

THE METRO



November 2009

SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

NEWSLETTER

**Mark Your Calendars
Advent Reflection**

**Wednesday
December 9, 2009**

**Mass and Dinner
Saint Rita
6:30 p.m.**

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.

President's Message *by Pete Philp*

Dear Serrans,

By all accounts, Career Day at John Paul II High School was a resounding success. Father David Konderla from St. Mary's Catholic Center at College Station was a real hit with the students and faculty. The kids were very fortunate to receive expert advice from the many highly qualified presenters who attended. I want to thank our Schools Czar, Lawrence Whaley for all of the hard work he put into this and the College Connection Program. Both of these programs helped develop a greater Serran presence at Catholic high school level in the Diocese. Our successful participation in these two programs has already helped create an additional opportunity for a Metro Serra sponsored vocational awareness event at John Paul II High School. Stay tuned!

Cleal Watts' passing will certainly leave a void in our club and we will really miss him. We also learned of the passing of Phil Cramer, a Metro Serran for 39 years. May God be gentle in judging Cleal, Phil and all of our departed Metro members and their spouses.

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Chaplain's Message *by Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

November is an interesting month in that it contains so many varied days of remembrance and celebration:

November 1, All Saints' Day, is a powerful reminder to us that we are all called to be saints, we are called by Jesus "to be as holy as our heavenly father is holy." we certainly remember the canonized saints but realize that this is a challenge to all of us to be more holy and express such through our words and works.

November 2, All Souls' Day, reminds us of the connectivity we have to all "those who have gone before us in the ways

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CALENDAR

Fri, Nov 6	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - St. Monica; Steve Kellmeyer; Catholic author and speaker: <i>Year For Priests</i>	6:45 a.m.
Wed, Nov 11	Metro Serra Information Meeting For Prospective New Members; St.Monica Family Center	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Nov 20	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Julie Billmeier: Young Adult Liaison, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Diocese of Dallas	11:45 a.m.
Wed, Dec 2	Metro Serra Information Meeting For Prospective New Members; St.Monica Family Center	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Dec 4	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - St. Monica; Speaker TBD	6:45 a.m.
Sun, Dec 6	Mass with Seminarians; Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 a.m.
Wed, Dec 9	Advent Reflection Mass and Dinner; Saint Rita; Msgr. Seitz	6:30 p.m.
Fri, Dec 25	Christmas Day	
Fri, Jan 1	New Year's Day - No First Friday Mass & Breakfast	
Thurs, Jan 14	World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life	
Fri, Jan 15	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Speaker TBD	11:45 a.m.

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We have now lost seven members in less than a year due to death, relocation and resignation. Meanwhile, we have not added any new members in more than a year. This adds additional importance to the Membership Campaign that Roland Pedevilla and his committee are working on. **Please see page 4.** Please also join me in praying for the success of this extremely important program.

New and even more stringent directives regarding the Diocesan Safe Environment Program significantly affect all Serra Clubs. These directives and our increased presence at Catholic high schools have led me to appoint a Safe Environment Coordinator for our club. Rich Haas has agreed to take on this very important responsibility to ensure the safety of school children, our club members, and for the protection of our club. Please be prepared to assist Rich in whatever he needs to this perform this very important task for our club.

Siempre Adelante,

Pete

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of Christ's peace and friendship." for all who have died, whether in our families, Serra, friends, associates, neighbors, fellow parishioners, this is a beautiful opportunity to call them to mind and lift them up in prayer. And while praying for them, to also pray for their families and friends so that they might be gifted by God's comfort and consolation.

November 26, Thanksgiving Day, gives us reason to pause and to offer God our gratitude for all that has been and for all that shall be. Even in these times that have been challenging, financially and other ways, we can still offer to God our thanks for the many ways in which we are incredibly blessed.

November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent which begins the new church calendar year and our immediate preparation for the celebration of Jesus - the reason for the season.

So you can see there are lots of reason to celebrate, pray and enjoy in this month of November.

Have a blessed month!

Father Tom

Liturgical Items At November Meeting Will Conclude U.S. Bishops' Work On English Translation Of Roman Missal

New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass

The *Missale Romanum* (the *Roman Missal*), the ritual text for the celebration of the Mass, was first promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as the definitive text of the reformed liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. A second edition followed in 1975.

Pope John Paul II issued a revised version of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year 2000. The English translation of the revised *Roman Missal* is nearing completion, and the Bishops of the United States will vote on the final sections of the text November 16 - 18. Among other things, the revised edition of the *Missale Romanum* contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the *Roman Missal* will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

If the English translation is approved this month, the translation will be forwarded to the Vatican for final approval.

Excellent information on the proposed changes to the *Roman Missal* and the Mass can be found at the special USCCB Web page: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/>.

Here is an example of a potential change to the greeting during the Assembly part of the Mass

CURRENT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And *also with you*.

NEW

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And *with your spirit*.

Roster Updates

If you have any changes for the roster, send to Pat O'Brien at pvbrien@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.

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

2009
December 6th
2010
March 21st
May 2nd

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.

Serra Information Nights

Two **Metro Serra Information Nights** have been scheduled by Roland Pedevilla and his membership committee: both Wednesdays, November 11th and December 2nd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Saint Monica Family Center. These are meetings to familiarize prospective members with Serra as well as providing a social event for meeting and greeting.

Prospective members are being invited to these meetings as part of our new member campaign. A personal information letter is going out to each of them. The letter also invites them to the following club activities:

- Fri, Nov 6th - Mass and Breakfast
- Fri, Nov 20th - Luncheon
- Fri, Dec 4th - Mass and Breakfast
- Wed, Dec 9th - Advent Mass and Dinner

Please contact Roland at 214.673.6139 or rrpedevilla@yahoo.com if you are aware of prospective new members that should be invited to either of these sessions.

31 Club Day	Metro Serran
1st	Ed Murphy
1st	Mike Grimshaw
2nd	Fred Fink
3rd	Bill Burke
3rd	Don Wetzel
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

IN MEMORIAM

PHILIP RAYMOND CRAMER
October 11, 1920 - September 21, 2009

CLEAL THOMAS WATTS, JR.
May 9, 1932 - October 17, 2009

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