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## Upcoming Events

### Monday, May 20

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm  
Fr Kevin Wilwert, Assoc. Formation  
Director, Holy Trinity Seminary  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, June 7

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

### Monday, June 17

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm  
Installation Dinner  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, July 5

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

### Monday, July 15

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm  
Fr Paul McCormick, Cistercian Abbey  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, August 2

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

### Monday, August 19

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm  
Andy Zihlman, Bishop Lynch HS  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, September 6

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



## April Speaker Summary

Father Arthur Unachukwu provided an energetic and spirited report of the programs that he has implemented to bring the students of SMU back to the Church. His journey started in Nigeria before moving to Texas for the seminary. He was ordained in 2011 and then was assigned as the Parochial Vicar at St. Michael the Archangel in McKinney until 2013. Since 2013 he has been serving as the director of SMU Catholic Campus Ministry.

He shared that he realized early on that he could not serve the students of the single largest religion on the SMU campus alone. He quickly added administrative staff to allow him to perform the spiritual outreach. Once programs were established, he added other spiritual staff to allow him to invest in young people and pass it forward. He currently has 6 full-time ministers and 4 focused missionaries.

The programs they run include: bible studies, retreats, four weekend masses and additional late night masses in individual fraternity and sorority houses. His goal is to get disciples, not just followers by teaching the way students learn. They also have a bridge program that helps students transition from college to young adulthood with a focus on creating servant leaders.

Since the SMU Catholic Campus Ministry receives no financial support from the diocese, financial support is always welcome. For more information about his newsletter and ways that we can help email Father Arthur at [Arthur@mail.smu.edu](mailto:Arthur@mail.smu.edu).

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## President's Message May, 2019

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> NCD Dinner Meeting:

Our May dinner speaker is Father Kevin Wilwert, Associate Director of Formation, at Holy Trinity Seminary. Father Kevin was born in Illinois but, like most of us got to Texas as fast as he could. He grew up in Allen, TX at St Jude Catholic Church and attended Allen public schools. Growing up he loved music, joining the school band program in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and even playing drumset for the youth Mass. After high school he studied music for a year before transferring to Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology. After graduation, he attended St Mary's Seminary in Houston and was ordained a priest in 2014. His first assignment was at St Ann in Coppell where he spent his first three years as a priest. Since the summer of 2017, he has been serving in his current assignment at Holy Trinity Seminary. Fr Kevin still enjoys music, playing a number of instruments, as well as spending time with his brother priests.

Our new Chaplain:

Father Michael Guadagnoli, pastor of St Monica Catholic Church on Midway Road in Dallas is our new chaplain and we anticipate that he will attend this months dinner meeting at Canyon Creek C. C. on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Dallas Diocese Priests' Convocation:

Once again the four Serra Clubs of Dallas were asked to sponsor the Priests' Reception on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The four Serra Clubs all agreed to contribute \$400 per Club as requested.

Father Cliff Smith, Pastor of St Mark the Evangelist:

Father Smith (our former Chaplain) is retiring in June. Your Board has voted to give Father a cash gift of \$500 in recognition of his vocation and faithful service to the church. We also are thankful for his support in allowing us to continually use the facilities at St Mark's for our monthly Board meetings and more.

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<b>PRAY FOR THE HEALING POWER OF GOD FOR:</b>	<b>May Anniversaries</b>		<b>May Birthdays</b>	
Ed & Bernadette Johnson    Leo Heiting	Lou and Jean Neeb	18	Dick Reed	11
Tom Demarest                    Mary LaFave	Richard and Barbara Johnson	21	Rob Larriviere	18
<b><i>Pray for the Soul of Alice Alt</i></b>	Vince and Florence Ahern	27	John Fitzpatrick	26

## Typical new US priest: 33-year-old who prays Rosary, takes part in Eucharistic adoration

May 07, 2019 (<https://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=41681>)

The typical member of the priestly ordination class of 2019 is a 33-year-old cradle Catholic, according to a recently released survey of 379 of the 481 men slated to be ordained to the priesthood in the United States this year. The survey was conducted for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

The typical ordinand regularly took part in Eucharistic adoration and prayed the Rosary before entering seminary, according to the survey.

