



Come, Follow Me

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The Serra International Convention in Saint Louis, MO. Pictured left to right: Kurt Metyko, Candice Tyrrell, Ed Tyrrell, St. Junipero Serra, Rhonda Gruenewald, Margo Geddie, Steve Knapp and Anne Shepherd Knapp. A good time was had by all.



Ed & Candice Tyrrell took in a Cardinal's game with Sam Alzheimer, President and founder of Vianney Vocations (pictured left), and Fr. Brett Brannen, author of To Save A Thousand Souls (pictured right).

The next page is St. Luis Basilica. The Most Reverend Robert Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, celebrated Mass at the beautiful Basilica of St. Louis (one of the largest mosaic collections in the Western Hemisphere) addressing the Serran's to encourage one another at their meetings and thanked the Serran's for their great works for Vocations!



Serra Installation Dinner of New Officers with Cardinal DiNardo, June 25, 2016



Cardinal DiNardo, President Candice & Ed Tyrrell.



Seminarians: Ryan Lambert, Ryan Stawaisz, Matthew Suniga and Michael Drab



Pictured below is Sister Anita with Kurt Metyko.







Fifty Serran's from the Serra Club of North Houston attended the Dinner with Cardinal Di-Nardo, several Priests, Seminarians and Serran's from all over the Archdiocese.





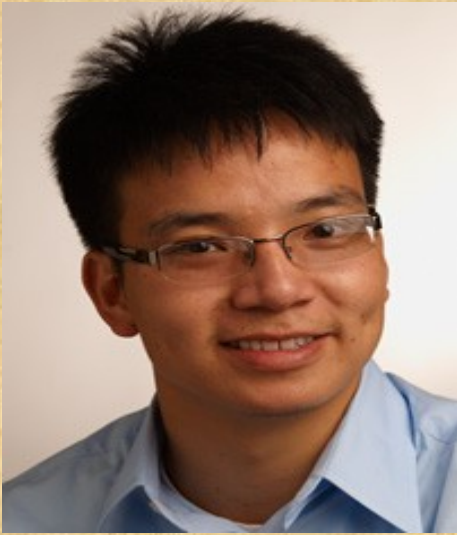


Serrans, Louie & Linda Diaz, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Refuge with Deacon Dub Hargraves giving a beautiful blessing. Priscilla, his wife also attended.

The Serran's want to wish you both a very Blessed and Happy 50th Anniversary!

Getting to know our Seminararians:

Deacon Trong Son Cao Nguyen



Church, St. Christopher Church,
Houston

Seminary: St Mary's Seminary

My name is Truong Son Cao Nguyen, but most people call me Son. I was born in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. My family moved to America when I was four-years-old. I come from a family of seven siblings and I am the youngest in the family. My parents are faithful Catholics and they are active in their church community.

One of the reasons I decided to enter the seminary, was that my parents were loving parents that always encouraged me to live a religious life. They did this mainly by setting examples such as being involved in church and showing me love when I most needed it. The second reason is that God has really blessed my family and me through many struggles and successes. Lastly, the reason that really opened me up to God was finding peace and happiness in my heart after visiting St. Joseph Seminary.

I am currently at St. Mary Seminary to deepen my growth for God and to prepare myself to serve his people out of love for all the blessings he has given me through family, friends, and supporters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Getting to know our Seminarians:

