

# THE METRO



September 2009

## SERRA CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS NEWSLETTER

### MAKE RESERVATIONS

The 2009 Seminarian Welcome  
Dinner  
October 6, 2009  
5:00 p.m.  
The Fairmont Hotel

[www.holytrinityseminary.com](http://www.holytrinityseminary.com)

Celebrate!

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

October 25, 2009

Mark Your Calendars  
*Advent Reflection*

Wednesday  
December 9, 2009

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

### President's Message *by Pete Philp*

Dear Serrans,

Details for the *Seminarian Golf Outing, September 12<sup>th</sup>* at the Grapevine Golf Club were distributed by e-mail last week, including separate sign-up procedures for golf and the dinner. The cost for golfers is \$33.50 which includes greens fee and cart. The cost for the dinner which will be served at 5:30pm is \$18.50 each. Please make your reservations for both events with Katherine at [s27@sullivanholston.com](mailto:s27@sullivanholston.com). Golf clubs for the seminarians are needed.

If you have not already done so, please consider attending the *Seminarian Welcome Dinner, October 6<sup>th</sup>* at the Fairmont Hotel. Proceeds from this event are used to support the seminary and seminarians in many ways. Recently completed renovation of parts of Holy Trinity Seminary was made possible by funds raised from

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### Chaplain's Message *by Tom Cloherty*

My dear Serrans:

How appropriate that September has within it the civil holiday of "Labor Day." Even though it is a holiday, it is also a reminder that we must continually labor for the cause of vocations year round.

This year we have close to fifty seminarians enrolled for the Diocese of Dallas. Holy Trinity Seminary has over forty seminarians enrolled. These are two great statistics that have been brought about by your laboring for the Lord.

I just returned from seeing one of my parishioners who is in first profession for the Benedictine nuns at St. Emma

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## CALENDAR

Fri, Sep 4	No First Friday Mass & Breakfast - Labor Day Weekend	
Sat, Sep 12	Seminarian Golf Outing; Grapevine Country Club	
Fri, Sep 18	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Mark Rist	11:45 a.m.
Sep 25 - Oct 18	"WOMEN & SPIRIT: Catholic Sisters in America"; State Fair of Texas	
Fri, Oct 2	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - St. Monica; Sister Edyta Krawczyk; Holy Land Pilgrimage	6:45 a.m.
Tue, Oct 6	2009 Seminarian Welcome Dinner; The Fairmont Hotel	5:00 p.m.
Fri, Oct 16	Luncheon Meeting - Park City Club; Monica Ashour; 2008 Bishop's Pro-Life Award Recipient	11:45 a.m.
Fri, Nov 6	First Friday Mass & Breakfast - St. Monica; Steve Kellmeyer; Catholic author and speaker: <i>Year For Priests</i>	6:45 a.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 9	Advent Reflection Mass and Dinner; Saint Rita	6:30 p.m.

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past events. Reservations can be made at: [www.holytrinityseminary.com](http://www.holytrinityseminary.com). Be sure to indicate on your reservation that you would like to sit at a Metro Serra table if you don't have other plans. This is a great way to support our seminarians while spending an enjoyable evening with fellow Serrans.

We had our first meeting with the staff at John Paul II High School on Tuesday, August 25 regarding the *Career Day* event to be held **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. It promises to be a very memorable occasion for the seniors and it will be a great opportunity for Serrans to interact at the high school level. I will send out an update by e-mail to keep you posted.

We have begun distributing posters and the "*Celebrate Priesthood Sunday, October 25, 2009 Planning Guide*" to our assigned parishes. This information is designed to help the lay faithful of our assigned parishes prepare a program to honor their priests on this special day. The Planning Guide can be viewed at the USAC website, [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org).

Siempre Adelante!

Pete

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Monastery in Greensburg, Pa. She encouraged me to let all the parishioners know to keep her vocation in their prayers since it was their prayers that encouraged her in her vocation.

St. Benedict said, "Ora et labora" that is, prayer and work. May we do both well and often.

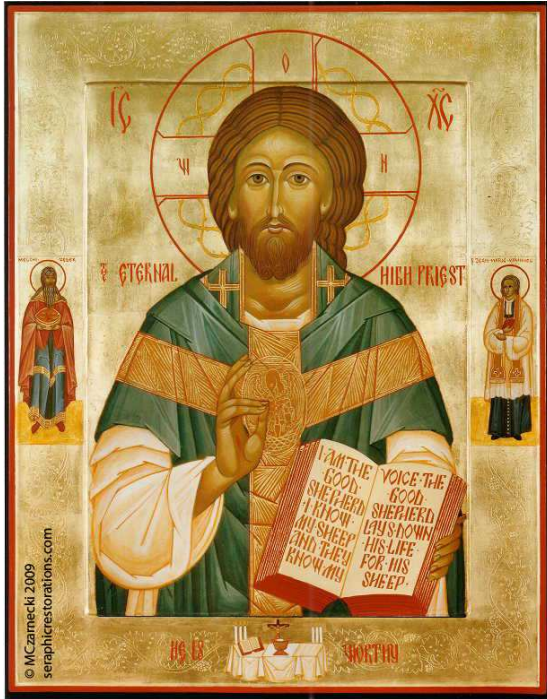
Father Tom

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### *Roster Updates*

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If you have any changes for the roster, send to Pat O'Brien at [pvobrien@att.net](mailto:pvobrien@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](http://www.metroterra.com). Email John Hughes for the password, [jfhughes@hotmail.com](mailto:jfhughes@hotmail.com).



