



THE *Good* NEWS

Serra Club of Arlington-Metro

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009

From the President

On September 13, 2008, my wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter along with several friends joined in the Tarrant County Heart Walk. There were thousands of walkers who donated money out of their funds or were sponsored by others; many volunteers gave up their Saturday to make this event a great success. Many businesses donated drinks, snakes and other items to the walkers. Even with the treat of wind and rain, the walkers showed up to show their support of this worthwhile cause.

The survivors of heart procedures were recognized by the American Heart Association by giving them red hats to wear.

This event brought home the point of how much within our society depends upon volunteers, donations by caring persons and caregivers. Our Serra Club is successful because our membership volunteers and makes donations to the Serra Club through dues, 50/50 raffle along with the other causes for which volunteer give time, talent and treasury.

Because of what each member contribution of time, talent and treasury does for the good of the Serra Club, the balance of the Serra Club membership is very thankful. The Serra Club cannot be successful without your support and assistance.

In the future you as a member of the Serra Club find a cause

in which you intend to get involved because it will help increase vocations or benefit our Serra Club, please bring the matter to the board for action. I am confident you will find support from our board and membership.

Two additional ordinations are planned for May 2010 and maybe 5 or 6 planned for 2011. How wonderful is that.

Also this September, our Diocese received a new Priest Alfredo Barba. This is the second new priest our Diocese received this year. The other new priest is John Pacheco who was our guest speaker for the September meeting.

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Starting in September the Fr. Kyle's Monday night VAP will be split into a men's night the second Monday of the month and a women's night third Monday night of the month. Fr. Kyle wants to be of greater assistance to the Women's Program, He feels more can be done by him if he is in attendance. Our club is scheduled to prepare meals for the two nights in December. Volunteers are needed, if you can help, let me know.

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

God Bless. You!

Tom Murphy, President

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What a wonderful October our Serra Club has had thanks to so many members who stepped forward to make so many activities such a success.

Our October Meeting was the largest gathering that I have ever seen since I have been a member, we had 49 members and guest present. I thought it may be necessary for Father Simon to have a multiplication of veggies and ham, however, it all worked out in the end. Many thanks to Ken & Maryann

Much has to do with Pat LaPosta bringing Father Simon to our meeting. Pat told me if we had a friend that might consider becoming a member, bring him/her to the meeting because Father Simon could greatly assist in bringing them into the fold. I myself brought a couple friends of mine; I believe we may have a new member joining us. Thank you Father Simon for such a great presentation at our meeting.

Al Hydak did an outstanding job in developing the organization and mentoring the Priesthood Sunday Celebration Activity. From the reports I have received, this

activity was very successful, far exceeding all expectations. Having so many Serra Parish Representatives involved in this program made to Priesthood Sunday such a success. How can I express enough thanks to all?

Assisting in this activity was Holy Rosary Catholic School.

Each class in the school put together a spiritual bouquet for each parish priest that has students attending Holy Rosary School. Our membership parish representatives presented the spiritual bouquet to the parish priest at the time of the Priesthood Sunday Celebration and Blessing.

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Minutes of September, 2009 Board Meeting:

Members present Tom Murphy, Al Hydak, Dan Singel, Bruns Watts and Dick Kolkka.

Tom Murphy - President lead the board in the opening Serran Prayer for Vocations.

Secretary Report - The minutes were approved as printed in the Good News.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Report was discussed and approved by the Board.

VP of Vocations Report - Bruns and Al reported on activities in progress with upcoming Priesthood Sunday, Al gave report on Priesthood Sunday preparations

Also there was a short discussion on the new Serran Prayer Book. Bruns passed out some copies of this book.

VP of Membership Report - Activities reported on elsewhere in the new Good News.

VP of Programs Report. - Oct. 14th Fr. Simon will be the

speaker. On November 11th the Speaker will be Dan Kelly of St Joe Parish.

VP of Communications Report - Gerald not available.

Old Business

Prayer Books from A/M Serra club being printed at St. Vincent De Paul Parish. First printing is 200 copies.

New Business

.Convention report by Bruns Watts.

The Monday Night VAP...Starts Sept. 21st. women will meet separately from men. The schedule for who handles which evening will be decided at the Presidents Mtg. Sept 19th. 2009.

