2020 Serra Club Officer Training Slides
Session #1 Serra—The Big Picture

2020 Serra Central Region
Club Officer Training

Objectives

• To provide Information and ideas to make your upcoming year successful

• To inspire you!
  – Readings from “To Save A Thousand Souls” by Fr. Brannen
  – First story: Priests Evangelize (p. 18)

Overview—All Sessions

• Wk #1: The Big Picture (above the Club level)
  – Serra International
  – Serra Foundation
  – Serra US
  – Serra in Vowed Districts
  – The State of US Vocations
• Wk #2: How Clubs Function & the Event/Planning Calendar
• Wk #3: Vocations & Programs
• Wk #4: Communications & Membership

Serra: The Big Picture

Our Mission Statement:

To foster and affirm vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life, and through this ministry, grow in our Catholic faith.
Three Distinct Missions:

- To Foster NEW Vocations
- To Affirm EXISTING Vocations
- To Increase our Holiness

Saint Junipero Serra
“Always Forward, Never Back”

- Born 1713 in Mallorca, Spain
- At age 16 joined the Franciscans
- At age 36 volunteered to go to new world as a missionary; established missions in Mexico
- At age 56 began establishing missions in California
  - traveled 24,000 miles as a missionary
  - Missionary works remarkable in light of challenges
- Canonization: September 2015
- Feast Day: July 1

Four things to know about St. Junipero Serra

- Chose a life of humble service
- Suffered constant pain as a missionary
- Believed in the power of persistent prayer
- Advocated for the indigenous people
History of Serra Organization

- 1935: Started by four Catholics in Seattle, WA
- 1951: Became official apostolate of Catholic Church
  - The only lay apostolate officially aggregated to the Church
- Our Role is to be the LEADERS on vocations effort
  - We LEAD by our own efforts: prayer, service & fellowship
  - We LEAD by encouraging and supporting vocations efforts by other Catholic lay organizations
  - We LEAD by engaging all Catholics in creating a culture of vocations.

Organization of Serra International

Serra International

Serra Councils
- USA
- Canada
- Mexico
- Spain
- Brazil
- Italy
- Great Britain
- Philippines
- Thailand

Area Trustees (in areas without councils)

Serra Foundation

12,360 Members Worldwide
470 Clubs in 46 Countries

Serra Intl Financial Overview

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Value of Serra Intl to local Clubs

- Our mission statement is not limited to USA, but to the worldwide Catholic Church
- SII spreads the Serra model to areas of the world where no such vocation effort exists adapted as necessary to local culture
- SII brings Serrans together once a year at the international convention.
- SII coordinates Serra activities with the worldwide priorities of the Vatican

Serra Intl Convention 2020
New Orleans LA

- June 25 – June 28, 2020
- To Register: https://www.serrainternational.org/events/2020/new_orleans
- Next SII Convention: Toronto, Canada, June 30-July 3, 2021

Serra Foundation

- Mission
  – To fund programs that foster & promote religious vocations
  – To fund formation programs for men & women in consecrated religious life
  – To enhance recognition of Serra International
Serra Foundation Grants

- Paid in 2017:
  - To 18 USA organizations: $71,000
  - To 36 orgs in 12 other countries: $80,000
- Paid in 2018:
  - To 12 USA organizations: $81,000
  - To 14 orgs in 10 other countries: $42,000
- Paid in 2019:
  - To 13 USA organizations: $66,000
  - To 9 orgs in 9 other countries: $26,000
- Proposed to be paid in 2020
  - To 11 USA organizations: $99,500
  - To 8 orgs in 8 other countries: $18,000

Spring Club Officer Training 2020

Serra Intl Foundation

Grant Opportunities

- Inform Seminaries, Convents, Houses of Formation and even Diocesan Vocations Offices of the opportunity to apply for a grant.

- Application form for grants due by Sept 30, 2020 (must be filed online this year)

Spring Club Officer Training 2020

Serra US Council

President: Judy Cozzens (2018-20) Richard Arias (2020-22)
Episcopal Advisor: Bishop Tom Daly, Spokane WA

9 Regions: each with a Regional Director
44 Districts: each with a District Governor

Overall USA: 7,500 Serrans 200 Clubs
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USA organizations $ 81,500  
Other countries $ 18,000  
Total $ 99,500
### Serra US Financial Overview

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### Value of US Council to local Serra Clubs

- Repository of "Wisdom" of Serra through the years
  - Training programs, officer & club manuals
- Clearing House for new ideas and problem solving
  - National workshops, rational conventions
  - Serra magazine (with S1)
- Communicates vocation priorities of US Bishops
  - Annual vocation awareness program support materials
  - Newman Connection
  - Digital resources for Vocations Directors / SerraSpark
- Professional support for all-volunteer clubs
  - Maintenance of membership records/database/mailing labels
  - Liability insurance certificates for club & vocation activities
  - Maintaining serra.us website

### Serra US Council Priorities 2020:

- Membership Recruitment/Engagement
- Support of Faithful Priests & Religious
- Serra Spark implemented in Parishes (Serra Sprint program)
- Leadership Development in clubs
- Prayer Support for ALL Vocation Directors (7-Serrans Prayer Teams)
SI & US Dues Structure
(per year)

- Serra International: $47.00
  - Spouses & Under 35: $23.50
- USA Council: $45.00
  - Spouses & Under 35: $22.50
- Dues billed jointly twice per year
  - Billed on or before June 1, Dec. 1
  - Due July 15, Jan. 15

President Judy Cozzens
"Our Dues at Work"

- Serra Dues as an INVESTMENT in the future of our Church
  1. SerraSpark.org
  2. Parish Vocations Ministry Training
  3. Seven Serrans Prayer Teams for Vocations Directors
  4. Building a partnership with FOCUS

Challenges for Serra in USA

- Covid-19 Adjustment to Gatherings
- Visibility/Awareness problem in most parishes
- Name confusion problem
  - Too often confused with Sierra Club
- Poor Hispanic representation
Status of US Vocations

- Shortage of Priests remains a CRISIS
- Lots of Good things happening:
  - Priestly ordinations generally up since 2000
  - Grad level seminarians up since 1995
- Total No. Diocesan Priests still declining
  - Down 30% since 1965
- US Catholic population up 50% since 1965!
- 35% of US Catholics are Hispanic while only 5% of priests are Hispanic

What We Know about Vocations
(from A Priest in the Family by Fr. Brannen)

- Holy Spirit calls the vocation, not us
- Culture of Vocations critical to call being heard
- Key influencers: Priests/Spiritual Directors, Mothers, others
- Time of most serious consideration: Age 17
- Time spent in Eucharistic Adoration
- 60% of Priests were altar servers
- 50% of Seminarians "discern out"
- 92% of Priests are happy being priests
- Inability to marry is not cause of shortage—mainline protestant churches have same shortage

Closing Inspiration Reading and Prayer

- Excerpt from Pope Francis' talk to Serrans in 2017:
  - "To be a special friend to priests and seminarians."
- Closing Prayer
### CARA Research Report
Current US Catholic Data

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Only 5% of priests in the US identify as Hispanic or Latino. Hispanic Catholics make up 35% of US Catholics.