



**St. Junipero Serra** was canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015 in Washington, DC. Born in Majorca, Spain, in 1713, he became a Franciscan Friar and held the Dun Scotus chair of philosophy at Lullian University in Palma De Majorca where he taught for twelve years. Because of his missionary zeal, he left a comfortable, scholarly life to travel to America, "New Spain," in 1749. After a year of training in Mexico City, he spent the rest of his life traveling mostly on foot founding missions up the coast of California. The missions were a source of catechesis for the indigenous peoples, as well as training centers in agriculture and ways of modern civilization. St. Serra interfaced with the Spanish and Russian colonizers, as well as government officials on behalf of the needs and rights of the indigenous peoples. St. Serra died at the Carmel Mission in 1784 at the age of 70.

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invites **YOU** to join us to help  
promote vocations



*Saint Junipero Serra, patron  
Spain, 1713-1784*

**"Go therefore, and  
make disciples of  
all nations..."** Matt. 28:19

# The Global Lay Apostolate for Vocations in the Catholic Church

## Chartered May 12, 1955, this is what Atlanta Serrans do?

1. Pray daily for vocations
2. Meet monthly for lunch with speaker to grow in faith and to enjoy community
3. Sponsor a Candidacy mass/dinner during Archdiocesan Seminarian annual retreat
4. Sponsor annual reception/dinner/overnight for all Archdiocesan Sisters, "Sister's Night"
5. Sponsor a "Day of Recreation" of golf & tennis for all Archdiocesan Priests with reception/raffle/dinner afterward starting their biennial Convocation
6. Support Vocation Days for two separate age groups in Archdiocesan Schools
7. Organize a Mass for each Archdiocesan Seminarian on his birthday
8. Send an appreciation card to each Archdiocesan Priest on their ordination anniversary
9. Annual year end Advent Mass /Reception/ Dinner for Archbishop, Serrans and their Spouses



*Recent ordinations...with Archbishop Hartmayer, Bishop Konzen, Bishop Shlesinger, and four newly ordained priests, Fr. Avery Daniel, Fr. Juan Carlos Villota, Fr. Ben Thomsen and Fr. Joe Wagner*

*Georgia Bulletin Photo By Jackie Holcombe*

## There are vocations *which*

- ...which manifest themselves.*  
**They must be fostered.**  
*...which are not conscious of themselves.*
- They must be awakened.**  
*...which do not dare to reveal themselves.*
- They must be found and encouraged**  
*...which are in fear of being lost.*
- They must be reassured.**  
*...which meet with opposition.*
- They must be strengthened.**  
*...which are paralyzed by poverty.*
- They must be helped financially.**



## Serra's Objectives and Purposes:

Founded in 1935 in Seattle, Washington, the apostolate contains over 12,500 members in 35 countries on 6 continents. With over 195 clubs ("ministries") in the US and 7,300 members, we are united with members around the world towards the following objectives:

To foster and promote vocations to ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church and to support priests in their sacred ministry.

To encourage and affirm vocations by men and women to consecrated and religious life in the Catholic Church.

To assist Serra members in recognizing their own vocation, individually and as a group, causing them to respond to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ with and through the Holy Spirit.

## Vocations are increasing in our Archdiocese where...

- Bishops set vocations as priority
- There is a Vocations Director
- Eucharistic Adoration is promoted
- Atlanta Serra is active