



SERRA NEWSLETTER



St. Junipero Serra

From the Chaplain's Desk...



We are fed by God.

Recipes are deceptively simple. God designed us so that we must eat to exist. Ultimately, God's design is to make us find fulfillment in being fed by Him, therefore

every cell in our body seeks physical nourishment, as our souls seek to be nourished by grace. It is our human nature to be body and soul seeking fulfillment in God.

As a sign that eating is much more than sustaining existence, humans in every age not only subsist on prosaic necessities, but organize banquets and celebrations with foods that are creative and delightful. Eating becomes something festive and joy-giving, foretasting the joy of heaven. We can't eat banquet fare every day, but neither can we do justice to God's bounty by never indulging in some exquisitely crafted and perfectly flavoured delicacy made to celebrate a milestone.

Therefore, I invite you to try out the recipes that Serra Club members have contributed to this newsletter. These recipes are great conversation starters, just right for building friendships and community. They remind us that God has given a share of his creativity to those who love to cook and love to feed others and see the enjoyment that is shared at special meals.

How beautiful it is then, when we praise God and bless food that we share at every Grace Before Meals that we pray at home and at gatherings of Christ's followers. We bring the joy of all our celebrations with us to the Eucharist, where we thank God for all his gifts, and foretaste heaven as we feed on the Body and Blood of Christ.

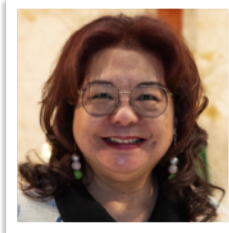
Remember that behind every recipe in this newsletter is a humble disciple of Jesus Christ who hopes to share some of their joy in the goodness of God and His loving act of creating, saving, and sustaining us. This hope gives us real hope in arriving at the banquet table with Him in heaven.

With prayers,

Fr. John-Mark Missio

Chaplain, Serra Club of Markham and Scarborough (SCMS)

President's Corner



As we enter the fourth quarter of the year, I'm pleased to share that our club continues to grow in spirit and strength—with 59 members, including our dedicated Chaplain. This growth is a testament to the commitment and teamwork of each one of you. Thank you for your prayers, presence and perseverance.

Let me take this opportunity to highlight some of our recent activities and share what lies ahead in the coming months.

March 18 - 35th Annual Ordinandi Dinner

We proudly supported the 35th Annual Ordinandi Dinner, with nine tables representing our Club—a strong show of solidarity with the men preparing for ordination. This annual event is a meaningful opportunity for Serrans to celebrate and encourage those responding to God's call to the priesthood.

May 2 - Seminary Fundraising Dinner

We supported the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary Fundraising Dinner, showing our solidarity with seminarians preparing for missionary service. It was a meaningful evening of faith and fellowship.

President's Corner... *continued*

May 11 - Vocation Chalice & Membership Drive

At Precious Blood Parish, we promoted the Travelling Vocation Chalice Program alongside a membership drive. We were encouraged to see 20 families commit to hosting the chalice and praying for vocations—a meaningful step in encouraging greater lay engagement in the vocation mission.

June 3 - Permanent Deacons' Dinner

We participated in the Celebration Dinner for Permanent Deacons, expressing our gratitude for their faithful service to the Church and our communities.

July 12 - Annual Summer BBQ

What an event! We had over 20 members come out for great fellowship, delicious food, and to swim in a cool pool. Thanks to Evelyn Vallada for hosting this year's potluck gathering.

July 19 - Local Pilgrimage

In this Jubilee Year, we partnered with Serra Canada Council on a pilgrimage to three designated Holy Door churches in the GTA.

September 6 - Resumed our Monthly Club Meeting

After the summer break, members were excited to resume our Club's monthly meetings at Precious Blood Parish.

October 18 - Bishop's Altar Server Awards Ceremony

Together with the Serra Club of Durham, we will co-host this annual event recognizing the faithful service of altar servers from parishes in Scarborough and Durham.

