



SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON

20TH ANNUAL

*Celebration of Priesthood
and
Consecrated Life Dinner*

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
Hamilton, Ontario

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WELCOME

On behalf of the **Serra Club of Hamilton**, welcome to the return of the **Annual Celebration of Priesthood and Consecrated Life Dinner** now being called **Vocation Recognition Dinner** to better reflect our mission. Our celebration is a vocation awareness activity of the Serra Club of Hamilton. We come together as a grateful Catholic Community to honour and express appreciation to our dedicated Diocesan Priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, Consecrated Virgins and Permanent Deacons throughout the Diocese of Hamilton as well as the Seminarians and the Candidates for Religious Life, the Consecrated Life and the Permanent Diaconate. A special emphasis goes out to the Jubilarians who have served the diocese for 50 years; however, those who have served 25, 40, 60 and 60 plus years are also celebrated. This year, we acknowledge one Diocesan Priest, one Religious Priest, and one Religious Sister who have given us 50 years of their lives to God and His people. Also joining us this evening are the four men who will be ordained to the priesthood this coming Saturday and one Religious Sister who will profess her final vows later this year.

Although our focus is to honour Jubilarians every year at this dinner, any profits made are applied to a **Seminarian Bursary Fund**. Since the establishment of the fund, we have been able to grant some financial assistance to seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton.

We welcome you to visit the Serra Canada web site (www.serracanada.com) to learn more about the Serra Club.

Thank you for coming tonight to help us celebrate our brothers and sisters who have chosen a Vocation to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Consecrated Life, or Permanent Diaconate. Enjoy the evening and the presentations.

We thank God for their vocation!

Margaret Carreiro, President
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Always forward; never back.

*Please pray that together we may
encourage, foster and sustain
vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious/Consecrated Life and
Permanent Diaconate.*

HONOURABLE MENTION

We thank God for the outstanding service and pastoral leadership of the following Jubilarians:

82nd Anniversary

Sr. Francis Rossignoli, CSJ

79th Anniversary

Sr. Bernadette Flynn, CSJ
Sr. Thomasine Ryan, SSND

78th Anniversary

Sr. Mary Paschal Griffin, RPB
Sr. Teresita McNally, CSJ

76th Anniversary

Sr. Audrey Burns, CSJ
Sr. Elizabeth Farley, RPB
Sr. Gloria Seifried, SSND

74th Anniversary

Sr. Leona Dentinger, SSND
Sr. Doreen Norman, SSND

73rd Anniversary

Sr. Kathleen Haley, SSND
Sr. Ann Marshall, CSJ
Sr. Joan McMahan, CSJ
Sr. Christina Straus, SCJ

72nd Anniversary

Sr. Martin de Porres Kimpel, SSND
Sr. Betty Lackenbauer, SSND

71st Anniversary

Sr. Madeleine Graf, CSJ
Sr. Edna Hood, SSND
Sr. Doreen Kaminski, CSJ
Sr. Moira McClafferty, RPB
Sr. Nano Nagle, RPB
Sr. Beatrice Zinger, SSND

70th Anniversary

Sr. Giovanni Finoro, CSJ
Sr. Joan Helm, SSND
Sr. Michaela Sinclair, CSJ

69th Anniversary

Sr. Joan Cummings, CSJ
Sr. Sharon Kroetsch, SSND
Sr. Valentia Leibel, SSND
Sr. Carla Marie McCarville, SSND
Sr. Barbara Meininger, SSND
Sr. Theresa Piva, CSJ
Sr. Jude Stradiotto, CSJ

68th Anniversary

Fr. Ronald Cote
Sr. Pauline Girodat, SSND
Sr. Mary Guth, SSND
Fr. Gerald Mulhall
Sr. Lucy Straus, CSJ

67th Anniversary

Fr. Pat Aiello, CR
Sr. Mary Eileen Brunton, CSSF
Sr. Carole Anne Guay, CSJ
Sr. Bernardine Smith, CSJ

