



# SERRA CLUB

OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

Club 638 District 30 Region 14

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## Reflections on Lent ... and Life

Sr. Mary Clare Fennell, RSM

Principal, St. Vincent Ferrer School

Submitted by Bob Venezia

Serran Sentinel



At the Serra Club of South Palm Beach County breakfast meeting, Sr. Mary Clare shared with us her thoughts on Lent. Initially, she identified Lent as an opportunity for our spiritual rejuvenation. Lent, she said, follows Advent and Christmas, when we might have become complacent in our spirituality. Clearly, we can extend her thoughts as inspirations on Life.

Some examples of her spirituality: We need to fall in love with God, she said. We can see the face of God in the face of every human being, she then added. Christ is in every person at St. Vincent Ferrer School – student, faculty and staff. Polls today tell us that more than faith and love, what is most lacking in the world is Hope.

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**Calendar of Events**

The Club meets on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesday of each month beginning with 7:00 am Mass at St Vincent Ferrer Church, 840 Palm Trail, Delray Beach, followed by a breakfast meeting at the Holiday Inn Oceanside, 2809 South Ocean Boulevard, Highland Beach

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Date	Program
Apr 1	Breakfast Meeting Sr Helen Kilijanski, ASCJ
Apr 4	Ordination of Deacon Andrew Brierley Cathedral of St Ignatius Loyola
Apr 8	Affirmation Dinner, Ascension Church
Apr 13	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Apr 15	Breakfast Meeting Induction of New Members
Apr 15	IRS Tuesday!!
Apr 21	St Anselm, Doctor of the Church
May 6	Breakfast Meeting Fr. Germain Kopaczynski St. Mark Catholic Church
May 11	Pentecost Sunday
May 20	Breakfast Meeting
Jun 3	Breakfast Meeting Installation of Officers
Jun 17	Breakfast Meeting Fr Ives Francois, Diocesan Director of Vocations
Jul 1	Breakfast Meeting
Jul 4	Independence Day!
Jul 15	Breakfast Meeting
Aug 12-17	Serra International Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil

## **Chaplain's Corner**

May God's Light Encircle You  
May God's Love Enfold You  
May God's Peace Encourage You  
May God's Presence Enrich You (Author Unknown)

In many instances, words can be just words. But, put together properly with the right intention, they can also create beauty!

Imagine "God's light" encircling you.....God's love enfolding you....."God's peace" encouraging you and "God's presence" enriching you.....is it a possibility without using many of the enrichments we have been given to help us on our journey.....the power of the Eucharist.....the sacrament of reconciliation so filled with love.....the newness of so much of our lives...a constant sense of encouragement.....the newness of each morning, the newness of each spring, the newness of the feeling each time we cleanse our souls in the confessional.....many, many things daily remind us of the new beginning each of us is given every day of our lives.

Taking things for granted can become a habit. What better time than ever this Easter season to begin a new habit of gratitude instead. Try it!

God will certainly like it!

Your chaplain,  
Father Joe

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### **From the Editor's Desk**

With great sadness I must report the passing of Constance E. "Connie" Sykes on January 16, 2008. Long time member and active participant of the Serra Club of South Palm Beach County, she is survived by her sons, Willaim J. (Kathy) Sykes & Michael R. (Leslie)

Sykes; daughter, Joann (Jim) Earle; sister, Ann Pin-nix; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband, William S. Sykes; son, Steven W. Sykes and her daughter, Elizabeth Sykes Estlow.

## **Membership News**

Barbara Hostomsky  
VP Membership

This month we will induct four new members into the Serra Club of South Palm Beach County at our second meeting on April 15th

The Induction ceremony will be conducted by our Chaplain, Fr Joe, and will take place after the 7:00 am mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church.

Please join us and help welcome our newest members;

Deacon Lee & Alice Levenson  
Geraldine Preston  
Joanne Lizardi.

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Sister challenged us to do more, not less, during Lent. Write a letter to someone you haven't written to in a long while. Go grocery shopping for someone in need of your assistance. Help in a parish ministry. Give one-on-one help to a child at school. Read a spiritual book, e.g., "The Cup of Our Life" by Sr. Joyce Rupp.