Let us continue to walk together in our mission to foster and support vocations. With your prayers, participation and encouragement, we can strengthen the culture of vocations in our Church. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming gatherings.

With appreciation in Christ,

Samantha Koon
President, SCMS

Memories of Faith in Action



35th Annual Ordinandi Dinner, March 18



Vocation Chalice & Membership Drive at Precious Blood Parish, May 11

Vocation Stories



On April 5, 2025, Sister Maria Francis Herrera graced us with her presence and shared her inspiring journey into religious life. Sister Maria was born in the Philippines into a large, faith-filled family of thirteen children. Her father, once a Protestant,

embraced Catholicism with zeal and became a devoted leader in prayer, while her mother's quiet devotion and humility reflected the faith she inherited from a family that included priests and nuns. Growing up in this strong spiritual foundation, Sister Maria learned early on that holiness begins at home. Though she never dreamed of religious life as a child, she longed to become a saint and trusted that God would guide her path.

When her family immigrated to Canada on July 1, 1981, the call of God grew stronger in her heart. She met the Holy Sisters in Cambridge and felt moved to pursue her vocation, but her father was not yet ready to give his blessing. Out of obedience, she waited, spending those years strengthening her prayer life, attending daily Mass, and entrusting her desires to St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. After four years of prayer and perseverance, her father finally gave his consent, and in August 1986, she was free to follow God's call.

On October 4, 1986—the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi—Sister Maria entered religious life, becoming the second member of the newly established Solace Sisters. She later played a vital role in founding the Sisters of Our Lady Queen of Peace, a community dedicated to perpetual adoration, prayer for priestly vocations, palliative care, and catechesis.

Today, she continues her mission at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Retirement Home, serving others with compassion through nursing and prayer. With courage and faith, Sister Maria remains committed to seeking a new convent for her community, where the sisters can live out their mission in fullness and joy.



Sister Elizabeth B. de Guzman deeply touched the hearts of Serrans who listened to her vocation story on May 10, 2025. Sister Elizabeth was born in Manila, Philippines, on February 4, 1959, and grew up in a close-knit family where faith was at the centre of daily

life. From her childhood, she dreamed of becoming a teacher and later fulfilled this by completing her degree in Social Science at Philippine Normal University in 1979. At just 19 years old, she began teaching, always starting her day by attending Mass. Her life revolved around home, school, going to the market, and church, enriched by pilgrimages and weekly devotions to the saints.

In 1989, Sister Elizabeth worked as a caregiver in Singapore, and two years later she came to Canada, arriving in Vancouver with only a one-way ticket, two pieces of luggage, and a small portable radio. Being far from home deepened her reliance on God's love and guidance. Through prayer, the Eucharist, and perpetual adoration, her relationship with the Lord grew stronger, and she discerned a call to religious life. Introduced to the Carmelite Sisters by Fr. Malachi and welcomed by Sister Daniella, what began as a simple "come and see" visit became her lifelong home in consecrated life. On October 10, 2004, she professed her perpetual vows at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbridge, Ontario, gratefully offering her life to God.

Sister Elizabeth reminds us that a vocation is not something we achieve but a gift we receive. She remains thankful to her family, her congregation, and all those who supported her journey, especially through prayer. She leaves us with this prayer for vocations: "God, you have chosen the apostles to make disciples of all nations. By baptism and confirmation, you have called all of us to build up your Holy Church. We earnestly implore you to choose from among us your children many priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters who will love you with all their hearts and gladly spend their lives to make you known and loved by all. Amen."

Vocation Stories... *continued*



It was inspiring to hear Fr. Paul Magyar share his vocation story during our Club meeting on June 7, 2025.

