

THE METRO



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SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

NEWSLETTER

Lenten Reflection - Save the Date

Plans are underway for our Lenten Reflection and Dinner. Mark your calendars now as you won't want to miss this special event: March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of Biblical Arts. Fr. Tom will conduct a prayer service followed by a reception and dinner. Museum co-director Scott Peck will be our after dinner speaker. His talk will be followed by a guided tour of the museum. Additional details to follow. Cost will be a very reasonable \$15 per person for reception, dinner and tour.

Election of Club Leadership

The following members of our club have been nominated to fill the indicated offices for the 2010 - 2011 term.

Nominations

Officers

President - Peter D'Apice
Chaplain - Father Tom Cloherty
VP Programs - Roland Pedevilla
VP Vocations - Mike Holmes
VP Membership - Bob Andres
VP Communications - John Hughes
Secretary - Dorothy Hoel
Treasurer - John Poston
Immediate Past President - Pete Philp

Trustees

Marianne McGonigle (2011)
Jerry Geary (2012)
Susan Smolenski (2013)

The above slate will be voted on during the February luncheon meeting.

President's Message *by Pete Philp*

Dear Serrans,

The consensus among the panelists, participants and faculty at John Paul II High School was that the Vocation Days Event our club sponsored January 27-28 was very successful and well worth the effort required to stage it.

Many thanks are due to so many good folks who worked so hard to bring this event to the entire student body of the school. However, special thanks are due for the Metro committee members whose special talents were so valuable in planning, organizing and staging this event. Bob Andres, committee chairman was liaison to the Dallas Diocese and was instrumental in obtaining superb support and participation from Fr. Doug Deshotel, Fr. Rudy Garcia and Fr. Greg Kelly. Jerry Geary's invaluable experience in arranging for panelists for the VAP Weekend really paid off with the panelists he enlisted to participate in this event. We had ten priests, six seminarians, and representatives from numerous religious communities of women. Lawrence Whaley was the chief moderator for the panel sessions, and was aided by Youth Ministers Jason Deuterma and Naomi LaRue in keeping the students involved and attentive.

Special thanks also to Tammy Grady, Consecrated Women Regnum Christi who had the original idea to stage vocations events at local Catholic high schools and was an invaluable member of our committee; and also to Fr. Tom Cloherty who spent most of both days at the event as a panelist and opened the second day with Mass for the panelists, faculty and selected students.

One of the questions foremost on the minds of the students was, "How do I know if I am being called by God for a vocation". There were many examples from the panelists, but summarized in today's vernacular it would be that, "God's call has a distinct ring tone. His call is gentle, but persistent and relentless. It can't be suppressed, and

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CALENDAR

Fri, Feb 5	First Friday Mass and Breakfast - St. Monica; Speaker TBD	6:45 a.m.
Sun, Feb 7	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE	
Wed, Feb 17	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Fri, Feb 26	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Fr. Joseph A. Tetlow, S.J., Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House	11:45 a.m.
Tue, Mar 2	Lenten Reflection - Museum of Biblical Arts (see page 1)	6:30 p.m.
Fri, Mar 5	First Friday Mass and Breakfast - St. Monica; Jonathan Baca, Theology Department, Nolan Catholic High School; World Youth Day and Youth Issues	6:45 a.m.
Fri, Mar 19	No Luncheon Meeting - Lenten Reflection	
Sun, Mar 21	Mass with the Seminarians - Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 a.m.
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.
Sun, Apr 25	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS	

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ultimately cannot be ignored". Most of the panelists admitted to running from the call for some time, but when they finally answered, they said that they have experienced a level of joy and happiness unlike any they have ever had before in their lives.

Our club helped plant the vocation seed amongst the students at John Paul II High School, and while we can continue to nurture it, ultimately the harvest is in the hands of the Holy Spirit. We pray that the harvest from John Paul II High School will be bountiful.

Siempre Adelante,

Pete



Among the many religious that gave of their time at the John Paul II High School Vocations Days event were (left to right): Fr. Tony Lackland; Affiliate Patti Lohre, IWBS; Sr. Mary Paul Haase, CSFN; Tammy Grady, Consecrated Women, Regnum Christi. The event was sponsored by Metro Serra.

Chaplain's Message *by Father Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

Since the Season of Lent begins Wednesday, February 17th, I thought that the following would be important to keep in mind. Lent is a time for fasting and feasting.

