



Serra Mensajero

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Upcoming Events

Friday, May 4

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

Wednesday, May 16

Board Installation; 6:30 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sunday, May 20

Women Religious Appreciation
Dinner; 3:00 pm
K of C Hall, Irving

Friday, June 1

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

June 8-10

VAP Weekend

Sunday, June 10

VAP Closing Mass & Brunch
10:00 am – Holy Trinity
Seminary

Monday, June 18

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Fr. John Libone
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, July 6

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

Monday, July 16

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



Presidential Visit

Greg Schweitz, 2-term USA Council President of Serra International joined us for our April dinner meeting. After recognizing the hard work of our district governor and several of our local members, he reminded us that we to have a vocation, a vocation to support religious locally and throughout the world.

In the spirit of "Always forward, never back," he shared three programs that need our support: 1) Newman Connection, to reach the young people going away to college who may lack a support system of faith, 2) Laboure Society, to assist people who feel they are being led to religious life but are being held back by college debt, and 3) programs that continue supporting religious into retirement.

He challenged us that we cannot rest on our prior successes, but remember that "everything is a build to the next event." We must continue to foster and affirm religious vocations while we also continue to grow in our own Catholic faith.

NCD members joined the seminarians of Redemptorist Mater seminary for Sunday evening prayer service on April 15. It was a beautiful and moving service that was only surpassed by the reception afterward that allowed us to visit with these faith-filled young men. We also were given a tour of their facilities, all the way to the attic, and a view of their training for missions.

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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North Central Dallas Serra Club
www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serraus.org

President's Message
May 1, 2018

Serra Radio Show

Tune in to KATH 910 AM and listen to the Serra Radio Show. There will be at least three (3) monthly shows airing on the first Saturday of the month beginning this Saturday, May 5th. The time slot is believed to be either 3:00 or 3:30 PM but has not yet been confirmed. I expect to learn the exact time in the next couple of days and I will email our membership as soon as I know.

The first show is an interview with Jo-Ann Bresowar, District Governor - District 46 and me as a Serra Club President. This show was recorded on April 18th in the studio as if the interview was live. We talked about what Serra is, what we do, and why we joined Serra. We believe that the interview went well and we hope that the audience will be well informed as a result of our effort.

There were two more shows recorded the same afternoon can say that Bill and Sue Cicherski were being interviewed after Jo-Ann and I recorded our show, but I haven't heard anything about the third show. We are hopeful that the first three shows are will received so that Serra Radio Show will continue.

Installation of Officers Dinner

Keeping with recent tradition, our Installation of Officers Dinner will replace this month's regular dinner meeting usually held at Canyon Creek C. C.

The Installation Dinner is May 16th, 6:30 PM at St Elizabeth Ann Seton. There will be more information forthcoming. Please plan on attending and supporting your incoming officers who assume their duties on June 1st.

2018-19 Officers

- Jim Duffy, President
- Chris Taylor, VP Programs
- Kathi Thompson, VP Vocations
- Ralph Armstrong, VP Membership
- Dawn Epping, VP Communications (Newsletter Editor)
- Meg Haerr, Secretary
- Dennis Epping, Treasurer
- Larry Montz, Trustee 3 yr
- Bill Crowley, Trustee 2 yr
- Don Simoneaux, Trustee 1 yr
- Tony Schmidt, Past President

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Chris Taylor

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Dennis Epping (1 Yr)

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Bill Crowley

Newsletter Editor
Dawn Epping

Chaplain
Rev. Chris
Schroeder, SJ

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

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

May Anniversaries

Lou and Jean Neeb	18
Vince and Florence Ahern	27

May Birthdays

Dick Reed	11
Rob Larriviere	18
John Fitzpatrick	26

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 year, 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,
- the eighth rung, to comply with the example of our Church leaders,
- the ninth rung, to remain silent,
- the tenth rung, to refrain from hurtful humor, and
- the eleventh rung, to speak gently, seriously, concisely, and without raising our voices.

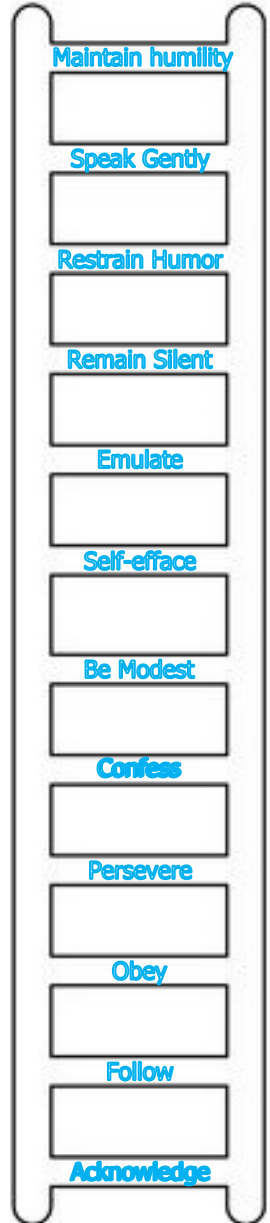
The Rule of Benedict continues:

"The twelfth step of humility is that we always manifest humility in our bearing no less than in our hearts, so that it is evident at the Opus Dei, in the oratory, the monastery or the garden, on a journey or in the field, or anywhere else. Whether sitting, walking, or standing, our heads must be bowed and our eyes cast down. Judging ourselves always guilty on account of our sins, we should consider that we are already at the fearful judgement, and constantly say in our hearts what the publican in the Gospel said with downcast eyes: "I am a sinner, not worthy to look up to the heavens" (Luke 18:13). And with the prophet: "I am bowed down and humbled in every way" (Psalm 38:7-9; Psalm 119:107).¹

Sister Joan Chittister shares that: "Humility is ... the foundation for our relationship with God, our connectedness to others, our acceptance of ourselves, our way of using the goods of the earth and even our way of walking through the world, without arrogance, without domination, without scorn, without put-downs, without disdain, without self-centeredness. The more we know ourselves, the gentler we will be with others."

To me the steps of humility are not a single trip up the ladder but a constant review of my actions and motives. Many of my daily frustrations are born of my self-centeredness and inability to put all others before myself. While I am not at my goal, the Rule of Benedict keeps me on the path to humility.

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 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

¹ The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century by Joan Chittister, OSB, Crossroad Publishing Company, 2010