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# Serra Club Northeast of Houston

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St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus, St. Philip the Apostle, St. Leo the Great, St. Mary Magdalene, St. John of the Cross, St. Dominic

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### MEETINGS:

4th Monday of the Month

Italiano's Restaurant

217 FM 1960 Bypass

Humble, TX

6:30 Social, 7:00 Dinner

## Loving Personal Concern is What We Are About

*"Loving Personal Concern is What We Are About"* and *"Slow Down and Pay Attention"* were the two themes throughout sister Pauline Troncole's talk. Sister Pauline is a member of the Sisters of Charity and is currently working with Catholic Charities in Houston. Sister Pauline's family emigrated from Sicily and eventually settled in Houston. She is a native Houstonian and attended Houston public schools.



Currently she lives in League City and travels to the Houston office to work in the Volunteer Office. She reminded us to follow Pope Francis' advice to see God in everyday events. If we don't slow down, there is much we can miss. Don't take everyday events for granted. People and events are put in our paths for a purpose. Be aware and pray.

The work at Catholic Charities is varied and abundant with services. There are over 400 staff members that assist in multiple capacities. Services include: translation and ESL services, Immigration Law assistance, and refugee resettlement services including assisting unaccompanied minors. For basic needs, such as food, they have food fairs. They also assist with counseling low-income clients and the Lotus Project, which assists veteran women with financial issues. Blessed Beginning helps pregnant women. Help for senior citizens and helping those who are HIV positive are also helped. The services are many. The majority of the services are involved with immigration and refugee resettlement issues. For more information for the services offered and volunteer opportunities, please check the following link: <http://catholiccharities.org>.

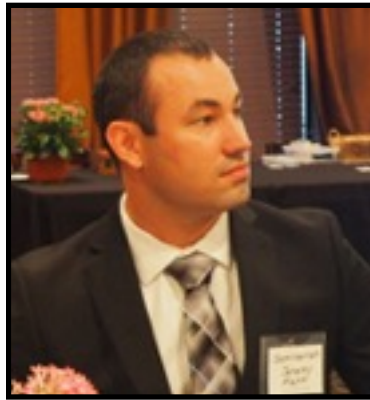
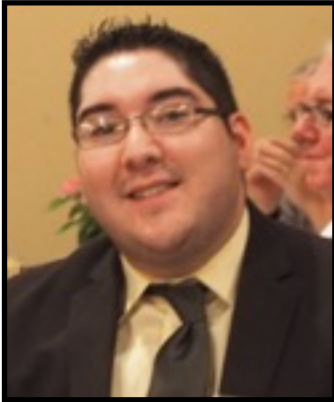
Sister shared stories of the Refugee Resettlement Department. Refugees come from all parts of the world, from Afghanistan to the Congo to Sudan and more. Refugees entering the area are picked up, brought to an apartment that has been set up with donated furniture, bedding, etc., are guided in the intricacies of modern apartment living and then are also assisted in ESL instructions, education, etc.

Remember she said, *"Simple people doing nice things, that is what makes things work"*.

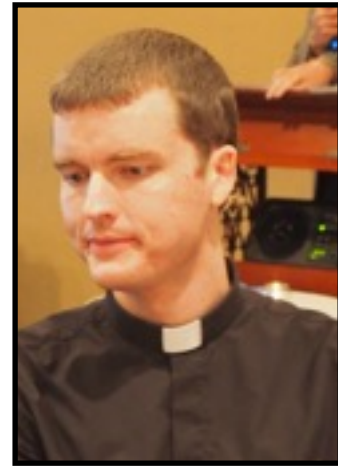
*"To become a priest or a religious is not primarily our choice, it is our answer to a calling, a calling of love." Pope Francis*

# July Meeting

We not only were honored to have Sister Pauline Troncole speaking about the wonderful services offered through Catholic Charities, but we hosted two new Seminarians.



Seminarians Ryan Rivera and Jeremy Mann met on a retreat and are excited to begin their spiritual journey together.



Deacon Michael Applegate is continuing to serve at St. Rose of Lima Church

President Doug reed encouraged us to continue to work on our own spiritual life. He recommended two books, *Abba's Heart* by Neal and Matthew Lozano and *The Joy of Love*, by Pope Francis.



Be sure to look at the many reading materials when you come to a meeting.

## Meet Your Officers

*When did you become a member of Serra?* Technically I am not a member of Serra but it is my privilege and joy to serve as a chaplain. I have been part of this Serra Club since it began. I have been acquainted with Serrans since I was a seminarian. In 1964 Bishop John Morkovsky announced that he was sending me to study for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. The bishop also asked a Serran, Mr. Frank Young, to become my “sponsor” and assist me with various needs while I was studying abroad. Frank and his wife became very dear friends and were of great support the whole time I was in Rome.



Reverend Chester Borski, Chaplain

*What are your goals for Serra?* My goals for our local Serra Club are that we highlight special vocations in our parish communities, encourage those who choose to discern a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, and pray constantly that the Lord will send workers into His vineyard.

*What is your favorite prayer choice?* My favorite prayer experience beside celebrating the Sacraments for the people is praying and reflecting on the Scripture readings which are used by the Church in the celebration of the Eucharist. I arise each morning at 5 am and I spend about an hour with the Word of God. When I give the homily for the Mass that day, I try to share the fruit of my prayer with the people.



*When did you become a member of Serra?* I was honored to become a Charter Member of Serra along with most of our current members! I have spent my first two years as a Serran as V.P. Communications and have enjoyed it immensely! It has given me the opportunity to learn a great deal plus the opportunity to get to know many of you better!

Sandie Taylor, Trustee

*What is your favorite prayer choice?* I enjoy spending time with the “Handbook for Serrans Called to Holiness”, realizing I have so very much to learn and hopefully will continue to grow each day. I love the books written by Matthew Kelly as well as all those he promotes. Attending daily Mass as much as possible and asking the Holy Spirit to help me become the person HE desires me to be is my lofty goal.

I look forward to being a Trustee and serving on the Vocations committee during the coming year!



**Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church**  
**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**8:45 am - 1:45 pm**  
**Serra Club Northeast of Houston**

Please join us as we tour the grounds, and hear the history of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church. We will also be attending Mass at noon, followed by lunch.

<p>8:45 am  9:00 am  9:15 am  9:30 am  10:00 am  10:30 am  11:00 am  11:30 am  12:00 pm  12:30 pm  1:00 pm</p>	<p>Meet at carpool at the back of St. Martha's (entrance to the chapel)  Leave for Our Lady of Walsingham, 7709 Shadyville Lane, Houston, Texas  Arrive at Our Lady of Walsingham. Light refreshments will be provided.  Father Hough, Pastor of Our Lady of Walsingham will greet everyone.  Docent provides tour of grounds.  Shrine store shopping.  Mass (optional).  Lunch at Uratelli's, 10000 Wirt, Houston 77033 (1 block away) (optional).  Return to St. Martha's.</p>
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Please RSVP to Diddy Muck, VP of Programs at 281-615-2015 or  
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## NOTEWORTHY

Serrans, Fred and Pat Ullrich, Diddy Muck, Arlane Spoungle, Melia Reed and Sandie Taylor, visited St. John of the Cross for the 8:30am Mass on July 7th and were warmly welcomed by all of their parishioners! We were able to visit with them after Mass as well as with Father Linh for a short time.

It is a very warm and loving parish and we all enjoyed being there.

