



# SERRA CLUB of MELBOURNE Newsletter

November 2017

## SCANZSPAC CONVENTION

A tentative booking has been made at Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne, for 19th and 20th October. The SCANZSPAC Board Meeting would be held on the previous day. Registration is anticipated to be \$300 per person, with a \$25 discount for 'early bird' bookings. Accommodation is available at the Centre at an additional cost. Serrans should remember that this was the venue for the Serra International Convention held in Melbourne in 2015, and what a wonderful occasion this was.

## SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2018

This will be held from 27th June to 1st July, at Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.

## SERRA RETREAT

The date for the 2018 Retreat is Saturday 14th April. It will be at Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe, where it has been held for several years now. This will be the 38th Annual Retreat, and once again will be organized by Neville Hackett. Each year Neville has organized a wonderful Retreat Master, and so it is certain that the 2018 Retreat will be at the usual standard. Make a note of the date.

## CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

As Anzac Day in 2018 falls on Wednesday 25th April, the Executive has decided to bring forward the meeting that would normally be on this date, to Wednesday 18th April.

In addition to this change, as some members plan to attend the Serra International Convention, the June meeting, at which the new Board will be installed, will also be brought forward to Wednesday 20th June. Please record these dates.

## SEMINARY LUNCH

Another date to mark in your Diary for 2018 is Sunday 15th April. Frank McCulloch has confirmed this date with Corpus Christi Seminary, for our annual gathering to celebrate Mass, and to enjoy lunch with the staff and seminarians.

## K.S.C. DINNER

The Annual Archbishop's Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross will be Friday 24th August 2018. This will be the 20th Annual Dinner and it has raised over \$1,000,000.00 to date to assist in the education of Seminarians, and additional study for priests.

## GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker for the Club's October Meeting was Fr Michael Sullivan OSA, an Augustinian. He is based at St Joseph's South Yarra which is under the care of the Augustinians, where he is Prior.

Fr Michael outlined the origins of the Order. St Augustine of Hippo was born in 354, and died in 430. He was a prolific writer, and more than 100 works survive, with the majority of them devoted to issues in one or another of the ecclesiastical controversies that preoccupied his episcopal years.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 391, and became bishop of Hippo in 396.

Irish members of the Order of St Augustine arrived in Australia from 1838 onwards. The first eleven Augustinians in Australia came as volunteer missionaries, especially after the first of them, James Aloysius Goold became a bishop, and later an Archbishop in 1848. The Order undertook to staff the missionary Vicariate of Cooktown in Northern Australia in 1884, and in 1886 also established its first formal Augustinian community in Australia in Echuca in 1886. These two projects are from which the Augustinian numbers in Australia occurred, although the first Australian born man to become an Augustinian priest was not ordained until 1940.

As a result of a regular intake of Australian candidates, the Australian Province was founded in 1952, and for the next few decades the focus was upon two high Schools which the order still guides. Each college currently has approximately 1200 male students. There are Augustinian Chaplains in both colleges, but in the past few years no Augustinian has taught in classrooms.

They are currently responsible for parishes at Mareeba in the Diocese of Cairns, Coorparoo, Brisbane, North Harbour, Broken Bay, St Clair, Diocese of Parramatta, and South Yarra.

One Australian Augustinian works in Social Justice and Human Development in Thailand, another in South Korea from 1985, and a third works fulltime with an Aboriginal Deacon in Aboriginal ministry for the Diocese of Cairns. Another friar is the Master of the Asia-Pacific Augustinian Novitiate at Cebu in the Philippines.

Martin Luther also was an Augustinian.

## JANUARY MEETING

As some members will be away, the Executive have decided to cancel the meeting normally held in January.

## SCANZSPAC

The Serra Council of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific (SCANZSPAC) was first formed in 1994 with an Interim Board. The proposed Council's Constitution was formally approved by Serra International, and the Council was chartered in 1996. The Council is the body of Serra International for Serra Clubs in the local areas. For administration purposes, SCANZSPAC includes the islands of the South Pacific and, in recent times, the countries of Papua/New Guinea and Timor Leste have been added to the SCANZSPAC area.

The Mission Statement of SCANZSPAC is to:

- Actively promote the work of Serra International within the SCANZSPAC area by providing a regional organization to represent all members (Serrans), Serra Clubs and Districts;
- Liaise with Conferences of Catholic Bishops;
- Develop contacts with religious and secular media, and
- Determine the direction and aims of Serra by creating the policies and programmes required to effectively extend the work of Serra throughout the SCANZSPAC area.

Elections for Board positions are held annually and are open to Office Bearers from each Club.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

November	22nd	St. Catherine's Church, 2 Buchan Street, Moorabbin
December	13th	Rosary 6.15 pm. Mass 6.30 pm. followed by
January	<b>No Meeting</b>	Dinner Meeting in the Sweeney Centre.
February	28th	

## SATURDAY MORNING MASS for VOCATIONS

November	Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham	9.00am
December	St Joseph's, Springvale	8.00am
January	St Catherine's, Moorabbin	8.30am

## MASS ROSTER

	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	Barbara	John	Dan
<b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b>	Frank	Anne	Frank
<b>Offertory Procession:</b>	John/Terry	Guests	Lyn/Ruby
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	Anne/Dan	Concelebrants	Barbara/John
<b>Meals Clean Up:</b>	All Members urged to assist.		