



# Serra Mensajero

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## Upcoming Events

### Friday, September 6

First Friday Mass & Meal

6:30 am – St. Mark

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

### Wednesday, September 11

Board meeting; 7:00 pm

Conference Room 202, Smyth Center, St. Mark Church

### Monday, September 23

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

Mike Wilson, Dallas Morning News  
Canyon Creek Country Club

### Friday, October 4

First Friday Mass & Meal

6:30 am – St. Mark

12:30 pm – St. Eliz. Ann Seton

### Wednesday, October 9

Board meeting; 7:00 pm

Conference Room 202, Smyth Center, St. Mark Church

### Sunday, October 13

Semarnian Mass; 9:15 am

Holy Trinity Seminary

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RECEPTION AFTER MASS

### Monday, October 21

Dinner meeting; 6:30 pm

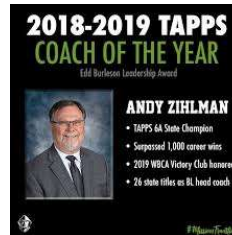
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6:30 am – St. Mark

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## August Speaker

Many of our dinner speakers are religious who share their journey of faith leading to answering God's call and the impact that following their vocation has had on the lives of the religious person and others whose lives they touch. So what could Andy Zihlman, one of only 17 high school and college basketball coaches nationwide who have coached at least 1,000 winning games, have to share with the NCD Serra club?

The attendees of our August dinner meeting were treated to an inspirational talk of how a lay person can lead a faith-filled life for the glory of God and others. He spoke of the faith that he learned from family and friends while he was growing up at St. Paul the Apostle parish in Richardson, his search for his life's purpose as a young man, and the part-time athletics job at St. Paul school while he was in college that led to his life's work.

During his 42 year career with Bishop Lynch ranging from Dean of Students to Athletic Director to consultant to the Athletic Director with coaching the Lady Friars as a thread throughout, Andy has not shied away from sharing his faith with all around him. He challenges students to start their day with prayer and encourages his players to lead prayers at the start of every practice and game. In fact the ability to share his faith has been key to his career.

He shared various quotes that have led him on his journey of faith that is about much more than winning basketball games.

*God never promises the absence of storms. He just promises to walk with us through them. Book of Proverbs*

*God doesn't see where you are, but where you will be.*

*We are not called to be successful, we are called to be faithful. Mother Teresa*

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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Serra USA Council  
[www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org)



My Fellow Serrans,

As we welcome new seminarians and returning ones back to their studies, we wish them the best in their upcoming semester. Holy Trinity Seminary and the University of Dallas are wonderful settings for contemplation and spiritual growth.

Looking forward, please mark your calendars for two events:

Dallas Ministry Conference in the Irving Convention Center, Oct. 10-12. We will be staffing the Serra Information Booth there, and a sign up email will arrive in early September.

Holy Trinity Seminary Donut Sunday, Oct. 13. Please attend the 9:15 Mass and bring donuts and pastries.

In St. Junipero Serra,

Darwin

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Darwin Hutchison

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Newsletter Editor  
Dawn Epping

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

Ed Johnson	Leo Heiting
Tom Demarest	Mary LaFave
Katy Warren	

**September Anniversaries**

Jim & Kay Duffy	8
Rob & Ann Larriviere	11
Peter & Mary LaFave	12

**September Birthdays**

Ed Johnson *	1
Darwin Hutchison	28

## The Class of 2019: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood

### A Report to the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**March 2019**

*(selected statistics for responding ordinands)*

#### Vocational Discernment

- 89% were baptized Catholic as an infant (89 percent) Among those who became Catholic later in life, the average age of conversion was 18
- 77% report that both their parents were Catholic when they were children
- 34% has or had a relative who is a priest or religious
- Before entering the seminary
  - 75% participated in Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis
  - 72% prayed the rosary
  - 47% attended prayer group/Bible study
  - 38% participated in high school retreats
  - 36 attended Lectio Divina
  - 30% participated in college retreats
  - 53% participated in a parish youth group
  - 30% participated in Catholic campus ministry/Newman Center
  - 78% served as altar servers
  - 53% served as lectors
  - 44% served as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, 38% as catechists
  - 33% served in campus ministry or youth ministry and 30% as a confirmation sponsor/godfather
  - 52% participated in "Come and See" weekends at the seminary or the religious institute/society
- During their seminary years, 80% who participated in available programs reported that a Spiritual Year, a Pastoral Year internship, or a Thirty Day Retreat contributed at least "somewhat" to their vocation.
- 92% reported being encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life (most frequently, the parish priest, a friend, or another parishioner) - on average, four individuals encouraged their vocation
- 45% indicate that they were discouraged from considering the priesthood by one or more persons. Most often, this person was a friend/classmate or a family member (other than parents).

#### 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. If interested in participating, contact Dawn Epping (dawn.epping@yahoo.com).*

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> Sylvia Windham	14 <sup>th</sup> June Cooper	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
5 <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>