

# THE METRO



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## SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

### NEWSLETTER

Imagine what might happen if every Catholic in the world prayed the Rosary on the same day!



So, on Good Friday, let us all pray a Rosary for peace in the world and the return of moral values to our communities. If possible, please pray your Rosary between Noon and 3:00 p.m.

Also, please email this message to every Catholic on your address list, and ask them to pass it along to every Catholic on their lists. Let's unite in praying one of the most powerful prayers in existence, for these intentions, on one of the holiest days in our Church year.

#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for donations to help the Serra Club of Dallas defray the cost of the Religious Women's Appreciation Dinner on April 25th. The Dallas Club can use donations in the form of money, wine or door prizes. You can contribute by contacting Bill Finegan at: [wfinegan@fulbright.com](mailto:wfinegan@fulbright.com) or at 972 789-1141.

#### President's Message *by Pete Philp*

Dear Serrans,

I want to thank Fr. Tom Cloherty for his beautiful Lenten Reflection message, and Susan Smolenski and Jerry Geary for the delightful evening and Lenten Reflection Program at the Museum of Biblical Arts. Beginning with the tour by Scott Peck, followed by dinner and service that was first rate, and concluding with Fr. Tom's Lenten message it was a memorable evening in every respect.

As many of you know, our club nominated Jay Wimmer for the position of Trustee for the Serra International Board. I am very pleased to announce that Jay has been "proposed" by the Nominating Committee for election when the delegates meet at the Serra International Convention on September 5, 2010. When elected, Jay will serve as one of twenty elected members of the 2010-2011 board of trustees. His term will be for two years. Jay's knowledge of Serra, and his business and financial experience will serve him and the Serra International Board well. Congratulations, Jay!

And congratulations to Msgr. Mark Seitz and Fr. Doug Deshotel on their selection as auxiliary bishops for the Diocese of Dallas. I know that our members are very pleased for both of them as they are well known to many members, and are very good friends of Serra.

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#### AUXILIARY BISHOPS TO BE ORDAINED

The Episcopal Ordination Mass for Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel and Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz will be held Tuesday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe. A reception will follow in the Grand Salon.

It is recommended that you arrive by 1:00 p.m. Also, parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged.

## CALENDAR

Fri, Apr 2	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sun, Apr 4	EASTER SUNDAY	
Fri, Apr 23	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Lucas Pollice, Diocesan Director of Adult Catechesis, Diocese of Fort Worth; RCIA Program Formation Issues	11:45 a.m.
Sat, Apr 17	Spring Leadership Conference - Holy Trinity Seminary	
Sun, Apr 25	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	
Sun, Apr 25	Religious Women's Appreciation Dinner - Dallas Arboretum	3:00 p.m.
Tues, Apr 27	Episcopal Ordination Mass - Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe	2:00 p.m.
Thurs, Apr 29	Metro Serra Membership Drive Meeting - All Saints	7:00 p.m.
Sun, May 2	Mass with the Seminarians - Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 a.m.
Fri, May 7	First Friday Mass and Breakfast - St. Monica; Thomas W. Poore, President, John Paul II High School; JPII High School Vocation Awareness Day: Issues and Ideas	6:45 a.m.
Wed, May 19	Annual Installation of Officers and New Member Induction - University of Dallas: Mass at the Church of the Incarnation and Reception/Dinner in the Haggar University Center	6:30 p.m.

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I am saddened to announce that Charles Brophy has submitted his resignation from Metro Serra due to an increasingly demanding schedule and his focus on building a home in Alaska. Many thanks to Charles for his service to our club, particularly as Treasurer, 2008-2009. Best wishes for the future, Charles.

On Sunday, April 11, we will have the second of the two events that we share with the seminarians during the year. The Seminarians Game Day and BBQ, sponsored by the University of Dallas and Young Serrans Clubs, will be held at the Holy Trinity Seminary (HTS). Please save the date, and plan to attend for at least the BBQ later in the afternoon.

Siempre Adelante,

Pete

### **Chaplain's Message** *by Fr. Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

Certainly the highlight of this month is the celebration of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. The Feast of the Resurrection should give to us a newness of life and purpose of what we need to be about as Serrans - the cause of vocations and of continuing education of ourselves in the life of the Church and our faith.

Let us take heart in the gift that the risen Lord bestows upon us --- a renewed sense of life and love then with great vigor we go forward in His name to do what we can as Serrans. These next few months give us the opportunity of the St. Andrew's dinner, the ordination of two men to the priesthood and the summer's VAP, not to mention our daily commitment to praying for vocations and inviting others to consider such.

Have a blessed season of Easter! Keep on doing the fine work you are doing in the name of the Risen Lord.

