

SERRA USA COUNCIL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Monday, June 1st, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Central Time (8:00 Eastern; 6:00 Mountain; 5:00 Pacific)

REMINDER of Club Meeting Programs' role in Serra – Focus on Serra's third purpose of advancing Serrans' own call to holiness through education, spiritual growth, and fraternity, and maintaining member interest and involvement, all of utmost importance to member retention

Opening Prayer

Richard Petersen

Meeting PROGRAM Ideas:

Speakers; How to use Call to Holiness Manual prepared Programs

Katie Radford

In order to use these programs of continuing Catholic education we need to find them. Here's how.

1. Click on **Serraus.org**
2. Then click on **Club Resources and Manuals**. In any of these "clicks," if the title doesn't work try the blue words nearby.
3. In a strip at the top click on **Club Meetings and Programs** and then scroll down.
4. Note that there is also a **Program Vice President Manual**. It is your VP job description and a tested meeting format to use on each club meeting agenda. Katie recommends both. At the bottom of this list of resources is a **Workshop for Training Program Vice Presidents**. If you did not receive adequate training for your position as Vice President for Programs, you can use that one-page checklist to train yourself using this list and the VP manual.
5. Click on **Meeting Programs--a Call to Holiness Manual** (dozens of readymade programs)
6. Then look @ **Table of Contents** (click on a title and it goes to those pages.)
7. Also in this same list of manuals/resources you can find **Meeting Topics by Liturgical Calendar**. This resource helps you match specific programs with the feasts and special celebrations of the Church year. It is good to have your program topics in sync with the liturgical cycle.
8. At the club meeting, whether meeting in person or electronically, divide up the readings among several voices for emphasis and interest; add any details or examples that make ideas clearer. Make sure all the members have a copy of the program to look at and take notes on.
9. Who should facilitate these programs? You, other club members, chaplain, faculty member from Catholic University, chancery staff, religious.
10. Remember that you have other options for growth in holiness and dedication to our mission, such as the Holy Hour for Vocations, In His Steps (a rededication ceremony in the manual,) and Evening Prayer for the Deceased from the Divine Office.

There is also an excellent description of club officer duties in the recorded training sessions for district governors and other officers by Mike Downey. Serrus.org to Serra Leadership to District Governors (top right of screen) to 2020 Club Officer Training, Session #3 (lower right corner of screen).

More meeting PROGRAM Ideas from:

Handbook for Serrans pp. 25-26; Call to Holiness Manual pp. 44-48; Vocations Apostolate Prayers w/Rosary following (see Serra Magazine, March 2020). Morie Ratuiste

Serra Programs

Morie has promoted using the Handbook for Serrans Called to Holiness, (small golden yellow book) Meeting Programs-A Call to Holiness (see #5, above) and Vocations Apostolate Daily Prayers; - (25 free copies of Vocations Apostolate Daily Prayers pamphlet were sent to club presidents and you can get more copies from the Serra E-Store www.serrastore.org.)

The current forced social distancing has given many of us lots of time to look deeper into the 3rd pillar of our mission – God’s call to holiness, the first vocation of all baptized Christian. He proposed the following possible topics:

A. Five Biblical Steps on how to grow in being one with Jesus (Handbook for Serrans Called to Holiness pp 25 – 26) :

1. Remain in My Word
2. Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ
3. Love for one another
4. Service
5. Mission

Tri-Cities Club covered this on June 21 via tele-conference call. Cocot did the presentation and great discussion with all the callers participating. Done just over an hour.

B. Christian Hope Programs (Meeting Programs-A Call to Holiness pp 44-48) – covered this on May 19

1. Mary: Model of Hope – Led by our Club Chaplain Fr. Rex Familiar
2. Church: Beacon of Hope – Led by President-Elect Jean Faust
3. Humanity: Called to Hope – Led by Morie Ratuiste

Another great discussion after each topic. Done just over an hour.

C. Prayer the Vocations APOSTOLATE Daily Prayers followed by the Rosary. This was featured in the Serran MAGAZINE March 2020

Both the Handbook for Serrans and Meeting Programs complement each other: we ought to use them both. Morie suggests that either A & B or both would make good topics for Serran Magazine, considering the challenging time that we are in.

Leadership topics and remarks

Judy Cozzens

Judy announced that the Traveling Crucifix or Chalice programs are now available in Spanish.

Judy encouraged us to be open to the possibilities presented by our clubs' "on-line," "virtual" meetings. We can request Council officers to be speakers at our meetings via Zoom or Free Conference Call or Go to Meeting. For example, Richard Arians on the Serran Mission, Greg Schwietz on St. Junipero and on enthusiasm for our ministry. She introduced Anne Roat who talked about the workshops she and others have been doing for dioceses on starting and maintaining parish vocation ministry. They were being presented in person but now using Zoom. Dr. Roat can speak on any number of theological topics also. Judy will develop a list of Council officers who would be able to speak to your club via conference call or similar method. Contact her at jcozzens@msn.com . Anne and Judy pointed out the rich resources available in the SPARK program found on the serraus.org website.

Closing Prayer

Barbara Meehan

[NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 3rd, 2020]