

THE METRO



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SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS NEWSLETTER

President's Message *by Jere Romine*

Dear Serrans,

Thanks to the Orientation Committee (Don Krusemark, Susan Smolenski and Jack Padian) and the Speakers (Deacon Denis Simon, Bill Cicherski, Jerry Geary and Bill Burke) for an excellent presentation. Unfortunately not all new members invited were able to attend.

Thanks to Pete Philp for our January Luncheon speaker, Seminarian Jeffrey Baynham; attendance increased by 5 to 39.

Please sit with your assigned Group for the First Friday Breakfast Meeting (**February 2nd**). Tables will be marked with your Group Number.

Please RSVP to Jerry Geary for the Metro Serra Lenten Reflection to be held at All Saints on **February 19th**.

The Twentieth Annual Religious Women's Dinner is scheduled for **March 7th** at 3:30 p.m. Serrans have always been generous in providing gifts and contributions to the sisters - see your letter from UD Serra Club for gift suggestions and your reservation.

Other dates to remember: **February 22nd**, Sunday Mass with the Seminarians at HTS; **August 27th through August 30th**, the International Serra Convention in Omaha, NE.

Siempre Adelante!

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Chaplain's Message *by Father Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

In the latter part of this month we begin the sacred season of lent on Ash Wednesday, **February 25th**. This is a period of time, preparing for the wonders of the Easter season, in which we are called to prayer, fasting and charitable works. Each of these actions serves to strengthen our resolve and discipline as followers of Jesus.

We imitate what He did while on earth. Before any major undertaking in His ministry, we are told that Jesus spent time in prayer. Certainly His forty days in the desert underscored the fasting He endured to be "led not into temptation." His public ministry is replete with the many charitable works He performed in order to give glory to God and to be of service to His brothers and sisters.

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CALENDAR

Fri, February 6	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - Saint Monica; Harold Meier, Director Region 10: Serra organization; 2010 Region 10 Convention	6:45 a.m.
Sun, February 8	World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life	
Thu, February 19	Lenten Reflection and Dinner - All Saints Catholic Church	6:30 p.m.
Please Note: There Will Be No Monthly Luncheon Meeting on February 20, 2009		
Sun, February 22	Sunday Mass with the Seminarians - HTS	9:15 a.m.
Wed, February 25	Ash Wednesday	
Fri, March 6	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - Saint Monica; Ann Letteer, Executive Director, The Pines Camp; The Camp's Role in Vocations	6:45 a.m.
Fri, March 20	Fr. Kevin O'Neil, C.Ss.R., Associate Professor, Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C.	11:45 a.m.

Meet Our March Luncheon Speaker

Kevin O'Neil, originally from Kingston, New York, is a Redemptorist priest, professed in 1975 and ordained in 1981. He served in Hispanic Ministry in Boston before beginning studies in moral theology. He was appointed to the Washington Theological Union faculty in 1992. Fr. O'Neil directed the national program for excellence in theological education in Catholic seminaries and schools of theology entitled, "Theological Teaching for the Church's Ministries," and serves as a consultant for the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Fr. O'Neil is a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Society of Christian Ethics. He has given lectures and workshops along the East Coast and in the Caribbean. Some of his publications have appeared in the *New Theology Review*, *The Liguorian*, and *The Living Light*.

IN MEMORIAM

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the following departed:

Richard H. Hunter

February 21, 1929 - January 19, 2009

Most Reverend Thomas A. Tschoepe

Fifth Bishop of Dallas
December 17, 1915 - January 24, 2009

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During this Lenten season let us dedicate our prayer, fasting and good works for the cause of vocations: for those already ordained and professed; for those who are studying in our seminaries and convents and for those men and women who fill our pews who are discerning the call of God.

Know of my thoughts and prayers for all of you during this sacred season.

Have a blessed Lent!

Father Tom

Lent - Why Forty Days?

The number forty has many Biblical references: the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18); the forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8); God made it rain for forty days and forty nights in the days of Noah (Genesis 7:4); the Hebrew people wandered forty years traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33); Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh forty days in which to repent (Jonah 3:4).

Jesus retreated into the desert, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2). Jesus overcame all three of Satan's temptations by citing scripture to the devil, at which point the devil left him, angels ministered to Jesus, and he began his ministry. Jesus further said that his disciples should fast "when the bridegroom shall be taken from them" (Matthew 9:15), a reference to his Passion. Since, presumably, the Apostles fasted as they mourned the death of Jesus; Christians have traditionally fasted during the annual commemoration of his burial.

It is the traditional belief that Jesus lay for forty hours in the tomb which led to the forty hours of total fast that preceded the Easter celebration in the early Church (the biblical reference to 'three days in the tomb' is understood as *spanning* three days, from Friday afternoon to early Sunday morning, rather than three 24 hour periods of time). One of the most important ceremonies at Easter was the baptism of the initiates on Easter Eve. The fast was initially undertaken by the catechumens to prepare them for the reception of this sacrament. Later, the period of fasting from Good Friday until Easter Day was extended to six days, to correspond with the six weeks of training, necessary to give the final instruction to those converts who were to be baptized.

Roster Updates

If you have any changes for the roster, send to John Roppolo at roppolo.john@tx.rr.com. If you wish an updated copy, email him or call him at 972/245-1739.



We've Got Work to do . .

The 67th Serra International Convention
August 27 - 30
The QWEST Center
Omaha, NE

Attention: Moviegoers

As the **Oscars** approach, many of us may find ourselves drawn to the nominated films, actors and actresses as we select which movies to view prior to the 7:00 p.m. February 22nd broadcast on ABC. If we have our own favorites, it certainly can make the show much more enjoyable.

To help inform us in our movie selection, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through the Office for Film and Broadcasting has produced an extensive reference website: www.usccb.org/movies. That office is responsible for reviewing and rating theatrical motion pictures, previewing and evaluating television programming as well as providing the Catholic public with information about the role of the entertainment and news media in influencing societal and personal values.

All current releases are reviewed at the above website including those films nominated for **Best Picture**: *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*; *Frost/Nixon*; *Milk*; *The Reader*; and *Slumdog Millionaire*.

For more information on the Oscars and to view the theatrical trailers for the above films



visit: www.oscar.com.

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 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	Open			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	Open		-	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	-	Fred Fink	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	-	Jim Nieves	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.	-	Chuck Shropshire	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.	-	Open	Daniel Rendon, C.Ss.R.
24th	Mike Lynch	Paul Iverson - HTS	-	Open	Luca Simbula, C.Ss.R.
25th	John Rodriguez	Javiar Diaz, C.Ss.R.	-	Open	Giuseppe Spoto, C.Ss.R.
26th	Andy Stasio	Radoslaw Herbus, C.Ss.R.	-	Open	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	Open				