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## Calendar of Events

### Jan

- 5 First Friday – First Friday Meeting at Madonna: Rosary 11:40 a.m.; Mass noon; Lunch
- 19 Third Friday – Tour of Catholic Social Services: Lunch: 12 noon; Tour

### Feb

- 2 First Friday Meeting at Madonna: Rosary 11:40 a.m.; Mass 12 noon, Lunch
- 10 Franciscan Heritage Day 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Franciscan Rule at Marian Sisters
- 17 Third Friday Meeting at Madonna: 12 noon. Speaker- Fr Matya

### Mar

- 1 First Friday Meeting at Madonna: Rosary 11:40 a.m.; Mass 12 noon; Lunch
- 15 Third Friday Meeting at Madonna: 12 noon Lunch; Speaker- Bishop Finn on Sr Wilhelmina

## Letter from President Bede Bolin

Hello Fellow Serrans:

I pray that each of you had a wonderful and joyous Christmas and a very happy start to the new year. Let me start with a quick review of our last quarter's missions. We supported several events. In October several Serrans provided support for the Sisters Appreciation Dinner hosted by North American Martyrs. The event was a huge success with over 80 sisters and nuns from various orders with our dioceses in attendance. In November, we celebrated the Wives of Deceased Serrans Lunch at the First Friday meeting followed later in the month by St. Gregory the Great Seminary hosting the Serra Appreciation Dinner. I want to thank all the Serrans who attended this wonderful event. We concluded the quarter by celebrating the Retired Priests Luncheon on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Three retired priests were in attendance, Father Baker, Father Pawloski and Msgr. Herbek along with Bishop Conley and Bishop Finn. Our club sent the non-attending retired priests a lovely card with a small gift, thanking each of them for their priestly service. Again, I would like to thank the number of Serrans who attended this event.

I would also like to present an update on the retaining wall project that our club funded for the at the Marian Sisters Convent in Waverly. The project at the time of this letter is 75% complete. We must thank Scott Miller and his landscaping crew who are providing pro bono support in completing the project.

Our next major support project in this first quarter is the Serra Club Essay Contest. Rod Moxley has graciously volunteered to lead this endeavor. The theme for this year's contest is the **Holy Eucharist**. This year the United States will have the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years. Coinciding with this event is the National Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. Pope Francis attributed the following quote: "*The Eucharist is the bread of sinners not a reward of saints, that each time we receive the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. I encourage you to continue your efforts to contribute to a revival of faith in, and love for, the Holy Eucharist*". This is a special year of the Eucharist, thus the focus of the contest. We award Pius X scholarships to each of the top three contestants.

We will require Serran support for getting the Essay Contest Packets to the various diocesan elementary schools in Lincoln as well as evaluators for the essays. More information to follow.

We need to continue to recruit new members for our club, especially focus on our younger men in Lincoln to consider joining. Our club needs men from the younger generation to step forward and lead our organization into the future.

God Bless you all. And I wish you all a very happy a productive New Year.

Saint Junipero Serra, Pray for us!

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*Franciscan Heritage  
Celebration Day*  
**800 years of the Franciscan Rule**  
**Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
Marian Sisters' Marycrest Motherhouse  
6765 N 112th St; Waverly NE

8:45 AM Breakfast  
9:30 AM Talk-*Authentic Joy and Peace by Living the Gospel*  
10:10 AM Break  
10:30 AM Talk-*Franciscan Spirituality/Franciscan Prayer*  
11:15 AM Mass-Fr. Antonio  
12:15 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM Recreation  
2:00 PM Confessions available  
Veneration of the relic of St. Francis  
2:45 PM Exposition/Adoration  
4:00 PM Evening Prayer/Benediction  
4:45 PM Supper



Speaker: Fr. Antonio  
Musa, OFM

RSVP to [lincoln.marians@gmail.com](mailto:lincoln.marians@gmail.com)  
by February 2, 2024  
Kindly indicate how many will attend  
and if staying for supper

# MEMORIES of 4th Quarter 2023

## October 7, 2023 Market to Market Relay



The Market to Market Relay is a day-long road race where nearly 600 teams of 6-8 runners take turns running from Lincoln to Omaha for 75 miles.

Pictured from left: driver Bill Stull, Father Matthew Schilmoeller, seminarian Kade Palmer ([Diocese of Fargo](#)), Father Daniel Rayer, Father Cyrus Rowan, Father Tony Schukei, Father Denton Morris, Father Matthew Rolling, and Father Nicholas Kipper.

This team finished 50th out of 650 teams!

## October 8, 2023 Sister's Appreciation Banquet



Several of our Serrans served a banquet to 80 sisters from several orders of nuns. This event was hosted and prepared by the Altar Society at North American Martyrs.

## October 20, 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Speaker Anders Peterson-FOCUS



Anders Peterson is the team leader for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this year and has 6 women and 5 men on his team. Anders has been assigned to the UNL campus for 5 years now. He is from a small town of Canton, SD which is 20 minutes South of Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from Iowa State University and was a member of a fraternity. As a sophomore, he like the 70% of college students was lonely or very lonely. He would walk past the Newman Center on campus every day and something drew him to stop in one day. There was so much hope and joy with students there that drew him into wanting to return. His junior year he was asked if he wanted to attend a bible study and he did. By the time he was a senior he took RCIA and joined the Catholic faith in 2018. So including this year, he has been a Catholic starting on his 6th year.

