



Serra Mensajero

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Upcoming Events

Friday, February 2

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

Monday, February 19

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Fr. Joshua Whitfield, St. Rita
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, March 2

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

Monday, March 19

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Bill Keffler, Diocese of Dallas
Canyon Creek Country Club

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

Monday, May 21

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



Please keep the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in your prayers for the increase and preservation of their vocations.

What do Serra clubs do?

Serra Clubs work with their Bishops, Dioceses and Religious Vocation Directors to encourage and support vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life.

Serra activities include attending meetings with speakers focusing on topics of importance for Catholics and on vocations. In addition to participating in many group activities, Serra members do noteworthy work on their own time, affirming seminarians, priests and religious.

In summary, Serrans are dedicated Catholics who pray for the increase and perseverance of vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. Serrans also encourage others to pray for vocations during various parish or diocesan activities. Example of these events include the "31 Prayer Clubs", attending an extra Mass each month for vocations, or praying for vocations on a daily basis. *From www.SerraUS.org*

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 web sites

North Central Dallas Serra Club
www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serraus.org

President’s Monthly Message

Jim Duffy

I would like to share this prayer that I pray for all of those who I have promised to pray for during their time of illness. I am thinking about those members of our NCD Serra family who are in need of our prayers. Hank Himmelberg, Ed and Bernadette Johnson, Jerry Hurster and Leo Heiting.

Prayer to God,
the Source of Health

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain; relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be Your will.

Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul and body, and be with them in their hours of silence. Bless those who know not what another day will bring.

Make them ready for whatever it may be. Whether they must stand, or sit or be confined, grant them a strong spirit.

Inspire with Your love those who bring healing and care to the suffering. May they bestow Your gifts of health and strength wherever they go. Grant this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Save this date, May 20, 2018

The 2018 Religious Women’s Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Irving. The UD Serra Club is the host club acting on behalf of all four of the Dallas clubs. Invitations will be received during the month of March.

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Reorganization Committee

At our January Board meeting, the Board approved the organization of a committee consisting of Ralph Armstrong, Larry Montz, Kathy Thompson, Tony Schmidt, Lou Neeb, Bill Crowley and John Schnaithman. The purpose of the committee is to consider what we as a Serra club can do better to improve our support of the Diocesan Vocations Office. They will be looking at ways for us to work in a more positive and efficient direction. More on this later.

<u>President</u> Jim Duffy
<u>V.P. Programs</u> Chris Taylor
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<u>Past President</u> Bill Crowley
<u>Newsletter Editor</u> Dawn Epping
<u>Chaplain</u> Rev. Chris Schroeder, SJ

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

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

February Anniversaries

Warren and Mary Evelyn Schneider 4
Bill and Merle Condon 16
Dan and Michele O’Connell 25

February Birthdays

Dennis Epping 4

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, and
- the eighth rung, to comply with the example of our Church leaders.

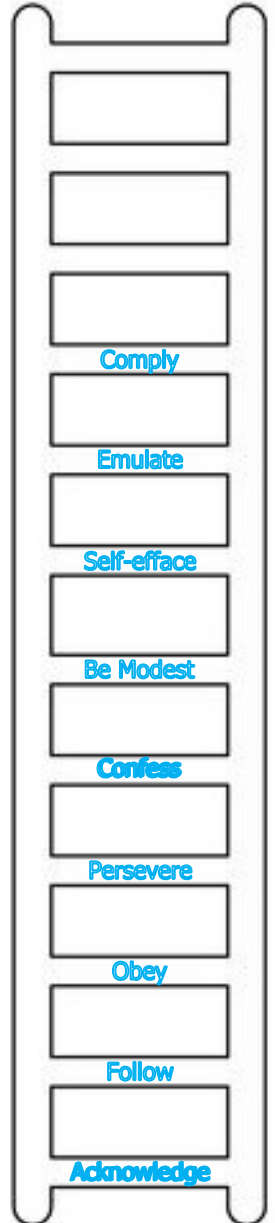
The Rule of Benedict continues:

"The ninth step of humility is that we control our tongues and remain silent, not speaking unless asked a question, for Scriptures warns, "In a flood of words you will not avoid sinning" (Proverbs 10:19), and "A talkative person goes about aimlessly on earth" (Psalm 140:12)"¹

As anyone who knows me will attest, this is the step that causes me to struggle. Sister Joan Chittister explains this struggle as follows:

"When arrogance erupts anywhere, it erupts invariably in speech. Our opinions become the rule. Our ideas become the goal. Our judgements become the norm. Our word becomes the last word, the only word. To be the last one into a conversation, instead of the first, is an unheard-of assault on our egos. Benedict says, over and over, listen, learn, be open to the other. That is the ground of humility. And humility is the ground of growth and graced relationships on earth. Humility is what makes the powerful accessible to the powerless. Humility is what allows poor nations a demand on rich ones. Humility is what enables the learned to learn from the wise."

I invite you to join me in my personal challenge to follow the ninth rung of humility and find wisdom, compassion, and grace through silence.



Dawn

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 Need	Warren Schneider	22 nd	28 th Bill Larsen
Mike Maxwell	9 th Peter LaFave	16 th Hank Himmelberg	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 Warrern
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