



# Serra St. Catharines Newsletter

Summer 2019

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Serra International works to encourage, promote and support vocations to the consecrated life in the Catholic Church as well as assist others to recognize and respond, each in their own life, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

## Summer Get Together

This past June 22<sup>nd</sup>, saw much food and fellowship shared by the club at the home of Lily and Dino Sicoli. We were thankful for so many things: that all three of our seminarians were able to attend; that the weather was beautiful and we were able to sit outside; and most of all, thankful for the wonderful hospitality of Lily and Dino. Dino was kind enough to share some photos.



**Save the Dates:**  
(\*please note changes from the May minutes)

**Next Meeting:**  
\*\*Wednesday September 11  
5:00  
Our Lady of the Scapular

**Altar Server Awards**  
Thursday October 10  
St. Alfred

**Trivia Night**  
\*\*Friday October 25  
St. Alfred

**District Conference**  
22-23 November  
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre

### CLUB OFFICERS 2019-2010

**Patrick Portelli**  
President

**Deedee Alexandre**  
V.P. Vocations

**Monique Portelli**  
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**Carmelina Passero**  
Treasurer

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Past President

**Fr. Rico Passero**  
Chaplain

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## June

Melissa and Paul Moccia

## July

Polly and Lawrence Corso

Kate and David Einhorn

Josephine and Michael Lettieri

Carmelina and Tony Passero

## August

Yolanda and Frank Fera

Kim and Mike Kuchar



## June

Lawrence Corso

## July

Rob Greene

Frank Fera

Caroline Matovic

Patrick Portelli

Dcn. Gunther Eyer

## August

Dora Marmmarella



May God continue to bless you-  
not only on your special day  
but every day.

The Serra Club of Catharines typically meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 with a Mass to begin and a supper meeting following. We currently meet at Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, Niagara Falls.

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! If you would like to join us for fellowship, please contact us at: [serraclubstc@gmail.com](mailto:serraclubstc@gmail.com) to confirm dates, times, and place.

## The Serran-August International Newsletter

Mario Biscardi, International President, shared the link for the latest edition. The link for the full PDF version was sent in a separate email (let Monique know if you did not receive it or have trouble with the download-it is a BIG file ☺!) Excerpts from the interesting and informative articles include:

From: **What Made St. Junípero Unstoppable?** by Serra International Episcopal Advisor His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

"Zeal. That's important. Fire. You must become fire, the fire of the Lord. We can't have some kind of bland organizational thing. We've got to have a personal love of our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim it to the ends of the earth...We need to be on fire with zeal for the Lord like St. Junípero. He kept on going until he died. That's a pretty good way to be for all of us. It means that we have this strength to go up against these struggles that we face in our world, which are different from his, probably less severe than some of his although in other ways maybe more severe."

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From: **Much Ado About Generation Z**

"According to research from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), 'Although many parents may express concerns about their teens not communicating enough with them in general, many Catholic teens say their parents rarely or never speak to them about religion. Only 8% report their parents talk to them about religion daily and 20% say their parents do so at least once a week.' If parents are engaged (with faith), it is more likely the young people will be engaged. The power of grandparents is huge within generations."

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From: **Are you the Little Engine that Could or the Big Engine that Can't?**  
by Col. John J. Halloran, Jr., VP USA Membership

"For many of us, one of the hardest things to do in Serra, or any organization that you belong to, is to ask others to join. Most of us became a Serran because someone, usually a friend or family member, asked us to. We were honored to be asked and thankful that we were, but we remain afraid to ask others. Your club needs you...but most importantly that person who doesn't know how great Serra is, needs you to ask."

## Serran Monthly Rosary

Join us in a monthly international prayer of the Rosary, *via conference call!* At 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the last Saturday of every month, Serrans worldwide gather to recite the Rosary for vocations.

### Upcoming Rosary dates for 2019:

August 31, 2019      September 28, 2019

October 26, 2019      November 30, 2019

**To join from your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to:**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/31431598>



To ensure a great success, we need **everyone's** help for the upcoming Altar Server and Trivia Night events. Please let Deedee know your availability for the Altar Servers' Night and Kate for the Trivia Night.

Remember that we can sign off on volunteer hours for Grade 8 kids and above- "VOLUN-TELLING" (telling kids that they have to help) is real!!!

**Please share this newsletter with your family and friends!**