Michael Drab



Church, St. Francis de Sales,

Houston,

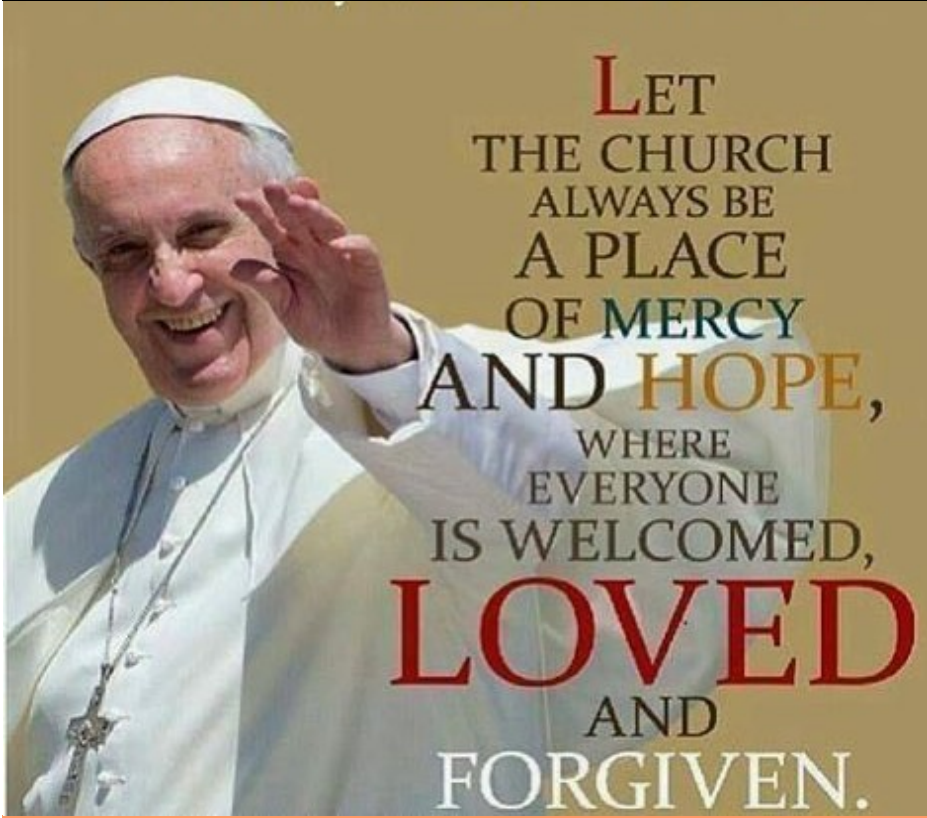
Seminary: St. Mary's

Houston, TX

I was born in Houston, TX, and raised in Pearland, TX. My first call to the priesthood came to me when I was a junior in high school. I quickly dismissed the thought and pursued my college career. After graduating from the University of Houston in 2007, I entered the corporate world working in the world defense sector as a production planner. While enjoying the fruits of my labor, the call came back and was giving me a peace that I longed for and could not obtain in my current line of work at the time. Father Wayne Wilkerson told me to contact the Vocations Office, and at which point, I was directed to a program called “The Road Less Traveled,” a group for young men discerning religious or priesthood life. I never missed a monthly session for the year that I attended that group. It was at the Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral in 2010 that I ultimately said yes, and thus began the journey.

My favorite Scriptural passage is: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Yet we who have this spiritual treasure are like common clay pots, in order to show that the supreme power belongs to God, not to us. We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed. At all times we carry in our mortal bodies the death of Jesus, so that his life also may be seen in our bodies. Throughout our lives we are always in danger of death for Jesus' sake, in order that his life may be seen in this mortal body of ours. This means that death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.



Fr. David Nerbun, Fr. Trung Nguyen, Fr. Dominic Anaeto and Larry Massey, past Governor. Fr. David has moved from S.C. to teach Theology at St. Mary's, Fr. Trung, Rector at St. Mary's, Fr. Dominic Anaeto moved from Nigeria to be a Formation Director.

DID YOU KNOW that there are special seminaries for men entering the priesthood later in life, seminaries where students range from ages 25 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priesthood. They're ordinary people, men who have been electricians, teachers, barbers, policemen, social workers, businessmen, farmers, dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in life: to become a priest and serve God's people. Could you be one of them?

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

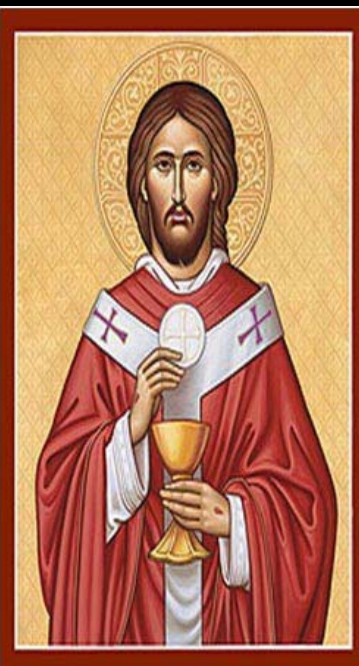
O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen

Pope's mission of love inspires the nation.

Vocations crisis needs fervent prayer not despair or lax admissions

Holy Year is a reminder to put Mercy before judgment.

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"



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

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Dates To Remember

July 27th... St. Ignatius, Fr. T.J. Dolce
August 24th...Arland Nichols Pres
Of St. John Paul II Foundation
Sept 28th Vocation Video and Orientation.
Oct. 26th ...Very Rev. Charles Hough IV
December 4th...Christmas Party