

2024 Central Region Serra Convention

CALL / BELIEVE / CELEBRATE / PROCLAIM

WDM Marriott (1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, IA)



Friday, October 11

- 1:30 - 3:00pm Pick up Registration Packets (hallway of Marriott meeting room)
- 3:00 - 3:15pm Welcome / Kick Off – **David Pieper**, Club President
- 3:15 - 3:45pm **Break**/Travel to **Saint Francis of Assisi (SFA) Catholic Church**
- 3:45 - 4:15pm **Tour** of Saint Francis Catholic of Assisi Church with Fr. Pins
- 4:30 - 5:30pm **Mass at SFA**, **Very Rev Trevor Chicoine S.T.L.**, Episcopal Master of Ceremonies
- 5:30 - 5:45pm Travel back from SFA to WDM Marriott
- 5:45 - 6:30pm Social (cash bar)
- 6:30 - 8:00pm **Dinner** / **Bishop William M. Joensen**, Keynote Speaker
- 8:00 - 9:00pm **Adoration: Evening Prayer/ Reflection** by **Fr. Larry Hoffmann**
- 9:00 - 10:30pm Hospitality

Saturday, October 12

- 7:00 – 8:00am Pick up Registration Packets
- 7:00 – 8:15am **Breakfast Buffet** (Coffee, hot tea and juice included)
- 8:15 – 8:30am Welcome/Opening Remarks – **Joe Stopulos**, Emcee
- 8:30 – 8:45am **Mike Downey**, Past President Serra USA, *“The Importance of Serra above the Club level”*
- 8:45 – 9:15am **Joe Stopulos**, *“Catholic Fatherhood”*
- 9:15 – 10:00am **Fr. Mark McGeary**, *“My Lord, My God, My Savior...the conversion of a Catholic to Catholicism”*
- 10:00 – 10:15am **Break** (Coffee/hot tea/water/cookies/trail mix)
- 10:15 – 11:00am **Deacon Jim Houston**, *“Surprised by Service: Hearing and Discerning a Call to the Diaconate”*
- 11:00 – 11:45am **Addie Croegaert**, *“Ut Fidem: Keeping the Faith”*
- 11:30 - 2:30pm **Visit Catholic Vendors** including beautiful home goods, Catholic jewelry, gifts, books monastery jams, jellies, cookies, candy, coffee and more!
- 11:45 – Noon **Break** before lunch
- 12:00 - 1:00pm **Lunch** (with lemonade and iced tea)
- 1:00 – 1:15pm **Break** after lunch
- 1:15 – 2:15pm **Speaker Panel: Catholic HS Chaplains** **Fr. Reed Flood**, **Fr. Max Carson**, **Fr. Ross Caniglia**, *“The Role of Experience in the Vocation of Youth”*
- 2:15 – 2:30pm **Break** (Coffee/hot tea/water)
- 2:30 – 3:15pm **Fr. Ross Parker**, *“Trends in Vocations”*
- 3:15 – 4:00pm **Fr. Rodrigo Mayorga Landeros**, *“The role of encouragement in Vocations”*
- 4:00 – 4:30pm **Break** /Travel to SFA
- 4:30 – 5:30pm **Mass at SFA**, **Very Rev Trevor Chicoine S.T.L.**, Episcopal Master of Ceremonies
- 5:30 – 6:00pm Travel back from SFA to Marriott
- 6:00 – 7:15pm **Dinner** / **Cardinal Thomas Collins**, Keynote Speaker, *“Spiritual Oases on our Desert Journey through a Secular World.”*
- 7:15 – 7:30pm SI Convention Invitation (10 min)/Closing Remarks
- 7:30 – 8:30pm **Adoration: Evening Prayer / Reflection** by **Msgr. Frank Bognanno**
- 8:30 – 10:30pm **Entertainment** (Saints & Sinners band)

Sunday, October 13

No Scheduled events