



# Serra Mensajero

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## Annual Christmas Party

**Sunday, January 1**  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Friday, January 6**  
1st Friday Mass, Breakfast  
6:30 a.m.  
St. Mark's Catholic Church  
Breakfast location to be announced

**Monday, January 16**  
Monthly Dinner Meeting  
6:30 Dinner  
Canyon Creek Country Club

**Sunday, January 29**  
Holy Trinity Mass with Seminarians  
9:15 a.m.  
Holy Trinity Seminary

**Friday, February 3**  
1st Friday Mass, Breakfast  
6:30 a.m.  
St. Mark's Catholic Church

**Monday, February 20**  
Monthly Dinner Meeting  
6:30 Dinner  
Canyon Creek Country Club

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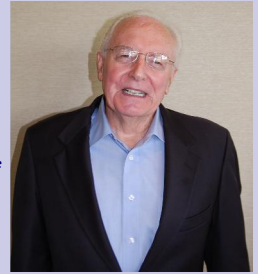
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[www.ncdserraclub.com](http://www.ncdserraclub.com)  
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[www.serra.us.org](http://www.serra.us.org)



The President's Focus...

New Year, Renew Focus



It is a good time of the year to step back and say thank you to the Serra Members of the Serra Club of North Central Dallas. As I finish six months as your president I realize it is not the President who makes a Serra Club great but the Officers, Board Members and Club Members who make a Serra Club successful.

The Serra Club of North Central Dallas is an outstanding Club in the District of 46E under the leadership of our District Governor Larry Montz and Regional Director Don Simoneaux.

Objectives

At the time of Serra's formation in 1935, the two great needs for the Church were dedicated priests and religious and informed Catholic lay leaders who understood and lived their own Christian vocations to service. These needs have not changed.

The objectives of Serra are:

To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a vocation to

service and to support priests in their sacred ministry.

To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church;

To assist members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

What do Serra Clubs do?

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

Serrans pray daily for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life and for the perseverance of existing vocations. They encourage others through the "31" Prayer Clubs to attend an extra Mass each month for vocations and to pray, also, for vocations daily.

Other activities include arranging speakers on topics of importance for Catholics, appreciating dinners for Priests and Religious, support for retired priests, and Vocation Awareness Program (VAP).

It is my honor working with your Board and the membership to assist accomplishing the goals of the Serra Club of North Central Dallas.

Thank you for all you do for Serra.

Respectfully

Bill Crowley, President
Serra Club of North Central Dallas

North Central Dallas Serra Club Board of Trustees 2015-2016
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**First Friday Mass January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass @ 6:30 AM at St. Mark the Evangelist. After Mass, we will proceed to the Original Pancake House.

2301 N Central Expressway. (Just North of Park on the West side of Central).

Phone number 972-423-2889

**Directions:** Go North on ALMA to PARK. Turn right on PARK heading East to the First traffic light ENTERPRISE. Turn left at the traffic light on to ENTERPRISE and follow Enterprise around to North Central Expressway service road. Just past Premier Drive and just prior to the service a road there is a center on your Left you should be able to see the sign for "The Original Pancake House".



**PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF"**

**Mary Higgins wife of Bill Higgins  
Bonnie LaFave sister-in-law of Pete LaFave**

**Mary Higgins Funeral Arrangements**  
Mary Catherine Higgins passed away on December 13, 2016 surrounded by loved ones after a brief illness. She was born on July 20, 1932 in Bellefontaine, OH. Mary grew up in a small town in OH. She enjoyed her time in Ohio but, she really loved living in Richardson, TX. She and Bill met and were married in Ohio in 1956 and moved to Texas about 5 years later. Rosary will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2016 with a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 720 S. Floyd Rd. Richardson, Texas 75080

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

January Fr. Tom Cloherty  
February Fr. Randy Gibbens  
March Matthew Vereceke

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

Mary LaFave  
Bernadette Johnson  
Leo Heiting  
Jerry Hurster



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Vince Ahem 12/7  
Mary Krause 12/9  
Warren Schneider 12/27

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill and Kathy Crowley 12/4  
Tom and Belle Marie Demarest 12/19