66th Anniversary

Sr. Anne Anderson, CSJ
Sr. Margaret Leithen, SSND
Sr. Rosanne Morgan, SSND
Sr. Norma Schmidt, SSND

65th Anniversary

Sr. Sheila Fortune, CSJ
Sr. Dora Kruis, CSJ
Sr. Diane Oberle, CSJ
Sr. Joyce Smith, SSND
Sr. Ambrose Stashiw, SSMI
Sr. Lois Zettler, SSND

64th Anniversary

Sr. Janet Disbrowe, SSND
Sr. Rose Mary Sander, SSND
Sr. Harriet Schnurr, SSND
Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki

63rd Anniversary

Sr. Vivian Zoller, SSND

62nd Anniversary

Sr. Mary Jeanne Davidson, SSND
Sr. Ursula Dandeno, RPB
Sr. Lena Petrucelli, CSJB
Fr. Raymond Reitzel, CR

61st Anniversary

Fr. George Stortz

60th Anniversary

Rita Bohnert, CSJ
Sr. Celeste Reinhart, SSND
Br. David Ernst, CR
Fr. David Mowat, CR

40th Anniversary

Bishop Emeritus Anthony Tonnos, 40th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination
Fr. Jim Donohue, CR
Fr. Ken Miskiewicz
Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR

25th Anniversary

Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination
Fr. Czeslaw Kolasa, SAC
Fr. Lawrence Parent
Fr. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr
Fr. Piotr Golinski
Deacon Ronald Johnston
Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI
Fr. Shane Degblor, MCCJ

50th Anniversary Jubilarians 2023

Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada

Sister Kathleen O'Neill

My vocation story is filled with great richness, challenges, and love that has seen me through each and everyday. As a Sister of St. Joseph I have been blessed to meet the very best women in the world! Many of them now are reaping the rewards of a life well-lived. I grew up in Brantford surrounded by loving, faith-filled parents as well as five brothers and one sister. I am proud to say that I have a twin brother and even to this day, I am teased by all of my siblings. Yet I know love comes in many strange and beautiful ways! I have had great pastoral and teaching experiences in hospitals and parishes and what I love most of these opportunities is meeting and journeying with families at the most tender times in their lives. I have lived in many of the cities of our Hamilton diocese and the Pembroke diocese and cannot believe how fast these fifty years have gone by. My sisters in community, and my family wonder if I will ever grow up as you see I love to have fun and enjoy life, which I treasure in my heart and soul. Please know that there is a richness in the life as a Sister and I must say that the life as a Sister of St. Joseph is so very special! Blessings to all the Jubilarians and to all of you who came to celebrate with us this evening!

Diocesan Priest

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins was born and raised in Guelph, Ontario, where his father was the circulation manager of the Guelph Mercury, and his mother was a legal secretary. He is the only son and the youngest of three siblings. His childhood home was situated behind The Church of Our Lady, where he attended and served morning Mass.

Cardinal Collins considered being a teacher or a lawyer but was profoundly inspired by his Grade 11 English teacher, Father Newstead, at Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School, who knowing him, suggested that he should consider the priesthood. In 1969 he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (English) from St. Jerome College in Waterloo. In 1973 he obtained two degrees, a M.A. (English) from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Theology from St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. That same year he was ordained to the priesthood on May 5, 1973, in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, by Most Reverend Paul Reding.

While studying in Rome, specializing in sacred scripture and the Book of Revelation, he received his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1978 and a Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University in 1986.

After holding various academic appointments, in 1997 he was appointed as Bishop of Saint Paul, Alberta. Two years later, he was named the Archbishop of Edmonton. In 2001, while in Edmonton he was named Apostolic Administrator of Saint Paul. In December 2006, he was appointed as the Archbishop of Toronto, and installed in January 2007.

On January 6, 2012, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of Cardinal Collins to the College of Cardinals. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals as Cardinal Priest of San Patrizio on February 18, 2012. *(Taken from the Archdiocese of Toronto Website.)*

Spiritans Fathers

Fr. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.

