

# THE METRO



April 2009

## SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS NEWSLETTER

### **President's Message** *by Jere Romine*

Dear Serrans,

Bill Burke and his Group organized a very successful Altar Servers Award Program at All Saints with Father Tom Cloherty and Father Joseph Von Koenig celebrating Holy Mass for us. Bill was assisted by 9 fellow Serrans. Tim Muldoon gave a very amusing and interesting talk on being an Altar Server Minister. A total of 24 received the Altar Server Award Medal and Certificate. The Altar Servers were accompanied by Altar Server Coordinators, Deacons, and family members totaling 63. A Metro Serra Club program well done. Thanks Bill et al!

Group Leaders - VAP Information for your assigned Parishes will be picked up Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the VAP Brunch and must be distributed as soon as possible.

**Dates to remember:** Election of Officers, April 3<sup>rd</sup>; Metro Serra's installation and 40th Anniversary Celebration, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Christ The King 6:30 p.m., Dinner at Park City Club following; VAP Weekend is July 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> ; Serra International Convention in Omaha August 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>.

Please sit with your assigned Group for the First Friday meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and please respond to all calls and emails from your Group Leader and bring a guest to our next meeting.

Siempre Adelante!

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### **Chaplain's Message** *by Father Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

The month of April brings us the great feast of Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The miracle of the Resurrection did not just affect Jesus but, to this day, it affects all of us as well. As Paul reminds us, we who were baptized into Christ Jesus, were also raised with Him.

This means that not only in death that we are raised with Christ Jesus but even now, here on earth, our nature has been raised up, been made better because of Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, and especially through the sacramental life of the Church, we know that we are recipients of His life giving grace which gives us every opportunity to make right choices in giving glory to God and service to our brothers and sisters by our words and works.

Every time we are sprinkled with Holy Water during the Season of Easter and every time we bless ourselves with Holy Water throughout the year, we are reminded that we are partaking in our baptismal sharing in our Lord's redeeming Passion and Resurrection.

May the blessings and the glory of the Risen Lord be upon you and yours in this Sacred Season of Easter and throughout the year.

Joyfully,

Father Tom

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## CALENDAR

Fri, April 3	<b>First Friday Mass &amp; Breakfast</b> - Saint Monica; Jennifer Livas and Cindy Newton of Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Programs and Services	6:45 a.m.
Sun, April 12	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
Fri, April 17	<b>Luncheon Meeting</b> - Park City Club; Sister Lillian Manning ESEH; History and Role of the Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour in serving the poor	11:45 a.m.
Sun, Apr 19	<b>Mass with the Seminarians</b> - Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 a.m.
Fri, May 1	<b>First Friday Mass &amp; Breakfast</b> - St. Monica; Roger Scott; Knights of Columbus Programs That Support Vocations	6:45 a.m.
Sun, May 3	<b>Celebrate Father Tom's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination</b> - All Saints - with reception following; Also <b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	12:45 p.m.
Fri, May 15	<b>NO MONTHLY LUNCHEON - Due to 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass/Installation &amp; Dinner</b>	
Wed, May 27	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass/Installation &amp; Dinner</b> - Mass at Christ the King followed by Dinner at the Park City Club	6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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**The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names for consideration as Officers and Directors for the 2009 - 2010 Fiscal Year. Voting will take place at the First Friday Breakfast on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Installation will take place during the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

President Vice-President of Programs Vice-President of Vocations Vice-President of Membership Vice-President of Communications Secretary Treasurer Immediate Past President Trustee (2009-2012)	Pete Philp Peter D'Apice Bob Andres Roland Pedevilla John Hughes Pat O'Brien John Poston Jere Romine Jerry Geary
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### ***We're all invited . . .***

Let's join together to help celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father Tom Cloherty's priestly ordination. Father Tom will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:45 p.m. at All Saints. Following Mass, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Serra has been a special part of Father's priestly life and our attendance will mean a great deal to him. For planning purposes, please RSVP to [ihorn@allsaintsdallas.org](mailto:ihorn@allsaintsdallas.org) or call Ida at (972) 778-0301.

It's no coincidence that May 3<sup>rd</sup> is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**.

