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SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS NEWSLETTER

IN MEMORIAM

F. Donald Krusemark

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President's Message *by Peter D'Apice*

Dear Serrans,

We are all deeply grieved by our untimely loss of Don Krusemark. For my own part, he helped usher me into the club and had been a treasured source of wisdom and inspiration to me since then. But I know that for many of you the roots with Don go much deeper and the loss is more keenly felt. Any effort by me to catalogue here his many contributions would be shamefully inadequate. He just seemed to be everywhere, doing everything, with zest and grace. Don will be greatly missed.

Many thanks to Anthony Interrante, Mike Grimshaw and Lawrence Whaley for an outstanding Installation Dinner. The reviews from those who attended have been uniformly excellent. Don would have been very proud.

Finally, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Pete Philp for his service as our 41st President this past year. His exemplary leadership gave us a year full of accomplishments, putting us within a hair's breadth of winning the prestigious USA Council of Serra International Honor Club Award. Further, Pete's vision has left us with a blueprint for future success, and his steady hand on the tiller has left us in sound financial shape. Thank you, Pete, for a terrific year.

Siempre Adelante!

Peter

The Power of LIFE is a nonprofit organization that was established to serve the Church, especially in the Diocese of Green Bay, WI. Their stated mission is to inspire people to better understand and appreciate the teachings of the Catholic Church with emphasis on educational opportunities such as events, films, leadership and ethics programs, inspirational speakers for high school tours and Christ centered sports leadership events and more. They have produced an excellent video entitled – [The Calling](#). Click on the title to view yet another outstanding vocations video.

CALENDAR

Fri, June 4	First Friday Mass and Breakfast - St. Monica; Charlene Alexander, Consecrated Women	6:45 a.m.
Fri, June 4	Bishop's Mass In Celebration of the <i>Year For Priests</i> ; Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (see invitation on page 4)	5:00 p.m.
Sat, June 5	Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood - Rev. Mr. Marco Rangel and Rev. Mr. John Szatkowski; Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe	10:00 a.m.
Mon. June 14	FLAG DAY	
June 17 - 20	<i>serraUSA</i> Annual Meeting & Super Weekend - Chicago	
Fri. June 18	Monthly Luncheon - Park City Club; Seminarian Rueben Chen, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Experiences in the Seminary	11:45 a.m.
June 25 th - 27 th	VAP Weekend - Holy Trinity Seminary	
Fri. July 2	No Breakfast - Independence Day Weekend	
Fri. July 16	Monthly Luncheon - Park City Club; Speaker to be determined	11:45 a.m.
September 2-5	Serra International Convention; Anchorage, Alaska	

From ForYourVocation.org - [The Top Ten For 2010](#) - See The Top 10 Vocation Web Sites of the Year

Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood

Please join in the joyful celebration of the Mass of Ordination at which Rev. Mr. Marco Rangel and Rev. Mr. John Szatkowski will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Avenue. Bishop Kevin Farrell will be the main celebrant with Auxiliary Bishops Douglas Deshotel and Mark Seitz along with the priests of the Diocese of Dallas as concelebrants.



Deacon Marco Rangel



Deacon John Szatkowski

Chaplain's Message by Fr. Tom Cloherty

My dear Serrans:

When I was in the seminary, our rector, Msgr. Gerald Hughes, would always say to us before leaving for summer vacation: "Gentlemen, there is no vacation from a vocation!"

There is a tendency in our society to ease up over the summer months since it is "vacation time." I want to encourage you to continue your good work leading up to and flowing from the VAP weekend experience this summer. We cannot afford to be lax in our prayers and work for vocations any time of the year.

Let your prayers and actions be ceaseless year round, summer included, in this worthy cause.

Have a blessed summer!

Father Tom

COME AND SEE

By Father John Harndon, S.J.

CHAPTER 2 - WHAT IS A RELIGIOUS VOCATION?

A vocation to the religious/consecrated life is a special grace that God gives to certain persons, calling them to a life of the evangelical counsels. There is more than passing value in stressing the fact that a religious vocation is a grace. It is, therefore, a gift and an opportunity that must be freely responded to if the grace is not to remain sterile and ineffective. We used to speak, and perhaps still do, of promoting religious vocations. Actually, we cannot promote vocations. Either God gives them or they don't exist. We can only discover what God has given and then foster a vocation that is presumably there.