Fr. Paul Magyar was born in Slovakia during communist rule, a time when Catholics faced

discrimination and were forbidden to speak of God in schools. His vocation began at just five years old as an altar server, where his love for the Mass grew and deepened. After immigrating to Canada in 1990, he continued his studies at St. Cecilia's in Toronto. Though once considering a career in medicine, he felt strongly called to the priesthood, seeing science and faith as complementary. To support his studies, he worked as event security before entering St. Augustine's Seminary in 2004. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Thomas Collins in 2009.

Fr. Paul has served in several parishes, beginning at St. Barnabas, where he was introduced to the Edge program and worked with youth ministry, even leading a group to World Youth Day in Spain. He later ministered at St. Anne's in Brampton, in rural Tay Township, at St. Gertrude's in Oshawa, and at Saints Martha and Mary in Mississauga. Along the way, he developed youth programs, strengthened parish life, and pursued advanced studies at Regis College, earning a Master of Arts to better serve the faithful—including inmates in maximum-security prisons.

Today, Fr. Paul is the Director of the Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), leading a team of 12 staff in a new facility at Bathurst and Bloor. With 225 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto—112 of which already have youth ministry—his mission is to ensure every parish has active outreach to young people. Under his leadership, OCY continues to grow through parish support, retreats, outreach to shelters and the homeless, and programs like Totus Tuus, all aimed at forming young Catholics to live their faith with strength and joy.



On September 6, 2025, we were honoured to welcome back Fr. Terry Gallagher. Many of us fondly remember when, six years ago in June 2019, he first shared his vocation story with us. Hearing him again was a reminder of how God continues to guide, inspire, and strengthen us through the witness of His priests.

Fr. Terry opened by sharing that he is now facing his third battle with cancer in six years, yet continues to serve faithfully as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Maharlika Council. He reflected on his missionary journey, which began with the Scarborough Foreign Mission in 1961 and later brought him to China, and other parts of the world including the Philippines. His early travels across Canada helped build the mission society from coast to coast, encouraging vocations among both priests and laypeople.

He spoke with fondness about his assignment to the Philippines in 1967, recalling the excitement of sailing there aboard the President Cleveland and celebrating daily Mass for passengers returning home. Immersed in a country of nearly a hundred languages, he learned firsthand the joys and challenges of adapting to new customs. He also shared humorous moments, such as discovering that newly built village toilets were used for storage rather than their intended purpose, while at the same time expressing sadness that some remote communities could go months without the Eucharist.

After returning to Canada in 1972 due to martial law, Fr. Terry continued his missionary service across several countries. Looking back, he gives thanks to the Lord for the grace of walking alongside so many gifted people, bishops, and fellow missionaries. His testimony reminded us how God works through every circumstance and how the call to serve remains a blessing, even in the face of trials.

By God's grace, he has survived three cancer operations and still undergoes treatments with courage and hope. Today, he resides at Presentation Manor in Scarborough, where he continues to inspire others with his unwavering trust in God and his joyful spirit.

Club Meeting Moments with our Special Guest Speakers



April 5, 2025: left (Kathryne Pena with Sr. Maria Francis (guest speaker); right (Serrans taking 5)



May 10, 2025: left (L-R Kathryne Pena, Sr Elizabeth (guest speaker), Sr. Maria, and Sr. Cristina; right (L-R Fr. John-Mark receiving his Religious Invitation Coins from Samantha Koon, Francine McIntyre-Wheatley, and Sr. Elizabeth)



September 6, 2025: left (L-R Fran Pulumbarit, Fr. Terry, Fr. John-Mark, Eardley Adams); right Fr. Terry (our guest speaker)



Serrans and guests; and the September birthday celebrants (L-R Michael Doyle, Beth De Leon, Bernard Alvares)

Weekly Rosary Meetings: A Blessing for Vocations and Prayerful Service



By Francine McIntyre-Wheatley
Assistant VP Vocations, SCMS

Since 2022, during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our club has been blessed to host weekly Rosary Meetings every Sunday and an

Intercessory Scriptural Rosary on the last Sunday of each month. These gatherings are a testament to the dedication and commitment of our Serrans, who come together to pray for vocations, the sick, the deceased, and intentions of thanksgiving.

