



WHAT IS SERRA?

Serra International Objectives...

to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Catholic Church and to develop appreciation for the priesthood and of all religious vocations in the Catholic Church, and to further Catholicism by encouraging its members, in fellowship, through education, to fulfill their Christian vocations to service.

The organization's patron is Father Junipero Serra, a Spanish Franciscan missionary who founded the celebrated missions in Mexico and California. He is currently a candidate for canonization.

Serra International was "attached to the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations set up within the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and University Studies"

(Rome – May 3, 1951)

There are 632 Serra Clubs worldwide with 22,040 Serrans. In our Archdiocese, there are six Serra Clubs; located in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Milwaukee-West, Racine, Waukesha, and Wisconsin Southern Lakes.

WHY SERRA?

There are vocations which manifest themselves.

- *They must be fostered.*

There are vocations which are not conscious of themselves.

- *They must be awakened.*

There are vocations which do not dare manifest themselves.

- *They must be found and encouraged*

There are vocations which meet with opposition.

- *They must be strengthened.*

There are vocations which are paralyzed by poverty.

- *They must be helped financially.*

WHY ME?

Pope John Paul II has asked Serrans throughout the world to be the "Vocation Arm of the Church".

Spiritual Growth

Education

Reflection

Relationships

Affirmation

Our participation in this effort is vital to insure the future of our Church and the development of its religious and lay leaders.

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"The priestly vocation is a gift from God. It is undoubtedly a great good for the person who is its first recipient. But it is also a gift to the church as a whole, a benefit to her life and mission."

"There is an urgent need, especially nowadays, for a more widespread and deeply felt conviction that all the members of the church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations."

Pope John Paul II

(*Pastores Debo Vobis*, 1992 Letter on the Foundation of Priests)

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