of Lagos in Nigeria

REPORT OF THE SERRA INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2010-2011 Nominating Committee met in Mexico City, Mexico on 12-14 March 2010 to nominate the officers and trustees for the 2010-2011 international board. Elections will be held at the Delegates' meeting at the international convention in Anchorage, Alaska on 05 September 2010.

The nominees for 20010-2011 are listed below:

President	John M. (Tomi) Asenuga, Lagos, Nigeria
President Elect	Thomas A. Wong, Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China
Vice President	Stephen Blaes, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.
Vice President	Dolores de Aragon, Southeast Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.
Vice President	Robert Goldsmith, Southern Maryland, U.S.A.
Vice President	Fernando Cavada Guzman, Santiago, Chile
Secretary	Janet Dell Freeman, Tiffin, Ohio, U.S.A.
Treasurer	John Baycroft, Toronto West, Ontario, Canada
Past President	Alejandro Carbajal, Tlaxcala, Mexico

Trustees

(One year remaining)

Emilio Artiglieri, Genoa, Italy
Gino Cappellozza, Rovigo, Italy
Flavio Carvalho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Daniel Grady, Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A.

Trustees

(Two-year term)

Charles Furr, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.
Joris M. Steverlynck, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Roberto Sobral, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Richard Sweeney, Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.A.
Alan Warren, London, England
Jay Wimmer, Metropolitan Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.
Sean Yeo, Singapore

Members of the Nominating Committee:

Sue Cicherski (Chair) U.S.A.	William Alexander Mexico
Marilyn Dumas U.S.A.	Cesare Gambardella
Art Green U.S.A.	Ernani Gusmao Brazil
Jim King Canada	Mark Kubik U.S.A.
Maria Gemma Sarteschi Italy	

Serra's international board of trustees may appoint up to three additional trustees.

PLEASE NOTE: Included in this issue of THE BELLRINGERS are all the necessary forms to enable Serra Clubs to participate in Serra's annual awards. Please respond appropriately for the good of Serra.

HARRY J. O'HAIRE AWARD

The annual Harry J. O'Haire award recognizes a Serran who has made an outstanding contribution to Serra International. *Please note that the nomination form should be submitted to your district governor by 31 May 2010.* District governors are asked to select a district nominee from the nominations received and forward that nomination to Serra headquarters **by 30 June 2010.**

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. COUSINS AWARD

To recognize the work of Serra chaplains, Serra's Board of Trustees instituted the Archbishop Cousins Award. Named after one of Serra's past episcopal advisers, the award is presented annually to a club chaplain, who, by his leadership and dedication, has done the most to inspire his club in its work for vocations. The award will be made to a chaplain who has made the difference between a strong Serra Club and an average one. Clubs are invited to nominate chaplains who have made a real contribution by their presence and efforts. Longtime service will be taken into consideration by the judges. Current or past chaplains are eligible for the award. *Completed nomination forms must be received at Serra headquarters by 31 May 2010.* The Serra chaplain who is selected to receive this award will be recognized at the international convention in Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. on 04 September 2010. The winner and the nominating Serra Club will be notified by 15 July 2010.

FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA AWARDS

Each year Serra International honors clubs or districts for outstanding programs that promote the objectives of Serra: the Father Junipero Serra Award for Promoting Vocations and the Father Junipero Serra Award for Furthering Catholicism. Tell the Serra world about your noteworthy program and give your club or district some well-deserved recognition. Please see the enclosed entry forms for details. *Completed award nominations must be received at Serra headquarters by 31 May 2010.*

HARRY J. O'HAIRE AWARD NOMINATION 2009-2010

THE SERRA CLUB OF _____ HEREBY NAMES THE FOLLOWING MEMBER "OUTSTANDING SERRAN" AND NOMINATES HIM/HER FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE **HARRY J. O'HAIRE AWARD**.

NAME _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

TELEPHONE _____ (RES.) _____ (BUS.)

PARISH _____

BUSINESS/PROFESSION _____

TITLE _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB:

YEARS IN SERRA _____

OFFICES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS HELD IN CLUB:

YEAR(S)

OFFICE

YEAR(S)

OFFICE

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB (E.G. IN MEMBERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROGRAMS, PROMOTION OF VOCATION PROGRAMS, OR COMMUNICATIONS:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERRA INTERNATIONAL:

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS (DISTRICT GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR-ELECT, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE, INTERNATIONAL OFFICER, ETC.) AND YEARS SERVED:

YEAR(S)

OFFICE

YEAR(S)

OFFICE

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERRA INTERNATIONAL (E.G. ORGANIZING NEW CLUBS, DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNAL PROGRAMS, PROMOTION OF VOCATION PROGRAMS, COMMUNICATIONS, CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON):

LIST BELOW OTHER CATHOLIC, CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS THAT MAY BE PERTINENT:

