



Serra Mensajero

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Serra Club of North Central Dallas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT 2 MONTHS

February 5-6

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 pm

Monthly Board Meeting (All members welcome)

St. Mark, Smyth Center, 1st Floor

Monday, February 21, 6:00 pm (Dinner at 6:30)

Monthly Dinner Meeting, District Governor Sam Polak

Aboca's Italian Grill, Richardson

Sunday, February 27, 12:00 pm

Religious Women's Appreciation Mass & Luncheon

Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, Irving

Mass at 12:00, Luncheon at 1:00

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 6, 2022, 9:15 am

N. Central Dallas, Attend Mass at Holy Trinity Seminary

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm

Monthly Board Meeting (All members welcome)

St. Mark, Smyth Center, 1st Floor

Saturday, March 12, 2022, 9:00 am

VAP Mass & Kickoff Brunch

Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving

Monday, March 21, 6:00 pm (Dinner at 6:30)

Monthly Dinner Meeting

Aboca's Italian Grill, Richardson

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday, April 17

Easter

May 7-8, 2022

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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Serra Club of N. Central Dallas: ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council: serrausa.org

Serra International: serrainternational.org

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Bishop Edward Burns, Diocese of Dallas, was the celebrant for the closing Mass at the 2022 Serra Rally in Irving. The Feb. 13-16 event was hosted by the Serra Clubs of Dallas-Fort Worth. Photo by Wayne Mikols, Serra Club of Wichita.

Happening Locally

Here are some other events coming up that provide an opportunity for us to make a difference for vocations.

Sunday Public Masses have resumed at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. While there will not be donut receptions after Mass, we will have an opportunity to talk with the seminarians and let them know that we are praying for them as they continue their formation.

Our club is on the schedule for the Mass Sunday, March 6, at 9:15. Plan to arrive by 9:00 so you can be seated before Mass starts. We were not able to visit with the seminarians during the fall semester, and this is the first time we will be able to meet the new men.

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Serra Activity Is Picking Up As Spring Approaches

By Will Alt

The dreaded Covid virus doesn't want to give us a break. When multiple board members and other club members succumbed to the latest variant in early January, we had to cancel the monthly board meeting and dinner meeting. Now, the worst appears to have passed, and our activities are starting up again.

Those who were at the Christmas party will remember that June Cooper was taking head shots of Serrans and guests. We are planning to compile a printed photo membership roster this spring. If you did not have your picture taken at the Christmas party, please do so now.

Take a selfie or send a recent "head shot" (upper chest level) to June. Or have your picture taken at the February dinner meeting. Failure to submit a photo could result in your directory listing showing an

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All members should have received an email that looked like the image on the right. You can click on the provided button to register, or you can contact Will Alt to reserve seats. The cost will be included in your next dues invoice.



Serra Activity Is Picking up Again

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“emoji” (clown face, Raggedy Ann?) instead. — Now, how’s that for motivation?!?

Spring is coming ... Covid is going (fingers crossed), so let’s all come to the February dinner meeting, our first gathering of 2022. And bring a friend from your parish as a prospective member this month, or plan ahead for next month for sure.

We have opportunities com-

ing up to get out and meet Serrans from other clubs and some of our seminarians. The first opportunity will be for the Religious Women’s Luncheon. Those who have signed up will be able to show our support for these religious ladies who often don’t get the recognition they deserve for their efforts and prayers for us. Football season is over, so what better way do we have to demonstrate our commitment to Church vocations? The event includes Sunday Mass with Bishop Kelly, and that can take care of our Sunday Mass obligation. The Sisters really enjoy this event, but they can’t do so without us.

There are more events coming up soon. See the calendar on page 1 and the article for things *Happening Locally*.

On a somber note, we were saddened to learn as the newsletter was being finalized that our good friend and long-time Serran Tony Schmidt passed away unexpectedly. Arrangements for the funeral were still pending. We will have more about Tony and his family in the March Newsletter.

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Birthdays	
Dennis Epping	2/4
Brandee Nelson	2/4
Jim O’Malley	3/8
Greg Mechler	3/16
Bill Crowley	3/17
Jim Duffey	3/20
Bill Larsen	3/28

Happening Locally

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Every year in March, we also have the kickoff brunch for our annual Vocation Awareness Program. If you’re not familiar with the VAP, you will be hearing a lot more about it soon. All Serrans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area support the program by purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win a nice prize, one of which is roundtrip airfare for two to any destination in the Continental U.S.

The kickoff brunch this year is Saturday, March 12, and it also is at Holy Trinity Seminary. This provides a great opportunity to attend Mass and then brunch with Serrans from across the area.

We will also receive the posters we will distribute to the parishes and schools to promote the weekend in June.



Do you know who this is?

Answer in the March issue. Or find out at the February meeting.

Anniversaries	
Bill & Merle Condon	2/16
Dan & Michele O’Connell	2/25
Vicki & Rick Dean	3/10
Chris & Kelly Taylor	3/10
Sylvia & Richard Windham	3/18



This first-class relic of St. Junipero Serra graced the altar during Masses at the Serra Rally. Photo by Wayne Mikols.

Newsletter Honored

At the recent Rally, our *Serra Mensajero* newsletter was presented an award for best newsletter in the South Central Region for the 2021 Council newsletter contest. Editor Don Simoneaux accepted the award on behalf of the club.

Don also received one of three Face of Serra awards for the region for his work over the years at the local, district, and national levels.

Don acknowledges the dedication of Dawn Epping, who developed the current style and content of the newsletter and handed it off to him in June 2021 after serving as editor since June 2017. Dawn kept us informed and connected during the difficult period from March 2020 when there was very little local Serra activity.

Pray for the Healing Power of God for
Mary LaFave
Jean & Lou Neeb
Family of Tony Schmidt

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. Contact Don Simoneaux (d.simoneaux@computer.org) to participate.

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 Demarest	25 th Mary McGraw	31 st