



*When Joseph awoke, he did as
the angel of the Lord had
commanded him and took his wife
into his home.*

Matthew 1:24

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Serra Club of Philadelphia and Vocation Office New Serra Missionaries

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

DUE TO THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL AND GATHERING, THERE WILL BE NO FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS IN MARCH. PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS AND KEEP IN CONTACT WITH OTHER SERRANS BY PHONE AND/OR EMAIL.

On March 16, our Guest Speaker was James Andrews, the new Director of the Archdiocese's Office for Black Catholics ("OBC"). Mr. Andrews was appointed by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, effective October 12, 2020, to succeed Rev. Richard Owens, O.F.M. Cap., the former Director who was assigned to other duties by his religious order. He previously served as the Director of the Office for Black Catholics and Coordinator of the Racial Justice Commission for the Diocese of Camden. From 2016-2018, he also served as President of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA), an organization that provides a forum for Black Catholic Administrators to gather and share resources that effectively address the spiritual needs, issues, and concerns facing the Black Catholic community in dioceses throughout the United States. Mr. Andrews holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in English from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Theology Degree from Georgian Court University, and has completed partial post graduate work towards a Master of Public Administration Degree at Penn State University. He is a current parishioner of the St. Martin de Porres Parish in North Philadelphia.

Mr. Andrews reported that Archbishop Pérez has started a Commission for Racial Healing; that he is a member, along with about 16 others, and that the Commission will receive training from Bishop Shelton J. Fabre and Danielle Brown, Esq., both of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. He also reported that about four months ago, a group of members from his parish (St. Martin de Porres -- Pastor Rev. Stephen D. Thorne) and St. John Chrysostom Parish, Wallingford (Pastor Rev. Edward J. Hallinan) started meeting to discuss racial issues; and there have been Parish swaps where each Parish's Pastor said a Mass at the other Parish's church.

Mr. Andrews provided an update on OBC activities. As of January 2021, OBC has its own website, <https://officeforblackcatholicsadphila.org/>, Facebook page and Instagram account, and soon will be on Twitter. In March 2021, OBC started and distributed a new OBC newsletter. OBC has held the following successful events: (1) St. Martin de Porres feast day where 5 parishes participated at the Cathedral and where young people were confirmed and (2) Martin Luther King interfaith service at St. Dorothy Parish in Drexel Hill. OBC is planning the following upcoming events: (1) weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House and (2) another Tri-State Gospel Choir in spring 2022 with Archdiocese's Philadelphia Catholic Gospel Mass Choir and the Gospel Choirs of Diocese of Camden and Diocese of Wilmington. OBC is in charge of the Msgr. John T. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund (deadline 4/30/21) – Serran Dawn Chism Simms is on the Selection Committee and has helped select candidates in past years. The Martin DePorres Foundation (Serran Matthew McCloskey's family foundation) supports OBC's programs and activities. The Black and Indian Missions Grant also provides funds to OBC and OBC hopes to start a first-time scholarship. Mr. Andrews is visiting Parishes with large Black populations, and recent visits include St. Ignatius, St. Barbara, St. Cyprian, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Malachy Parishes. Finally, he has a meeting this week with Rev. Stephen DeLacy, Director of the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, concerning OBC support of vocations.

1) Jorge Ignacio Fernandez, President's Corner

Last month, I received the honor of being elected as our Serra Club of Philadelphia's new President. Founded in 1953 by Mr. McCloskey, we are rich in history within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and are one of Serra International's oldest clubs. I am indeed honored to join the ranks of all past club Presidents in leading this great Serra Philadelphia club in our work to ensure the future of our church by fostering and promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. And that's what we Serra International Club members do.

And as I take on this new journey, I reflect upon just who are we? Members of Serra International (or Serrans) are Catholic lay men and women who vigorously respond to the call to promote and support vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated life in the Catholic Church. Founded in 1935, with over 1,100 Serra International clubs chartered in 46 countries and with over 20,000 members, we are the only lay organization aggregated to a pontifical work by the Vatican in 1941 for priestly vocations. It is no surprise that Pope Francis received the Serra International Club members at the Vatican a couple of years ago with a warm and private audience during our annual convention in Rome. Pope Francis spoke very eloquently about the important role our organization represents with the future of our church and simply having the "opportunity to be friends to the priests" among other things.

