



# Serra Mensajero

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, August 14

Board meeting; 7:00 pm  
Conference Room 202, Smyth  
Center, St. Mark Church

### Monday, August 19

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm  
Andy Zihlman, Bishop Lynch HS  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, September 6

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

### Wednesday, September 11

Board meeting; 7:00 pm  
Conference Room 202, Smyth  
Center, St. Mark Church

### Monday, September 23

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm  
Mike Wilson, Dallas Morning News  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, October 4

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

### Wednesday, October 9

Board meeting; 7:00 pm  
Conference Room 202, Smyth  
Center, St. Mark Church

### Sunday, October 13

Semarnian Mass; 9:15 am  
Holy Trinity Seminary

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## Welcome New Members

At the June meeting, four new members were installed by Chaplain Father Michael Guadagnoli and District Governor Jo-Ann Bresowar. Pictured left to right, Sylvia Windham, Will Alt, June Cooper, and Mary Camarillo.

Peter Lobo who joined in July will be installed at a future meeting.



## July Speaker

At our July dinner meeting, Father Paul McCormick, headmaster of Cistercian Abbey, shared his vocation story, including the influence of two men of strong faith, a parish monsignor and his Pentecostal minister grandfather. He spoke of his life of service for Christ, the peace that comes from living in community with his brothers, and his work at Cistercian Preparatory School. He shared pictures from throughout his life while he spoke, which added to the experience.

*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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Serra USA Council  
[www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org)



“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”  
 Luke 10:2 from the liturgy of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fellow Serrans,

As we reflect on these words and on the recent feast day of our patron St. Junipero Serra, our thoughts must turn to our own mission to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life.

As we begin this new year in Serra Club of North Central Dallas, let us continue to be servants to our seminarians, priests and religious. In this way, we can support their vocations and join in their mission to spread the Gospel.

Looking forward to working together with each of you in our Serra family,

Darwin

<u>President</u> Darwin Hutchison
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**July Birthdays**

Mary McGraw	3
Peter LaFave	11
Mary Camarillo	21

**August Birthdays**

Mary LaFave	4
Bob Baillargeon	8
June Cooper	20
Don Simoneaux	21
Larry Montz	25
Ann Larriviere	29
Jack Tromba	31

**July Anniversaries**

William J. and Bonnie Larsen	7
Margaret and Mark Haerr	18
Jim and Linda O'Malley	22

**August Anniversaries**

Ralph and Rosemary Armstrong	14
John and Felicia Fitzpatrick	17
Tony and Annette Schmidt	24

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

Ed Johnson	Leo Heiting
Tom Demarest	Mary LaFave
Katy Warren	

## The Class of 2019: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood

### A Report to the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### March 2019

*(selected statistics for responding ordinands)*

#### Race/Ethnicity and Culture

- 70% are Caucasian
- 75% were born in the United States
- Average of 30% per year were foreign-born since 1999
- Four most common countries of birth among the foreign-born are Mexico, Nigeria, Colombia, and Vietnam.
- On average, the foreign-born came to live in the United States 14 years ago at the age of 22.

#### Education

- 11% report being home schooled, with an average of eight years of home schooling
- 38 – 47% attended a Catholic school for at least some part of their schooling.
- 61% participated in a religious education program in their parish for six years, on average.
- 55% report that they completed college or university undergraduate degree before entering the seminary.
- The most common fields of study for responding ordinands who attended undergraduate or graduate school before entering the seminary are theology or philosophy, liberal arts, social science, or engineering.
- 46% entered their seminary program at the pre-theology level.
- 24% carried educational debt, which averaged \$27,662 at the time they entered the seminary.
- Responding ordinands from religious institutes were as likely as those from dioceses to carry educational debt, but their debt was smaller in comparison to responding diocesan ordinands.

#### Work

- 68% reported full-time work experience prior to entering the seminary, with 10% working in education.
- Responding ordinands from religious institutes are equally likely as responding diocesan ordinands to have prior work experience (69 percent as compared to 67 percent).
- 17% reported that one or both parents had a military career in the U.S. Armed Forces, with 5% having served in the U.S. Armed Forces themselves. The percentage of those with experience in different branches of the military varies considerably from year to year.

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