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Upcoming Events

Friday, July 6

First Friday Mass & Lunch
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, July 16

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Msgr. John Bell
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, August 3

First Friday Mass & Lunch
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, August 20

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Dave Woodyard
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, September 7

First Friday Mass & Lunch
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, September 17

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Dr. Patty Hughes
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, October 5

First Friday Mass & Lunch
12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

Monday, October 15

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, October 19

Holy Trinity Seminary Dinner

Saturday, October 27

Vocation Day of Reflection
University of Dallas Chapel



June Speaker Summary *by Larry Montz*

Fr. John Libone, the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, gave Serra a very inspirational presentation about his early days as a priest and, more poignantly to our Serran mission, what it truly means to be a priest today. As a pastor, he was approached by a potential seminarian from his parish concerning some of the reservations the young man was having about the ministry of a priest, not just the typical concerns about the academic and formation process or celibacy, but his unworthiness. The discernor was concerned that he would be responsible for giving advice to people in very difficult situations concerning their spiritual lives and marriage problems or having to minister to the dying and the responsibilities to console the families of the recently deceased. Fr. Libone gave the young man some sage advice that we as Catholic and Serrans should also remember, as an ordained priest a man is not truly the person who is making supplication to God for his flock, he is only a representative of Jesus, our one and only priest, who intercedes for us in heaven. The ordained priest should not be expected to be perfect in his actions and advice, only try and act as a representative of Jesus on Earth. The ordained priest is still very human and the discernor should not be overly concerned if he cannot be any more than a poor reflection of Jesus to the flock. Fr. Libone likened an ordained priest to a shepherd dog for the flock of our Lord, some make a lot of noise and run around trying to herd the sheep into the pen using their own skills and personalities but it is ultimately Jesus, the one Shepherd, who is responsible and who will give the ordained priest the grace to help lead His flock.

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www.ncdserraclub.com

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President's Monthly Message**Jim Duffy**

July 1, 2018

Last month's president's message was a copy of the talk I gave at the Annual Installation Dinner on May 16th at St Elizabeth Ann Seton. I emphasized the need for our club to be proactive in our ministry of promoting and supporting existing vocations. I also emphasized that not all of us are capable of taking a more active role, but all of us are urged to pray for vocations as we were asked to do so by Father John Lebone at last month's dinner meeting.

Beginning immediately, teams of three are in the process of making an appointment with the pastors of Prince of Peace, St Mark's, St Elizabeth Ann Seton. The teams will be offering our services to these parishes for the purpose of organizing a parish vocation committee. If the pastor(s) accept our teams will work with the new parish vocation committees for four months offering counsel and programs. Our hope is with a Kick Start from Serra the parishes will be able to have active, long lasting committees devoted to the cause of increasing vocations. If we are successful with one of more of these parishes we will continue to contact the other parishes in our deanery.

Again, being proactive all of us will be assigned the name(s) of seminarians that we agree to support with cards and letters of encouragement. Their appropriate addresses, birth dates, etc. will be included.

The Serra Club of North Central Dallas will begin to send Seminarian Care Packages to those seminarians who are the future priests for the Dallas Diocese, but who are studying at seminaries other than Holy Trinity or Redemptoris Mater.

Our Speaker for the July 16th dinner meeting at Canyon Creek C. C. will be Rev. Msgr. John P Bell, JCL, Judicial Vicar, Tribunal and the Pastor of Our Lady of Angels.

The annual Diocesan Ministry Conference is scheduled for October 11 thru 13. The Serra Clubs of Dallas will have a booth at this year's conference. We will need help with this...more later.

The Serra Clubs and Seminary Auxiliary will join for a Vocation Day of Reflection on October 27th at the University of Dallas.

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GOD FOR:**

Ed & Bernadette Johnson	Kathy Himmelberg
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July Anniversaries

Bill and Bonnie Larsen	7
Jim and Linda O'Malley	22
Ed and Bernadette Johnson	31

July Birthdays

Mary McGraw	3
Pete LaFave	11
Mike Holmes	22

Recent Articles of note:

Saying 'Yes' to the Lord's Call

<http://www.texasatholic.com/2018/06/18/saying-yes-to-the-lords-call/>



Newly ordained priests, from left, Father Giuseppe Spoto, Father Radoslaw Michal Markiewicz, Father Stephen Francis Ingram, Father James Lynn Morris Dorman and Father Wade Williams Bass, are congratulated with an applause during the Mass of the Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood concelebrated by Bishop Edward J. Burns at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on May 26. (BEN TORRES/Special Contributor)

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 Neeb	Warren Schneider	22 nd	28 th Bill Larsen
Mike Maxwell	9 th Peter LaFave	16 th	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 Warren
4 th Ida Keptner	11 th Jim Duffy	Ann Larriviere	25 th Kathi Thompson	31 st Ron Keptner

Vocation Awareness Program offers retreat, contemplation for those discerning religious life

https://www.northtexascatholic.org/local-news-article?r=263J3I6D7C&send_to=%2Flocal-news



Jacqueline Celis of St. Bartholomew Parish in Fort Worth talks to religious women during the final day of the Vocational Awareness Program at the University of Dallas on Sunday, June 10, 2018. *(NTC photo/Kevin Bartram)*

Getting Involved *by Larry Montz*

Fr. John said that supporting our priests was important as they need our encouragement and friendship. However, the single most important thing we can do for them is to pray for them every day. Shortly, your NCD Club, will begin an outreach program to the Dallas seminarians who are being formed in other areas of the world, much like the young men at Holy Trinity are supported and encouraged by members of the Trinitarian Auxiliary at Holy Trinity. Please be open to this effort as it is truly part of our Serran mission. We also have plans to start providing more encouragement to the ordained priests in our area, as part of our mission to support priests. Often we are asked what Serrans do that is not being done by parish vocation committees and lay Catholics in general. We all tout the annual VAP Weekend and that has been phenomenally successful and welcomed by the Dallas bishops, but the support we give to priest and seminarians of Dallas and throughout the world is a special ministry that is not being performed by the local groups. When we were installed as Serrans, we accepted the commitment to lifelong ministry to promote and support religious vocations and to develop our personal spirituality as Catholics. Daily prayer for priests and seminarians does not just intercede for God's graces on their behalf, but brings his blessing to us as well. Anytime we pray, we are intimate with the Lord, and that can only enrich our personal spirituality.