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Upcoming Events

Friday, April 6

First Friday Mass & Breakfast
12:30 pm – St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton

Monday, April 16

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Greg Schwietz
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, May 4

First Friday Mass & Breakfast
12:30 pm – St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton

Wednesday, May 16

Board Installation; 6:30 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sunday, May 20

Women Religious Appreciation
Dinner; 3:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall,
Irving

Friday, June 1

First Friday Mass & Breakfast
12:30 pm – St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton

June 8-10

VAP Weekend

Sunday, June 10

VAP Closing Mass & Brunch
10:00 am – Holy Trinity
Seminary

Monday, June 18

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Canyon Creek Country Club



View from the Inside of the Diocese of Dallas

Bill Keffler, Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese of Dallas, spoke at our March dinner meeting to share his view of our diocese during his 6 years in this role as well as his perspective for the future of the diocese and the parishes it contains.

He shared the rebuilding of the diocese in the eyes of our local brethren through the work of Bishop Farrell and the resulting resurgence of the Catholic Church in Dallas and its suburbs. He related stories about the view of local politicians that Catholic Charities is the "boots on the ground" in times of need.

He spoke of his first impressions of Bishop Burns as a man of humility who was approachable to those who serve with him. Bill told us about the upcoming events that illustrate the bishop's pet projects, including a spiritual retreat/round table discussion for staff and administrators in our Catholic schools, the multi-faith program of Be Golden to illustrate the important moral similarities between all religions, the establishment of campus ministry at UTD, the growth of the diaconate, and his programs for immigration assistance.

It was easy to catch Bill's excitement about the future of the diocese.

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www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serraus.org

President's Message
April, 2018

I want to call your attention to a very unique opportunity we have as members of the Serra Club of North Central Dallas. From time to time I hear Serrans ask ‘‘ What is the USA Council of Serra International and what do they do’’. I highly recommend that you make an effort to attend this months Dinner Meeting at Canyon Creek C.C. (Monday, April 16) because **Gregory Schwietz the President of the USA Council is our speaker.**

I had the opportunity to meet Greg last year at a meeting at the University of Dallas. I left the meeting feeling that Greg truly represents the Spirit of Serra in his person, and in his love of Serra. You will find him to be enthusiastic and motivational. Please mark your calendars and don't miss this meeting.

Gregory joined Serra in 1983, in his longtime home Omaha, Nebraska. He served in numerous capacities at the club level for many years until 1999-2000 when he served as club president. His commitment to the Omaha club continued for six years at the board level until 2005.

Subsequent Serra Leadership positions included, District 9W Governor, USA Council Region 9 Director, USA Council Board Member, Trustee Serra International Board, Vice President of Vocations Serra International board, USA Council Vice President of Communications.

Additional responsibilities: SI and USA Council Dialog committee representing Serra International; Current Member of Combined Administrative Office (CAO) Committee; SI Audit Committee for three years; USA Council Audit Committee, 2014 Chairman, Long Range Planning Committee-USA Council.

Greg and his wife, Mary Lynn, have been married for over 40 years and have three grown children. They have been long time members of St Leo the Great Parish in Omaha. Greg and Mary Lynn were active for over 30 years in TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) retreats in Omaha, and served on the national leadership team for over 10 years. Greg recently retired as president of L&M Construction Chemicals, an international, family-owned company which manufactured and sold concrete treatments for new and existing concrete placements. Greg has worked in the concrete construction industry since graduating from Creighton University in 1974.