Our Sunday Rosary Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, with Aggie Gomez (SCMS Member) and Wilfred Gomez (SCMS Past President and Trustee) leading the slides and hymns. Fran Pulumbarit (SCMS VP Programs, Past President/Trustee and SCC Immediate Past President) hosts the Intercessory Scriptural Rosary, including the hymns and guiding the prayers. Each month, a Serran is assigned by rotation to lead the intercessory prayers, preparing them with love and devotion.

As coordinator, I manage the weekly communications, sending emails with meeting information, Zoom links, and participant roles. Our dedicated prayer warriors faithfully attend these sessions, offering prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life, as well as intentions for the sick, the deceased, and prayers of thanksgiving. On the days of our monthly meetings (usually on a Saturday), we begin with 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by the Rosary and Holy Hour, offered specifically for vocations. These gatherings are a source of strength, comfort, and spiritual growth for our Serrans, while honouring our Blessed Mother, who intercedes for us and obtains graces and favours.

What Is the Rosary?

The Rosary is often called a "Crown of Roses." With each Hail Mary we pray devoutly, we offer a rose to Mary and Jesus. A full Rosary of twenty decades gives a crown of heavenly flowers to Our Lady, a crown that never fades. The Rosary is a powerful means of salvation, bringing countless graces to those who pray it sincerely.

According to Fr. Dominic, a Cartesian friar devoted to the Holy Rosary, he once had a vision of Heaven, where he saw the heavenly court singing the Rosary in a beautiful melody, each decade honouring the mysteries of Christ's life, passion, and glory. St. Alphonsus Ligouri and King Alphonsus of Leon exemplified devotion to the Rosary, inspiring others to pray and deepen their faith.

The Rosary is also a weapon of spiritual warfare.

Padre Pio, a renowned saint, prayed the Rosary

daily—sometimes thirty-four times a day—and believed it protected him and the faithful from evil. Holding the Rosary is like holding the hand of Mary herself, our protector in times of darkness.



How to Pray the Rosary

To truly benefit from the Rosary, one must pray it with sincerity, abandoning sin, and meditating deeply on its Mysteries. Meditating on the Rosary Mysteries fills heaven with joy, as we contemplate the life, death, and glory of Jesus. While each Hail Mary focuses on Mary, the Rosary leads us through the story of Christ, making it profoundly biblical.

There are many forms of the Rosary, including the Scriptural Rosary, Patriotic Rosary, and Rosary for Life, each offering unique ways to connect with God's word. St. Alphonsus Ligouri reminds us that daily Rosary devotion, along with living faithfully in small acts of holiness, leads straight to Heaven. St. Louis de Montfort assures us: "Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray."

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.

St. Junipero Serra, pray for us.

Serra Canada Council (SCC) News — Pilgrims of Hope



A Local Pilgrimage

By Felisa (Baby) Pulumbarit
Past President/Trustee, SCMS
VP Vocations, SCC

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a time of grace, offering the faithful the chance to pass through the Holy Doors and receive the plenary indulgence granted by the Catholic Church. While many cannot journey to Rome, Holy Doors have been designated in various parts of the world, including here in Canada.

With the blessing of Bishop Vincent Nguyen and the support of the SCC Executive Committee, I organized this special pilgrimage through the SCC on July 19, guided by:

- ♦ Fr. Marian Sisko from St Gregory the Great Parish in Oshawa
- ♦ Fr. Hansoo Park from St Barnabas Parish in Scarborough
- ♦ Msgr Patrick O'Dea from St Edward the Confessor Parish in North York

Many groups took part, including Couples for Christ, Handmaids of the Lord, the Rosary Apostolate, Catholic Women's League, Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Community, and parishioners from across the GTA. The honour guard from the Fourth Degree St. John Paul II Assembly of the Knights of Columbus added to the solemnity of the occasion. It was truly a holy day for all who attended.