LIST BELOW NAMES AND MAILING ADDRESSES OF NEWS MEDIA IN THE CLUB TERRITORY THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN NEWS CONCERNING THE NOMINEE:

SIGNED: _____ DATE:
(CLUB PRESIDENT)

PLEASE SEND THIS NOMINATION FORM TO YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR BY **31 May 2010**

(District Governors to forward the district nominee to Serra headquarters by **30 June 2010**)

Serra International 70 East Lake Street Suite 1210 Chicago IL 60601 U.S.A.
Telephone: (312) 419-7411 Toll Free: (800) 488-4008 (U.S.A. only)
Fax: (312) 419-8077 Toll Free: (800) 377-7877 (U.S.A. only)
Web site: www.serra.org e-mail: info@serra.org

NOMINATION FOR THE ARCHBISHOP COUSINS AWARD 2009-2010

The Serra Club of _____ hereby nominates its Chaplain
for the Archbishop Cousins Award:

Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State _____

Telephone _____

1. How many years has your chaplain been with your club?
2. What percentage of meetings does he attend each year?
3. What percentage of Board meetings does he attend?
4. How would you describe the rapport he has with the president and officers of your club?

5. How and when does he acquaint himself with new members?

6. How many district conventions has he attended?
7. How many international conventions has he attended?
8. Is he in contact with seminarians in your diocese? If so, in what ways?

9. In what other ways does he give spiritual guidance to your club?

10. How has the chaplain provided guidance in planning the club program?

11. In what way does the chaplain motivate your membership?

12. Is your chaplain in contact with and does he confer with other successful Serra chaplains? When?

13. Is he familiar with Serra's Constitution and Bylaws at the international and local levels?

14. Please attach a statement (100 words or less) on what distinguishes your Chaplain and makes him an excellent nominee for the Archbishop Cousins Award.

Submitted by: _____

Club President's signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATION BEFORE 31 MAY 2010 TO:

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Web site: www.serra.org e-mail: serra@serra.org

Father Junipero Serra Awards

WHY THE TWO FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA AWARDS?

The purpose of this program is to encourage activity in promoting the objectives of Serra, and to provide recognition to those Serra Clubs or Districts that excel in promoting these objectives.

WHAT ARE THE ANNUAL AWARDS?

A permanent plaque is maintained at Serra headquarters, detailing the title of the awards, the name of the winning Clubs or Districts, and the year. A separate award plaque shall be presented to each winning Club or District listing its name and a description of the winning program.

FOR WHAT REASON ARE THE AWARDS GIVEN?

1. For the club or district that initiated during the past year the most innovative and effective new vocation activity program or the most innovative and effective new application of an existing vocation activity program.
2. For the club or district that offered the most recognizably successful and innovative effort to further Catholicism by helping members fulfill their Christian vocations to service.

HOW DOES A CLUB (DISTRICT) QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE?

Every Serra Club (District) in good standing is eligible to be selected for these two awards. Clubs or Districts interested should submit an entry form demonstrating the originality of the idea and implementation or revitalization and implementation of a program.

WHAT ARE THE "GUIDELINES" FOR PARTICIPATION?

Originality is most important. A degree of success is a primary criterion and will be considered along with innovation in the ultimate decision. Written objective evaluation of the program by Serrans, their associates and participants is most important. Programs presented for evaluation should be initiated by the club or district no earlier than the beginning of January of the preceding year.

WHERE SHOULD YOUR ENTRY FORM BE SENT?

Your completed entry form should be sent to Serra Headquarters **no later than 31 May 2010**.

WHEN WILL THE AWARDS BE PRESENTED?

Selection of winners will be announced at Serra's 68th international convention in Anchorage, Alaska, U.S.A. Clubs and districts in contention will be notified so they might have ample representation at the convention should they receive the award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Website: www.serra.org

e-mail: info@serra.org

Entry for 2009-2010

Father Junipero Serra Award

For

Promoting

Vocations

Club Entry _____
(Name)

OR

District Entry _____
(Name)

DATE: _____

PERSON TO BE CONTACTED
REGARDING THIS REPORT:

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

NAME:

ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE:

BUSINESS TELEPHONE:

2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

OFFICE HELD:

3. DESCRIPTION OF HOW PROGRAM DEVELOPED

4. TIMETABLE FOLLOWED

5. PROGRAM RESULTS (Compared to Program Objectives)

6. SUPPORTING MATERIAL. Please include any or all of the following material that might be available: Scrapbooks, news clippings, letters of commendation, reactions of participants, brochures, photos, etc.

Entry for 2009-2010

Father Junipero Serra Award

for

Furthering Catholicism

*Recognizing Excellence in Serra Club
Programming*

Club Entry _____
(Name)

OR

District Entry _____
(Name)

DATE: _____

PERSON TO BE CONTACTED
REGARDING THIS REPORT:

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

NAME:

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