## Pope Benedict XVI Has Declared A Year Of The Priest To Encourage "Spiritual Perfection"

The Pope will open the special year with a vespers service at the Vatican on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the day for the sanctification of priests. He will close the celebrations during a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square June 19, 2010. The Pope made the announcement during an audience on March 16<sup>th</sup> with members of the Vatican Congregation for Clergy. He met with some 70 participants of the congregation's March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> plenary assembly, which focused on the missionary identity of the priest and his mission to sanctify, teach and govern.

During this jubilee year, the Pope will also proclaim St. John Vianney to be patron saint of all the world's priests. At present he is considered the patron saint of parish priests. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of this 19th-century saint who represents a "true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ," the Pope said. St John Vianney is widely known to Catholics as the parish priest who won over the hearts of his villagers in France by visiting with them, teaching them about God and reconciling people to the Lord in the confessional.

In his address, Pope Benedict said the priestly ministry consists of total adherence to the ecclesial tradition of participating "in a spiritually intense new life and a new lifestyle which was inaugurated by the Lord Jesus and which the apostles made their own." Priestly ordination creates new men who are bestowed with the gift and office of sanctifying, teaching and governing, he said.

The Pope underlined the necessary and "indispensable struggle for moral perfection which must dwell in every authentically priestly heart." The Pope said he was calling for the special year for priests in an effort to foster the priest's yearning "for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends." "The awareness of the radical social changes over the past decades must stir the best ecclesial energies to look after the formation of priestly candidates," the Pope said.

This means great care must be taken to ensure permanent and consistent doctrinal and spiritual formation for seminarians and priests, he said, specifying the importance of passing down, especially to younger generations, "a correct reading of the texts of the Second Vatican Council, interpreted in the light of all the church's doctrinal heritage."

Priests must also be "present, identifiable and recognizable -- for their judgment of faith, their personal virtues and their attire -- in the fields of culture and charity which have always been at the heart of the church's mission," he said. "The centrality of Christ leads to a correct valuation of ordained ministry," he said, adding that, without priestly ministry, there would be no Eucharist, no mission and even no church.

Therefore, he said, it is crucial to make sure that new bodies or pastoral organizations are not set up "for a time in which one might have to 'dispense with' ordained ministry based on an erroneous interpretation of the rightful promotion of the laity."

### University of Dallas - School of Ministry

The University of Dallas - School of Ministry is celebrating the **Year of Paul** by offering **Summer in Rome**, a 3-week term (May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>) and a shorter term (June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>). Experience what is "Roman" about Roman Catholicism with University of Dallas professors. Field trips throughout the city will punctuate the courses. Participants can take New Testament, Paul's Letters to the Romans, Church History, the Pastoral Letters, the Lives of the Saints, Mosaic Masterpieces and the Dawn of Christianity. Fees are inclusive. For more information please visit [www.udallas.edu/ministry/summerinstitute.cfm](http://www.udallas.edu/ministry/summerinstitute.cfm) or call (972) 721-4118.

In addition to our 31 Club responsibility to attend Mass on a day each month, other than Sunday, and offer that Mass in support of current religious vocations and for an increase in vocations, we are now being asked to offer that same Mass for specific individuals in the process of discerning their own vocations. Please pray for these young men and women (still to be updated) throughout the month but especially on your 31 Club day. To add your name to the 31 Club calendar or add the name of a man or women in the process of formation, please email or call John Hughes at [jfhughes@hotmail.com](mailto:jfhughes@hotmail.com) or 972.661.1423.

