

# THE VANCOUVER SERRAN



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## *Siempre Adelante!*

“Fr. Serra had a motto which inspired his life and work, not just a saying, but above all a reality which shaped the way he lived: *siempre adelante!* Keep moving forward! For him, this way was the way to continue experiencing the joy of the Gospel, to keep his heart from growing numb, from being anesthetized. He kept moving forward, because the Lord was waiting, because his brothers and sisters were waiting. He kept moving forward to the end of his life. Today, like him, may we be able to say: Forward! Let's keep moving forward!”

*Part of Pope Francis's Homily at St. Junipero Serra's canonization 23 Sept. 2015*

**Following the encouragement of Pope Francis let us begin the New Year with new ideas, renewed enthusiasm and energy to move forward, like Fr. Serra, in our Mission to find more laborers to work in the Lord's vineyard.**

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## **Serran “buried treasure” Spiritual Benefits for Serrans**

I have found Serran "buried treasure" - one that many (most!) Serrans do not know about, even those who have been in Serra over 30 years like myself. Most of us know that Serra was aggregated into the Holy See in 1951 but many do not know the spiritual benefits that are available to all Serrans because of the aggregation, thanks to a great extent to the awesome efforts of Cardinal Stritch and the late great Serran Ralph Hauenstein who passed away last January at the ripe old age of 103, after an amazing and unique life's journey, one that is an inspiration to us all! The spiritual benefits provide all Serrans the privilege of obtaining a plenary indulgence which removes all residue of our sins, not just once or twice each year but 54 times each year, including on St. Junipero's feast day on July 1. The list of the dates is given on the next page. We are talking about our own

salvation, to be with God in heaven with all of our loved ones, for all eternity, which is why we were created by God. Our efforts to obtain these special indulgences is a very small price of inconvenience to pay, and we will be truly grateful for this spiritual benefit, down the road, when our day is done, and we come before our Lord and Savior, and when we can in all honesty and truthfulness say, "Here I am, Lord... I tried my hardest." To our knowledge, no other lay organization has this privilege, and so it should be well understood and well used by all Serrans. Why wouldn't we? When we do, then we may find it a whole lot easier to grow membership in Serra. It truly is Serra's buried treasure, and all Serrans are truly privileged to have this honor bestowed on us 54 times a year Serra Aggregated to Pontifical Work in 1951.

At its ninth annual convention, held in Kansas City in 1951, Serra International approved a request, made through its episcopal moderator, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, for affiliation with the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations. The Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, having been informed beforehand of the request and wishing to show by a quick reply the favor with which the petition was received and thus to encourage the important work of Serra International, granted the request immediately, on the very day of the convention, and so informed the delegates by radiogram directed to the Most Reverend Apostolic Delegate.

The Statutes of the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations (1) The Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations is the principal work for protecting, promoting, and helping priestly vocations. It was established by Our Holy Father Pope Pius XII in the Apostolic letter, *Cum Nobis*, given *motu proprio* on November 4, 1941. (2) The Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations has its headquarters in the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities. (3) To attain the end for which it was instituted, the Pontifical Work (a) is concerned primarily with setting forth a true and clear notion of the nature, the necessity, and the excellence of the priesthood; (b) promotes the offering up of Masses, Communion, prayers and works of penance and charity to the end that God may grant many and excellent priestly vocations; (c) encourages the growth of the project which is established in each diocese for priestly vocations, and tries to have such projects set up where they do not already exist. (4) Societies can be aggregated to the Pontifical Work, and persons joined to it. (5) The Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations is consecrated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Supreme and Eternal Priest; it is entrusted to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Apostles, and to the

guardianship of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Church Universal. It pays particular honor to the saintly Princes of the Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul. On the following feasts of:

(I) Our Lord Jesus Christ Christmas, December 25 The Circumcision, January 1 The Epiphany, January 6 The Holy Family, Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany Easter Ascension Finding of the Holy Cross, May 3 Corpus Christi, Thursday in the second week following Pentecost The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday following the Octave Day of Corpus Christi The Precious Blood, July 1 The Transfiguration, August 6 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14 The Feast of Christ the King, last Sunday in October Feast of the dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Savior, November 9 Feast of the dedication of the Basilica of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul, November 18

(II) On the following feasts of the Blessed Virgin: Immaculate Conception, December 8 The Purification, February 2 Feast of the Apparition of Lourdes, February 11 The Annunciation, March 25 The Seven Sorrows, Friday after Passion Sunday The Visitation, July 2 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16 Our Lady of the Snows, August 5 The Assumption, August 15 Nativity of Our Lady, September 8 Holy Name of Mary, September 12 The Seven Sorrows, September 15 Our Lady of Mercy, September 24 Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7 Maternity of Our Lady, October 11 The Presentation, November 21 On the following feasts of St. Joseph: Feast of St. Joseph, March 19 The Solemnity, Wednesday following the second Sunday after Easter

(III) On the following feasts of the Apostles: Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29 St. Andrew, November 30 St. Thomas, December 21 St. John, December 27 St. Matthias, February 24 (or 25) Sts. Philip and James, May 1 St. Barnabas, June 11 St. James the Greater, July 25 St.