What about prayer? Sister recommends family prayer. Say the rosary together. Read scripture together. Psalm 139 is very good, she said. Pick only one beatitude and work on it, she recalled Msgr. Bosso saying. Also, we need quiet time, so pay a visit to the Adoration Chapel.

In conclusion, Sr. Mary Clare challenged us to become moral giants. Serrans applauded in appreciation.

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Serra Club of South Palm Beach County  
Minutes of the Board meeting  
March 25, 2008

**Present:** Jim Anderson; Veronica Comrie; Michael Farenga; Barbara Hostomsky; Fr. Joe Kuczborski; Nancy Noonan; Richard Park; Richard Siegel; Larry Winker  
**Absent** John McGillicuddy; Lon Phillips; Robert Venezia

**Opening Prayer.** Larry Winker called meeting to order at 7:05 p. m

**Serra Club Year-End Reports** Larry Winker distributed copies of the reports for officers to prepare and submit to our District Governor and Serra USA. He reviewed information so all reports are consistent. We have 40 members (5 associates). 7 are spouses. 22 are women. Average attendance at meetings is 40%. We should have a theme for next year. Email Jim Anderson with ideas for discussion at next breakfast workshop meeting.

**Affirmation Dinner.** Jim Anderson said we have 69 attendees to date. We are missing several Serrans. Nancy Noonan will call John McGillicuddy; Veronica Comrie will call Helen Babione. Need to follow up on Linda Reeves. If she cannot attend as our guest perhaps she could send someone else from the Florida Catholic. Veronica reminded all of need for a program. She will work with Jim Anderson and Lon Phillips to insure smooth evening

Jim Anderson asked all Serrans attending the 7 a.m. Mass to sit together up front.

**Installation of new members** – We want to induct 4 new members (Alice and Deacon Lee Levinsons; Gerri Preston; Joanne Lizardi) at 7 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 15. Barbara Hostomsky will contact the 4 members. Barbara will get the pins and membership books for the new members. (They already have their name badges.) Fr. Joe needs the installation information so he can properly conduct the ceremony.

**Installation of Officers** – Set for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 7 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent's.

**Nominating Report.** Jim Anderson passed out a worksheet with member names and positions available. Bring the worksheets to the April workshop meeting for further discussion.

**Remarks and Closing Prayer** – Fr. Joe closed the meeting at 8:50 p.m. with our Serran prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Noonan, Secretary

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**Affirmation Dinner Info/Menu For Members/Friends**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 8, 2008

**PLACE:** Ascension Catholic Church  
7250 North Federal Highway  
Boca Raton, Florida

**TIMES:** Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Cocktails (cash bar): 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

**MENU:** Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing  
**Roasted Turkey breast with gravy**  
**(Dark meat available – indicate preference below)**  
Cranberry walnut stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes, Candied Yams  
Medley of vegetables, Cranberry Sauce  
Dinner rolls w/ butter  
Apple & Pumpkin Pie ala Mode  
Red and White Wine  
Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person

**DIRECTIONS:** Ascension Church is located on the east side of Federal Highway between Yamato Road and Linton Blvd. (Phone 561-997-5486)

**RESERVATION(S):**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) will attend: \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) cannot make it! \_\_\_\_\_

**Dark meat preferred?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pie preference** (apple or pumpkin) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dark meat preferred?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pie preference** (apple or pumpkin) \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I would like to sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Priests/Religious/Deacons at \$40.00 each.**

**Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

**COST PER PERSON: \$40.00. Please make check payable to Serra Club of South Palm Beach County, and mail with this form to:**

**PLEASE MAIL TO:** Jim Anderson, 7025 N.W. 4th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33487  
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## Saint Anselm