75% of the men were preparing for the diocesan priesthood, with the largest number of responses coming from seminarians in the Archdioceses of Cincinnati and Washington (eight each), the Dioceses of Cleveland and Paterson (seven each), and the Archdioceses of St. Louis, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Newark, and Milwaukee (six each). Among members of religious communities, the largest number of respondents came from the Jesuits (16), Dominicans (11), and Legionaries of Christ (10).

25% of the ordinands are foreign born, with the most typical foreign countries of birth being Mexico (5%), Nigeria (3%), Colombia (2%), and Vietnam (2%). On average, these foreign-born seminarians have lived in the United States for 14 years and arrived in the US at age 22.

A disproportionately high percentage of ordinands attended a Catholic elementary school (47%), Catholic high school (39%), or Catholic college (38%).

In addition, a disproportionately high percentage were home schooled: 11% were home schooled, typically for eight years, at a time when less than 2% of US children were educated at home. If one assumes that all of the homeschooled seminarians came from the United States, then nearly 15% of US-born ordinands were home schooled.

Among the survey's findings:

- the typical diocesan ordinand lived in his diocese for 18 years before entering seminary
- 70% of ordinands are white, 14% are Latino, 8% are Asian, and 6% are black 11% are converts, with the average age of reception into the Church being 18
- 34% have a relative who was a priest or religious
- 77% of the time, both parents were Catholic

- 5% have served in the US Armed Forces; 17% had a parent with a military career
- 73% prayed the Rosary, and 75% regularly participated in Eucharistic adoration, before entering the seminary
- ordinands typically first began to consider the priesthood at 16
- 69% were encouraged by a parish priest to consider a vocation; 43% were encouraged by a friend, 39% by a parishioner, 38% by their mother, and 33% by their father. The average ordinand received encouragement from four people.
- 45% were discouraged by someone from considering a priestly vocation. 6% were discouraged by a priest; 10% were discouraged by their fathers, 12% by their mothers, and 23% by other family members
- ordinands, on average, have three siblings, with only 6% being only children
- 38% are the oldest children in their families; 22% are the youngest
- 55% had earned their undergraduate degree before entering seminary, and 15% had earned a graduate degree
- 68% worked full time before entering seminary
- 53% took part in a parish youth group, 30% took part in Catholic campus ministry, 28% took part in Boy Scouts, 21% took part in a pro-life group, and 21% took part in the Knights of Columbus or Knights of St. Peter Claver
- 10% took part in the charismatic renewal, and 6% in Cursillo
- 16% took part in a World Youth Day, 14% took part in a Franciscan University of Steubenville high school youth conference, 6% in FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), and 5% in a National Catholic Youth Conference
- 78% had served as altar servers, 53% as readers, 44% as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and 38% as catechists before entering seminary

### 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 <sup>st</sup> Jerry Hurster	7 <sup>th</sup> Bill Condon	13 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Barbara Johnson	26 <sup>th</sup> Dawn Epping
Larry Montz	8 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Tony Schmidt	27 <sup>th</sup> Chris Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup> Barbara Johnson	9 <sup>th</sup> Peter LaFave	15 <sup>th</sup> Don Simoneaux	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Bill Larsen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bill Crowley	Mary LaFave	16 <sup>th</sup> Darwin Hutchinson	22 <sup>nd</sup> Kathi Thompson	Dan O'Connell
4 <sup>th</sup> Meg Haerr	10 <sup>th</sup> Vicki Dean	17 <sup>th</sup> Rob & Ann Larriviere	23 <sup>rd</sup> Kathi Thompson	29 <sup>th</sup> Kay Hogan
<sup>th</sup> Bob Baillargeon	11 <sup>th</sup> Jim Duffy	John Fitzpatrick	24 <sup>th</sup> Ralph Armstrong	30 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> John Fitzpatrick	12 <sup>th</sup> Dennis Epping	18 <sup>th</sup> Tom Demerest	25 <sup>th</sup> Mary McGraw	31 <sup>st</sup>