Father Tom

**MASS WITH THE SEMINARIANS**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 a.m.**  
**Holy Trinity Seminary**

## Postal Service to Honor Mother Teresa



On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a 44¢ commemorative stamp to honor Mother Teresa (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta) and her humanitarian work. Noted for her compassion toward the poor and suffering, Mother Teresa served the sick and destitute of India and the world for nearly 50 years. Her humility and compassion, as well as her respect for the innate worth and dignity of humankind, inspired people of all ages and backgrounds to work on behalf of the world's poorest populations.

When Mother Teresa accepted the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, she did so “in the name of the poor, the hungry, the sick and the lonely,” and convinced the organizers to donate to the needy the money normally used to fund the awards banquet. Well respected worldwide, she successfully urged many of the world's business and political leaders to give their time and resources to help those in need.

President Ronald Reagan presented Mother Teresa with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985, the same year she began work on behalf of AIDS sufferers in the U.S. and other countries. In 1997, Congress awarded Mother Teresa the Congressional Gold Medal for her “outstanding and enduring contributions through humanitarian and charitable activities.” Mother Teresa died in Calcutta on September 5, 1997, and is buried there. She had been a citizen of India since 1948. Click [here](#) to read more about the life of Mother Teresa.

P.S. The postal service honored Junipero Serra with a 44¢ airmail stamp in 1985.

## Catechumens, Candidates, Sign of Easter Blessings for the Catholic Church

WASHINGTON—Thousands of new Catholics will join the Church on Easter. Every year, in dioceses big and small, people seeking baptism (catechumens) or to be brought into full communion with the Church (candidates) signal a new springtime at Easter and are a reminder of the power of the Gospel to transform lives.

They come from all walks of life. For some, it is family and friends who led them to undertake this process of conversion. For others, powerful and painful personal experiences led them on the journey.

According to the 2010 edition of a yearbook published by the National Council of Churches, in the United States and Canada membership numbers have gone up 1.49 percent for the Catholic Church—the country's largest denomination with more than 68 million members.

This vitality is especially notable in the South and Southwest of the United States.

The Diocese of Dallas will welcome over 3,000 new Catholics into the Church this Easter. Of them, 700 are catechumens and 2,300 are validly baptized candidates who have been preparing to enter the Catholic Church or completing their Christian initiation for nearly one year.

Children who were not baptized as infants or who did not receive the sacraments of initiation at the regular time also participate in this process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). The Archdiocese of San Antonio, for example, reports 214 children catechumens (age of reason and older) and 124 children candidates, in addition to 255 adult catechumens and 519 adult candidates, for a total of 1,112 people. The Diocese of Ft. Worth reports approximately one thousand catechumens and candidates, and the Diocese of Victoria will welcome 132 new Catholics from 14 parishes.

The above article is from a recent press release issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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### **Roster Updates**

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If you have any changes for the roster or would like an updated copy, send your request to Pat O'Brien at [pvobrien@att.net](mailto:pvobrien@att.net). You may also call him at 214.750.1879. The updated roster is available at the [Members Only](#) page of the website. Email John Hughes for the password: [ifhughes@hotmail.com](mailto:ifhughes@hotmail.com).

## Saint of the Month

April 21<sup>st</sup> - St. Anselm (1033 - 1109)

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism" for his attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, three years later was elected prior and 15 years later was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of St. Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

At 60, against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus's brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people; he opposed the slave trade. Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Anselm, like every true follower of Christ, had to carry his cross, especially in the form of opposition and conflict with those in political control. Though personally a mild and gentle man and a lover of peace, he would not back off from conflict and persecution when principles were at stake.

"No one will have any other desire in heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God" (St. Anselm, Letter 112).

Source: [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org). To receive "Saint of the Day" as an email from [St. Anthony Messenger Press](http://St.AnthonyMessengerPress.com) click [here](#).



Scott Peck, Director of the Museum of Biblical Arts, conducts a tour of the museum for Metro Serrans and their guests during the Lenten Reflection on March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Come and See

The late [Father John A. Hardon, S.J.](#) (1914 – 2000) is considered one of the most prominent Catholic theologians of the 20th century. Fr. Hardon, who strongly advocated the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, wrote dozens of books on religion and theology including: *The Catholic Catechism*, a defining volume of Catholic orthodoxy; and the *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, the first major Catholic reference dictionary published after the Second Vatican Council.

Fr. Harndon also wrote extensively on vocations including [Come and See - Theological Reflections on the Promotion of Vocations](#), a short treatise that gets to the heart of vocations. Divided into 12 short chapters, a chapter will be included in each of the next twelve issues of **The Metro**. For your own copy, order through the [publisher](#). To read on our website, click on the title above.

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