



# Serra Mensajero

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT 2 MONTHS \*

**Monday, September 6**

*Labor Day*

**Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 pm**

Monthly Board Meeting (All members welcome)

St. Mark Library, Smyth Center, 1st Floor

**Monday, September 20, 6:00 pm** (Dinner at 6:30)

Monthly Dinner Meeting, Fr. Roshan Fernandes, St. Mark

Aboca's Italian Grill, Richardson

**Sunday, September 26**

*Priesthood Sunday*

**October 7-10, 2021**

Serra International Annual Convention

Chicago, Illinois, Palmer House Hilton

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

Monthly Dinner Meeting, Rick Villarreal, Pines Catholic Camp

Aboca's Italian Grill, Richardson

### FUTURE EVENTS

**November 7-13, 2021**

*National Vocation Awareness Week*

**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*

\* Members will be notified of meeting cancelations

### VISIT THESE SERRA WEBSITES

Serra Club of N. Central Dallas: [ncdserraclub.com](http://ncdserraclub.com)

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

Serra International: [serrainternational.org](http://serrainternational.org)

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## North Central Dallas Mourns Loss of 2 Former Club Presidents

North Central Dallas Serrans were saddened to learn of the deaths of two former club presidents in August. Both strongly supported the Serra mission and died peacefully with family. Leo



Heiting passed away August 10, in South Carolina, and is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan K. Jelinski Heiting. He was a leader at St. Mark the

Evangelist Parish in Plano.

Betty Monaghan passed away August 13 in the local area and was preceded in death by her husband, George William Monaghan, in October 1982. She was a leader at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Richardson.

Leo Norbert Heiting was born Dec. 27, 1933, in Summerville, South Carolina to the late Francis and Marcella Heiting. Leo is also survived by his sons, David R. Heiting and spouse Heather and Michael F. Heiting and spouse Anne, and by his daughter, Katherine Garcia and spouse Jerry; and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Leo joined the Air Force and served in the Korean War. After the war, he met Joan while studying at Marquette University. After graduating, he accepted a job with Texas Instruments, and the two of them relocated to Dallas in 1959. At TI he worked first as an engineer supporting projects for the space program and later as a patent attorney.

Leo became a Serran in 2001 and served as club president in 2004-2005. In 2012, Diocese of Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell initiated an annual Bishop's Award for Service, presented to one man and one woman from each parish. Leo and Joan were selected by their pastor as the first recipients of the annual award for St. Mark. Leo was a past president of the parish finance council, a catechist in CCD, a leader in the par-

ish for the Diocese of Dallas capital campaign, and a tireless worker and leader in many other parish activities.

Tony Schmidt said he recalls Leo's knowledge, leadership, and compassion. He said Leo could be very tenacious if needed, insisting that capital campaign workers personally contact contributors. Bob Baillargeon remembers Leo as a good friend who brought the Eucharist many times to his wife Margaret during her final days and to him when he was recovering from surgery.

Elizabeth Francis Blatchford Monaghan was born Nov. 7, 1929, in Flint, Michigan to Dr. Channing R. and Mary



Blatchford. Betty is survived by sons Robert W. Monaghan and spouse Cheryl, Patrick J. Monaghan and spouse Pam, Timothy S. Monaghan and spouse Nicole, and John D. Monaghan and spouse Tracey, and by her daughter Joan M. Lomax and spouse Graham. She felt blessed with ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, who also survive her.

She was preceded in death by son Rev. George Patrick Monaghan, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Rockwall, Texas, who died in May 2020.

Betty was working as a lab technician at a hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan when she married George, an employee at the Kellogg Company, on May 24, 1952, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Battle Creek.

George and Betty moved their family to Texas on St Patrick's day 1968. She spent many hours volunteering at St. Paul, including as CCD principal and a member of the Women's Club. During her free time, she made sure the church had beautiful flower arrangements.

Betty became a Serran in 1992 and served as club president in 1996-1997.

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### Loss of Leo Heiting and Betty Monaghan

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She then served as district governor in 1999–2000 and was active in Serra at the national and international levels. Betty was selected to serve on the board of the USA Council as regional director for Serra Region 10 (clubs in Texas and Oklahoma) in 2003–2005. She then was elected to serve as Council vice president for communications in 2005–2007. Betty was recipient of the first annual

North Central Dallas Serran of the Year award in May 2008.

Ernie Doclar, a member of the Serra Club of the University of Dallas and a former president of the USA Council, remembers Betty as a dear friend and a giving person, willing to take on a new church or Serra Club job with very little coaxing, giving the task her all. He said he was inspired by her work ethic and patience in the face of delays.



Seminarians at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving were welcomed back at a breakfast in August. The HTS Auxiliary presented each seminarian with a gift bag during the event. Photo provided by Will Alt

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Will Alt

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**DUES CHANGE PROPOSED**

The Board is discussing a revised dues structure to reflect the recent change in location for the dinner meetings and method of payment for meals. Since the club was chartered, the cost of meals has been included in the annual dues amount, which has been \$350 per year since the mid-1990s. Members did not pay for meals at the meetings.

Because members are now paying for meals after the meeting, the board reviewed annual expenses for recent years and is considering a proposal to change the dues to \$200 per year. Nearly half that amount will cover payment of dues to the international and national levels of Serra, and the remainder will fund ongoing expenses of the club.

Billing will continue to be quarterly, with the new amount \$50, down from \$87.50. Members will pay the most recent invoice amount and will see the new amount in the next billing cycle.

All members are invited to attend the monthly board meeting or provide feedback on the dues proposal to a member of the board.

### Reflection on the Events of 9/11/2001

This reflection is adapted from one published in September 2011 by then USCCB president the Most Reverend Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

As we commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, we reverently recall those who were most directly affected by this tragedy—those who died, were injured or lost loved ones. In a special way we recall the selfless first responders—firefighters, police, chaplains, emergency workers, and other brave persons—who risked, and many times lost, their lives in their courageous efforts to save others.

We also remember how our nation responded to the terrifying events of that day—we turned to prayer, and then turned to one another to offer help and support. Hands were folded in prayer and opened in service to those who had lost so much.

We resolve today and always to reject hatred and resist terrorism. The greatest resource we have in these struggles is faith.

In remembering the fateful events of September 11, 2001, may we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world.

### September/October Milestones and Intentions

**Pray for the Healing Power of God for**

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

**Birthdays**

Darwin Hutchison 9/28

**Anniversaries**

- Kathi & Bryan Thompson 9/1
- Jim & Kay Duffy 9/8
- Mary & Peter LaFave 9/12
- Darwin & Debbie Hutchison 9/23
- Mike & Susan Holmes 10/7

**Corrections**

Summer assignments for seminarians at our July meeting were incorrect on page 3 of the August issue. Ismael Rodriguez was at St. Monica, and Jedidiah Preble was at Prince of Peace.

Serra Mensajero is the monthly newsletter of the Serra Club of North Central Dallas. It reports activities, provides news to members, and supports Club goals.

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