The UNL FOCUS team has 700 students who attend 60 Bible Studies! The goal of FOCUS is for Divine Intervention and then create Authentic Friendships and then for college students to become Disciples bringing others to and lead Bible Studies! Anders said that the Masses at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on Sunday's at 10 AM is full, the 11:30 AM and 5:30 PM are  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and the 9:10 PM is full. He does Bible Studies in Fraternities and mentors 140 guys. Last year, his Bible Study group at Farmhouse has two guys who discerned that wanted to become priests and this year they are in the Seminary!

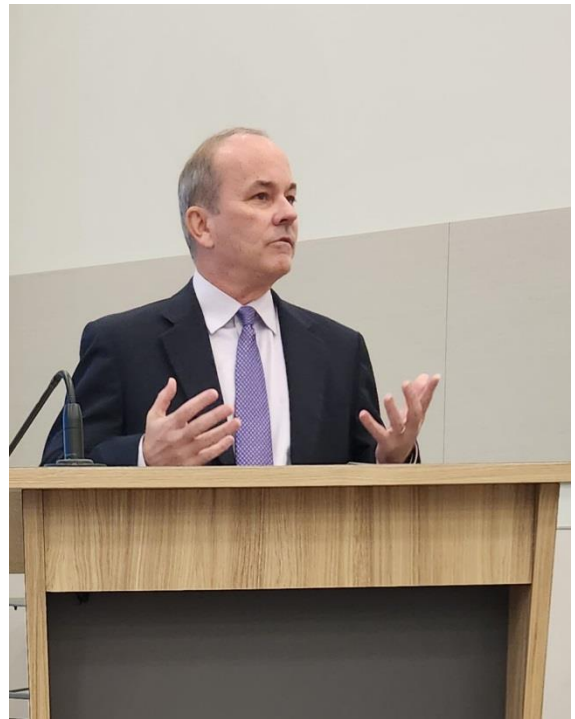
## **November 12, 2023 Serran's Appreciation Banquet at St Gregory the Great Seminary**



Our Serrans enjoyed an evening at the Seminary. Being served a delicious meal by the seminarians. Sitting with us at our tables, we were able to visit and get to know the seminarians better.

Fr Brian Kane gave us an update on the seminary and Bishop James Conley spoke to the group.

## **November 17, 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Speaker Dennis Kellogg**



Before joining the Lincoln Diocese in July of 2022, Dennis worked for 35 years in broadcast journalism, most recently as news director of Nebraska Public Media.

Dennis has a master's degree from Syracuse University and an undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton. He has served as president of the Nebraska Associated Press Broadcasters Association, president of the board of directors of the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association and as Nebraska state coordinator for the Radio Television Digital News Association.

Dennis and his wife Jennifer are members of St. Peter Parish in Lincoln. They have three adult children and eight grandchildren.

Dennis Kellogg is the Director of Communication for the Diocese of Lincoln. His in charge of all internal and external communications within the diocese. He works with Schools and Parishes with their websites, crisis management, and legal issues. He supervises all media, the weekly TV Masses in Lincoln and Hastings, Facebook Pages, YouTube Channel and print media like the Southern Nebraska Register.

Dennis plans on building a closer relationship with Spirit Catholic Radio; he plans to start doing podcasts with Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz and Bishop Conley. In the Southern Nebraska Register has more local columnists, “Book of the Bible in a minute” from the Emmaus Institute, Sunday Mass Readings, Seminarians of the week, have a picture of Jesus in the weekly banner and more local pictures of Southern Nebraska Catholics. (Catholics has a Crucifix for the letter “T”.)

# SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen



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## December 15, 2023

### Retired Priests Appreciation

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### Pray for our 25 Seminarians!

**DIOCESE OF LINCOLN**  
2023 SEMINARIANS 2024

<b>Rudolf Eick</b> Proprietary Stage - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Rev. Mr. Joseph Brub</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Andrew Puffy</b> Proprietary Stage - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Paul Puffy</b> Theology 2 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Colton Patton</b> College 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Thomas Robinson</b> College 4 - SSC @ Holy Family
<b>Colin Brown</b> Theology 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Michael Brown</b> College 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Joseph Hernandez</b> Proprietary Stage - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Early Price</b> Theology 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Rev. Mr. Santiago Trujillo</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Robert Judd</b> Proprietary Stage - SSC @ Holy Family
<b>Paul Johnson</b> Theology 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Joe Kallies</b> College 2 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Paul Muth</b> Theology 2 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Scott Miller</b> College 2 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Bradley Stone</b> Theology 2 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Thomas Reynolds</b> Proprietary Stage - SSC @ Holy Family
<b>Rev. Mr. Joseph Robinson</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Rev. Mr. Michael Peltzer</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Mike Somers</b> Proprietary Stage - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>David Sommer</b> College 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>David Pines</b> Theology 1 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Steve Robinson</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family
<b>Rev. Mr. Robert Robinson</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Father Alec Sasse</b> Vocation Director	<b>Rev. Mr. Joseph Robinson</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Rev. Mr. Michael Peltzer</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Rev. Mr. Robert Robinson</b> Theology 4 - SSC @ Holy Family	<b>Father Alec Sasse</b> Vocation Director

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