Fr. Fernando Pinto was born on August 9, 1947, in Peso da Régua, Portugal to Constantino and Maria da Conceição Pinto. His parents' faith and desire to provide their son with an education at the missionaries that started Fr. Pinto on his journey to the priesthood. At the age of 9, he was already enrolled at the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Minor Seminary in Godim, Peso da Régua. He would later study in Fraião, Braga, known as "Portugal's Rome," until 1965. His studies in Philosophy were done at the Holy Spirit Seminary in the city of Barcelos where he professed his Simple Vows September 8, 1966. He professed his Perpetual Vow on June 4, 1971, at the Catholic University of Lisbon.

During his holidays, Fr. Pinto worked overseas and again continued with his studies. At this time, he became acquainted with other languages. He worked with the handicapped in Barcelona, Spain and in Rhône Poulac, France.

He left for Angola, Africa as a Deacon and there he received his Sacerdotal Ordination on July 25, 1973. Fr. Fernando travelled to Salamaca, Spain for his post-graduation where he received his degree with distinction. As a result, he was appointed to Vice-Director of the Holy Spirit Minor Seminary in the city of Viana do Castelo, Portugal.

On November 27, 1976, Fr. Pinto arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He spent 10 years in Iguaba Grande making his noteworthy mark initiating the construction of Our Lady of Fatima Church, hall, and rectory, São Pedro and São João chapels and the renovation of Matriz Imaculada Conceição and São José Churches. He also received the Honourary Citizen Award from the municipality. He would return to Brazil after more studies in Spain. This time staying until 1998. Shortly after his silver jubilee, Father Pinto received notice to travel to Canada to further his mission work. He came to the Diocese of Hamilton and has been the pastoring the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish since March 1999.

DINNER MENU

Bread Basket

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Salad

Mixed Green Salad
Topped with house vinaigrette

Entrée

Prime Rib
Roast Potatoes
Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Vanilla Raspberry Bombette

Coffee and Tea

A complimentary bottle of red and white wine
included with dinner at each table.

DINNER PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Father Ian R. Duffy, V.F.

Welcome

Margaret Carreiro, President
Serra Club of Hamilton

Greetings & Opening Prayer

Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

Dinner

Recognition and Introduction of Jubilarians

Brief Faith Journey of Jubilarians

Brief description of the Permanent Diaconate & Consecrated Women in the World

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger

Recognition and Introduction of the Ordinandi & Candidate

Father Mark Morley

Brief Faith Journey from Ordinandi & Candidate

Concluding Remarks

Closing Prayer

Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustryzcki

MESSAGE FROM THE VOCATION DIRECTOR OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



Congratulations to the jubilarians, ordinandi and the candidate for religious life! Thank you for your commitment to Christ and your service to his Church. And thank you to the Serrans for once again hosting the Vocations Recognition Dinner. As Vocations Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, I would like to remind all Catholics of our responsibility to promote vocations among our young people. Prior to my appointment by Bishop Crosby this past October, I was Chaplain to the Newman Centre Guelph. University ministry taught me the importance of providing opportunities for young adults to gather, pray and support one another in the practice of our Catholic faith. I believe that the same holds true for vocations ministry. Given that many parish groups collapsed during the pandemic, I have launched monthly gatherings for the young adults of our Diocese. They consist of a Holy Hour to pray for vocations, and a social with food, live music and a vocation testimony. After several months, I can say that it's been wonderful to see young people gathering with the Holy Spirit guiding them in their discernment. The next Young Adults Night will be held at Canadian Martyrs Hamilton on May 6th starting at 6:30pm. Although the emphasis of my new role is supporting vocations to the priesthood, in order to nurture a vocations culture, it's important to foster all vocations. To this end, I have invited a diocesan priest, a married couple, a consecrated virgin, a religious sister, a religious priest and a permanent deacon to give vocation testimonies. And I invite all of you to join me in praying for our young people, that they may heed the call of Christ to live out their vocations as members of his Church. And please pray in particular that young men may heed the call to the priesthood in service of our Diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mark Morley
Vocations Director
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

ORDINANDI



Deacon Carlos Diaz

I grew up in Kitchener Waterloo in a Catholic family. I encountered the Lord in the Eucharist in adoration while at university. The Lord gave me the desire to be a priest. It took me 3 or so years to say yes to go to the seminary. God has been generous and has transformed my heart.