31 Club Day	Metro Serran	Vocation Discerners	31 Club Day	Metro Serran	Vocation Discerners
1st	Ed Murphy	Miguel Amurao - HTS	-	Al Ueckert	Juan Hernandez, C.Ss.R.
1st	Mike Grimshaw	Mr. Danny Tesvich, S.J.	-	Ray Adams	T. Ksiazkiewicz, C.Ss.R.
2nd	Fred Fink			Don Brotherman	Br. Philip Lastimoso
3rd	Bill Burke	Br. Nathaniel Frei	-	Brad Camp	R. Markiewicz, C.Ss.R.
3rd	Don Wetzel	Br. Ambrose Strong	-	Vick Clesi	Br. Ignatius Preacher
4th	Jere Romine	Br. Thomas Esposito	-	Jan Collmer	Branimir Pavelin, C.Ss.R.
5th	<b>Open</b>		-	Phil Cramer	Martin Castaneda - HTS
6th	Peter Philp	Michael Anderson - HTS	-	Frank Cuellar	Craig DeYoung - HTS
7th	Jerry Lerner	Jack Goodwin - HTS	-	Talley Daniel	Jonathan Dooley - HTS
7th	Larry Coleman	Br. Augustine Hoelke	-	<b>Open</b>	Pierce Gibson - HTS
8th	Bill Cicherski	Br. Joseph Van House	-	Alberto Gutierrez	Michael Greco - HTS
8th	Lawrence Whaley	David Angelino - HTS	-	Dorothy Hoel	Keith Hathaway - HTS
9th	Jay Wimmer	Michael Applegate - HTS	-	Michael Holmes	Stephen Hauck - HTS
10th	Henry Maher	Jeffery Barne - HTS	-	Bob Ivey	Eynar Hernandez - HTS
11th	Joe Wesner	Br. Augustine Hoelke	-	Barbara Landregan	Richard Hinkley - HTS
12th	Art Bissonnette	Br. Anthony Bigney	-	Steve Landregan	Michael Johns - HTS
12th	John Hughes	Michael Baynham - HTS	-	Mark Layton	Adam Landry - HTS
13th	Peter D'Apice	Payden Blevins - HTS	-	<b>Open</b>	Khoi Le - HTS
14th	Michael Burns	Br. Lawrence Brophy	-	Ed O'Brien	Brandon Marcos - HTS
15th	Jim Crinnion	Br. Ambrose Strong	-	Roland Pedevilla	Jesse Martinez - HTS
15th	Marianne McGonigle	Timothy Bricker - HTS	-	Paul Priddy	Ismael Martinez - HTS
15th	Pat O'Brien	Philip Brune - HTS	-	Jack Prusha	Joseph Mastrangelo - HTS
16th	Roger Scott	Br. Philip Lastimoso	-	Joe Reznicek	Br. Anthony Bigney
17th	Jerry Lastelick	Vinco Boljat, C.Ss.R.	-	Bob Schafer	Kelsey Matchen - HTS
17th	Vince Bradley	Mr. Robert Murphy, S.J.	-	<b>Open</b>	Richard McNeillie - HTS
18th	Bob McGuire	Jeffrey Baynham - HTS	-	Denis Simon	Mr. Kevin Cormier, S.J.
19th	Jack Padian	Benjamin Carrillo, C.Ss.R.	-	Al Ueckert	Christian Mondragon - HTS
20th	Ray Vales	Br. Joseph Van House	-	Mark Vahala	Zachary Packard - HTS
21st	Frank Rauscher	Br. John Bayer	-	Lew Vasel	Andrew Pham - HTS
22nd	Monk Simons	Br. Nathaniel Frei	-	Cleal Watts	Br. Ignatius Preacher
22nd	Susan Smolenski	Br. Lawrence Brophy	-	Laura Williamson	Tom Reitmeyer - HTS
23rd	Don Krusemark	Juan C. M. Cortes, C.Ss.R.	-	Chuck Winikates	Charles Wuebker - HTS
24th	Anthony Interrante	Juan Currea, C.Ss.R.	-	<b>Open</b>	Daniel Rendon, C.Ss.R.
24th	Mike Lynch	Paul Iverson - HTS	-	<b>Open</b>	Luca Simbula, C.Ss.R.
25th	John Rodriguez	Javiar Diaz, C.Ss.R.	-	<b>Open</b>	Giuseppe Spoto, C.Ss.R.
26th	Andy Stasio	Radoslaw Herbus, C.Ss.R.	-	<b>Open</b>	Andres Felipe Vives, C.Ss.R.
26th	Charles Brophy	Br. Stephen Gregg			
27th	Al Brezna	Br. Thomas Esposito			
28th	Jerry Geary	Mr. Patrick Hough, S.J.			
29th	Bob Andres	Br. John Bayer			
30th	John Roppolo	Br. Stephen Gregg			
31st	<b>Open</b>				