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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT 2 MONTHS

October 7–10, 2021

Serra International Annual Convention
Chicago, Illinois, Palmer House Hilton

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm

Monthly Board Meeting (All members welcome)
St. Mark Library, Smyth Center, 1st Floor

Monday, October 18, 6:00 pm (Dinner at 6:30)

Monthly Dinner Meeting, Rick Villarreal, Pines Catholic Camp
Aboca's Italian Grill, Richardson

Friday, October 29

HTS Annual Spes Gregis Dinner (see p 2)
In-Person Dinner at 6:00, Streaming at 7:00

November 7–13, 2021

National Vocation Awareness Week

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 pm

Monthly Board Meeting (All members welcome)
St. Mark Library, Smyth Center, 1st Floor

Monday, November 15, 6:00 pm (Dinner at 6:30)

Monthly Dinner Meeting
Aboca's Italian Grill, Richardson

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Club Christmas Party (Time & Location Pending)

January 13–16, 2022

Serra USA Annual Rally
Irving, Texas, Westin Irving Convention Center

February 5–6, 2022

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

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Serra Club of N. Central Dallas: ncdserraclub.com
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President's Focus

With fall in the air and our Texas weather cooling, nature takes on fall colors, and we reset our clocks to slow down a bit following summer activities and vacation travel. It seems a time to reflect, to enjoy pleasant temperatures, even a change to fall foods like squash, hot soups, hot chocolate, and my favorite, pumpkin pie. Trees shed their leaves to prepare for winter. Many of us can remember the smell of burning leaves when we could do that.

It's a time when the church focuses on respecting life, pro-life activities such as 40 Days for Life, silent prayer vigils, and the Hike for Life. As mentioned in our spiritual reflection in this issue, October is designated as the month of the Rosary. It's a good time to reflect before the holiday rush begins in earnest and also time to focus on the deceased souls in purgatory and then celebrate the

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Fr. Roshan Fernandes Speaks at September Dinner Meeting

By Will Alt

Fr. Roshan Fernandes, Parochial Vicar in his third year at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plano, was our guest speaker at the North Central Dallas September dinner meeting. Father reflected on his discernment process and how he gave up a lucrative college education, a girlfriend, and thoughts of marriage after realizing God's calling to love Him.

He grew up in a strong catholic family in India, the youngest of 3 siblings, suffering the loss of his father as a boy of 5. In despair after his father's death, he began questioning God's love while being raised by his mother and grandparents through his teen years and young adult life. As a young soccer enthusiast, he confessed rushing from church after Mass, and sometimes skipping church, to get to the stadium to play in games with his friends.

Upon realizing his call to the priesthood, he was denied financial support for seminary by his family, though he successfully appealed to the bishop and received support. After nine years of study at Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Missionary Seminary in Dallas and the University of Dallas, he served a year as a transitional deacon at St. Michael Catholic Church in Garland. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Edward Burns in June 2019 and was assigned to serve at St. Mark.

Feeling God's love for him, Fr. Roshan feels especially blessed to celebrate Mass, offer the sacraments, pray with the sick and hear confessions. Fr. Roshan is a member of the volunteer team of priests who serve

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September Meeting Report

(Continued from page 1) as first responders of the Catholic Church, specially trained to respond to COVID calls from ICU units across the diocese for anointing of the sick. The October 1 issue of *The Texas Catholic* has an article on this ministry.

Fr. Roshan's days are long with one day per week spent with his peer priests from Redemptoris Mater seminary in prayer and studying scripture.

He also served as the St. Mark team captain for the October 2 Hike for Life in McKinney that raised \$9,691 for local crisis pregnancy centers.

President's Focus

(Continued from page 1) saints — our forebears, family and friends in heaven, and our church heroes.

So, enjoy some quiet time, some time to reflect, to appreciate all we have and give thanks for our many blessings. Finally, it's not only a time to pray for our seminarians but for all our pastors and clergy, the church hierarchy, and our Holy Father in these troubled times within our Church. And we need to pray for all our nation's leaders that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit in all they say and do to promote Christian values and morals. Criticism is easy and often the work of the devil, but prayer is supportive and is what we can do to be most helpful and pleasing to God.

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October is Devoted to the Rosary

By Fr. Michael Guadagnoli



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of Sept. 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the

Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of her Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. "Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us."

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite the Rosary in Church or in a Public Oratory or with their family, with their religious community, or with a pious association; a partial indulgence is attached to the recitation of the Rosary in other circumstances. Please pray the rosary as a family on a daily or a weekly basis during this month in solidarity to promote the sanctity of life. This is a great way to spend time together as well as to offer time to God.

 **Friday, October 29, 2021**
holytrinityseminary.org
6:00 PM
In-Person Dinner
 **7:00 PM**
Livestream Event

EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO THE SPES GREGIS BENEFIT WILL BE MATCHED UP TO \$500,000!

\$500,000 = \$1 MILLION
IN DONATIONS TO HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

October/November Milestones and Intentions

Birthdays

- Will Alt 11/7
- Vicki Dean 11/10
- Tom Demarest 11/23

Anniversaries

- Mike & Susan Holmes 10/7
- Jack & Ofelia Tromba 11/10

Pray for the Healing Power of God for

- Kay Hogan
- Darwin & Debbie Hutchison
- Mary LaFave
- Jean & Lou Neeb
- Jim O'Malley



Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

Members of our club placed the testimonial below in the bulletin for St. Mark Parish the weekend of September 25–26 for the annual Priesthood Sunday celebration.

✠ ✠ ✠ **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK** ✠ ✠ ✠

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
Domingo de los Sacerdotes



A Message from the Serra Club of North Central Dallas for our priests in honor of Priesthood Sunday:
 Reverend Fathers we would like to extend our best wishes and prayers to each of you for your generous and dedicated devotion to your priestly vocation as you minister to our spiritual needs especially in these difficult times. May you be generously blessed with spiritual and physical health wisdom and abundant graces the Holy Spirit. As members of Serra Internacional, we offer our continued prayers and support in your ministry through the intercession of our Patron Saint, St. Junipero Serra, along with St. John Vianney, St. Joseph, and our Blessed Mother.

Un mensaje del Club Serra de North Central Dallas para nuestros sacerdotes en honor al Domingo del Sacerdocio:
 Reverendos Padres queremos extender nuestros mejores deseos y oraciones a cada uno de ustedes por su generosa y dedicada devoción a su vocación sacerdotal mientras atienden nuestras necesidades espirituales especialmente en estos tiempos difíciles. Que seáis generosamente bendecidos con salud espiritual y física, sabiduría y abundantes gracias del Espíritu Santo. Como miembros de Serra Internacional, ofrecemos nuestras continuas oraciones y apoyo en su ministerio a través de la intercesión de nuestro Santo Patrón, San Junipero Serra, junto con San Juan Vianney, San José y nuestra Santísima Madre.

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