



THE *Good* NEWS

Serra Club of Arlington-Metro

AUGUST 2009

From the President

Our August Serra Club Meeting was a home run because we established Serra Club Parish Representatives for the main Parishes in Arlington. With the active Parish Representatives, it will be possible for the SERRA organization to be more active in each Parish. Our membership will grow with more visibility in each Parish.

Many thanks for all of you that volunteered to participate in this valuable work. You will receive rewards for what you do for vocations.

Peter Hatton presented a guide for our Club membership to use for Priesthood Sunday. The presidents along with Fr. Kyle have discussed the need to celebrate Priesthood Sunday each year. However, insufficient work was done to make this happen. This year, our Club has taken the lead in making this happen. The following is a copy of the guideline for Priesthood Sunday.

Arlington Metro Serra Priesthood Sunday October 25, 2009 Celebration

The recognition of our Arlington priests on Priesthood Sunday is probably one of the most important but most often forgotten public displays of affirmation. As we all took our Serra oath to work for Vocations and to affirm our current religious, this is a very important day. We should enjoy the challenge of making this a memorable day for our priests.

Suggested program for Arlington Metro Serra

1. Assign two members of the club to be representatives to their home parish. When there are no Serrans in a particular parish, the VP of Vocations should find

representatives for those parishes. All parish representatives should be part of the Vocations Committee.

2. Contact the pastor and explain the program and ask for his support.
3. Contact the pastor's parents and or local family for participation in the event.
4. Work with the Liturgy Director or similar post at the parish to help set up the services.
5. Contact the youth ministers and give them suggestions for participation.
6. Contact the men's club, K of C, woman's club, or other strong parish organization and solicit their help.
7. Act as the coordinator at the parish for all activities involving this celebration.

Suggested timing for the Program

1. Week August 10, President and VP Vocations establish Parish Representatives.
2. August 11, present plan to Board---PAH.
3. August 12, present plan to membership, have published in Good News---PAH.
4. Week August 16, VP Vocations and Parish Representatives meet to establish assignments and time table for contacting parishes. Additional meetings as needed.
5. Report to Board and membership on progress. VP Vocations
6. September. Parish representatives meet with and establish program within their departments for Priesthood Sunday activities.

7. October. Complete all preparations for Sunday Celebration.

List of suggested activities

- Serran leads prayer for priest(s),
- Grade school children draw pictures of priest(s), select best picture per grade and present to Father(s) at mass
- High school kids honor priest(s) at their meeting during week of Priesthood Sunday,
- Priests family and relatives invited to Sunday service,

- Parish Brunch for priest(s),
- Parish Clubs invite priest(s) to meeting and pass hat for him (them) or make an outright gift to priest(s),
- Staff has lunch at office,

Thank you for all the things that you do to help with our work for vocations.

God Bless you!

Tom Murphy, President

Minutes of August 11, 2009 Board Meeting:

The Meeting opened at 7pm with following members present Tom Murphy, Bruins Watts Al Hydak, Dan Singel, Peter Hatton, G. Santiago and Dick Kolkka.

Tom opened the meeting with the Serran Prayer for Vocations.

The Secretary's report was accepted as published in The Good News.

The Treasurer's Report...Dan passed out copies of his Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report details were explained by him and accepted by all board members.

Vocations Report was presented jointly by Bruins and Al Hydak and was accepted. Al presented a Bulletin Notice announcing the Year for Priest that he is asking each parish in Arlington to place in their Sunday Bulletin. He will also present this notice at the regular August Meeting.

Programs Report...Tom presented the report. Fr. Gerard will speak at tomorrows meeting and next month Fr. Pacheco will be the speaker.

Communications Report...Gerald continues to work on The Good News.

Membership Report. Jim V was not in attendance and did not send a report.

Old Business...

Prayer Books are being printed at St. Vincent DePaul and will be available soon for distribution to membership...

The Fort Worth Club Seminarian Party was held 08/03/09 at Holy Redeemer Church in Aledo. Nine members of our club attended.

New Business...

Priesthood Sunday is coming up October 25th 2009. Peter Hatton laid out a comprehensive plan for the celebration of that event. Peter will explain the plan at tomorrows dinner meeting... much work needs to be done before the October 25, 2009 date.

