



# THE SERRA-NADER

Club #25 ~ District XII-2E ~ Region #9 June 2018

## **BLISTERS FOR SISTERS? WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?**



Some twelve years ago after a very successful Priests and Seminarians Appreciation Day, Sister Olive Louise, Chancellor of Avila University, congratulated Bob Miller for the “marvelous Serran event for the priests and seminarians from both dioceses.” She then added, “What are you going to do for the Sisters?” Bob said, “Ahh, ahh . . . I’ll get back with you.”

Word spread to Jerry Cooke, President of the Serra Club, and he called a small group together for a meeting at his home. The “thinkers” included Bob Miller, Tom Coppinger, John Burge and Jerry Cooke. They brainstormed and decided, “Let’s sponsor a walk where we honor the Sisters.” Bingo! What shall we call it? The name “Blisters for Sisters” was born. There is a debate as to whom came up with the name. Jerry Cooke says it was John Burge and John says it was Jerry. (As an old retired Marketing Professor, I wish I could take credit for the idea, but I

wasn’t even near Jerry’s home on that day.) That did it. We were off and running (or walking) as the case may be.

The committee grew and Sister Loretto Colwell and Sister Connie Boulch joined the team. Someone said, “We need to get special t-shirts for participants.” “Sure, but what color should we get?” Sister Connie, who is a Franciscan in a brown habit said, “Orange! Orange goes great with brown.” Thus, our orange shirts.

Some other early BFS committee members were Tom Bax, Virginia Coppinger, Kerm Fendler, Jim Flanagan, Jerry Haake, Jerry and Kaye Meiners, Chuck and Mary Lou Naudet, Steve and Nicole Pierce, Dick and Daffy Shaw, Bill Swartz, Butch Wagner, Doug Warrens, Roger and Beth Tilling, Homer and Katie Radford and probably others who I can’t think of at the moment. Father Joseph Cisetti, our Chaplain, gave his full support.



Home base for the first walk was St. Peter's Church on Meyer Blvd. We had a great time but the broken and uneven sidewalks along the route created an obstacle course for young, old and kids in strollers. The next year, under the leadership of Tom and Virginia Coppinger, the event was held at Visitation Church. Better sidewalks and we could use the "Harry Wiggins Trolley Trail" along Wornall for the walk. Three years later, more people from the Kansas Serra Clubs got involved and we moved "home base" to Nativity Parish in Leawood, KS where we had wide and hilly sidewalks. For the last three years our



"Blisters Walks", have started and ended at St. Thomas More Parish in Kansas City, MO where we could use decent neighborhood sidewalks.

Basically, the event goes something like this.

We arrive at "home base" and make sure everyone gets registered and sign the "Don't Hurt Yourself Document." Lots of conversation and laughter between Sisters, Serrans and friends who have not seen each other for some time. Tom Coppinger gets out his Northwest Missouri State Megaphone and gets everyone to the starting line. He gives the signal and participants start running, walking or searching for a nearby chair. Sister Rose, SCL usually runs and wins and the rest of the participants eventually cross the finish line. Our chaplain, who is now Father Adam Johnson, offers Mass and gives a homily that emphasizes the contributions of the Women Religious in the area. Other Serrans have been cooking hamburgers and hot dogs and preparing all the fixins' and we head to the food line. As usual, "all Serrans were asked to bring a dessert". After lunch it is time to award raffle prizes. Everything from baseball tickets, to car washes, to movie tickets, to dinner with the Bishop are awarded to the Sister with the winning number. This is also when we get treated with jokes from Mark Durkin—many of which he gets directly from the Sisters. Finally, it is now time to clean up the hall and go home for a nap.



I asked Serrans for some of their reactions and memories and Daffy Shaw smiled and said, "At our first Blisters for Sisters event, I overheard an elderly nun tell a young woman who was helping her put on her brand, new

orange Blisters' t-shirt over her habit that this was her 'very first t-shirt ever!' She was happy, excited and giddy."



Tom Bax said, "When Bob Miller presented the idea of having a "Walk for the Sisters" of the metropolitan Kansas City area, I was a little apprehensive about what the make-up of the day would be. It was very simple, a Walk, Mass, Lunch, and a time for thanks and recognition of the Sisters. What a wonderful idea."

When committee member, Sister Loretto Colwell, was asked for her reaction, she said, "Many hours and labor are spent preparing and presenting this special day for the religious women in the Greater Kansas City area. The Serrans cover every detail that makes the event so delightful for the sisters. We, the religious women, are very grateful for the recognition and for the generosity of these dedicated friends. And they are just plain fun to be with."

(The next time you see Jerry Cooke have him tell you the story about Sister Nancy Rose, OSB. This is a GREAT story but a little too involved for the space we have left.)