The celebration began with praise and worship, then with the Rosary for Vocations, followed by the Holy Mass for Vocations, and concluded with Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. Together, we lifted our prayers and thanksgiving, grateful for the Lord's presence on this Spirit-filled pilgrims of hope journey.



St. Gregory the Great: Serrans, Priests, and Guests



St. Barnabas: Serrans, Priests, and Guests



St. Edward the Confessor: Serrans, Priests, and Guests



St. Edward the Confessor: L-R Evelyn Manalo and Larry Blas



St. Barnabas: Serrans, Knights of Columbus



SCC & Serra Foundation Canada (SFC) — Prayers in Action



2 Billion Prayers Strong

By Evelyn Manalo

Past President/Trustee, SCMS
President, SCC

Did you know that the National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) and the Daily TV Mass (DTV Mass) program were created by the Archdiocese of Toronto

over 25 years ago? For many years, SCC & SFC have partnered with NCBC and DTV Mass to sponsor scheduled Masses, bringing the gift of the Eucharist to countless viewers.

This year, our sponsored DTV Mass tapings were held in the Chapel of Manresa. During the DTV Mass Week of Prayer for Vocations, a special initiative was introduced: the Prayer Intention Book for Vocations. This book contains the names of those discerning a vocation, as well as those already living out their call, to be remembered in prayer. The collaboration during this vocation week generated more than 2 billion prayers for vocations—a true Serra miracle guided by the Holy Spirit.

During the Jubilee Year 2000, St. John Paul II reminded Serrans that “prayers move the heart of God” and urged us to never cease praying for vocations. This legacy continues to inspire and strengthen our mission today.



[View all SCC Masses on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPrHLIBrWji9pKTBGYnmdq26PL0RnRtnf)

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Taping of the DTV Mass in Manresa, officiated by Cardinal Collins, our Episcopal Advisor



Vocation Week: Officiated by Fr. Matthew McCarthy (right) with homilist Deacon Alvin T. Joys (left)

DTV Mass YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_w1PvOggck&t=1042s

Food for Thought

To add some delicious variety to our newsletter, we are featuring favourite recipes from our Serrans. Many thanks to Philomena Menezes and Maria Luz Manalo for sharing these scrumptious dishes. Want to contribute? Send your recipe, with photo, to scmscomms@gmail.com!



Chicken Curry

By Philomena Menezes
Member, SCMS

Ingredients:

- ♦ 10 pieces of chicken - skinless & boneless
- ♦ 2 tablespoons oil
- ♦ 1 onion - diced
- ♦ 1 inch - fresh ginger root - grated
- ♦ 2 garlic cloves - grated or crushed
- ♦ ½ teaspoon turmeric powder (haldi)
- ♦ ½ teaspoon cumin powder (jeera)
- ♦ ¾ teaspoon coriander powder (dhanian)
- ♦ ½ teaspoon red chilli powder (cayenne)
- ♦ ½ teaspoon paprika
- ♦ 1 teaspoon tomato paste
- ♦ Salt to taste
- ♦ ½ cup water
- ♦ ½ teaspoon lemon juice
- ♦ 2 tablespoons fresh coriander - chopped fine



Chicken Curry

Channa Masala

By Philomena Menezes

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 large can chick peas (garbanzo beans)
- ♦ 2 medium potatoes - boiled
- ♦ 2 tablespoons oil
- ♦ ¼ teaspoon ground turmeric (haldi)
- ♦ ¼ teaspoon red chilli powder (cayenne)
- ♦ ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ♦ ½ teaspoon cumin powder (jeera)
- ♦ 1 teaspoon coriander powder (dhanian)
- ♦ 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ♦ 1 large onion - diced
- ♦ ½ cup hot water
- ♦ Salt to taste (1/2 tsp)
- ♦ 2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander leaves (cilantro)



Chana Masala

Method: Drain the chick peas and rinse in water. Keep aside. Dice the potatoes. Heat oil on medium heat and fry the diced onion until light brown. Add all the spices and fry for a few minutes until fragrant. Add the chick peas, potatoes and water. Mix well. Reduce the heat to low and cook for about 10 minutes stirring often to avoid burning. Add the lemon juice and stir well. Add the fresh coriander leaves and serve with either Naan or Pita bread or plain white rice. Enjoy!

