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Upcoming Events

Monday, February 18

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Deacon John Paul Kelly,
Christ the King Parish
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, March 1

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

Monday, March 18

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Transitional Deacon, Tymoteusz
(Tymo) Ksiazkiewicz
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 14

Seminarian Mass; 9:15 am
Holy Trinity Seminary

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
Canyon Creek Country Club



January Speaker Summary

Father James Dorman, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas Aquinas parish and priest since May 2018, provided those in attendance with stories of his journey to the priesthood and his first seven months as a priest for the Diocese of Dallas. He spoke of his childhood in Lone Oak, TX, his attendance at a private Christian school through high school, his call to the priesthood in high school and his deferment of that call through college and an early career in post-secondary education financial aid. He shared how daily mass (often at Cistercian) and a spiritual retreat allowed him to seriously consider that call. After he made the decision to pursue a diocesan priestly vocation, life events, including a pay raise that allowed him to retire his student debts, provided validation that he was following God's plan.

Father James shared his experiences from his pastoral year at St. Pius X and how a visit to the Holy Land in the summer following his ordination to the temporary diaconate brought the scriptures alive. He also talked about how he saw a community join together following Hurricane Harvey. Now that he has been ordained and assigned to his first parish, Father James is learning balance, but he believes that his life experiences during that period of deferment have prepared for the life he is now living.

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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www.serraus.org

President's Message
February 2, 2019

If you were unable to attend the January Dinner Meeting, you missed Father James Dorman's thoughts about God's calling him to the priesthood. If you were there to hear Father James than know that his talk was just the beginning. Chris Taylor has made arrangements for the following monthly speakers:

February 18th...Deacon John Kelly, St Monica Parish is a practicing attorney specializing in estate planning and probate.

March 18th...Transitional Deacon Tymoteusz (Tymo) Ksiazkiewicz was born in Poland and will be ordained to the priesthood this June. Deacon Tymo is from Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Missionary Seminary here in Dallas.

April 22nd...Father Arthur Unachukwu is originally from Nigeria, ordained here in 2011. Father is Director of SMU Catholic Campus Ministry. I recently read where 26 percent of the current enrollment at SMU is Catholic, and 16 percent is Methodist.

May 20th...Father Kevin Wilwert is an Associate Director of Formation at Holy Trinity Seminary. He grew up in Allen, Texas attending St Jude parish. He received a BA in Philosophy and Theology at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. After graduation he entered into formation at St Mary's Seminary, Houston, TX receiving his Master fo Divinity and was ordained in 2014.

June 17th...our NCD Serra Club installation of Officers which will be held this year at Canyon Creek C. C. as our regular monthly meeting.

July 15th...Father Paul McCormick, O.Cist, Prior of the Abbey of Our Lady of Dallas since 2015. Father Paul is a native Texan who entered Our Lady of Dallas in 1992 and ordained in 1996. He taught Latin and Theology at Cistercian Preparatory School and served as Headmaster since 2012.

Thank you Chris Taylor for arranging this line up of monthly speakers.

Jim Duffy, President
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PRAY FOR THE HEALING POWER OF GOD FOR:	February Anniversaries	February Birthdays
Ed & Bernadette Johnson Leo Heiting Tom Demarest Mary LaFave	Bill and Merle Condon 16 Dan and Michele O'Connell 25	Dennis Epping 4

The Serra Club of Dallas
Invites You to Share in Joyful Celebration at the
2019 Religious Women's Appreciation Luncheon

DATE: Sunday, March 3, 2019

PLACE: The City Club, Bank of America Plaza Building

901 Main Street, Suite 6900, Dallas, Texas 75202

TIME: 11:30am – 2:00pm

COST: \$40 per person

Complimentary Valet Parking will be provided

This is a great opportunity to show our appreciation for the lifetime effort the religious women of the diocese have given in serving as our teachers, nurses, social workers and administrators. We hope you can attend. **Please RSVP before February 23, 2019.**

We have a great agenda for the luncheon, including raffled gifts and goodie bags for our honored guests. Serrans have always been very generous in contributing gifts and monetary donations.

Therefore, we ask you to please consider donating an item(s) listed below.

Cash Donations	Checks payable to the Serra Club of Dallas (designated "Sisters' Gift") 5606 SMU Blvd., #600107, Dallas, Texas 75206-9998
Gift Cards	Bookstores, department stores – including Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon or VISA/MasterCard/American Express gift cards.
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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
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