But how do you discover a true vocation? The expression "true vocation" is not casual. It is critically important in an age when so many once-promising vocations seem to have been lost.

What are some typical features of a true vocation to the consecrated life? I would emphasize especially three:

1. a strong faith in the Catholic Church and her teaching, shown by a firm loyalty to the Vicar of Christ;
2. a love of prayer, at least the capacity for developing a desire for prayer;
3. a readiness to give oneself to a life of sacrifice in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

The practical question arises of how to recognize a true vocation to the consecrated life. The need for recognizing a vocation is so important that everything else is secondary. I believe that if every prospective candidate were to make a private retreat, even for a few days, under a competent priest, it would help immensely. The retreat could be especially geared to a person who thinks that he or she has a vocation to the consecrated life. Then, during the retreat, in an atmosphere of silence and prayer, ask God to enlighten one's mind as to whether or not He is calling the person to a life of Christian perfection.* This, in fact, is one of the original purposes of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius: to discover and decide on one's state of life.

The future of consecrated life is very promising, but the promise depends on certain premises, of which the first and most important is that God has given not just the initial call but the assurance of a lifetime of His supernatural grace to those who want to serve Him in the consecrated life.

Fr. John Harndon, S.J. wrote extensively on vocations including [*Come and See - Theological Reflections on the Promotion of Vocations*](#), a short treatise that gets to the heart of vocations. Divided into 12 short chapters, a chapter will be included in this and future issues of *The Metro*. For your own copy, order through the [publisher](#). To read on our website, click on the title above.

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Roster Updates

If you have any changes for the roster or would like an updated copy, send your request to Dorothy Hoel at dorothyhoel@svdphrift.org. You may also call her at 214.373.7837. The updated roster is available at the [Members Only](#) page of the website. Email John Hughes for the password: jfhughes@hotmail.com.

Saint of the Month

June 21st - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

The Lord can make saints anywhere, even amid the brutality and license of Renaissance life. Florence was the “mother of piety” for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a “society of fraud, dagger, poison and lust.” As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero.

At age seven he experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms and other devotions. At age nine he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week and practicing great austerities. When he was 13 years old he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade him to remain in his “normal” vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had St. Robert Bellarmine (September 17) as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease himself. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet, he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die within the octave of Corpus Christi, three months later, at the age of 23.

As a saint who fasted, scourged himself, sought solitude and prayer and did not look on the faces of women, Aloysius seems an unlikely patron of youth in a society where asceticism is confined to training camps of football teams and boxers, and sexual permissiveness has little left to permit. Can an overweight and air-conditioned society deprive itself of anything? It will when it discovers a reason, as Aloysius did. The motivation for letting God purify us is the experience of God loving us, in prayer.

Source: www.americancatholic.org. To receive “Saint of the Day” as an email from St. Anthony Messenger Press click [here](#).



His Excellency

The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.

Invites you to a Mass

In celebration of the

Year for Priests

Friday, June 4, 2010

5:00 P.M.

Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe
Dallas, TX

Cathedral parking is available in the
underground parking lot.

New Formation Adviser Appointed to Holy Trinity Seminary

The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, Bishop of Dallas, has appointed Rev. James Vasquez, a priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, to the formation faculty of Holy Trinity Seminary effective July 1, 2010.

Father Vasquez, 32, was born and raised in Corpus Christi. After graduation from a local public high school, Father Vasquez entered the seminary under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He attended and graduated from college seminary in 2000 with a BA in Philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He then completed his graduate studies in theology with an MDiv from the University of St. Thomas while completing his priestly formation at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas. On June 24, 2006 he was ordained to the priesthood in Corpus Christi Cathedral. Since ordination he has served as the Director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. In addition to his position as Family Life Office Director he has most recently served as a member of the faculty of John Paul II High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. His past parochial assignments include Corpus Christi Cathedral and most recently Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Corpus Christi, Texas.