Bartholomew, August 24 St. Matthew, September 21 Sts. Simon and Jude, October 28 On the following feast days of the Saints: St. Peter's Chair at Rome, January 18 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, June 21 All Saints, November 1 St. Charles Borromeo, November 4 On the feast day of the individual society, and on the day set aside for prayer for priestly vocations On one day out of each three Ember Days.

These spiritual benefits are available to the members of all Serra clubs because of Serra International's affiliation with the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations. Plenary indulgencies granted on the day a person joins the society if he or she receives the Sacraments of Penance and of Holy Eucharist and prays for the intentions of the Holy Father. Plenary indulgencies granted under the usual conditions (confession, communion, visit to a church or public oratory, and prayer for the Holy Father's intention) on the following days:

A plenary indulgence is granted at the moment of death, when the person has confessed and received Holy Communion, or is at least contrite, and when he has devoutly invoked Our Lord's Holy Name, orally if he is able to do so, and in his heart if he is unable to speak, and shall have been resigned to death as the penalty of sin and as something that comes to him from the hand of the Lord. A partial indulgence of one hundred days may be gained for each act of charity or of piety performed by the members to further the ends of the society. All the Masses offered by any priest for the soul of a member who has died in the state of grace are to profit that soul just as if the Masses were offered at a privileged altar.

By **Mario Biscardi** (SI Treasurer) The Serran September 2016

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### CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2018

**First Friday each Month**

Tuesday before First Friday  
12.30 pm at John Paul Center

**First Friday each Month**

Mass at 7.00 am at St. Patrick's Church  
Breakfast Meeting at 7.45 am

**Special Events**

**a. Ordinandi Dinner**

February 7  
Italian Cultural Center  
Vancouver

**b. Annual Retreat**

February 23 - 25  
Christ the King, Mission

**c. Feed the Homeless**

March 31 at 9.00 am  
The Door is Open

**d. Golf/Dinner**

May 7 Golf Surrey Golf Club  
Dinner at 5.00 pm  
St. Andrew Kim, Surrey

**e. Vianney Fund**

Parishes & Dates TBA

**f. Altar Servers Awards**

September 8 – Mass at 10.00 am  
Holy Rosary Cathedral

**g. AGM & Christmas Party**

December 7 – Mass at 5.00 pm  
St. Augustine's Parish

**h. Ordinations**

Dates TBA

**i. Adoration foe Vocations**

See schedule below.

*“All things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose”.*  
*Romans 8:28*

**Adoration for Vocations**

All Serra members are encouraged to join Fr. Rodney, our Vocation Director and Serra Chaplain, in the Archdiocese of Vancouver’s special monthly Adoration for vocations. Please mark the dates listed below on your calendar.

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| 1. Jan. 18, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Our Lady of Mercy Parish - Burnaby      |
| 2. Feb. 15, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 pm | St. Anthony’s Parish – West Vancouver   |
| 3. Mar. 15, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 pm | St. Nicolas Parish - Langley            |
| 4. Apr. 19, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 pm | St. Anthony of Padua Parish - Vancouver |
| 5. Apr. 28, 2018, 8:00 - 9:00 pm | Canadian Martyrs Parish - Richmond      |
| 6. May 17, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 pm  | All Saints Parish - Coquitlam           |
| 7. June 21, 2018, 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Precious Blood Parish – Surrey          |

*“Wherever there is life, fervor and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations will arise.”  
(Joy of the Gospel 107) Pope Francis*

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**Ordinandi Dinner 2018**

Please keep this date free so that you can support this special event for the promotion of Vocations.

- Date: February 7
- Location: Italian Cultural Center, Vancouver
- Time: Doors open 5.30 pm
- Cost: \$50.00 per person. If you are unable to attend please sponsor a Seminarian or two.

**Annual Serra Retreat**

Our annual Retreat will be held as usual at Christ the King Seminary in Mission. Those of you who can attend please do so. The environment, tranquility and the opportunity to meditate on the talks by our own Fr. Rodney will certainly inspire you in your Mission as a Serran.

- Date: 23 – 25 February
- Location: Christ the King Seminary Mission
- Time: Please arrive by 6.30 pm to check in and register. Bring your own dinner or eat out before the start of the Retreat at 7.30 pm
- Cost: \$150.00 per person

**Please continue to pray for our deceased Serrans: May they rest in peace.**

Alfred Clarke, J. A. Archambault, His Grace James Carney, Jim Craig, Mrs. Ellen Crean, L. Delacherois, S.W. Faliszewski, C. T. Foley, F. J. Foran, Rev. P. Foran, Pat Foran, Pete Gorman, M. J. Griffin, J. K. Hancock, E. Hill, F. H. Hoefler, Gerry Hughes, Dr. Rodney Irving, Most Rev. Martin Johnson, J. B. Kane, J. F. Kearney, Rev. John Kilty, Rev. Bill Kilty, R. H. A. Lacey, Rooney Lee, Gail Machon, Dr. Alan McDonald, C. J. McGuire, F. B. McLellan, Rev. Ray McLeod, Barry McNeil, Jack Mills, J. W. Monahan, J. M. Nett, Peter O’Callaghan, T. M. Pink, M. J. Pulchny, Dr. Albert Rader, J. Cliff Ryan, Glen Spellicy, Walter Szafranski, Stan Taylor, G. G Topping, L. Tritschler, Jack Young.

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