



Sister Timothea Elliott, RSM of Alma Michigan

Our guest speaker on June 10th was Sr. Timothea Elliott,

RSM from the Christian Formation Office of the Diocese of Knoxville. Sister Timothea comes to us from St. John Vianney Seminary in the Archdiocese of Denver. Prior to her 11 years in Denver, she studied and taught Scripture in Rome for 17 years and taught at St. Joseph Seminary in the Archdiocese of New York for 8 years. Sister Timothea stated, "Through those years, especially in the USA, the Serra Club has been a constant support and I have many dear friends among the Serrans."

Assigned here by her Superior General in October, she remained at St. John Vianney Seminary for the remainder of the academic year and arrived in Knoxville in May 17th. She informed us that Sr. Maria Lin has left for Tulsa, Oklahoma to begin her residency in Psychiatric Medicine and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Ann has arrived from Portland, Oregon to become assistant Principal at St. Joseph's School in Knoxville. Our diocese is blessed with the arrival of all the Religious Sisters of Mercy in our diocese.

Sr. Timothea then elaborated on her responsibilities with the Diocese of Knoxville, the Department of Christian Formation. This office is the combination of Evangelization, previously coordinated by Sister Albertine and Religious Education coordinated by Father Richard Armstrong. She is responsible for Catechetics, certification of catechists and our parish Directors of Religious Education. Also included is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and children of adults, and all faith formation programs such as "Why Catholic", Cursillo, and other ways and means of enriching our faith. In addition to all this, Sr. Timothea is responsible for assisting with a diocesan-

June Calendar	
THURSDAY, July 8 Holy Mass.....11:30 AM Lunch.....Noon For reservations call Ferrel and John Smith (865) 386-7770 Program 	
Thursday July22 Holy Mass.....11:30 Lunch.....Noon For reservations call To be determined Program	

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based program for the education and formation of permanent deacons. Assisting her with this program will be Deacon Tim Elliott who is responsible for the continuing education of deacons and recruitment of more candidates. They will develop the curriculum and find professors to teach the men in this 4 1/2 year program.




What does this mean for us as Serrans? We must continue to pray. Sr. Timothea stated, "Prayer is paramount in raising up vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and the diaconate. Choose one day of the week to offer everything for vocations: prayer, work, joys, sufferings, acts of charity, sacrifices, etc, making it your personal vocation awareness day." We must also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Other suggestions she made (some of which we are already doing):

- Send letters, cards to our seminarians along with care packages.
- Organize vocation discernment day with parish youth ministers to raise vocation consciousness in the parishes.
- Talk about vocations with young people, including Marriage, Priesthood and Religious Life.
- Single life is a vocation if discerned in light of a positive dedication and service to God and/or ourselves.

Sister Timothea concluded by saying, "Holiness has to do with loving, and loving well, generously. We do not find ourselves, our gifts, our strengths, until we give ourselves away." "I would not give much for a love which is not at times EXTRAVAGANT." (Cardinal Newman)

Thank you Sister Timothea for a delightful visit with us at the Serra Club of Knoxville. Come visit again.


Have you sent in your dues for the year?



Single: 130.00
Couple: 210.00

Bring them to the next meeting or mail to:

Joseph Orzechowski
4313 Hicken Road
Knoxville, TN 37938-4312

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

(By J. J. Cardinal Carberry)

Annual Dinner—2010, Our Lady of Fatima



Father Patrick Garrity with Deacon Dan Alexander



Installation of 2010-2011 Knoxville Serra officers—left to right Deacon Dan Alexander, Joe and Jeanne Orzechowski, Ferrel Smith, Mary Ramsey, Florence and Leo Holland, Dee Dutkosky, Hazel Brimi and John Smith Not pictured are Mona Manning at the organ and Harriet Keener.



Presentation of the Gifts
Past-President Hazel Brimi
and new President Ferrel Smith



Joe Orzechowski presents Serra donation to Father Garrity to be given to Bishop Stika for the Diocese of Knoxville Seminarians.