Tom asked for prayer requests in Good of The Order. Tom adjourned the meeting with the closing Serran Prayer.

Dick Kolkka...Secretary.

Minutes of October, 2009 Board Meeting:

Members present Tom, Al, Bruns, Jim and Dick.

At 7pm Tom opened the meeting with the Serran prayer for Vocations.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved conditionally...

No written record.

Treasurers Report...Tom passed out copies of Dans report and it was approved by the Board.

Membership Report...Jim stated that any formal induction should be with a Dinner Meeting. Jim discussed a format for discussions at membership meetings. Fr. Kyle likes format used in Arl./Metro

Serra meetings. The next regular meeting will be Nov. 4th.

St. Judes Parish wants to host a Dinner for 12 Deanery Priests...this was discussed at length.

Programs Report...Fr. Simon will speak at tomorrows meeting

and Fr. Kelly from St. Josephs will be guest in Nov.

Old Business...The Christmass party is still in planning stages...we are waiting to see if the Bishop will attend.

New Business...Priesthood Sunday Holy Rosary Catholic Sch. is preparing a Spiritual Bouquet fro each priest of the Seven Parishes that support HRCS.

Monday Night VAP...our club will be responsible for December.

Bruns and Pat have volunteered to do the mems night. We look for 2 or 3 ladies to do the womems Night...which is the 3rd of the Month.

Tom asked for those needing prayers in the Good Of The Order.

Tom lead the board in the closing Serran prayer.

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Programs Report September

Father John Pacheco spoke to us about his path to the priesthood. After serving in the police force for over two decades he told us he could not ignore his calling any more. We were told that the seeds of his vocation were planted when he was four years old and was taken to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. During his visit he witnessed the faith of people as they would walk into the Basilica on their knees.

Growing up he could not answer the question of what to do when he grows up. While in his 20's he stumbled into law

enforcement, but the idea of the priesthood never left. Father Pacheco says it was the Serrans that helped his formation. After attending a Clemency Weekend that was sponsored by the Serrans the priesthood became a prevalent thought. While contemplating this his father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. After taking care of his father the Diocese contacted him. Once he was on the path to becoming a priest he knew this was the right thing to do. Father Pacheco mentioned a saying that his mother told him: We are not on our time but on God's time.

Programs Report October



Father Siman Zayas, TOR was our guest speaker. Father Simon, ordained in 1984, came to us by way of Rome, New York, Mexico City, San Antonio.

Father spoke of calling forth new shepherds and potential shepherds.

He encourages us to be a core

group in our communities to nurture and encourage vocations. While at the same time to not ostracizing those

who consider a vocation but then decide not to proceed. It is after all God who sends forth vocations.

We were also reminded how we must restore all things in Christ. We must use our priorities as an example and be authentic in our beliefs.

Father Simon spoke of bringing Christ into our conversations, not in a whisper but in a manner that says we are not ashamed. We must not turn away because we want to be politically correct.

Treasures Report

Balance as of 8/31/2009	\$2,611.94
Income	<u>\$2,048.00</u>
	\$4,659.94
Expenses	<u>724.75</u>
Balance as of 9/30/2009	\$3,935.19

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.

November 1, 8, 15, 22 December 6

November

11/05/2006 - Holy Half Hour at 6:30 P.M. at San Mateo Mission, 3316 Lovell Ave. Dinner following at Romano's Macaroni Grill, 1505 S. University Dr.

11/11/2009 - 6:30 Dinner Meeting at St. Maria Goretti, 1200 S. Davis Dr. Arlington, Texas. Father Dan Kelley will be speaking.

11/28/2009 - 7:30 AM Mass with Discalced Carmelite Nuns, 5801 Mount Carmel Dr., Arlington, TX. Entrance close to Bowen & Sublett.

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

October:

*Khiem Nguyen, Christ the King, Fort Worth

Seminarian Birthdays

September:

*Derek Histen, Assumption Seminary

*Khiem Nguyen, Assumption Seminary

October:

*Dr. Michael Moloney, Sacred Heart School of Theology

* *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.

31 Club

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 Duskocil	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

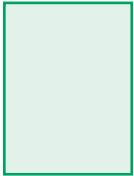
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<http://serraclubarlington-metro.blogspot.com>

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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