



# Serra Mensajero

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**Friday, September 4**  
1st Friday Mass, Breakfast  
6:30 a.m.

**Saturday, September 19**  
Spes Gregis Welcome Dinner  
(Seminarian Welcome Dinner)  
Hilton Anatole

**Monday, September 21**  
Monthly Dinner Meeting  
6:30 Dinner  
Canyon Creek Country Club

**Wednesday, September 23**  
Canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra  
Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception,  
Washington DC.

**Friday, October 2**  
1st Friday Mass, Breakfast  
6:30 a.m.

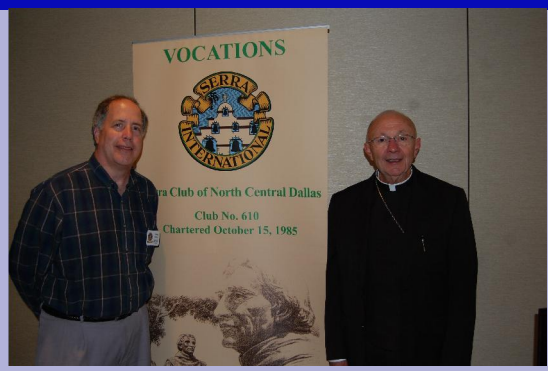
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**November 1st-7th**  
National Vocation Awareness  
Week

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North Central Dallas Serra Club  
[www.ncdserraclub.com](http://www.ncdserraclub.com)  
Serra USA Council  
[www.serra.us.org](http://www.serra.us.org)



## Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Dallas

-The 3<sup>rd</sup> of 8 children in his family  
- Family was French and very Catholic  
-Started 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Immaculata Minor Seminary High school in Lafayette, LA  
-Early history with the Serra club was when they would come have breakfast with the high school  
-His vocation story didn't seem anything special, just assumed it happened that way for everyone  
-Priest did everything; he was like a part of the air we breathe, in the environment that we lived in  
-Heard about Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas, Also University of Dallas. Read up about the college and liked what he read. Decided to come to Dallas. Undergraduate degree in philosophy and took theology.

-Ordained a priest in 1978

Parishes:

- ◆ St. Anthony's in Longview
- ◆ St. Elizabeth Of Hungry
- ◆ St. Thomas Aquinas
- ◆ Pastor at St. Williams, Greenville, it felt like a vacation there -no debt, no school, just a mission church in Quinlan
- ◆ St. John's , Ennis
- ◆ St. Luke's in Irving
- ◆ St. Monica's Pastor

-Going from parish to parish, he learned what to do, what not to do, meet people that inspire you as a priest

-Was on faculty at Holy Trinity which was a good experience for him to go back and work with students who was inspiring him in a number of ways, mostly their desire to discern and become a priest. He really admires those students because they don't have social structure and social support as he did when they entered the seminary. They have to make a very conscious decision to become a priest and to discern.

-Being Bishop is just like being a priest but with a larger parish!  
-250,000 Catholics in 1978 in the diocese now about over 3million Catholics

## OCTOBER 25 HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY 9:15 a.m. Mass

All Serran clubs will celebrate the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra

### Upcoming Speakers

- September – Fr. John Szatkowski – Holy Trinity Seminary
- October - S. Helen Jane Jaeb, SSND - Provincial Councilor School Sisters of Notre Dame

November – Tammy Grady – Vocations for Women - Diocese of Dallas

### Mass at Holy Trinity Seminary 9:15 a.m.

November 1st  
February 7th  
April 24th

Remember your breakfast goodies for the Seminarian reception following Mass.



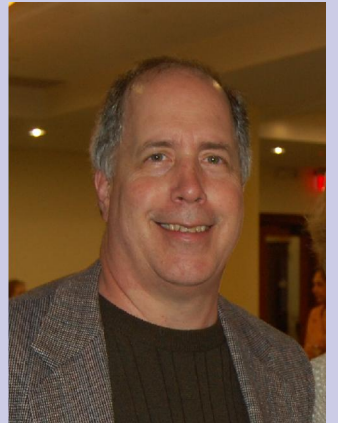
**President's Focus**

**There is Other Things in August Than Heat**

Well, it has arrived. What is it? It is one of those milestones or events we celebrate in our lives that is a result of our commitment of time and efforts to a goal. In many instances, years of work and sacrifice are required. One's first driver's license, graduation, a professional designation, wedding anniversary, retirement; these are examples of it in our personal experiences. We also celebrate it within our communities. The opening of a new parish center and welcoming new RCIA candidates into the Church during Easter Vigil are examples. This September brings two such events to Serrans.

The first is Holy Trinity Seminary's annual welcome back dinner. Although the event itself is an accomplishment for those who have spent the better part of a year planning and organizing this event, it represents the start of another step in the journey of those seminarians on their goal of fulfilling their calling to a religious vocation. As Serrans, we gather to show our support and encouragement to the students and their families. Our club has already committed to one table and requested a seminarian and his parent(s) to join us. If interest is there, we will reserve a second table.

The other "it" this month is the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra, the patron of vocations and whose name our club bears. Since being blessed in 1988, Serrans throughout the world have prayed that he would be canonized. These prayers will be answered this month by Pope Francis in Washington DC. Several members of our club will travel to Washington DC to join other Serrans in celebrating this special moment. Both events promise to be special and one's attendance will be worthwhile. If you are unable to attend, I ask that you join us in prayer for our seminarians and their families, as well as for safe travel for those going to Washington DC.



*Dennis Epping*

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*A note from another President...*

"Just a bit of exciting news from the satellite club. We are very happy to report that the Most Reverend Kevin J Farrell gave our club in formation a giant boost. The Bishop just appointed Father James Yamauchi, chaplain of the Serra Club of Collin County.