Method: Rinse chicken and pat dry. Heat oil and sauté onion until soft. Add the chicken and fry for a few minutes. Add all the spice powders and fry until fragrant. Add tomato paste, lemon juice and water. Mix well. Cover and cook on minimum heat for about 25 minutes or until chicken is cooked. Stir every few minutes to prevent burning. Add fresh coriander. Stir and serve over steamed rice or with naan or pita bread. Enjoy!

Food for Thought... *continued*

Adding a touch of Southeast Asian flavour, Maria Luz shares a noodle dish cherished not only by Filipinos but by many around the world.



Pancit Canton

By Maria Luz Manalo
Treasurer, SCMS
Treasurer, SCC

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 tbsp oil
- ♦ ½ medium cabbage - julienne cut
- ♦ 16 oz Canton noodles (dried)
- ♦ 1 cup dried mushroom - soak in hot water until soften, then cut in strips
- ♦ 1 cup snow peas - julienne cut
- ♦ 3 celery stalks - julienne cut
- ♦ 6 pcs Chinese style pork sausage - cut into small pcs
- ♦ 1 cup of small shrimps peeled
- ♦ 1 onion - diced
- ♦ 1 clove of garlic - minced
- ♦ 1 tsp soy sauce
- ♦ ½ cup boiling water
- ♦ 1 tsp chicken bouillon/powder
- ♦ 1 tsp oyster sauce
- ♦ Fish sauce (to taste)
- ♦ Salt & pepper (to taste)
- ♦ Shallots (diced) & cilantro leaves
- ♦ 2-3 hard-boiled eggs - sliced in half



Pancit Canton

Method: Set wok on medium-high heat, add oil, then sauté the onion, garlic, shrimp & Chinese pork sausage. After 3 minutes, mix the celery, snow peas, carrots & cabbage in medium heat, adding oyster sauce & pepper. Stir the wok to ensure veggies & meat are cooked, then add 1/2 cup of boiling water & 1 tsp of chicken bouillon/powder. Mix the Canton noodles in the wok with all the ingredients. Go easy on the fish sauce or salt as Canton noodles are usually salty. Let it simmer for a few minutes and add shallots & cilantro for flavour. Decorate with hard-boiled eggs, if preferred. Serves up to 8. Enjoy!

Summer BBQ & Pool Party



Splash Into Summer

By Nenita Mackenzie
VP Membership, SCMS

What an incredible and fun time we had at our Club's annual summer barbeque party at Evelyn Vallada's lovely home in Oshawa. It was great to see so many members (~20) enjoy the glorious sunny day on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

The highlight of the summer party was celebrating the birthdays of our July and August celebrants: Samantha Koon, Larry Blas, Maria Luz Manalo and Joy Matienzo were July's birthday stars, and Philomena Menezes was the August birthday star. We had plenty of good food, laughter, games, and enjoyed the refreshing pool—whether dipping our toes or taking a swim. That day was extra special. A big thank you to our wonderful host, Evelyn Vallada, for her generosity and warm hospitality that made our summer event memorable and so much fun!