**31 Club** The 31 Club is a commitment by Ser-rans 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](mailto:hankhimmelberg@verizon.net)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jerry Hurster	18 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Larriviere
1 <sup>st</sup>	Joan Heiting	18 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Larriviere
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Johnson	19 <sup>th</sup>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dick Park	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Schmidt
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katie Park	21 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Biglen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Maxwell	21 <sup>st</sup>	Veronica Biglen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dolores Maxwell	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Crowley	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ida Keptner	24 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Armstrong
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Holmes	24 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Hogan
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Baillargeon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Kathi Thompson
6 <sup>th</sup>	John Fitzpatrick	26 <sup>th</sup>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Condon	27 <sup>th</sup>	Warren Schneider
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lou Neeb	27 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Taylor
9 <sup>th</sup>	Peter LaFave	27 <sup>th</sup>	Leo Heiting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mary LaFave	28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Larsen
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Dean	28 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Larsen
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Duffy	29 <sup>th</sup>	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Venincasa	30 <sup>th</sup>	Katy Warren
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Baumann	31 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Kepner
14 <sup>th</sup>	John Tromba		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Don Simoneaux		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Warren Schneider		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Hank Himmelberg		
17 <sup>th</sup>	John Fitzpatrick		

**Holy Trinity  
North Central Dallas Dates**

January 29th

April 2nd

Remember to bring those donuts!



**HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY**

**ADDRESS**

**HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY  
3131 VINCE HAGAN DRIVE  
IRVING, TX 75062**

Vince Hagan Drive is located on the southbound frontage road of Hwy. 114 between Rochelle Drive and Tom Braniff Dr.

To: Membership, Serra Club of North Central Dallas

Subject: Serra Club of Collin County in-formation is sadly discontinued.

On behalf of the Board and President of the Serra Club of North Central Dallas I know the work that both Larry Montz, District Governor of 46E, and Jim Duffy, President, have put into the Collin County Serra Club in-formation. My prayers are with both of you and those who have walked this path with you.

Attached is Jim Duffy's letter to the members in the Collin County Club in-formation. (letter sent in November/December). Larry Montz has kept Bishop Kelly informed by email and the details of the situation. He has agreed with the decision.

The Serra Board of North Central Dallas has accepted the changes, and agreed with the decision.

Bill Crowley, President  
Serra Club of North Central Dallas

Hello All,

This email has been very hard for me to compose, but in the last couple of months Larry (Montz) and I have come to the realization that it is time to suspend our effort to charter the Serra Club of Collin County. We have fallen short in our many efforts to recruit sufficient members of the five parishes in McKinney, Allen and Frisco. We informed Bishop Kelly and he is in agreement.

We began our efforts in the summer of 2009, at the request of the Bishop, with a Saturday morning meeting with interested parishioners at St. Gabriel's. It has been seven (7) yeas and we have met many times with the pastors. While we enjoy the encouragement of the pastors and have used the tried and true formula for organizing a new Serra Club, our efforts have fallen short. Since it has been so long we are concerned about the possibility of wearing out our welcome. The last thing we Serrans want to do is add to the burden of the overworked clergy.

Sadly, we are suspending this effort and hope to revisit this in the future. **It is our sincere hope that all of you will be willing to join Larry and I and move your Serra memberships to the Serra Club of North Central Dallas (NCD).**

We believe that those of us in the five (5) parishes will be able to continue to operate as an activity group of NCD. Larry and I will be arranging with Our Lady of Angels to hold our meetings there. If we do this, it will not be necessary for you to attend all of NCD's monthly meetings. You will be able to fulfill your Serra attendance requirements without driving to Richardson on a regular basis.

So beginning with this letter the name Serra Club of Collin County in-formation is sadly discontinued.

Please let me know of your willingness to move your membership to NCD. I will take care of informing our parent club of the names of those among us who are transferring their membership. I also need to know if you wish to resign your membership.

Thank you all for what you do for vocations and thank you for giving me the honor of working with you for the past seven years. I am praying that you will all continue to work for vocations in the spirit of Serra. St. Juniperra Serra, pray for us.

Respectfully,  
Jim Duffy  
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