**Anselm, Saint** (än'selm) , 1033?–1109, prelate in Normandy and England, archbishop of Canterbury, Doctor of the Church (1720), b. Aosta, Piedmont. After a carefree youth of travel and schooling in Burgundy he became a disciple and companion of [Lanfranc](#), the famed theologian and prior of the monastery at [Bec](#), which Anselm soon joined (1060). Anselm became prior (1063) and abbot (1078) and brought widespread fame to the school there. Monastic holdings in England drew him into English public life, and he won the esteem of William the Conqueror. When Lanfranc died, Anselm succeeded him as Archbishop of Canterbury (1093). He disputed the right of [William II](#) to invest him, reserving this for Pope [Urban II](#), whom William refused to recognize. Anselm momentarily overcame the king's intransigence and took the pallium from Urban's legate. Anselm's further reform-minded efforts to free the church from ecclesiastical

abuses met stiff resistance. When he went to Rome for support, William banished him and confiscated the diocesan properties. At the Council of Bari (1098) Anselm ably defended the *Filioque* of the [creed](#) in the East-West controversy on the procession of the Holy Spirit. [Henry I](#) of England recalled Anselm, who proved valuable in arranging Henry's marriage to Matilda of Scotland and in gaining the support of the barons for the king in his dispute with Robert of Normandy. Conflict over lay [investiture](#) now broke out, however, and Anselm refused to consecrate bishops and abbots nominated by the king. He was again banished while appealing in Rome. Anselm eventually won (1107) Henry's agreement to surrender the right of investiture in exchange for homage from church revenues—a compromise that strengthened papal authority in the English church. Anselm's writings mark him as one of the founders of [scholasticism](#). A strict Augustinian, operating from

the formula *fides quaerens intellectum* (faith seeking understanding), he believed in an essential harmony between revelation and reason. He was the first to incorporate elements of rational Aristotelian dialectics into theology. His precision and mystical insight give permanent value to such works as *Cur Deus Homo?* (1094–98), on the [atone-ment](#). He constructed rational proofs for God's existence in *Monologium* (c.1070), and in the sequel *Proslogium* he advanced his famous ontological proof, which deduces God's existence from the human notion of a perfect being in whom nothing is lacking. In *De Fide Trinitatis* he defended universals against the nominalist [Roscelin](#). He taught the Immaculate Conception of Mary in *De Conceptu Virginali* and is said to have instituted that feast in England. Feast: Apr. 21.

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Archbishop: Priesthood a Vocation, Not a Job

Says World Needs Testimony of Men Configured to Christ

ROME, MARCH 31, 2008 (Zenit.org).- The priest is not an employee, but rather a consecrated person chosen by God to serve mankind, says the secretary for the Congregation for Clergy.

Archbishop Mauro Piacenza described the priesthood in this way in L'Osservatore Romano earlier this month.

"The priest cannot be plentifully fulfilled if the Eucharist is not truly the center and the root of his life," the prelate said, affirming that the priest's daily efforts must be an "irradiation of the Eucharistic celebration."

As the Gospel account of Christ's washing of the feet testifies, the priest's task is found in unconditional surrender, Archbishop Piacenza said. "The priest does not belong to himself. He is at the service of the people of God without limits of schedules or calendars."

"The people are not for the priest, but the priest is for the people, in its totality, without ever restricting his service to a small group," the prelate added. "The priest cannot choose the post he likes, the work methods

he considers easiest, the people he considers most likable, the schedule that is most comfortable, the diversions -- even legitimate ones -- when they take away time and energy from his own specific pastoral mission."

Moreover, even acting in the world, the priest is nevertheless not "assimilated in the world [] ceasing to be transforming leaven," Archbishop Piacenza continued. "Faced with a world anemic from the lack of prayer and adoration, of truth and justice, the priest is above all a man of prayer, of adoration, of worship, of the celebrations of the holy mysteries, 'before man in the name of Christ.'"

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The annual Eighth Grade visit to the Saint Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club of South Palm Beach County was held on March 8th and attended by approximately 300 students from local schools. After mass and a tour of the facilities conducted by the Seminarians they split into boy and girl groups for question and answer sessions with Father Ives and seminarians for the boys and two sisters for the girls. The day concluded with pizza and sodas for all which disappeared with light speed! Photo courtesy St Vincent Seminary

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**Saint Anslem**  
**(1033-1109)**  
**Doctor of the Church**  
**Feast Day April 21st**



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