Yes, I am honored to be a Serra Club member, and as the new President of the Philadelphia chapter, I look forward to the new chapter that we are entering with a new rekindled enthusiasm amongst my fellow members and the specific goals that I have set with the support of our Board of Directors. The goal of bringing back several of our key seminarian activities that we used to sponsor such as the annual new ordained priests Mass and special recognition lunch at the iconic Union League Club; the annual Seminarians Day at the Phillies game; and the annual Altar servers recognition awards. And the second goal will be a new focus and drive to recruit new Serra Club of Philadelphia members to join us with our exciting mission as outlined above and be doers" of a great Catholic organization. The above two key goals are already being pursued with a great deal of ongoing unconditional support to our St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Archbishop Nelson Perez and the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

I am told this newsletter reaches many that are yet not members of our Serra International Club of Philadelphia, and to that audience, I wanted to take the opportunity to invite you and welcome you to join us (www.serrainternational.org) as a new member of our Philadelphia Club. Here is the link to the [Serra Club Member Application](#) for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You can feel free to contact myself, any of our members or our V.P. of Membership, Lou Ferrero, 610-517-0835, at any time.

Thank you and Onward and Upward!
Jorge Ignacio Fernandez
President
Serra International Club of Philadelphia
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- 2) District Governor Arthur Burke, Jr. and Secretary and VP of Vocations Dawn Chism Simms of Philadelphia Serra Club attended the March 8, 2021 meeting of the Serra US Council Vocations Committee. Topics of the meeting were vocation updates from Sister Mary Joseph Campbell of the St. Mary Sisters of the Diocese of Bismarck, ND about the St. Mary Sisters, and Brother William Carriere, FSC, of the Christian Brothers about the De La Salle Brothers of the Christian Schools. Next Vocations Committee meeting is May 10, 2021.
- 3) Dawn Chism Simms, Secretary and VP of Vocations
- a. March 2021 issue of "The Serran" Magazine is available online at website link, <https://www.serrainternational.org/sites/default/files/march%202021%20serran%20magazine%20web.pdf> and future issues of "the Serran" magazine will be available electronically for downloading at the Serra International website at the link below. (<https://www.serrainternational.org/magazine>)
 - b. Serra Meets, organized and hosted by The USA Council of Serra International, is a monthly series of virtual lectures from leading clergy and experts on the topic of Catholic vocations. Next webinar lecture will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at noon EST (11:00 AM CDT), by Most Reverend Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Zoom meeting link and call-in phone information is at the website, <https://serraus.org/serra-meets/>.
 - c. Next two months Serra Global Rosary for Vocations events will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021, Saturday, April 24, 2021, and Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 9:00 AM EST (8:00 AM CST). Gotomeeting link and call-in phone information is at the website: <https://serrainternational.org/international-rosary-vocations>.
 - d. April 25, 2021 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Parish Resource Packet for World Day of Prayer for Vocations is available for purchase for \$5.00 (shipped to you) or \$7.50 (mailed to parish) at website link, <https://vianneyvocations.com/product/wdpv-resource-packet/>. Packet contains 8 vocation resources for priests, children, teens, parents, and those who wish to pray for vocations to equip parishes to celebrate this day. Bulletin Insert for World Day of Prayer for Vocations is available for purchase for \$.40 at this website link. Bulletin contains excellent content about today's young people choosing priesthood and religious life and is a good way to create a pro-vocations environment in parishes.
 - e. Serra's 78th International Convention will be held in Chicago, IL from October 7-10, 2021. Information about Convention is available at website link, <https://www.serrainternational.org/news/serra-international-convention-2021-chicago>. Streamlined convention officially kicks off with 5 p.m. Opening Mass on Thursday, October 7 and concludes with 8 a.m. Travelers Mass on Sunday, October 10. Convention ticket price is \$350.00 per registrant, increasing to \$450.00 per registrant on August 31, 2021. Register for convention at link, https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/SerraInternational_1/Chicago2021.html. Hotel venue will be the historic beautiful Palmer House Hilton Hotel. Serra International has reserved a block of rooms at unbelievable rate of \$149.00 per night. Book hotel room at link, <https://book.passkey.com/event/50171564/owner/1455/home>. More details will be coming about Convention. Serra International is finalizing the speaker, event and registration details, and will inform Serrans via email as soon as they are set.