According to Mark Durkin, the permanent emcee, "Blisters for Sisters may be one of the few times Sisters in the same order may see each other during the year. I'm sure it is not often that they interact with other religious orders. It is also a time where the community can sit and talk (or walk and run) with a

Sister. It's truly an amazing site to see 200 people all wearing orange shirts walking the streets around St. Thomas More."

"I have been fortunate to have been educated by the CSJ sisters in grade school, high school and college," said, Mary O'Dower. "I then worked all my professional career with them at St. Joseph Medical Center. The sisters have imparted so much to me over all those years,

I am thrilled to give back in a small way by helping this BFS event be a fun day for all involved."

Jerry Haake sums it all up with, "The greetings, laughter and conversations continue throughout the event and it helps to make it weave together into an obviously gleeful day for both Sisters and our Serrans."

Dick Shaw

**Letter from the President:**



As we have just completed our journey from the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Blisters for Sisters on May 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated another part of the mission our Club focuses upon. The support we give to our Priests, and vowed religious is so meaningful to them that we can sometimes take the effort for granted. Our

many volunteers who gave their time, talent and treasure to make this event so successful are greatly

appreciated by the Sisters & they happily look forward each year to this event.

The event reminds us of how much our individual memberships mean to the success of the entire Kansas City Serra Club. When we give our time to events, give our dues and donations to the Club or utilize our professional skills to assist the Club, or a religious organization asking for help, we supply significant support. The time/muscle makes the event get physically accomplished, the monies support the vocation efforts the Club commits to and the professional talent makes the activity more successful.

Know that whether you are part of one, two or all three resources it makes a difference and your contribution is a key factor in our success as a Club to those we are here to serve!

*Jerry Haake*

***YOU MUST SEE THIS!!!***

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pitching for Priests**

**Priests of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese**

vs.

**Priests of the Archdiocese of K.C., Kansas**

*Record: 2 Wins—2 Losses Each*

*(The Tie Breaker)*

**Tailgate: 3:30 p.m.**

**T. Bones Stadium**

**Big Game: 7:00 p.m.**



**Msgr. Mullens & Bishop Johnston**



**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Religious Sisters'**

**Appreciation Day**

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

**1086 North 94<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Kansas City, KS 66112**

Sponsored by the Serra Clubs of KCK and Metropolitan Kansas City, MO



**Meet Serrans from Other Missouri Clubs**



**What: Annual Tri-Club Meeting  
Mass and Lunch**

**When: Noon, Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

**Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish**

**Celebrant: Bishop James Johnston**

## Letter from Our Chaplain



Dear Serrans,

It's hard to believe that this Saturday will be my sixth anniversary as a priest and that I am finishing my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Vocation Director for the Diocese. It has been a pleasure to work with you in the field of vocations and I am so grateful for all your prayerful support. We

continue to see more and more men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood and enter seminary at the same time that we are ordaining a group of really great men. We had an amazing Diaconate Ordination on May 12th and an equally amazing Priesthood Ordination Saturday, May 19th. How blessed we are, and how good is the Lord!

I cannot thank you enough for all you do in support of vocations. You work so hard throughout the year planning different events and activities and do not always see or hear about the fruits of your labor. For example, last fall we put together a "Family Vocation Conference" at St. Therese Parish and invited men and women religious from all over the country to participate. Over a thousand people attended the conference and I received a phone call this week that one of the young women who attended heard the Lord inviting her that day and is now preparing to enter into Religious Life.

Thank you for all you do and please continue to pray for me, and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

In Christ and Mary,  
Fr. Johnson

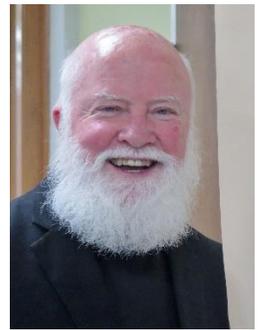
## QUARTERLY PICTORIAL REVIEW



Luncheon Speakers: Left: Father Vincent Huber, Apostles of the Interior Life Order. Right: John O'Connor, President of Cristo Rey.



Luncheon Speakers: Left: Sister Rose McClarney, CSJ, Journey to New Life. Right: Will Nulton, Local attorney delivered a paper on the defense of St. Junipero Serra.



Luncheon Speakers: Father Brian Frain, SJ, of Rockhurst University told of his involvement in Serra as a student. Right: Father Chuck Tobin was a delegate to the Year of Mercy Program in Rome.



Sister Connie Boulch, a member of the St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist Order and Sister Colette, a postulant in the order, performed their own rendition of "Sister, Sister" for the Serrans in attendance. We like it so much that we asked them to perform it again at the Blisters for Sisters Walk on May 5. (They did and they brought along some friends to help.)



Some of Serra's Representative at School Bell Breakfast



Father Brian Frain chats with Kaye Meiners, Becky Turner, Jerry Haake and Steve Pierce before his presentation.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLISTERS FOR SISTERS



Walking Down Holmes Road with a bunch of people in orange t-shirts.



