



Welcome to the 2017 Serra Region 9 Convention

Serra is an international Catholic Lay organization dedicated to fostering and supporting Priesthood and Religious Vocations.

THEME: **Inspire! Ignite! Engage!**

WHEN: **October 20 to October 22, 2017** (Friday evening through Sunday morning)

WHERE: Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114 402-399-9000
Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/omawe-omaha-marriott>
Room rate until September 30, 2017: \$ 99.00 + taxes (Free Parking on-site.)

WHO: Serrans from Region 9 (Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma), as well as Serrans from states surrounding Region 9, are encouraged to attend. Catholics who are not Serrans but have an interest in fostering and supporting religious vocations are also invited to attend.

REGISTRATION FEE: Entire weekend - \$150.00 per person (includes all sessions and all meals — Friday - dinner, Saturday - breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday - breakfast, as well as coffee and snacks at program. breaks).

REGISTRATION: Registrations are due by October 1. A registration form is enclosed and online registration is also available at the website, <https://nspire.serrainternational.org/2017-serra-region-9-convention>.

HOST: Serra Club of West Omaha, Serra Club of Omaha and Serra Club of Council Bluffs, IA

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Information on the convention will be constantly updated on the website until the convention begins.

Tentative Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tour of Boys Town (guided or on your own)
5:00 p.m. Welcome Mass at Boys Town – Presider – Archbishop George Lucas
6:30 p.m. Social – Marriott Hotel
7:30 p.m. Dinner – Marriott Hotel
9:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite at Marriott will be open

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Registration check-in
7:30 a.m. Mass – Presider – Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop Grand Island Diocese
8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
9:15 a.m. Keynote- Patty Schneier
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Panel of Vocations Directors (Fr. Roza, Fr. Matya, and Fr. Hock)
11:15 a.m. Serra Best Practices Panel - Vocations/Membership/Program/Communications
Noon Lunch – Address by Dan Jones – President of Serra International
1:15 p.m. District Caucus Session – Greg Schwietz – President of USA Council
2:15 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Keynote – Fr. Ralph O'Donnell, Executive Director,
Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, USCCB
3:45 p.m. Break
4:00-5:30 p.m. Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt – Lectio Divina/Adoration/Sharing
6:00 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Banquet
9:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite will be open

All events on Saturday take place at the Marriott Hotel.

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. Mass – Marriott – Presider – Archbishop Emeritus Elden Curtiss
9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:45 -10:30 a.m. Closing Session

All events on Sunday take place at the Marriott Hotel.

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Registration Form

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Omaha Marriott Room Reservations

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Please return this portion with a check made payable to Serra Club of West Omaha no later than October 1, 2017 or Register on line at: <https://nspire.serrainternational.org/2017-serra-region-9-convention>

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Serra Club: _____

____ Full Conference Registration @ \$150.00 each \$ _____

____ Additional Donation \$ _____

Total payment enclosed (made payable to Serra Club of West Omaha) \$ _____

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