

THE METRO



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SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS NEWSLETTER

President's Message *by Jere Romine*

Dear Serrans,

Thanks to Jerry Geary and his Group for organizing our Lenten Reflection at All Saints with our Chaplain, Father Tom Cloherty, celebrating Holy Mass for us. Father Tom gave us new Ideas for fasting and feasting during Lent. Larry Whaley's presentation on the History of Lent was both fascinating and educational.

Please sit with your assigned Group for the First Friday Breakfast Meeting on March 6th. Tables will be marked with your Group Number.

Sign up for the **Religious Women's Dinner** on March 7th. See page 3 for details. **Other dates to remember:** Metro Serra's Altar Server Award Dinner at All Saints March 26; VAP Brunch at HTS March 28, (VAP Raffle Tickets have been mailed to each of you); Metro Serra's Installation and 40th Anniversary Celebration on May 27th; VAP Weekend is July 17-19; Serra International Convention in Omaha, NE August 27-29.

Bishop Farrell is tentatively scheduled to speak at our May Luncheon on May 15th.

Per our Finance Committee 50% of the dues paid to Dallas Metro Serra are deductible as a Charitable Contribution.

Please respond to all calls and emails from your Group Leader and bring a guest to our next meeting.

Siempre Adelante!

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Chaplain's Message *by Father Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

The Lenten season is a powerful reminder to us that we are a pilgrim people...that is, we are still on the way to the Kingdom. The entirety of our lives is a journey of faith, hope and love, the other good news is that we are not alone; we journey in the company of our God and of one another.

The Gospel of Ash Wednesday still echoes in our minds and hearts that the steps we take along the way lead us closer and deeper in our relationship to the Lord and to others, not to mention to a better understanding of our very selves.

We are called to be a people of prayer. We are ultimately called to pray in communion with one another (such as at the liturgy of the Eucharist) as well as have the opportunity to pray with our family and friends, not to mention to pray, from time to time, by ourselves. Prayer allows us to be mindful not only of our own needs but those of others as well.

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CALENDAR

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.
Sat, March 7	Religious Women's Dinner - National Scouting Museum, Irving	3:30 p.m.
Fri, March 20	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Fr. Kevin O'Neil, C.Ss.R., Associate Professor, Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C.	11:45 a.m.
Thurs, March 26	Altar Server Award Dinner - All Saints; Mass, Dinner and Awards Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
Sat, March 28	VAP Kick Off Mass & Brunch - Holy Trinity Seminary	9:30 a.m.
Fri, April 3	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - Catholic Charities Programs and Services	6:45 a.m.
Sun, April 12	EASTER SUNDAY	
Fri, April 17	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Sister Lillian Manning ESEH; History and Role of the Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour in serving the poor	11:45 a.m.
Sun, Apr 19	Mass with the Seminarians - Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 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*.

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Fasting allows us to exercise discipline over our being. We are asked to truthfully look at ourselves and see what issues, sins, failings etc., we grapple with in our lives which keep us from fully embracing the person of the Lord; then taking acting to offset almsgiving (charitable works) lets us look beyond ourselves and to the needs of others. It is not always with the gift of treasure that we touch the lives of others; sometimes we are better able to grace the lives of others with the gift of our time and talent, the gift of ourselves which might allow for a greater impact in their lives and our own.

Therefore, journey on with the remainder of Lent and prepare the way of the Lord into your own life and love, as well as that of others, as we anticipate the glory of the risen Lord on Easter and beyond.

Have a Blessed Lenten Season!

Father Tom

Getting to Know Metro Serrans

Meet Dorothy Hoel

Dorothy Hoel is the General Manager of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store of Dallas. She brings over 20 years of entrepreneurial and management experience, including nine years in retail management, two years in software sales/training, and three years as owner and General Manager of a 20-acre resort located in the Redwoods of Northern California. Prior to joining St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store of Dallas, she concurrently managed 10 multi-million dollar "start-to-finish" de-novo bank projects for Bankmark. She also was recruited to set up a new bank development division for SAMCO Capital Markets Merger/Acquisitions.

Mrs. Hoel is very active in giving back to the community. She is a disaster relief services volunteer for the American Red Cross. In addition, she is an active member of her parish's Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA), Vocation Council, Small Christian Community, Pastoral Counsel and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Finally, she promotes vocations as a member of the Serra Club of Metropolitan Dallas.

Mrs. Hoel has three children. She moved to the Dallas six years ago and currently resides with her two daughters and cat, Soda Pop. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.



Jerry Geary serves as Master of Ceremonies at the Metro Serran Lenten Mass and Reflection which was held at All Saints on February 19th.

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.

Religious Women's Dinner Set



The day is almost here – the University of Dallas Serra Club is hosting the annual Religious Women's Dinner, on Saturday, March 7th, at the National Scout Museum. Latest count, per the UD Serra newsletter, was 63 sisters, 53 Serrans.

All attendees are asked to be present at 3:00 p.m. at the museum, located at 1329 West Walnut Hill Lane in Irving, west of MacArthur.

Program consists of: a tour of the state-of-the-art museum, a campfire program with songs, skits, and stories—but no wood smoke (fire regulations!) A barbecue dinner follows at about 5:00 p.m., raffle during the meal, and goodie bags to send the nuns on their way.

University of Dallas - School of Ministry

The University of Dallas - School of Ministry is celebrating the Year of Paul by offering *Summer in Rome*, a 3-week term (May 31st - June 30th) and a shorter term (June 24th - July 4th). Experience what is "Roman" about Roman Catholicism with University of Dallas professors. Field trips throughout the city will punctuate the courses. Participants can take New Testament, Paul's Letters to the Romans, Church History, the Pastoral Letters, the Lives of the Saints, Mosaic Masterpieces and the Dawn of Christianity. Fees are inclusive. For more information please visit www.udallas.edu/ministry/summerinstitute.cfm or call (972) 721-4118.

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				