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**PRAY FOR THE HEALING POWER OF
GOD FOR:**

Ed & Bernadette Johnson	Jerry Hurster
Tom Demarest	Kathy Himmelberg
Leo Heiting	

April Anniversaries

Greg and Lisa McCurry	3
Greg and Ellen Mechler	12
Larry and Julie Montz	15

April Birthdays

Rita Parks	1
Bill Condon	7
Lou Neeb	14
Ann Outarsingh	30

Editor's Page

Humility

The Rule of Benedict written in the 6th century, a direct and clear guide for a spiritual life, defines twelve rungs on the ladder to humility. Over the last several months, we have covered:

- the first rung, to acknowledge God's presence in our lives and to remember that our actions and thoughts are always in his view,
- the second rung, to follow God's will,
- the third rung, to submit to spiritual authority through obedience,
- the fourth rung, to quietly endure our burdens,
- the fifth rung, to confess our sins to our spiritual authority,
- the sixth rung, to be content without glory or attention,
- the seventh rung, to be self-effacing and recognize our inferiority to others,
- the eighth rung, to comply with the example of our Church leaders,
- the ninth rung, to remain silent, and
- the tenth rung, to refrain from hurtful humor.

The Rule of Benedict continues:

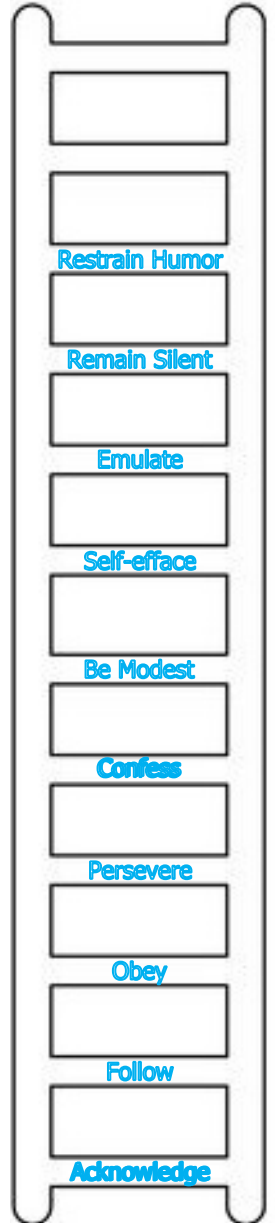
"The eleventh step of humility is that we speak gently and without laughter, seriously and with becoming modesty, briefly and reasonably, but without raising our voices, as it is written: "The wise are known by few words."¹

Sister Joan Chittister shares the timelessness and universality of this step:

"The *Tao Te Ching* [a Chinese classic text traditionally credited to the 6th-century BC sage Laozi] teaches the following: "Settling in low places," being gentle with others and soft in our comments and kind in our hearts and calm in our responses, never heckling, never smothering the other with noise or derision is an aspect of Benedictine spirituality that the world might well afford to revisit."

What you may have noticed through the last 10 months is the recurring theme of being kind and thoughtful in your words, manners, and attitudes and to not call attention to yourself. These are the cornerstones of the Rule of Benedict's guide to humility.

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31 Club

The 31 Club is a commitment by Serrans to attend Mass and pray for vocations on a specific day each month. If you wish to participate in this important ministry please e-mail Hank Himmelberg at hankhimmelberg@verizon.net

1 st Jerry Hurster	4 th Mike Holmes	12 th Mark Venincasa	19 th	26 th
Joan Heiting	5 th Bob Baillargeon	13 th Bruce Baumann	20 th Tony Schmidt	27 th Warren Schneider
Ed Johnson	6 th John Fitzpatrick	14 th Jack Tromba	21 st Doug Biglen	Chris Taylor
2 nd Dick Park	7 th Bill Condon	15 th Don Simoneaux	Veronica Biglen	Leo Heiting
Katie Park	8 th Lou Neeb	Warren Schneider	22 nd	28 th Bill Larsen
Mike Maxwell	9 th Peter LaFave	16 th	23 rd	Bonnie Larsen
Dolores Maxwell	Mary LaFave	17 th John Fitzpatrick	24 th Ralph Armstrong	29 th
3 rd Bill Crowley	10 th Vicki Dean	18 th Rob Larriviere	Kay Hogan	30 th Katy Warren
4 th Ida Keptner	11 th Jim Duffy	Ann Larriviere	25 th Kathi Thompson	31 st Ron Keptner

¹ *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister, OSB, Crossroad Publishing Company, 2010