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The Newsletter of the Serra Club of Metropolitan Dallas

Corpus Christi Bishop to Deliver Keynote Address at 2010 Seminarian Welcome Dinner



Holy Trinity Seminary has announced that Most Reverend [Wm. Michael Mulvey](#), Bishop of Corpus Christi, will be the keynote presenter at the [2010 Seminarian Welcome Dinner](#) which will be held on Tuesday, October 5th at The Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

If you are planning on attending and would like to be seated with fellow Metro Serrans, please forward your reservation and check payable to Holy Trinity Seminary to John Poston, 6629 Sawmill Road, Dallas TX, 75252, by September 15th.

Individual tickets are \$150 and tables of ten begin at \$1,500. For more information or to register online, click on the Welcome Dinner link above.

IN MEMORIAM ANDREW F. STASIO

June 11, 1917 - August 1, 2010

President's Message *by Peter D'Apice*

Dear Serrans,

The Seminarian Serran golf outing is Saturday, September 18th, 12:30 p. m. at the [Grapevine Golf Course](#). We expect sixty seminarians but we are woefully short of Serrans to join them in golf. We need you to participate. To sign up for the golf and/or dinner please contact Dennis Sullivan at: dsullivan@sullivanholston.com. Nine holes of golf (including green fee and cart fee) - \$32.00 per player. The BBQ dinner is \$21.00 per person.

I will be speaking at our October 1st breakfast on the "State of the Club", and John Hughes will give a presentation on the website.

Siempre Adelante!

Peter

Mass With The Seminarians

The first Mass with the Seminarians for the new academic year will be Sunday, September 5th at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity Seminary. Please bring doughnuts, muffins or other breakfast pastries to share following Mass. All area Serra Clubs are invited to join the seminarians as they kick off the academic year. Future Masses dates will be added to the calendar when known.

SAVE THE DATE

[Thomas W. Keefe](#), J.D., the eighth president of the [University of Dallas](#), will be our November 19th luncheon speaker.

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CALENDAR

September 2-5	Serra International Convention - Anchorage, Alaska	
Friday, September 3	No Breakfast Meeting – LABOR DAY WEEKEND	
Sunday, September 5	Mass With The Seminarians – Holy Trinity Seminary	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, September 5	Solemn Vespers (Blessing and Conferral of Title of Reverend Monsignor on Father Michael Olson, Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fort Worth	7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 17	Monthly Luncheon – Park City Club; Fr. Marco Rangel, St. Mark's Parish, Plano	11:45 a.m.
Saturday, September 18	SEMINARIAN GOLF OUTING – Grapevine Golf Course	12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 1	First Friday Mass & Breakfast – Saint Monica; Speaker: Peter D'Apice - Metro Serra: The State of the Club	6:45 a.m.
Tuesday, October 5	2010 Seminarian Welcome Dinner - Fairmont Hotel	6:00 p.m.
Friday, October 15	Monthly Luncheon – Park City Club; Speaker to be determined	11:45 a.m.
Sunday, October 31	CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!	



New Roman Missal Approved For Use in the US

Catholics in the United States will begin using the long-awaited English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent in 2011, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago said Aug. 20. The cardinal's announcement marks the formal beginning of a more than 15-month period of education and training leading to the first use of the "third typical edition" of the Roman Missal at English-language Masses in the United States on Nov. 27, 2011. Source: *The Catholic Spirit*

Chaplain's Message by Fr. Tom Cloherty

My dear Serrans:

I have begun a new chapter in the book of my life. After twelve years as the pastor of All Saints in Dallas, I am now the pastor of Prince of Peace in Plano. On the journey we call life; there are so many good byes and hellos. This is one of those moments for both. Thank God for good people in every parish.

I had an opportunity to meet with Prince of Peace's seminarian, Bob Spensely, who is attending Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Boston. This seminary is for second career vocations. I asked how I might be of help to him as he left to pursue his studies. He responded: "Just keep me in your prayers."

I would pass along those same words to all of you. Just keep our seminarians in prayer, especially as they begin this new school year, some for the first time and others as they continue their journey. Ask the Lord to let them know what He wants for them and what He wants from them.

Have a blessed month!

Father Tom

COME AND SEE
by Father John Harndon, S.J.

CHAPTER 4 - THE CATHOLIC FAMILY AND VOCATIONS

Where are vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life mainly fostered? In strong Catholic families. When do these vocations flourish? When Catholic families flourish. When do vocations wane? When Catholic family life is weak.

If this is true, then whatever we can do to stabilize Catholic family life and strengthen family ties among the faithful will promote good vocations to the service of the Church.

It is not hard to find reasons for this. After all, whatever else a true vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life implies, it always means that a person is called to an above-average practice of virtue in the following of Christ. Concretely this means having the generosity to spend a lifetime in serving others without counting the cost. It means having the humility to work under authority for the common good. And above all it means having the charity, born of grace, to give up some of life's most precious possessions and prospects out of love for God.

The family is the divinely instituted place for generosity, humility and charity first to take root and, with divine assistance, to be cultivated from infancy, through childhood and adolescence, into adult life.

We speak so casually about grace building on virtue that we are liable to miss the profound implications of what we are saying. The grace of

vocations needs good soil in which to be planted, and the proper conditions to develop under God's supernatural care. There is no soil more necessary and no conditions are more important than a good family life.

Certainly God is master of His gifts and He can, if He wishes, dispense with these provisions of nature. Good vocations have come from very unlikely backgrounds and in spite of the most adverse home situations. But these exceptions only prove the rule.

In His ordinary providence, however, the Lord prepares those He plans to choose by making sure they are reared in a family where generosity as self-sacrifice is shown to their children and required of them by the parents; where humility is a way of life because father and mother exercise their authority with kindness but with a firm and steady hand; and where charity, as the love of God, is instilled in the children by the practice of prayer and respect for religion that becomes almost the family atmosphere.

No one who knows what is going on in modern western society has any illusions about the status of the family. Irresponsible fathers, absentee mothers, neglected children, broken homes are becoming commonplace in one country after another.

We have no choice. We, who believe that Christ is God, believe that He has not neglected His people. But we must do our part. We must strive by all manner of means to preserve sound Christian values in the family and restore them where they have been lost. And we must beg the Lord of the harvest to produce laborers for His vineyard by providing such families as are the normal seedbed of vocations in the Catholic Church.

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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.

Saint of the Month, September 5: Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the Order she founded in 1950 as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia (then part of the Ottoman Empire), Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18 she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was

to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and, instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.”

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community and undertake her new work, she took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a

white sari and sandals (the ordinary dress of an Indian woman) she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Other helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, the use of buildings. In 1952 the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the Order expanded,

services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging and street people.

For the next four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home.



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

Roster Updates

If you have any changes for the roster or would like an updated copy, send your request to [Dorothy Hoel](#). 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.

