

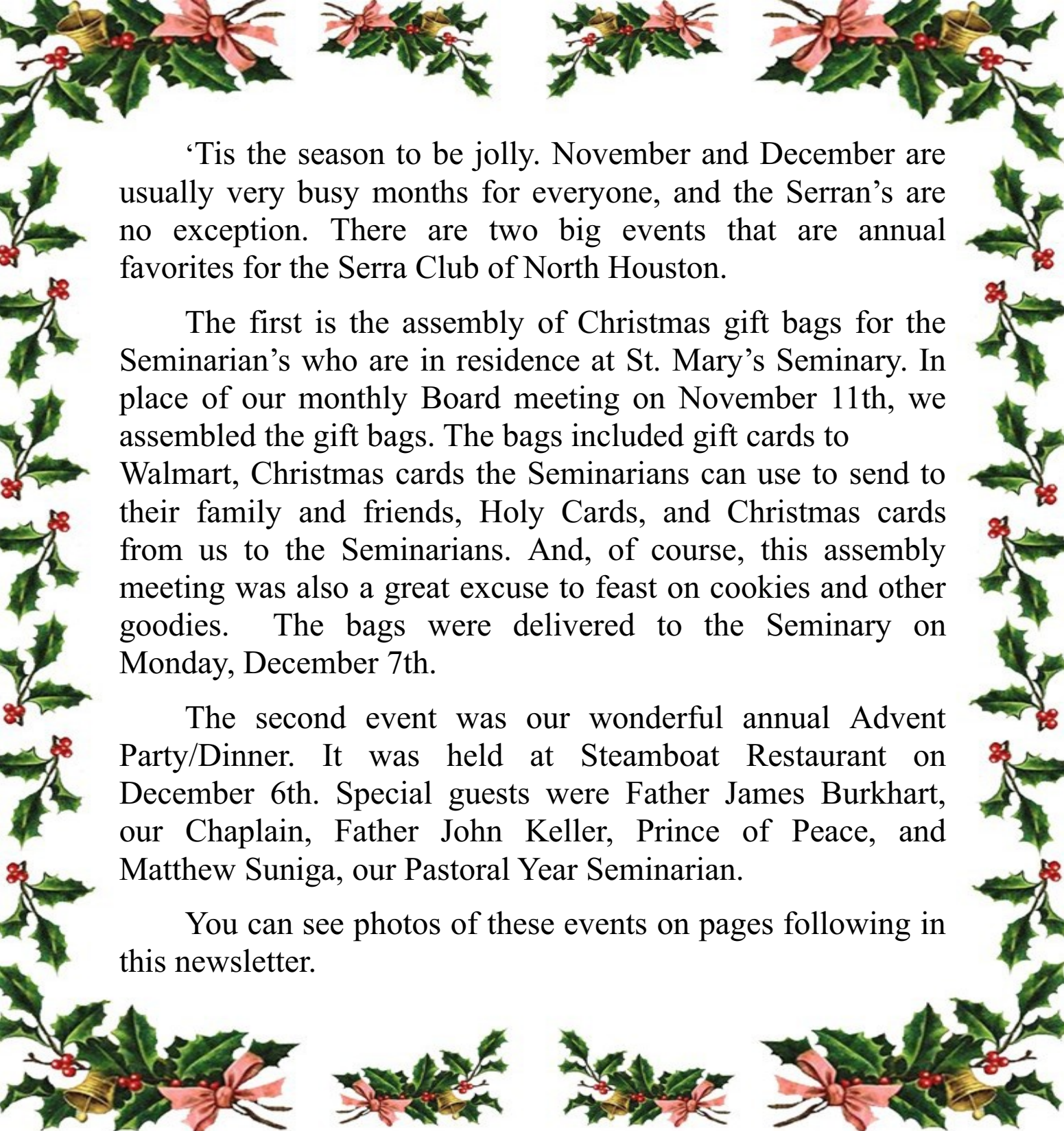


# Come, Follow Me

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'Tis the season to be jolly. November and December are usually very busy months for everyone, and the Serran's are no exception. There are two big events that are annual favorites for the Serra Club of North Houston.

The first is the assembly of Christmas gift bags for the Seminarian's who are in residence at St. Mary's Seminary. In place of our monthly Board meeting on November 11th, we assembled the gift bags. The bags included gift cards to Walmart, Christmas cards the Seminarians can use to send to their family and friends, Holy Cards, and Christmas cards from us to the Seminarians. And, of course, this assembly meeting was also a great excuse to feast on cookies and other goodies. The bags were delivered to the Seminary on Monday, December 7th.

The second event was our wonderful annual Advent Party/Dinner. It was held at Steamboat Restaurant on December 6th. Special guests were Father James Burkhart, our Chaplain, Father John Keller, Prince of Peace, and Matthew Suniga, our Pastoral Year Seminarian.

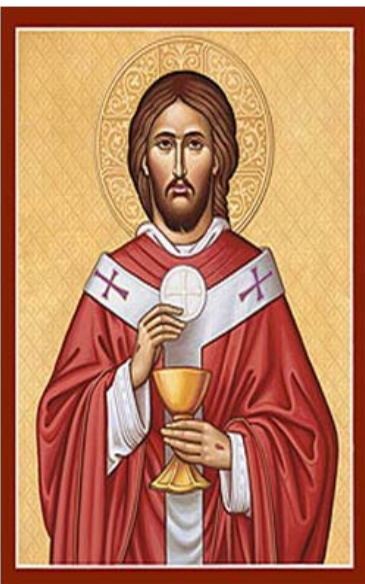
You can see photos of these events on pages following in this newsletter.



The Serran's visited the Shalom Center on Saturday, November 21st, 2015 and were given a tour by Dan Kidd.



New Serran's Chuck and Shirley Varsel celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, Nov. 25th. The photo was taken at the Shalom Center on November 21st, 2015.



## Let Us Continue to Pray For Our Priests, Seminarians and Clergy

### Serra Club of North Houston Board Members

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### Dates To Remember

**Serra Rally .... January 14th-17th**  
**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>....CGS, Meeting,**  
**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>....St. Simon & Jude, 1/2**  
**Day Spirituality,**  
**Dcn. Dub Hargraves**  
**Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>....St. Edwards Mtg**  
**April 27th....CGS, Mtg**

# Seminarian Christmas Gift Bags



## Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen



Holy Year is a reminder to put Mercy before judgement.

Pope Francis







On December 7th  
The Serran's  
delivered the  
gift  
bags to the  
Seminary.  
Jan Beall,  
Seminarian  
Stephen Hauck,  
Diocese of  
Ft. Worth, TX,  
Maria Vitucci  
and Lynn Lewis.



Patricia Chou,  
Jan Beall,  
Candice Tyrrell,  
and  
Maria Vitucci.



Father James & Seminarian Matthew Suniga attended the Serran Advent Party of Serra Club of North Houston at the Steamboat Steakhouse. Father James gave a beautiful opening prayer to start off the Advent Dinner Party.







