

THE METRO



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SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS NEWSLETTER

President's Message *by Jere Romine*

Dear Serrans,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and Holy Christmas and is looking forward to a Happy and Spiritual New Year.

Thanks to Jerry and Ann Lerner for arranging the Advent Reflection at St. Thomas Aquinas with Father John Libone celebrating Mass with over 50 Metro Serrans and guests in attendance.

Attendance good news: December First Friday Mass increased to 40 and Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity Seminary increased to 15. The seminarians notice and appreciate our prayers and support as several "thank-you" notes and messages have been received.

New Year resolutions for Metro Serrans:

- Contact the priests in you assigned parishes.
- Ask a prospect to attend the next Metro Serra meeting.
- Attend all Metro Serra meetings and special functions and remind fellow Serrans to start attending regularly,
- Attend the 2009 International Serra Convention in Omaha (you'll be glad you did).
- Attend Metro Serra Sunday Masses at Holy Trinity Seminary
- Always say YES when asked to encourage and support religious vocations.

Also, congratulations to John Hughes who was recently named recipient of the Florida Benedictine Spirit Award. The award is presented annually to a graduate of one of the three Florida Benedictine institutions: Saint Leo University, Saint Leo College Preparatory School or Holy Name Academy. John is a 1964 graduate of Saint Leo College Prep.

Siempre Adelante!

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31 Club

Please note on page 4 that there are three open dates, the 2nd, 5th and 31st, on our the 31 Club calendar. If you'd like to attach your name to one of those dates, or any other date, please contact John Hughes at jfhughes@hotmail.com or (214) 454-7458. The list of vocation discerners has been updated for the men and we are still awaiting an updated list for the women. The good news is that there are more of them than there are of us. The bad news is that there are more of them than of us.

CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR -

Please Note: There Will Be No First Friday Meeting on January 2, 2009

National Vocation Awareness Week - January 11-17 (see below USCCB press release)

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| Fri, January 16 | Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Seminarian Jeffrey Baynham, a Holy Trinity Seminary junior will discuss his calling and discernment. | 11:45 a.m. |
| 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 Mass and Reflection | TBD |
| 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 | |

National Vocation Awareness Week to be Celebrated January 11-17

WASHINGTON—The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, January 11-17.

"This week is a chance for parishes across the country to highlight the gift of vocations in the church through prayer and education," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "As a church, we recognize the need to safeguard and promote this gift."

Father James Steffes, executive director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, added, "The church needs to help young people hear the Lord in prayer, so they can recognize him in their lives."

"This week reminds us that it is our responsibility to pray for vocations and to invite young people to consider a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life."

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. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 11 in 2009, marks Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus is named the beloved Son of God. With this celebration the faithful recommit themselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. They are also initiated through their own baptism to be the Beloved of God, commissioned to proclaim Good News with their lives.

Chaplain's Message

Father Tom is on a pilgrimage to Fatima. We wish him and his fellow travelers a safe trip home and look forward to his **Chaplain's Message** next month.

Movable Feasts in 2009

| Feast | Date |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Ash Wednesday | February 25 |
| Easter | April 12 |
| Ascension | May 21 |
| Pentecost | May 31 |
| First Sunday of Advent | November 29 |



Don't Forget Catholic Radio

There are some great Catholic radio resources available for listening over the air, on line or through downloads to our iPods or MP3s.

Locally, we have the Guadalupe Radio Network at KATH 910 AM. Programming is also available at: www.grnonline.com. Listen over the air or online.

Via the USCCB, try *Weekly Catholic Radio* at www.usccb.org/ccc/crw.shtml. Programs are archived and can be downloaded to iTunes and Windows Media.

More programming from the USCCB's Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) can be found at: www.usccb.org/ccc/catholicradio.shtml

Finally, there is also some excellent programming at: www.franciscanradio.org

If the technology is a challenge, recruit a 12-year old grandchild or neighbor - the programming is worth a try.

Looking forward . . .

Our March 20th luncheon speaker will be Fr. Kevin O'Neil, C.Ss.R., Associate Professor-Department of Systematic and Moral Theology, at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C.

More about Father O'Neil and the Washington Theological Union in February

Do your New Year's resolutions include more Catholic reading? CATHOLIC BESTSELLERS - January 2009 Hardcover

1. Jesus Is My All in All

Mother Teresa, *Doubleday* (9780385527255)

2. Rediscovering Catholicism

Matthew Kelly, *Beacon Publishing* (9781929266081)

3. The Dream Manager

Matthew Kelly, *Beacon Publishing/Hyperion* (9781401303709)

4. The Gift of Years

Joan Chittister, *BlueBridge* (9781933346106)

5. Surprised by Hope

N.T. Wright, *HarperOne* (9780061551826)

6. The Rhythm of Life

Matthew Kelly, *Beacon Publishing/Fireside* (9780743265106)

7. To Bless the Space Between Us

John O'Donohue, *Doubleday* (9780385522274)

8. The Seven Levels of Intimacy

Matthew Kelly, *Beacon Publishing/Fireside* (9780743265119)

9. Render Unto Caesar

Charles Chaput, *Doubleday* (9780385522281)

10. Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light

Mother Teresa with Brian Kolodiejchuk, *Doubleday Publishing Group* (9780385520379)

Source: Catholic Book Publishers Association

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 |
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| 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 Lastimosa |
| 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 Lastimosa | - | 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 | | | | |