f. Secretary and VP of Vocations Dawn Chism Simms will be starting the Philadelphia Serra Club's Altar Server Awards Program this month. She will be contacting Pastors of selected Archdiocesan Parishes to tell them about this Program, and ask them to send her the names of graduating 8th grade students and senior high school students who are altar servers in the Parish. When she receives the names of these graduates, she will obtain Philadelphia Serra Club Altar Server Certificates and Altar Server Medals and will send them to the Pastors for distribution to these graduates at their graduations.

4. Pro-Life Union Corner by Fr. Chris Walsh

March 2021



I have been a priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for 21 years. I love being a priest. I loved being a Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Ransom in Northeast Philadelphia. I loved being the School Minister at Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster. I love being the Pastor at Saint Raymond in Mount Airy. Each assignment has had its unique blessings and challenges and allowed me to exercise my ministry in diverse ways. The one thing that has been consistent in each of my priestly assignments has been my commitment to advancing the culture of life. Sometimes that has looked like encouraging teenagers in the virtue of chastity and loading them on buses for the March for Life. Sometimes that looked like standing outside an abortion facility and offering hope to a young couple who think that the murder of their child is the only solution. Sometimes that has looked like serving as a leader with the Pro-Life Union. Sometimes that has looked like encouraging women and men healing after an abortion that was chosen five, fifteen or fifty years ago and assuring them of God's merciful love. Sometimes it has looked like having multiple, long and very passionate conversations with Christians who do not agree with the Church's 2,000-year teaching on the sacredness and dignity of every human life from the moment of conception. Sometimes it means bring everything above and more to prayer knowing that it is only God who changes hearts and minds. I cannot imagine my priesthood without my work in the pro-life movement; it has brought joy, clarity of mission and opportunities for grace. Pray for me that I may be faithful to Christ and His beautiful call for me to share in His priesthood.

Father Christopher Walsh is the Pastor of Saint Raymond of Penafort Church in Northwest Philadelphia and serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.

5) Cynthia Brown, VP of Communications

Office for the New Evangelization: Rosary Rally for Serra Mission

Continuing the Rosary Campaign! The current schedule for the Rosary is 8PM, Monday through Thursday until March 25, 2021. Full details can be found on the Rosary Campaign webpage: <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary/>. After March 25, the Rosary will be hosted by:

- MONDAYS: Pontifical Missions Societies
- TUESDAYS (alternating): The Stolarczyk and the Nepomuceno Families
- WEDNESDAYS: Legion of Mary
- THURSDAYS (alternating): **Serra Club of Philadelphia**; Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate; Office for the New Evangelization; and The Stumpf Family

TUNE IN BY VIDEO:

[Click here to join the Rosary by video](#)

(Zoom link)

Click link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download any needed software.

Lent 2021 Video Series: 'Prayer in Motion'

Beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**, and continuing through **Easter Sunday, April 4**, **The Miraculous Medal Shrine** is releasing 41 (including Easter Sunday) daily video reflections on ***Prayer in Motion: The Transformative Power of Prayer***. These short daily reflections feature men and women from all walks of life, discussing how prayer has led to personal growth and change.

As these stories will show, if we're open to personal reflection and open communication with God, our lives will be transformed in unpredictable ways. We'll experience a deeper peace, a stronger sense of purpose, and sense of personal and communal well-being.

Join us on this journey of faith and learn ways that others have set their ***Prayer in Motion***. Sign up now to receive daily reflection videos throughout the 2021 Lenten season at <https://miraculousmedal.org/lent-2021/>

Liturgical Calendar and Other Events

March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.
March 28 is the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

April 1 is Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday).