Mo and Jerry Haake—Co-Chairs in 2018.



Nice Hat, Sister.



Sister Paula Rose finally meets her match—Patricia!



I LOVE ice cream!



Sister surveys the "chow."



Religious Sisters and Serrans give Praise and Thanksgiving.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW SERRANS



**Joseph Haster**



**Matt Burns**



**Kevin Schlitzer**



**Reinaldo Gonzalez**



**Will Nulton**



**Eric Melgaard**



**Jeff Mohajir**



**Seven new members are inducted into Serra Club #25 at St. Thomas More**



**Jerry Cooke swears in the 2018-2019 Officers. (See p. 8 for complete cast of characters.)**



**President-Elect, Larry Ward, Chaplain, Fr. Adam Johnson and President, Jerry Haake**



**Seminarians Benjamin Armentrout and Jared Samson serve as Acolytes during the Annual Installation Mass. (Jerry Hughes, Larry FitzGerald, Tom Emery, & Kevin Schlitzer)**



**Jeff Mohajir, Charlie Murphy and Marty Meyers enjoy table conversation with Becky Turner and Barbara Eckart, President of the Southeast Kansas City Club.**

## **THREE MEN ORDAINED TO THE DEACONATE**

Deacon Emmanuel Garduno



Deacon Andrew Kleine



Deacon Kendall Ketterlin



## **THREE MEN ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD**



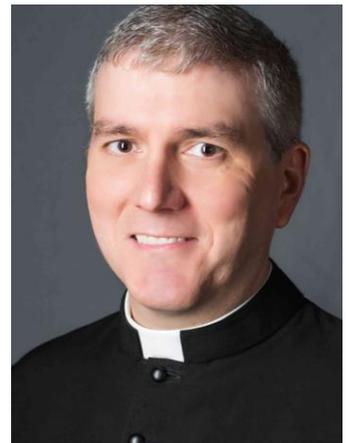
Bishop Johnston Laying on hands



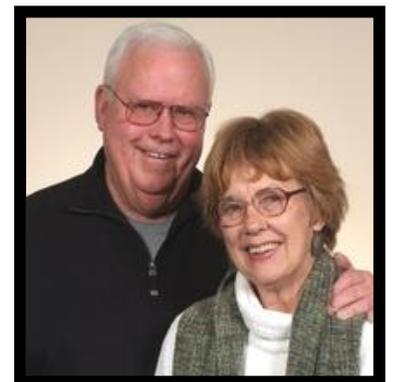
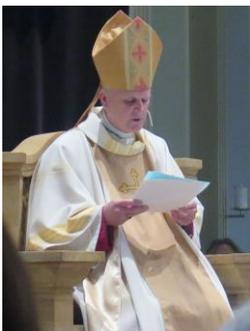
Father Jayson Becker



Father William Fox



Father Timothy Leete



Fellow Serrans Jack and Nancy Henning died in a head-on crash on May 15, 2018. Both Jack and Nancy were devoted to their family and community and will be missed. May they rest in peace.

## Mark Your Calendars

June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
<p><b>6 Mass and Lunch -12noon CTK</b>  <b>Mass for Jack &amp; Nancy Henning</b>  <b>Speaker: Prof. Rick Janet,</b>  <b>Rockhurst University.</b></p> <p><b>9 Ordinations of Permanent Deacons</b></p> <p><b>12 Board Meeting- 4:30 pm CTK</b>  <b>__ Franciscan Spirit Camp—6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Grade Girls (Date to be Determined)</b></p> <p><b>20 NO MEETING</b>  <b>6/27 TO 7/1 76<sup>th</sup> Serra International</b>  <b>Convention, Nashville, TN</b></p>	<p><b>1 Saint Junipero Serra's Feast Day</b></p> <p><b>4 NO MEETING</b></p> <p><b>6 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Pitching for Priests—T-</b>  <b>Bones Stadium, 7:00 pm—Tailgate 3:30</b></p> <p><b>10 Board Meeting--4:30 CTK</b></p> <p><b>11 North KC Club: Cookout Seminarians</b>  <b>5:30 p.m. St. Therese North</b></p> <p><b>19 Mass and Breakfast—7:00 am St. E.</b></p>	<p><b>1 NO MEETING</b></p> <p><b>5-7 Seminarians at the Lake, Bishop</b></p> <p><b>11 Permanent Deacons Picnic, SE Club</b></p> <p><b>12 Religious Sisters Appreciation Day</b>  <b>(RSAD) —St. Patrick's (KCKS) 3 – 6 pm</b></p> <p><b>14 Board Meetntg—4:30 CTK</b></p> <p><b>28 Anniversary of the Death of Saint</b>  <b>Junipero Serra</b></p> <p><b>29 Mass and Lunch, Noon Our Lady of</b>  <b>Good Counsel (Tri-Club Meeting),</b>  <b>Bishop Johnston Celebrant</b></p>

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