Year for Priests  
June 19 2009 - June 19, 2010

## About the Icon

### *Christ the Great High Priest*

Iconographer Marek Czarnecki of Seraphic Restorations in Meriden, Connecticut, has graciously given the USCCB the rights to use the icon of *Christ the Great High Priest* during the Year for Priests. This icon (egg tempera and gold leaf on wood panel, 28" x 22") is "based on a fifteenth century Greek prototype; here Christ is shown in Latin Rite vestments with a gold pelican over His heart, the ancient symbol of self-sacrifice. The borders contain a winding grapevine and altar prepared for the celebration of the liturgy of the Mass; in the borders are smaller icons of Melchizedek and St. Jean-Baptiste Vianney." Incidentally, it is St. John Vianney whom Pope Benedict XVI, with the announcement of this special year, has declared the Universal Patron of Priests.

Czarnecki explains: "I wrote the icon about seven years ago [for seminarians and priests] to be able to see Christ in themselves and themselves in Christ. We often hear that the icon is called a window; in this case, it's also meant to be a mirror." The Good Shepherd reminds the priest that he is to "lay down his life for his sheep."

## 10 Episcopal nuns in Archdiocese of Baltimore to join Catholic Church

After seven years of prayer and discernment, a community of Episcopal nuns and their chaplain will be received into the Roman Catholic Church during a September 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien.

The archbishop will welcome 10 sisters from the Society of All Saints' Sisters of the Poor when he administers the sacrament of confirmation and the sisters renew their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the chapel of their Catonsville convent.

Episcopal Father Warren Tanghe will also be received into the church and is discerning the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest.

Mother Christina Christie, superior of the religious community, said the sisters are "very excited" about joining the Catholic Church and have been closely studying the church's teachings for years. Two Episcopal nuns who have decided not to become Catholic will continue to live and minister alongside their soon-to-be Catholic sisters. Members of the community range in age from 59 to 94.

"For us, this is a journey of confirmation," Mother Christina said. "We felt God was leading us in this direction for a long time."

Wearing full habits with black veils and white wimples that cover their heads, the sisters have been a visible beacon of hope in Catonsville for decades.

The American branch of a society founded in England, the All Saints' Sisters of the Poor came to Baltimore in 1872 and have been at their current location since 1917. In addition to devoting their lives to a rigorous daily prayer regimen, the sisters offer religious retreats, visit people in hospice care and maintain a Scriptorium where they design religious cards to inspire others in the faith.

Throughout their history, the sisters worked with the poor of Baltimore as part of their charism of hospitality. Some of that work has included reaching out to children with special needs and ministering to AIDS patients.

## 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](mailto:jfhughes@hotmail.com) or call him at 972.661.1423.

### Online Catholic Television Programming Available Now Free of Charge at CatholicTV.com

Catholics now have a website where they can watch Catholic programming 24 hours per day. CatholicTV.com offers a live streaming broadcast of CatholicTV available in full-screen and is free of charge.

CatholicTV is a nationally-broadcasted television network headquartered near Boston. 40% of CatholicTV's programs are produced by CatholicTV. Some of the remainder of the programs are produced by various dioceses across the nation. CatholicTV programming includes the signature CatholicTV talk show "This is the Day". Two other popular CatholicTV programs include "Wow! The CatholicTV Challenge", which is a Catholic trivia show starring 3rd graders, and "The Future Depends on Love", which is a show about marriage hosted by Dr. Angela and Dr. David Franks.

In September, CatholicTV will air a new reality television series which takes viewers into the homes of Catholic families. CatholicTV also broadcasts "Real Faith TV", which is a faith-based program that is produced by and features teenagers talking about real-world issues.

All CatholicTV programs produced by CatholicTV can be viewed anytime in the CatholicTV archives included on the webpages of each show. For instance, the CatholicTV talk show "This is the Day" has 26 episodes viewable now in the archives. These include guest appearances by Mike Lowell, Sister Helen Prejean, Jessica Rey, Linda Santo and many others.

Viewers interested in watching CatholicTV from their computers must first visit CatholicTV.com and then click on "Watch CatholicTV Live" in order to view the streaming broadcast.

#### About CatholicTV:

CatholicTV provides family-friendly, religious, news, and educational programming 24 hours daily. Founded over 50 years ago, CatholicTV is available in selected areas on cable in the United States and Canada, via Sky Angel and online via a live stream anytime, everywhere at the station's web site [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com). Father Robert Reed, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, is the Director of CatholicTV.

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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	Ray Vales
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

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