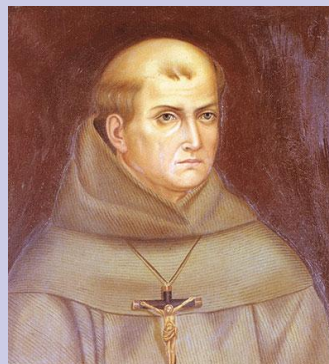
In an email to me, Father James wrote "I am excited to be a part of this local club as I remember all the many ways the Serra Clubs throughout the Dallas Diocese were supportive during my time in seminary (and) of all the seminarians."

We are blest to have Father James as our spiritual adviser."

Jim Duffy, Interim President  
Serra Cub of Collin County, In formation

**Junipero Serra Is Being Canonized!**

Our patron, Fray Junipero Serra, will be canonized by Pope Francis on Sept. 23, 2015 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This is very exciting news for our organization. Pope Francis will perform the ceremony and Mass at the Cathedral during his visit here in the States. This is the first ever canonization on American soil. Get your tickets now-they will be impossible to get!



Please review your list of family and friends for who may possibly wish to join us at our next meeting!

**Chaplain's Corner****Holy Days of Obligation**

In the Catholic Church, the Holy Days of Obligation are those days, other than Sundays, on which the faithful are required to attend Mass. The **1983 Code of Canon Law** standardized ten days to be observed as Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Church. These days are:  
The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

Christmas (Feast of the Nativity) (December 25)

Mary, the Mother of God (January 1)

Epiphany (January 6) *Now celebrated in most of the USA on the Sunday after Christmas*

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (March 19)

St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29)

The Assumption of Mary (August 15)

All Saints (November 1)

The Ascension (39 days after Easter) *Now celebrated in most of the USA on Sunday*

Corpus Christi (60 days after Easter) *Now celebrated in most of the USA on Sunday*

According to Canon 1246 of the **1983 Code of Canon Law**, the conference of bishops can reduce the number of holy days of obligation or transfer them to Sunday with the approval of the Holy Father. With this regard US Bishops have removed the obligation status of the Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, and the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, unless they fall on a Sunday, in which case the Sunday Obligation attaches.

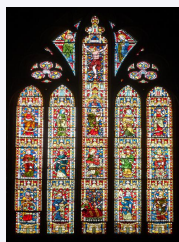
There are three additional rules that apply:

- Throughout the universal Church, when December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the observance of the feast is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, but the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. If December 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or a Monday, however, it remains a day of obligation.
  - In the dioceses of the USA, whenever January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15<sup>th</sup> the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is usually dispensed.
- The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, which in some other places in the USA is celebrated on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, is primarily now celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Two solemnities which honor our Blessed Mother Immaculate Conception (which is celebrated during Advent) and the Assumption — are transferred to the following Monday if they fall on a Sunday. If a holy day is transferred to another day, the obligation is not transferred with it.

There is no obligation for the faithful to participate at Mass on Ash Wednesday or on Holy Thursday, although this is certainly highly recommended.

*Fr. Cliff Smith*  
Chaplain



**Dallas Seminarian Monthly Prayer Intentions**

- 1—Freddy Almanzar, Wade Bass, Luiz Guilherme Alves Fernandes
- 2—Michael Baynham, Paul Bedhter, Aristeo Berrum
- 3—Carlos Betancur, Matthew Biaggi, Garrett Bockman
- 4—Jeisson Bohorquez, Jose Cardona Molina, Martin Castaneda
- 5—Jesus Chavez, Javier Diaz, James Dorman
- 6—John Enderle, Roshan Fernandes, Sam Ford
- 7— Alex Fry, Cesar Garcia, Mark Garrett
- 8—Emmett Hall, Juan Jose Hernandez, Elmer Herrera-Guzman
- 9—Ryan Hiaeshutter, Stephen Ingram, Tymoteusz Ksiaskiewicz
- 10—John Le, Michael Longoria, Michal Markiewicz
- 11—Samuel Martinez, Herbert S. Martinez, Alexander Mishork
- 12—Lucas Moreira, Adam Musielak, Desmond Ndikum
- 13—Reverend Mr. Ignacio Olvera, Branimir Pavelin
- 14—David Piquer, Michael Pollock
- 15—Ricardo Regalado, Reverend Mr. Daniel Rendon
- 16—Samuel Rendon, Ricardo Reyes
- 17—Miguel Rodriguez, Juan E. Rojas
- 18—Pierce Rozyczko, Randy Sartor
- 19—Nick Shelton, Miguel Sotelo
- 20—Giuseppe Spoto, William Suarez
- 21—Matthew Tadyshak, Parker Thompson
- 22—Elijah Thomson, Juan Torres
- 23—Jose Lalo Villanueva, Felipe Vives
- 24—Ryan Waedekin, Cameron Wilson
- 25—All family members of Dallas seminarians
- 26—Office of Vocations Personnel
- 27—All priests of the Diocese of Dallas
- 28—Bishop Kevin Farrell and Bishop Doug Deshotel



**PRAY INTENTIONS**

- Mike Holmes
- Debbie Hutchinson
- Mary LaFave
- Pete LaFave
- Fr. Reuben Chen
- Fr. Henry Petter



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------|------|
| Ed Johnson       | 1st  |
| Jocelyn Bartz    | 6th  |
| Darwin Hutchison | 28th |

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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|-----------------------------|------|
| Jim and Kathy Duffy         | 8th  |
| Rob and Ann Larriviere      | 11th |
| Pete and Mary LaFave        | 12th |
| Darwin and Debbie Hutchison | 23rd |



**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)

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