Deacon John Ha

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God” (Matt 19:24). I slowly but firmly discovered that God was calling me to surrender myself and follow Him. If I submit my poverty entirely to Him, He will surely provide abundantly to me in return with grace and love to do His will.

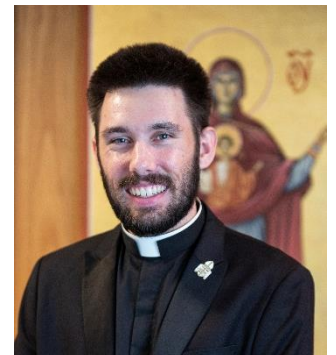


Deacon Paul Niesiobedski

After a few years of discerning, I entered priestly formation for the Diocese of Hamilton and was eventually ordained to the diaconate on June 24, 2022. My assignments along the way have included stays in Ancaster, Owen Sound, Waterdown, and Winona. I graduated from St. Peter’s Seminary in London, Ontario.

Deacon Jonathan Reitzel

I first began to sense a calling to the priesthood in grade 11. After two years at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, I entered the seminary with the Diocese of Hamilton. I completed my philosophical studies at St. Philip Neri Seminary in Toronto, and my theological studies at St. Peter’s Seminary in London and Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.



CANDIDATE FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE

Sister Mary Isidore Coffey, SOLI



Growing up in South Africa, religious life didn't seem like a concrete possibility as I had never seen Sisters. I had – and still have – a great love for drawing, so after moving to Canada with my family, I pursued the arts. As much as I enjoyed it, I had a growing sense that I wasn't where God wanted me.

Prayer opened my heart to my vocation. One Lent, during a 40 Days for Life campaign in my Canadian hometown, I experienced my own need for Christ. Praying in front of the hospital was difficult because many people showed hostility to Christ, but providentially, more churches started offering holy hours of Adoration. I found great peace in the presence of Our Lord, and the courage to persevere.

At the Chrism Mass that year, I met Mother St. Henry SOLI, my first real-life religious! Her invitation to “come be a nun!” planted a seed in my heart. After that, each step toward religious life brought a peace and joy deeper than any surface difficulties. Now I am preparing to make my perpetual profession as a Sister of Our Lady Immaculate. Thank you for your prayers.

ABOUT SERRA

The Serra Club, which is a member of Serra International, is a voluntary association of Catholic lay men and women who dedicate themselves to the fostering and promotion of vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated life.

Serra's objectives and purposes are:

- To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry;
- To encourage and affirm vocations to Religious Life, Consecrated Life, and Permanent Diaconate in the Catholic Church; and
- To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

There are three Serra Clubs in the Diocese of Hamilton. They are the Serra Club of Hamilton, The Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, and The Serra Club of Halton.

Serra Clubs fulfill their primary purpose through activities which include:

- *Annual Seminary visits to meet with seminarians for the Diocese of Hamilton;*
- *Attending the ordination of candidates for priesthood and permanent diaconate; and attending the ceremony of candidates for final vows;*
- *The Annual Altar Servers Awards: "Bishop's Award for Service";*
- *Presenting portrait of newly ordained to the Catholic High School attended;*
- *An Annual "Vocations Recognition Dinner";*
- *Collaborating with the Diocesan Vocation Office.*

The Serra Club of Hamilton meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish after the evening Mass.

New members for the Serra Club are always welcome.

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Pastor of Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Oh God, Who wills not the death of a sinner -
but rather that he be converted and live -
grant we beseech you - through the intercession
of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin - Saint Joseph,
her spouse - Saint Junipero Serra - and all
the saints - an increase of laborers for
Your Church - fellow laborers with Christ to spend
and consume themselves for souls - through the
same Jesus Christ - Your Son - Who lives and
reigns with You - in the unity of the Holy Spirit -
God forever - and ever. Amen*

