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My dear Serrans,

Easter is a celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. God our Father has raised His obedient Son from death so that we may have life. Jesus Our Savior invites us to live and to share that new life. It is this life of Christ within us that sustains us through the trials and tribulations of this earthly life. This earthly life is a preparation for what we were made for: eternal life with God in heaven! The Eucharist is a taste of that heavenly banquet. The Eucharist is that "food for the journey" which sustains us in that communion with Jesus Christ. If we didn't have the Eucharist, we would die of hunger! That is another reason we need good, holy, priests: to celebrate the Eucharist! Your prayers for vocations, particularly for the priesthood gives us hope. I would like to extend to you and your families my prayers for a joyful Easter season.

I want to thank all members of our North Dallas Serra for the many prayers for us priests and for our seminarians. Please continue! And thank you for living your faith through your participation in the life of the Church, especially through the Sacraments.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli

Upcoming Events

Due to the current constraints on assemblies, our monthly meetings are replaced by a Zoom rosary.

Meeting ID: 828 6523 4114
Passcode: 971947

Serra Mensajero is the monthly newsletter for North Central Dallas which reports activities, provides news to members, and supports Club goals.

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North Central Dallas Serra Club
www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serraus.org

Fellow Serrans,

Wishing Happy Springtime health and happiness for all our NCD family. We have so much to be thankful for as we look forward to getting together virtually once again on Monday, April 19.

Serra Club of North Central Dallas Virtual Dinner Meeting

- Enter the Zoom dining room at 6:30 p.m. at <http://bit.ly/3kVxzSM>
Meeting ID: 828 6523 4114
Passcode: 971947
- Enjoy fellowship with North Central Dallas Serrans and guests before our virtual dinner meeting begins.
- Begin our spiritual feast by listening to five Dallas Seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.
- Conclude our spiritual meal in a special way by praying the Rosary for Vocations which will be led by the Seminarians.

We celebrate the following Saints and feast days in April: Holy Week, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, Diving Mercy Sunday, St. Martin I Pope and Martyr, St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor, St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr, St. Peter Chanel, Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, and St. Pius V Pope. As we move into the Easter Season 2021, let us imitate their examples of grace and holiness.

In St. Junipero Serra,
Darwin

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Installation of Board Members will take place at our May 17 meeting.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING POWER OF GOD FOR:

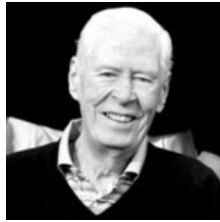
Tom Demarest	Leo Heiting
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Pete LaFave	Lou Neeb
	Katy Warren

April Anniversaries

Gregory & Lisa McCurry *	3
Greg & Ellen Mechler	12
Larry & Julie Montz	15

April Birthdays

Bill Condon	7
Lou Neeb	14
Peter Lobo	29



Under the Spell

Eulogy of Serran Ed Johnson by his granddaughter, Fallon Johnson, shared by Bill Crowley

When I was a little girl my grandfather would cast a spell on me. Holding me in his arms, I would look up to see his mesmerizing blue eyes and silver hair as his magical words tumbled down to me. The next thing I knew I was racing to brush my teeth, throwing on my Barbie nightgown, and jumping into bed. As he strode into my room and took a seat in the white wicker rocking chair beside my bed, I looked at him with sleepless eyes full of excitement. Little did he know, the spell he cast on me was not some uncontrollable urge to go to bed, but rather, an indelible desire to hear his stories.

I like to think of my grandfather as a magical inventor. He concocts a story world inside his head, and from an idea, his universe expands. He creates masterpieces like the adventures of Susie the charming procrastinator and Jennifer, her steadfast guardian angel, and the captivating tales of friendship between Chester the chipmunk and Sammy the squirrel. Then, he tells the story and words pour rich as gold from his mouth in the form of his deep, inviting voice. Capturing his audience, the addiction starts. It's all part of the recipe, the magic of the perfect story.

Eventually I got older, we moved away, and I no longer heard the stories. But, in the absence of his stories I discovered something. Although my grandfather was across the country, he hadn't left me with nothing. Some grandparents pass on companies, jewels, or money, but I was given something that has a much longer shelf life. He had embedded his creative gene in me, passed on *his* personal legacy.

I discovered that I loved to write, to create stories, make arguments, and put together something original, something that no one had thought of. The English language became a clay that I could sculpt with my imagination. It was a form of expression and entertainment that I hadn't explored up until that point. I finally got a look inside the mind of the inventor; picked up the tricks of the magician; discovered my grandfather's universe.

When I close my eyes I can still see my grandfather sitting in that white wicker rocking chair and hear the voice of a storyteller, but one day the memory will fade, his voice will be silenced, and his unique tales will be gone. But, one thing is for sure. His legacy will live on. He has sparked in me a love of the unique and a deep desire to express my own vision. We share a world of imagination, a gift for wit, and an affinity for the language. He has an ability to create unique sparkling gems that can't be replicated and that ability is something I would love nothing else but to carry on. I'm still caught under the spell.

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. If interested in participating, contact Dawn Epping (dawn.epping@yahoo.com).

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