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SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

NEWSLETTER

New at Metroserra.com

Thanks to each of you that responded to the recent website survey. It is our goal to make the club website as useful and informative as possible. Some suggestions have been implemented and we will work to add more pictures and color going forward. To keep costs down we are using basic web design software so there are some limitations.

The Links page has been updated and, thanks to the efforts of Peter D'Apice we now have parish by parish schedules for Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation for the Dallas churches. At the suggestion of Marianne McGonigle, we have a link to masstimes.org - which provides Mass times for churches around the world - an excellent online tool as you make travel plans.

President's Message *by Pete Philp*

Dear Serrans,

I want to thank Don Krusemark, Dorothy Hoel, and Marianne McGonigle once again for the outstanding job they did in making the Advent Reflection Mass and Dinner such a huge success. Our appreciation also goes out to Monsignor Seitz and Father Tom for concelebrating the beautiful Mass for us, and then joining with Father Rudy to attend the dinner. Their presence added tremendously to the joy of the evening.

Many of our members missed the presentation that Marge Giangiulio made at our First Friday meeting December 4. That is really unfortunate as her presentation was extremely inspiring and moving, and rates as one of the best we had in 2009. Her story of how she received guidance from the Holy Spirit during Adoration to develop a Priest Appreciation Project was heartwarming and a testimony to the amazing graces available during Adoration. Her story is depicted in an audio link available on the website www.alterchristi.com. Click on the "Audio Testimony" link on the right side of the page to hear Marge tell essentially the same story she related to us at our meeting. And then go to www.bettemyersart.com to read the equally amazing story of how Bette Myers' "Masterpiece" image was inspired by God. It was this image of Christ that Marge decided to use on the front of the post cards that are the basis of her Project.

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Priest Appreciation Post Card Campaign

If you are interested in participating in the Priest Appreciation Post Card Project referenced in the President's message, please visit www.alterchristi.com for complete details.

Addresses for all priests in the diocese are posted in the Members Only section of the website. To save time, they are formatted to be printed on Avery Form #5161.

National Vocation Awareness Week – January 10th -16th

The observance of National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) began in 1976 when the National Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year as the beginning of NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

CALENDAR

Fri, Jan 1	New Year's Day - No First Friday Mass & Breakfast	
Jan 10 -16	National Vocation Awareness Week	
Fri, Jan 15	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Ed Schaffler, President, The Catholic Foundation	11:45 a.m.
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.
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.
Wed, Mar 10	Lenten Reflection - <u>Tentative Date</u> - Details to follow	TBD
Fri, Mar 19	No Luncheon Meeting - Lenten Reflection	
Sun, Mar 21	Mass with the Seminarians - Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 a.m.

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Anyone wishing to do the Priest Appreciation Project must commit to perform an appropriate religious act (Mass, communion, rosary, etc) and offer that for a particular priest in the Dallas Diocese, and to eventually do it for all of the 193 priests in the Diocese. This program started by Marge Giangliulo here in Dallas, has spread to at least 12 other dioceses. Every bishop in the United States has received at least one of the cards, and even Pope Benedict XVI has received the cards. The cards are available at St. Monica's Church office, Guadalupe Radio Station and at Sacred Heart Bookstore at Coit and Arapaho. The cards are packaged 200 to a unit, and are accompanied by a mailing list for all of the priests in the Diocese. There is no cost for the cards. They require regular 44 cents postage. I hope that all Metro Serrans will want to do the Project for our priests.

My warmest wishes to all of our members and their spouses for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Siempre Adelante,

Pete

Have An iPhone or iTouch? Technology Has Come To Praying The Rosary

A new iPhone/iTouch application, iRosary, helps guide the faithful through the rosary and the mysteries on any particular day. It also allows a user to stop the prayer and return at a later time in case you're interrupted. iRosary is available through iTunes at \$2.99 per download.

Another popular application allows traveling Catholics to find local Mass times. It's a free download and is available at CatholicWeb.com or by searching for The Catholic Directory at iTunes or the App Store on your iPhone or iTouch. The directory provides Mass and Confession times, Mass readings as well as Mass videos.

Other applications may be found by searching on Catholic, Rosary or Bible.

Pope Benedict says need for "ecological responsibility" in 2010

Pope Benedict XVI used his traditional New Year address to call on people to respect each other without discrimination and change their lifestyles to save the planet.

Pope Benedict XVI on New Year's Day appealed to people to take action to safeguard the climate, saying environmental responsibility was essential for global peace.

"An objective shared by all, an indispensable condition for peace, is that of overseeing the earth's natural resources with justice and wisdom," the Pope said.

A month after world leaders gathered in Copenhagen to try to secure a global deal to tackle climate change, the Pontiff said individual and community level action was just as important to address the problem.

"I would like to underline the importance of the choices of individuals, families and local administrations in preserving the environment," he told thousands of worshippers at St. Peter's Square in Rome, adding that "ecological responsibility" should become part of the education syllabus.

The Catholic Church has become increasingly outspoken on environmental issues under Benedict and his predecessor John Paul II. Last month Benedict called on rich nations to acknowledge their historical responsibility for climate change.

Celebration of diversity

World peace has long been one of the central messages of the Church and the Pope returned to this theme again as he heralded in 2010, calling on humans to show more tolerance for each other as societies become more diverse. "Respect others, regardless of their skin color, nationality, language, religion...it is important to be taught to respect others, even when they are different to us", Benedict said.

The pontiff also said it was becoming increasingly common for schools to have children of different backgrounds, and that it was important children learn at an early age to accept those different from themselves.

"Their faces represent the prophecy of humanity that we are invited to develop: a family of families and peoples."

In his first Angelus blessing of the year, the Pope decried war, saying too often conflict and violence ruined the lives of the young, leaving children's faces "sunken by hunger and illness, disfigured by pain and hopelessness."

Movable Church Feasts in 2010

February 17 th	Ash Wednesday
April 2 nd	Good Friday
April 4 th	Easter Sunday
May 13 th	Ascension of Our Lord
May 23 rd	Pentecost Sunday
November 28 th	First Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

Advent Mass and Dinner



Don Krusemark and Dorothy Hoel pose during the December Advent Dinner. Marianne McGonigle was recovering from surgery and unable to attend.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Dorothy Hoel, Don Krusemark and Marianne McGonigle plus the participation of so many Serrans and spouses, the December Advent Mass and Dinner was a great success. Also, a special thanks to Msgr. Seitz and Fr. Tom Cloherty for concelebrating Mass at Saint Rita. To see more photos from this special evening, visit the Metro Serra website. To stop the scrolling photos, just move your cursor over the photo.

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	OPEN
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	John Roppolo
31st	Brad Camp

Here are the three annual vocations celebrations for 2010, all of which fall within the Year of the Priest as established by Pope Benedict XVI:

- National Vocation Awareness Week: Jan. 10-16
- World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Feb. 7
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations: April 25

**Future Masses with Seminarians
9:15 a.m., Holy Trinity Seminary**

**March 21st
May 2nd**

For additional news and information visit: www.metroterra.com