



Wheeling, WV
Serra Club

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 3 - 11:15 am - Serra Board Meeting
- Aug. 3 - Noon - Meeting with Seminarian Daniel Callahan
- Aug. 17 - noon - Meeting with Seminarian Justin Golna
- Aug. 22 - Priests' Picnic, Bethlehem Park; Bar opens at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6
- Sept. 20 - St. Joseph Cathedral tour hosted by the Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk, followed by wine & cheese at CCHS

Club Meeting

Prayer Leaders

Frank Carenbauer – August 3
Rick Teachout – August 17
Chris Freeman – September 7
Karen Dobkin – September 21
Janet Boyle – October 5

If you can't make it to the meeting at which you are to lead the prayer, please find a substitute.

Serra Club News

Serra Hosts Bishop's Burse Dinner

About 65 members and guests attended the Bishop's Burse, including our special guest, the **Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield**. We were pleased to see all the seminarians in attendance. **The Rev. Dennis Schuelkens** introduced them all and shared a little about their backgrounds.

Chris Freeman talked about what Serra does and will be doing over the coming year. **Nancy Ellen Rice O'Leary**, widow of our longtime member **Jack**, made a special presentation and talked about how much Jack loved Serra. She presented the club with a check for \$2,000 to support our important work. May God bless her for her generosity.

Our featured speaker, **Rev. Mr. Nye "Joseph" Wiley**, was excellent. He gave an excellent talk about his



Among those in attendance at the Bishop's Burse dinner are, from left, Rev. Mr. Nye "Joseph" Wiley, Mr. Stephen Hill, Mr. John Soplinski, Mr. Phillip Szabo, Sister Jennifer Berridge (novitiate), Mr. Justin Golna, Mr. Michael Aiello, Mr. Andrew Murray, Mr. Nic Cochran, Mr. Eric Cosme, Mr. Daniel Callahan, and Mr. Steven Bronzi

discernment and the importance of listening to God's call, even when we don't want to do so. He also spoke about how much Serra has helped him over the last few years.

Bishop Bransfield gave remarks about Serra and recognized a number of people in the audience, including the many religious that attended.

Everyone enjoyed the outstanding meal provided by **Rocco Basil** and the great service given by the staff, coordinated by **Chad Carter**. A big thanks to **Joe Pangilinan** for his hard work on the event. †



Fr. Smay Begins His Priesthood

Thanks to the Serrans who attended **Martin's Smay's** recent ordination. It was an inspiring experience for all of us who attended. Here's a photo that **Frank Carenbauer** snapped at the ordination, which shows of our chaplain, the **Rev. Msgr. Ostrowski**, offering prayers for Fr. Smay. Also pictured is the Most. Rev. Michael Bransfield, bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. †

Good Things are Happening, Seminarian Vincent DeGeorge Tells Serra Club

It's an exciting time in the world, in the Catholic Church and in our diocese, Seminarian **Vincent DeGeorge** of Morgantown recently told Serrans.

A graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland, he went on to study at Carnegie Mellon University, where he earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in material science. He later worked in the aerospace industry in Los Angeles before following God's call to study for the priesthood.

Dr. DeGeorge says **Pope Francis** is making a difference in the world in many ways, including by appointing Cardinals from small countries that don't usually see much attention from Rome. In addition, he says the church is open to scientific inquiry more than in the past, citing the pope's statements on global warming and other issues. It's no longer unusual for priests and

sisters to have advanced science degrees, he said.

There's also excitement within our Diocese, with many men considering the priesthood. "Our houses are closer to being full now than in any time in the recent past," he said.

Dr. DeGeorge, recently completed his second year at the Theological College in Washington, D.C., said he's grateful to everyone who has helped him to answer God's call, beginning with the church ladies at St. Luke parish who talked to him about vocations as a child. He thanked Serrans for the club's ongoing work in encouraging vocations. †



Vincent DeGeorge

Seminarian Daniel Callahan to Speak at August Meeting



Daniel Callahan

Wheeling native **Daniel Callahan** will be our speaker at the Aug. 3 meeting. **Joe Pangilinan** tells us that Mr. Callahan just finished his fourth year of college at St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington DC.

He is from Our Lady of Peace parish and is a graduate of Wheeling Central Catholic High School. At Central, Mr. Callahan played lead in the school's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." He also served on the Pontifical Crew for the Bishop. His 2018 assignment was at the

Institute of Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE.

Please join us at noon Friday, Aug. 3rd at the Catholic Heritage Center to meet Mr. Callahan and learn about his call to the priesthood. †



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Our club meets the first and third Friday of each month at the Catholic Heritage Center, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling. A catered luncheon is served. For information about our club, visit www.wheelingserra.org. We welcome others who share our mission of encouraging vocations and supporting the priests and religious who serve our Church. If you're interested in joining us, please contact any of our members, or call Serra President Chris Freeman at 304.233.6600.