April 2 is Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday).

April 3 is Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil).

April 4 is Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord (Solemnity).

April 11 is the 2nd Sunday Of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy).

April 18 is the 3rd Sunday Of Easter.

April 25 is the 4th Sunday Of Easter.

April 29 is the Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial).

Important Seminary Events

April 21, 2021 – Virtual Saint Charles Borromeo Award honoring Patricia and Gary Holloway, 6:00 p.m.
at [facebook.com/StCharlesSem](https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem)

May 7, 2021 -- First Friday Devotions, Livestream via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem>

May 8, 2021 – Transitional Diaconate Ordination, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 10:00 a.m.
Livestream via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem>

May 11, 2021 – Baccalaureate Mass, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 5:00 p.m.
Livestream via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem>

May 12, 2021 – Concurus, Saint Martin of Tours Chapel, 10:00 a.m.
Livestream via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem>

May 15, 2021 – Ordination to the Priesthood, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and Shrine to Saint Katharine Drexel, 10:00 a.m. Livestream via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem>

Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood: The Thank You, Father Program

Previously Fr. Stephen DeLacy had introduced the program called “THANK YOU, FATHER” to show the Serran and New Serra Missionaries appreciation, affection, and support for the wonderful priests. Parishioners were encouraged to send a letter or email by December 31, 2020 explaining their best experience with a priest or heartfelt thoughts in support of a priest telling how he made an impact in their life. We received 200+ letters and/or emails from throughout the country and even one email from Australia for a Philadelphia diocesan priest. Subsequently, each letter/email was forwarded to the intended individual priest. Below are a few letters with their authors.

Dear Msgr. Britto:

I would like to thank Msgr. Federico A. Britto. He is pastor at St. Cyprian Church and also active in St. Ignatius Parish. He is taking care of two parishes. He never complains and always upbeat, happy and smiling. We the people of St. Cyprian know that God is with him all the time. Our church is clean and prepared for the COVID so that the people of St. Cyprian can feel free to attend Mass.

Palmira Araujo
St. Cyprian Church

December 6, 2020

Dear Father Cossavella:

I would like to express my gratitude to Father Anthony Cossavella. He served Holy Saviour Parish in Norristown for a number of years. He was a wonderful priest who had quite a sense of humor. I always enjoyed when he would visit during our annual Block Collections. Father Cossavella would sit down before blessing our home and make us laugh. He taught me to laugh at myself on a number of occasions and for that too short to go a day without laughter.

Thank you, Father Cossavella for creating those special memories for me and my family on those beautiful, sunny, fall days many years ago.

God Bless You,
Thank You For Blessing Our Lives,
Patty Venezia & Family

December 6, 2020

Dear Father Izzo:

I would like to express my gratitude to Father Brian Izzo. He is a wonderful priest who served Holy Saviour Parish in Norristown for a number of years. He had such an impact on our parish that we begged him to have him stay. He brought life to our parish. Father expanded our altar server program and went out of his way to serve the youth of our parish. I remember many enjoyable bus trips and lively functions in which he coordinated. Father Izzo was always a joy to be around because he brought excitement and enthusiasm to everything. And the kids loved it and the loved him, too. He would call my son, young Charles and my son smiled every time he said it.

He served us with everything he had in him and we were so grateful for his blessings. My fondest memory of him is when my husband won a free dinner that Father Izzo had chanced off at our annual Christmas Bazaar. He waited until my son, John Paul, came home on leave from the Navy and came to our house with all the ingredients. And he cooked us on incredible dinner (the butternut squash was to die for.) In fact, my husband won the following year. (That is because he stuffed the jar with his tickets.) At that point, I told Father that we couldn't do that to him again – because he worked entirely too hard the first time. However, that is a very special memory the four of us share and we are forever grateful to him for doing that for us.

However, what I remember most about Fr. Izzo that changed my life is when he said to us to be “thankful for our crosses.” Up until that point in my life, I never thought of suffering in that way.) I think of what he said often, as my husband deals with multiple myeloma.