As part of the Priesthood Sunday project, Tom will ask and appoint a Parish Representative(s) for each Arlington Parish. Charles Jones will discuss his work on the VAP program at Wednesday meeting.

The Fort Worth Metro Club has suggested that The Arlington Club and the Fort Worth Clubs have combined Christmas Party at St. Marias Parish since we already have the room reserved. A party planning committee will be established at the Wednesday meeting.

Good of the Order...Tom asked for prayers for those on a list passed out by Al Hydak in addition to any others in need.

The Meeting adjourned with Tom leading the Board in the closing Serran Prayer.

Dick Kolkka...Secretary.

Programs Report

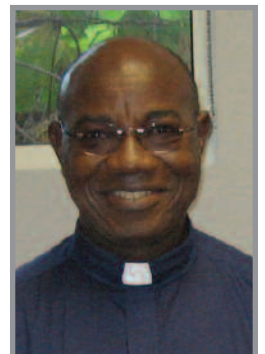
Our speaker was Father Girard Marion who is based in Nigeria. Father Girard was ordained in 1974 and views vocations as a special gift from God.

While still in the seminary Father Girard felt the calling to start a community that takes care of people, specifically children. As result he founded a boarding school that enrolls kindergarten through high school. In the first year of operation he started with 9 children and now through the

grace of God there are now 220 students with 110 in high school.

Father Girard also announced that the school is also now allowing day students to attend.

Father Girard thanked the Serrans for the opportunity to speak to us and thanked us for our support of vocations.



Guest Speaker
Father Gerard Marion

Treasures Report

Balance as of 7/31/2009	\$2,982.75
Income	342.00
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Expenses	322.46
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Balance as of 2/28/2009	\$3,002.25
Dan Singel, Treasurer	

Calendar of Events

Public Mass at Holy Trinity Seminary

Please bring donuts for fellowship with seminarians after Mass. Public mass time is 9:15 a.m.

September 6, 13, 20 October 4, 11, 25

July

9/2009 - Holy Half Hour-Cancelled.

**9/9/2009 - 6:30 Dinner Meeting at St. Maria Goretti,
1200 S. Davis Dr. Arlington, Texas. Father
Pacheco will be speaking.**

9/26/2009 - 7:30 AM Mass with Discalced Carmelite Nuns,
5801 Mount Carmel Dr., Arlington, TX.
Entrance close to Bowen & Sublett

10/26/2009 - Priesthood Sunday.

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

There are no Priest Ordination Anniversaries this month.

Seminarian Birthdays

August:

- *Nghia Nguyen, St. Joseph Seminary College
- *Michael Greco, Holy Trinity Seminary

September:

- *Khiem Nguyen, Assumption Seminary
- *Derek Histén, Assumption Seminary
- * *Congratulatory card and stipend sent.*

Prayer Requests

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Your prayers are requested for: Zack Whitley, all members of our Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Marines & Coast Guard and First Responders (Police, Firemen & Paramedics). Your continued prayers are also requested for all priests, religious and seminarians.

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Mass Commitments for Vocations

1st	Frances Smith	2nd	Shinh Brewer
3rd	Jim Barrett	4th	Xavier Carrillo
5th	Ray Hugger	6th	Dick Kolkka
7th	Emmett Lawless	8th	Bill Gildner,
9th	Ben Doscocil	10th	Hal Luke
11th	Dan Singel	12th	Ida Smith
13th	Louise Lawless, Pat LaPosta,	14th	Fr. Joseph Schumacher will offer mass for vocations
15th	Xavier Carrillo	16th	Luis Diaz
17th	Msgr. Schumacher, Ann LaPosta	18th	Duane Smith
19th	Bruns Watts	20th	Jim Vredenburg
21st	Phil Troha	22nd	JAS
23rd	John Huggins	24th	Nancy Barrett
25th	Msgr. Schumacher, Pam Nolan	26th	Al Hydack
27th	Frank Wagner	28th	Jim Lengen
29th	Peter Hatton, Jack Hammon	30th & 31st	Jim Cuff

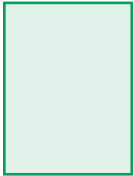
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<http://serraclubarlington-metro.blogspot.com>

Good News Deadline

Information to be included in the Good News must be received by the Wednesday after our dinner meeting. Please contact Gerald Santiago at gsantiago@prodigy.net or 817-739-0358.

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