FAST FROM:

Judging Others
 Emphasis On Differences
 Apparent Darkness
 Thoughts Of Illness
 Words That Pollute
 Discontent
 Pessimism
 Worry
 Complaining
 Negative
 Unrelenting Pressures
 Hostility
 Bitterness
 Self-Concern
 Personal Anxiety
 Discouragement
 Facts That Depress
 Lethargy
 Suspicion
 Thoughts Which Weaken
 Shadows Of Sorrow
 Idle Gossip

FEAST ON:

Christ Dwelling In Others
 Unity In Christ
 Christ The Light Of The World
 Healing Power Of Christ
 Words That Purify And Affirm
 Patience
 Optimism
 Providence
 Appreciation
 Positive
 Unceasing Prayer
 Non-Resistance
 Forgiveness
 Compassion For Others
 Eternal Truths
 Hope
 Truths Which Uplift
 Enthusiasm
 Truth
 Promises That Inspire
 Sunlight Of Serenity
 Purposeful Silence

Have a Blessed Lent!

Father Tom

Roster Updates

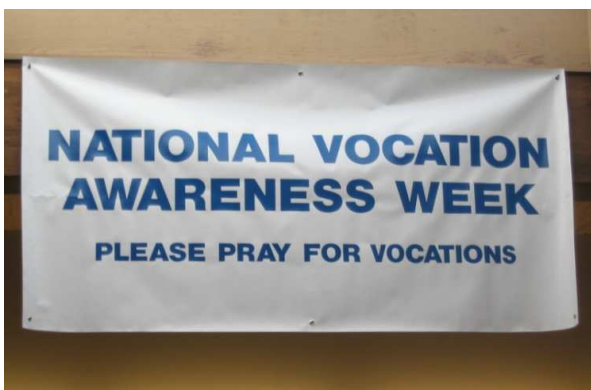
If you have any changes for the roster, send to Pat O'Brien at pvobrien@att.net. If you wish an updated copy, email him or call him at 214/750-1879. The updated roster is available at the **Members Only** page of the website: www.metroterra.com. Email John Hughes for the password, jfhughes@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Masses with the Seminarians
9:15 a.m., Holy Trinity Seminary

March 21st
May 2nd

Movable Feasts in 2010

Feb 17th	Ash Wednesday
Apr 2nd	Good Friday
Apr 4th	Easter Sunday
May 13th	Ascension of Our Lord
May 23rd	Pentecost Sunday
Nov 28th	First Sunday of Advent



In honor of National Vocation Awareness Week, Fr. David Toups, in an article written for the USCCB, listed *"Ten Things That Promote Vocations."* To read this article visit the Metro Serra Website homepage and click on the article under "News You Can Use." You can also read the article at the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-008.shtml>

The banner to the left hung in the atrium of All Saints January 10 - 16 reminding parishioners to pray for vocations.

The 31 Club

The 31 Club which is an integral part of Serra and required of Metro Serrans, was initiated in the 1970's by Father Clive A. Litton in his parish in New Zealand. Seeing a need for support of current religious vocations as well as an increase of vocations, Father Litton encouraged his parishioners to select a particular day in the month, other than Sunday, to attend Mass and offer it with prayer for those currently serving the Church as priests and religious and for an increase in vocations.

To add your name to the Metro 31 Club Calendar, please email John Hughes at jfhughes@hotmail.com or call him at 972.661.1423.

There are the two remaining annual vocation celebrations for 2010, both of which fall within the Year of the Priest as established by Pope Benedict XVI:

- World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Feb. 7
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 25

31 Club Day	Metro Serran
1st	Ed Murphy
1st	Mike Grimshaw
2nd	Fred Fink
3rd	Bill Burke
3rd	Don Wetzal
4th	Jere Romine
5th	Roland Pedevilla
6th	Peter Philp
7th	Jerry Lerner
7th	Larry Coleman
8th	Bill Cicherski
8th	Lawrence Whaley
9th	Jay Wimmer
10th	Henry Maher
11th	Joe Wesner
12th	Art Bissonnette
12th	John Hughes
13th	Peter D'Apice
14th	Michael Burns
15th	Jim Crinnion
15th	Marianne McGonigle
15th	Pat O'Brien
16th	Roger Scott
17th	Jerry Lastelick
17th	Vince Bradley
18th	Bob McGuire
19th	Jack Padian
20th	Talley Daniel
21st	Frank Rauscher
22nd	Monk Simons
22nd	Susan Smolenski
23rd	Don Krusemark
24th	Anthony Interrante
24th	Mike Lynch
25th	John Rodriguez
26th	Andy Stasio
26th	Charles Brophy
27th	Al Brezna
28th	Jerry Geary
29th	Bob Andres
29th	John Poston
30th	OPEN
31st	Brad Camp



Father Tom Cloherty is flanked by Father. David Nation, CM (left) and Father Joseph Van House, OCist. All three served as panelists during the John Paul II High School Vocations Days event held on January 27th and 28th. Father Tom opened the second day by offering Mass.

**A Warm Metro Serra Welcome to New Members
Tom Fuller
Sharon Pedevilla**

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