

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)

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
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				