Thank you Father Izzo for enriching and enlightening us and for the many wonderful memories) you erected for the youth at Holy Savior Parish. Even though they are not so young any longer. Young Charles is a husband and a father.

God Bless You,
Patricia Venezia

Dear Father Mullin:

I'm sorry that it took a while for me to reach out to you during the Thank You Father campaign and let you know just how grateful I am for your work, your guidance, your prayers and faithfulness. You not only answered a calling many years ago but you have brought so many of us to an understanding and appreciation for what that call requires.

Mike and I will never forget that Sunday in LMS gym when you prostrated yourself before us all asked for forgiveness for your brother priests – A true testament to humility, love, forgiveness and service. You have an enormous flock that is happy to follow! Thank you for all you do to build this Church. We couldn't ask for a better example.

Fondly,
Jennifer Yasick

Gwynedd-Mercy Academy Partnership

Cynthia Brown, VP of Communications for the Serra Club of Philadelphia, is now a member of the Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Enrollment Committee which is a standing Committee to the Board of Trustees and is charged with supporting initiatives which will aid to the school's desired enrollment in quantity and quality. Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School is a Catholic college-preparatory school that encourages young women to live and act justly in the spirit of Jesus Christ and to follow in the tradition of mercy and service handed down from Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. My objective is to help the enrollment management team to identify and recruit young women who meet Gwynedd's standards and will profit from its educational, physical, social, and spiritual programs. Scholarship support is handsomely available. Please have any and all interested and qualified candidates contact Kimberly Scott, Director of Enrollment Management at kscott@gmahs.org , AdmissionsDept@gmahs.org or at 215-646-8815.

Upcoming Notifications

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Greetings Vocation Supporter!

On Friday, March 5th, the Archbishop announced that I was named the new Vicar for the Office of Faith Formation with Youth and Young Adults, and Fr. David Friel was named as the new Vocation Director. This transition will take place in June with the other priest changes.

I am humbled and grateful to God and Archbishop Perez for the gift of this new ministry and for naming Fr. Friel as the new Vocation Director. Fr. Friel is a great priest who has a long history with the Vocation Office.

It has been a privilege to be the Vocation Director and to assist men as they discern God's will for their lives. It has also been encouraging and inspiring to work with so many prayerful and enthusiastic priests and lay persons who are building a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese. Thank you! We invite you to watch a brief video below regarding these new changes.

God is Good... All the time!

Rev. Stephen DeLacy
Vocation Director

Upcoming Initiatives

Quo Vadis - LOTTERY OPEN March 1 - April 30, 2021

The Vocation Office is **EXCITED** to be offering our annual *Quo Vadis* Camp for high school men as an in-person event in 2021!!! Quo Vadis will be held from **Monday, June 28th to Thursday, July 1st**.

We can only return to an all in-person experience by taking necessary precautions, including, but not limited to, restricting the number of participants and sanitizing all rooms and common areas.

Thus, this year, registration will be limited to **50 high school men**. Because of the limited available spots, registration for Quo Vadis 2021 is by **LOTTERY**. **The lottery opened at 9:00 am on Monday, March 1st and will close at midnight on Friday, April 30th.**

The lottery application form will be available on our website (HeedtheCall.org/QuoVadis) during this time. Once the lottery closes, our office will contact all applicants the week of May 3rd to let them know if they were selected to attend or placed on a waiting list. Participants selected through the lottery will then need to submit the full registration packet (which includes detailed COVID-19 guidelines) and payment by **June 1st**. Those on the waiting list will be contacted if spots become available.

For more information on this year's Quo Vadis camp, visit our website, or contact Jillian Minnich, Program Coordinator (jminnich@archphila.org) or Sue Matour, Associate Director (smatour@archphila.org).

Coronabusters!!!!

The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood is committed to making our in-person events safe for all attendees!

Our COVID-19 precautions, such as sanitizing, social distancing and mask-wearing will allow us to have AWESOME in-person events!

Watch the video (above) to see the Vocation Office is making our in-person events such as Quo Vadis Days and B.B.V.C. safe for all participants and personnel!

