

SERRA'S 80th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Chiang Mai, Thailand | June 22-25, 2023

Theme: COME AND SEE (Jn1:39)

Convention Program

Monday, June 19, 2023

Registration on arrival *Hotel lobby at both towers*

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Registration on arrival (contd.) *Hotel lobby at both towers*

Optional pre-convention tours:

07:30 – 19:00 Tour # 1: One-day tour of Chiang Rai Province*

13:00 – 17:00 Tour # 2: Half-day tour of museums and Buddhist temples in Chiang Mai*

**FOR ALL PRE- AND POST- OPTIONAL TOURS, please be in the hotel lobby at least 15 mins before departure time*

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Breakfast at hotel

Registration on arrival (contd.) *Hotel lobby at both towers*

Optional pre-convention tours:

08:00 – 18:00 Tour # 3: Full day tour of the Elephant Sanctuary and Doi Inthanon*

13:00 – 17:00 Tour # 4: Half-day visit to Ton Kwen Temple and Tawai Handicraft Village*

17:00 – 21:00 Dinner for International Past Presidents at Le Coq d'Or restaurant*

**Meet at hotel lobby at least 15 mins before departure time*

Attire: Formal, if possible

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Breakfast at hotel

08:30 – 16:00 Meeting of Serra International Board *Kinnaree III, 2nd Fl. Premier Tower*

08:30 – 16:00 Registration (contd.) *Hotel lobby at both towers*

08:30 – 14:00 City tour of Chiang Mai (for all participants) *

**Meet at hotel lobby at least 15 mins before departure time*

14:30 – 15:30	Meeting of Thai Serrans	<i>Kinnaree I&II, 2nd Fl. Premier Tower</i>
16:15 – 16:45	Walk 5 mins to the Cathedral of Sacred Heart of Jesus (Vans are available for those who need transportation)	
17:00 – 18:30	Eucharistic celebration welcoming Serra participants	<i>The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
	Presider: Most Rev. Bishop Francis Xavier Vira ARPONDRATANA, Bishop of Chiang Mai	
	ADDRESSES at the end of the Eucharistic celebration:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most Rev. Bishop Francis Xavier Vira ARPONDRATANA• The Apostolic Nuncio to Thailand, Archbishop Peter Bryan WELLS, with message from the Holy See	
18:30 – 20:30	International Food Market with cultural performance	<i>Sacred Heart School</i>

Friday, June 23, 2023

	Breakfast at hotel	
07:30 – 08:30	Orientation for the first-time attendees	<i>Empress Convention Center (ECC), 2nd Fl.</i>
07:30 – 08:30	Registration (contd.)	<i>ECC, Ground Fl.</i>
08:30 – 10:00	Eucharistic celebration	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
	Main presider: His Eminence Cardinal Charles BO, President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC)	
	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
	Procession of the Holy Sacrament to the Adoration Chapel	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/Tea break	
10:30 – 11:15	Keynote I 'Live' from Rome via Zoom: <i>COME AND SEE (Jn 1:39)</i> His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio TAGLE, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
11:15 – 12:00	Keynote II: <i>COMMUNION OF VOCATIONS</i>	H.E. Cardinal Marc Armand OUELLET, Prefect Emeritus of the Dicastery for Bishops <i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch sponsored by Serra International Foundation	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
	Presentation of awards	
14:00 – 14:40	Keynote III: <i>COME AND BE</i>	Ms. Mary Sarindhorn MATIVACHRANON — How God called me from being a Buddhist to become a Catholic <i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
14:40 – 15:10	Coffee/Tea break	
15:10-15.15	Stretch and Move	

15:15 – 16:00	Keynote IV: Communication and vocation—promoting vocation through solutions journalism	
	Dr. Peter R. Monthienvichienchai, Secretary General of SIGNIS and Executive Director of LiCas News	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
16:00 – 16:35	Questions and Answers	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
	Panelists: Cardinal Marc OUELLET (Holy See) Mary SARINDHORN (Thailand) Peter R. Monthienvichienchai (Thailand)	
16:35:16:40	Energizer: GET LOOSEMED UP	
16:40:17:00	Sharing: THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN THEIR CHILD’S VOCATION CHOICES Kevin OBASI, Serra Club of Ikeja, Nigeria	
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner with cultural performance	<i>Montfort School</i>

Saturday, June 24, 2023

	Breakfast at hotel	
	Adoration at the chapel	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
09:00 – 09:45	Keynote IV: THE CHALLENGE OF HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS FROM AN ASIAN PERSPECTIVE H.E. Cardinal Charles BO, President of the Asian Bishops’ Conferences (FABC)	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Q & A	
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/Tea break	
10:30 – 12:00	Youthful Priestly and Religious Vocations by Young Serrans	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch to honor District Governors from all over the world	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
13:45 – 14:15	State of Serra by Serra International President	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
14:15 – 15:00	Serra Around the World	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
15:00 – 16:30	Delegates’ Meeting	<i>ECC, 2nd Fl.</i>
17:00 – 18:15	Eucharistic Celebration (Closing Mass)	<i>Ballroom, Empress Tower A, M Fl</i>
	Main presider: His Eminence Cardinal Francis Xavier Kriengsak KOVITHAVANIJ, Archbishop of Bangkok and Chair for the CBCT, Office of Seminary and Vocations	
18:30 – 21:00	Annual Banquet with a jazz band	<i>ECC, 3rd Fl.</i>
	Installation of the new Serra International president <i>Attire: Formal or national dress</i>	
21:00 – 21:45	Global Rosary for vocations	

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Breakfast at hotel

08:00 – 08:30 St. Junipero Serra Prayer Service *Kinnaree I, 2nd Fl. Premier Tower*

08:30 – 11:00 Serra International Board meeting *Kinnaree III, 2nd Fl. Premier Tower*

Check-out

Departures as per individual itinerary

Optional post-convention tours on 25 & 26 June

07:30 – 18:30 Tour # 5: A full-day tour of the countryside of Chiang Mai, including the Elephant Park and bamboo rafting.

08:00 – 14:00 Tour # 6: Thai cooking class, including a visit to a local market to select the ingredients used in the session.

Please be in the hotel lobby about 15 minutes before departure time.

NOTE: Transportation to the airport will be provided on the hour every hour from 6 AM. It takes about 20 minutes to get to the airport. The bus will first stop at the International Departure entrance, and then at the Domestic Departure entrance. Please reserve your seat by signing your name at the Transportation Desk.