Petitions

Please pray for those suffering from illness or going through challenging times, especially:

- ✦ Joy Matienzo
- ✦ Philomena Menezes
- ✦ Aggie Gomez
- ✦ Patrick and Kay Booker
- ✦ Bernard Alvares
- ✦ Larry Blas
- ✦ Walter Mendes
- ✦ Lito Martin
- ✦ Fran Pulumbarit
- ✦ Lumen Martin-Clyne
- ✦ Jody Paul and the Paul family
- ✦ Madeleine Mendoza
- ✦ Sr. Paulina Crisanti Muthini



Abba, our Compassionate God, we lift up all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We ask for Your healing touch to bring comfort, relief, and strength to those who are sick or facing difficult times. Give them courage in their struggles, peace in their hearts, and hope in Your unfailing love. May Your grace surround them, their families, and their caregivers. And may they feel Your presence in every moment of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

In Loving Memory

- ✦ John Holland (Serra Club of Toronto West)
- ✦ Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:
 - ✦ Sr. Lilian Kapongo
 - ✦ Sr. Maria Nerina de Simone
 - ✦ Sr. Damaris Matheka
 - ✦ Sr. Stellamaris Muthini
- ✦ Ruben Brual (15th Death Anniversary)

Merciful God, we entrust to You our faithful departed, Welcome them into the joy of Your eternal rest, where there is no more pain, sorrow, or tears, but only peace in Your presence. And may Your perpetual light shine upon them. Comfort those who grieve with the hope of the resurrection, and strengthen our faith that one day we will be united again in Your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

For Invitation Coin Recipients

We pray for those who have received the invitation coins, that they may be strengthened in their vocation and, if God so calls them, boldly follow the path to the priesthood or religious life.

Invitation Coins for Priesthood

- ✦ Alex Arcalas
- ✦ Erick Meza Villeda
- ✦ Lucas Klemmer
- ✦ John Pam
- ✦ Richard Jiang
- ✦ Emmanuel Boudomit
- ✦ Nathaniel Boudomit
- ✦ Wesley Lo
- ✦ Jachim Hemedes



Religious Coins

- ✦ Heather Lee
- ✦ Teresa Buzon



Let's also pray for those who received the invitation coins but wish to remain anonymous.

Loving Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters who have been invited to consider a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Send them the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit that they may clearly hear Your call and follow the path You have prepared for them. Grant them courage to say "yes" to Jesus with generous hearts, wisdom to trust Your plan, and perseverance to remain faithful in their journey. May their response bring joy to the Church and hope to the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCMS Meetings in 2025

Monthly General Meetings

8:30 am: Mass Celebration @ Precious Blood Church

9:00 am: Eucharistic Adoration

9:45 am-12:00 pm: Potluck light breakfast, meeting and guest speaker

- ✦ October 4
- ✦ November 15
- ✦ December 6: Annual Christmas Celebration (stay tuned for more info)



Serra District 1 Autumn Conference, Niagara Falls



<https://serrastc.ca/2025-district-conference/>

We encourage you to register for this Conference on Saturday, November 8, 2025, hosted by the Serra Club of St. Catharines. Several members from our club will be attending—so come and join us! Click on the image above to register.

Details

- ✦ Early Bird - Before Sept 30 \$85.00
- ✦ October 4 - Registration with Banquet \$95.00
- ✦ Registration and Lunch \$65.00

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank all our contributors for their heart-lifting words, for sharing updates on events and activities showcasing the accomplishments of our club in partnership with other Serra clubs and SCC, and exciting work we have lined up in the months ahead. I am especially grateful to our wonderful vocation story speakers who generously gave their time and commitment with our members to share their inspiring journey to the priesthood and religious life. A warm thank you also goes to those who added a delicious twist to our newsletter with new mouth-watering recipes—an exciting feature that adds flavour and variety.

To everyone who played a part in bringing this edition to life—through soul-stirring messages, news updates, powerful prayers, vocation stories, and recipes—your time and contribution make this newsletter a celebration of why we are Serrans, pilgrims of hope. Thank you for sharing your gifts and helping us stay inspired and connected.

Immaculate Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.
St. Junipero Serra, pray for us.
Jesus, I trust in You.



In Christ,
Theresa Vandenbroek
Chief Editor
President Elect, SCMS
Secretary, SCC



SERRA CLUB OF
MARKHAM AND SCARBOROUGH
15TH ANNIVERSARY