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp Saturday, April 10, 2021

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.) will be held on **Saturday, April 10, 2021** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary!

With proper COVID-19 precautions in place, such as social distancing and mask-wearing, we are excited to gather for a day of great activities, talks, opportunity for confession, prayer, and lunch. Junior high men in Grades 6, 7, and 8 are encouraged to participate! Registration fee of \$25 includes t-shirt and lunch/snacks and the deadline to register is **March 24th**.

For more information and a registration packet, please visit HeedtheCall.org/BBVC or contact Jillian Minnich at jminnich@archphila.org.

Cassock Classic April 24, 2021

Young adults - men and women - are invited to gather at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Annual **CASSOCK CLASSIC!** This awesome event gathers young adult groups and Catholic campus ministry programs across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a day of fun and faith with the seminarians!

On **April 24th**, teams (minimum of 12 people) will come together for a day of ultimate frisbee! Sponsored by the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, the day begins with Mass and concludes with Evening Prayer. The registration fee of \$15/participant includes a t-shirt and lunch. Please note, we will be following COVID-19 guidelines with respect to face coverings, social distancing, and sanitizing.

To register your team for this event, visit heedthecall.org/cassockclassic or contact Sue Matour, Associate Director, at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org. **The registration deadline is April 5, 2021!**

Bible Novena - Month 7

This month, we continue reading the Prophetic Books with The Books of Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea released on March 21st.

This month, we reflect on the animation of the dry bones in the Book of Ezekiel and the powerful witness of Daniel and the three young men - Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) - who remained faithful to God despite being faced with the prospect of a painful death. Read in Chapter 3 of their extreme trust in God's mercy, and how they cried out to God with one voice, exclaiming "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

All video recordings are available on our website at Heedthecall.org/BibleNovena. For more information on the Bible Novena or to be a guest reader, contact Sue Matour, Associate Director, at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org.

Recent Happenings

Parish Vocation Committees

Several parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia have formed Parish Vocation Committees, helping to promote and foster vocations at the parish level.

These committees are setting a solid foundation of prayer and education in their parishes, creating an environment where discernment - the openness to God's call for one's life - can flourish.

Each of us are called to pray for those discerning their vocation and to promote and encourage vocations. If you would like more information on how to start a **Parish Vocation Committee** in your parish, please contact Sue Matour, Associate Director, at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org.

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Beginning of Upcoming 2nd Quarter 2021 Monthly Meetings

NXT MTGS: Serra Club of Philadelphia & New Vocation Office Serra Missionaries
The Serra Club of Philadelphia is happy to announce that the speaker for the virtual April 20th meeting will be Archbishop Edward Adams. Prior to the meetings, Zoom Links will be sent out by Cynthia Brown; Email: Cynthiaarlenebrown@gmail.com.

Eugene Boggia, VP of Programs:

Tuesday, 12:30PM - 1:30PM mtg dates and speakers for Serra Club of Philadelphia.

4/20 - Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams, Retired Former Vatican Diplomatic Corp

Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams is an American prelate of the Catholic Church who has served in the diplomatic service of the Holy See since 1976. He was the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain from 2017 to 2020. He entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See on March 8, 1976. He held positions in the office of the Secretary of State and in Rwanda, Kenya, Honduras, Ireland, Denmark and the Czech Republic. Archbishop Adams was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Bangladesh and Titular Archbishop of Scala, on August 24, 1996. He was consecrated on October 23 of that year by Angelo Cardinal Sodano, the Papal Secretary of State. His principal co-consecrators were Anthony Joseph Cardinal Bevilacqua and John Patrick Cardinal Foley.

5/18 - Fr. Jeff Stecz, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Sellersville

6/15 - Fr. Christopher Walsh – Pastor of St. Raymond of Penafort Parish and Chairman of the Board of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.

Cynthia Brown, VP of Communications:

Tuesday, 6:30PM to 8PM meeting for Vocation Office New Serra Missionaries

4/10 - Reverend Stephen DeLacy, Dir of Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood