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Upcoming Events

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, Director,
Office of Worship, DoD
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
Christopher Rebeck, President,
Bishop Lynch High School
Canyon Creek Country Club

Friday, October 19

Holy Trinity Seminary Dinner

Saturday, October 27

Vocation Day of Reflection
Church of the Incarnate,
University of Dallas
8:00 am (Mass) – 11:15 am

Friday, November 2

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

Monday, November 19

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm
Fr. Lloyd Morris
Canyon Creek Country Club

Sunday, December 2

Seminarian Mass; 9:15 am
Holy Trinity Seminary



August Speaker Summary

Dave Woodyard, CEO of Catholic Charities, spoke at our August dinner meeting about how his 30 plus years in the hospitality industry translated to his service with Catholic Charities. While he gave us with a laundry list of the many and varied services provided to the 9 counties in the DFW area by Catholic Charities, his talk focused primarily on 1) non-perishable food box distribution through 10 centers in cooperation with North Texas Food Bank, 2) homeless initiatives, including a 768 unit facility for homeless individuals over the age of 55 who qualify as being in the highest need managed through an outreach alliance with other local humanitarian groups, 3) Santa Clara early learning programs for children up to age 5 and parent/child ESL programs, 4) Head Start programs in West Dallas in a joint venture with Child Care Group, and 5) Brady Center, currently in Deep Ellum, but moving to Our Lady of Lourdes, that is serves seniors in the area. He also provided insight into Catholic Charities assistance in the Rio Grande Valley to families separated due to immigration issues. It was overwhelming to understand the needs of our community and inspiring to hear all the ways that Catholic Charities is assisting alone and in cooperation with others.

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President's Message September, 2018

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend this academic years First Public Mass at Holy Trinity Seminary (August 26th). It was an amazing turnout and I for one do not recall a reception after Mass that was attended by so many who were there to support not only our seminarians, but those from other dioceses who will be studying at Holy Trinity this year. Incidentally, there was no shortage of donuts. Thank you one and all!

At our Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 12th we will dispense with our monthly committee reports and spend that time preparing the gift boxes which we will be sending to our twenty-nine (29) seminarians who are studying out of town. The Diocese of Dallas has 11 seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, 6 seminarians at Saint Joseph Seminary in Saint Benedict, LA, 3 seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, 7 seminarians at the Theological College in Washington, DC and 2 seminarians at the North American College in Rome. The seminarians attending Holy Trinity Seminary were not forgotten as they received Welcome Baskets prepared by the Trinitarian Auxiliary.

If you would like to take part in preparing the gift boxes you are certainly welcome to do so. We meet in Room 202, at 7:00 PM in the Smyth Center at St Mark's on the second Wednesday of every month.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Dallas Ministry Conference on October 11 - 13 at the Irving Convention Center. The Serra Clubs of Dallas have a booth at this conference which will require staffing. I do not have the details but expect that will be on the District Presidents Meeting agenda on Wednesday, September 4th. More to come as soon as it is available.

Also, please mark your calendars for the annual Spes Gregis Dinner, Friday, October 19th.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Serra Vocation Day of Reflection, U of D Chapel on October 27th.

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Ed & Bernadette Johnson	Jerry Hurster
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Leo Heiting	Annette Schmidt
Bill Crowley	

September Anniversaries

Jim & Kay Duffy	8
Rob & Ann Larriviere	11
Pete & Mary LaFave	12
Darwin & Debbie Hutchinson	23

September Birthdays

Ed Johnson	1
Darwin Hutchison	28

A Membership Challenge

Boo, Hiss

Moan, Groan

by Ralph Armstrong, Vice President of Membership

Now that the reaction is out of the way, I have an important challenge for all of you. But first, wouldn't it be nice to see some new faces at our meetings? New members always bring a vitality to an organization because what we have experienced for many years is all new and a discovery for them. Remember the first time you went to a Mass at the Seminary? It was different. The service put on by all the young seminarians was truly inspiring and spiritual. We also were able to meet with the seminarians after Mass and visit with them. Remember the first time you went to a dinner meeting at Canyon Creek Country Club and thought that our club must have something on the ball just because of the meeting venue? This is what new members experience and it gives them the incentive to become more active in our organization. Remember, new members are our future.

The challenge I have for you is to tell three (3) people that you are a Serran and then tell them the reason why you are a Serran. Hint; we believe that we need more priests and we are determined to do more than just talk about it. Why three people? We have around 50 plus members. That would mean telling over 150 people about our mission and there is a good chance that a few of them would like to know more about our mission and also know of someone else who might think the same way.

Getting new members could be as easy as telling three (3) people about Serra. If we all work together by spreading the word, it is amazing the positive results that we might have. It's up to all of us to keep our club vibrant. The challenge is easy. The message is simply to tell them if they would like to know more about getting new priests, come to a meeting and find out. You can also email me with their name, phone number, and if possible their email address. Get them to a meeting and many of us will tell them the Serran story. Thanks for the effort.

Humor in light of recent weather

