



Serra Mensajero

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Upcoming Events

Monday, April 15

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Fr. Arthur Unachukwu, SMU
Catholic Campus Ministry, Director
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, May 3

First Friday Mass & Meal
6:30 am – St. Mark
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, May 20

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Fr Kevin Wilwert, Assoc. Formation
Director, Holy Trinity Seminary
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, June 7

First Friday Mass & Meal
6:30 am – St. Mark
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, June 17

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Installation Dinner
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, July 5

First Friday Mass & Meal
6:30 am – St. Mark
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, July 15

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Fr Paul McCormick,
Cistercian Abbey
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, August 2

First Friday Mass & Meal



March Speaker Summary

We were blessed to have Deacon Tymoteusz (Tymo) Ksiazkiewicz share his faith journey from his home in Poland as the third of eight children through his troubled youth plagued by feelings of self-doubt and a lack of self-worth to his call to enter God's service. He shared the comments of a teacher in elementary school who told him that he was too stupid to ever amount to anything and his struggles to find acceptance as a teenager through alcohol and youthful indiscretions. He spoke of the acceptance that he found in his return to the Church through the love and forgiveness of others. This led him to attend World Youth Day in 2005 and the ultimate decision to enter the priesthood.

He entered Redemptoris Mater Diocesan and Missionary Seminary in the Diocese of Dallas at age 18. He found when he arrived that he quit having to prove himself because of the spirit of the place. Proving that early teacher wrong, he graduated from the University of Dallas with a BA in 2012 and from Theological Institute in Denver with a Masters of Divinity in 2018. He says that these degrees are not because of himself, but are because of God's love. He was ordained to transitional Diaconate on April 28, 2018, and will be ordained to Priesthood on June 1, 2019.

Deacon Tymo left us with his views that the Lord fulfills the desires of our hearts and that it is our duty to reach out to others because personal connections turn lives around. We never know how the love and acceptance that we show to someone may cause them to change their life's direction for the better.

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www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serraus.org

President's Message

April 1, 2019

Reflection

In the last few days I have been reflecting on my years as a serran. Perhaps it is the season of lent that inspired these thoughts, but more likely that I just celebrated my 77th birthday.

I believe our common reason for joining a Serra Club is our love of the priesthood and of the sacraments that only our priests may administer. But, what brought me to the decision to join Serra in the first place.

In my case I have always believed it was the service to the church that I observed in my own parents, grandparents and my broader family. My grandfathers, one Irish and the other Polish who physically helped build the parish school that my parents attended. Dad and Mom were both active in the parish(es). The convent was several blocks from the church. Dad would pick the sisters up every morning on his way to daily Mass and take them back before he went to work. Mom although handicapped with only one hand would iron the white surplices with their many pleats that were worn by my brother and me when we were alter boys.

Of course there were many religious sisters including family members who taught me during 12 years of school and who saw something in me that I did not see in myself. Their influence on me was and is profound. There are many priests past and present who still have a broad influence on my life and my work in the parish and beyond.

As I come close to the end of my term as president of our Serra Club, I have been thinking about the many friends I have made because of my Serra involvement. I don't believe I have closer friends than the men and women that I have been associated with in Serra. As you know I have experienced Serra in several locations and I do believe that I am qualified to say, the Serra Club of North Central Dallas is indeed special!

Thank you all for your support and friendship.

Jim Duffy

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Bill Crowley (2 Yr)

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Dawn Epping

April Anniversaries

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

April Birthdays

Bill Condon	7
Lou Neeb	14

PRAY FOR THE HEALING POWER OF GOD FOR:

Ed & Bernadette Johnson	Leo Heiting
Tom Demarest	Mary LaFave

North Central Dallas Officers 2019-2020

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	Greg Mechler (1 st Yr.)
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31 Club

The 31 Club is a commitment by Serrans to attend Mass or say the rosary to pray for vocations on a specific day each month.

1 st Jerry Hurster	7 th Bill Condon	13 th	19 th Barbara Johnson	26 th Dawn Epping
Larry Montz	8 th	14 th	20 th Tony Schmidt	27 th Chris Taylor
2 nd Barbara Johnson	9 th Peter LaFave	15 th Don Simoneaux	21 st	28 th Bill Larsen
3 rd Bill Crowley	Mary LaFave	16 th Darwin Hutchinson	22 nd Kathi Thompson	Dan O'Connell
4 th Meg Haerr	10 th Vicki Dean	17 th Rob & Ann Larriviere	23 rd Kathi Thompson	29 th Kay Hogan
5 th Bob Baillargeon	11 th Jim Duffy	John Fitzpatrick	24 th Ralph Armstrong	30 th
6 th John Fitzpatrick	12 th Dennis Epping	18 th Tom Demerest	25 th Mary McGraw	31 st