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Statue of Fr. Serra in the garden at Carmel, CA.



THIS MONTH.....

September 18...Regular meeting routine: mass in the Church of the Incarnation, UD campus, seven A.M., breakfast in the Haggar Student Center, business, program. Guest presenter: John Ryan, web designer, showing our new UD Serra web site. Lector: Chithra Aman; eucharistic minister: Nancy Talkington.

September 25...Special Event: To mark the elevation of Junipero Serra to sainthood, a special mass will be held at Holy Trinity Seminary at the usual public mass time, 9:15 A.M. All Serrans and families are invited. Bishop Deshotel is celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower rec room.

COMING.....

October 2...Regular meeting routine. Guest presenter: Cristine Crane, second part on the White Rose Society.

October 10...Wine Tasting Fundraiser, Dominican Priory of St. Albert the Great. Evening. Details at: stalbertpriory@gmail.com.

October 16...Regular meeting routine. Guest presenter: Deacon Ron Morgan, title: "Remove All Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt."

Bits 'n' Pieces.....

>Sorry but I forgot to list Pat Horak and Chithra Aman as two of the five of us who are attending the D.C. Serra canonization proceedings on Sept. 23. (More on p. 2)

From the Prez.....



Dear Serrans,

We are approaching the canonization of Friar Junipero Serra. Some of us will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to be somewhat closer to the event. We will probably be too far away to see well but it will be a great moment anyway. Pray on September 23, that the blessings of this special time will renew Serra and bring all of us closer to each other and our mission.

We will learn quite a bit about our new proposed website at our September 18th meeting. Please come, learn, and share. It is our hope that our UD Serra Club website will spread the vision of our Serra Club and bring us renewed membership opportunities. Should you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

We have some members that cannot make our meetings or events. They are, to a great extent, the strength of our endeavors through their prayers. Please let them know from time to time that they are important to the UD Serra Club. Give them a call.

Thank you all for your prayers and perseverance.

--Jo-Ann

Bits 'n' Pieces (cont'd.)

>Speaking of the canonization: While many are braving the crowds and the heat of D.C., others may watch what's happening at the canonization via EWTN at 3:15 P.M., Central (Texas) Time.

>Correction: The guest speaker at the September 19 Holy Trinity Seminary Welcome Home Dinner is Msgr. Francis I. Malone. He IS from Little Rock but is not the archbishop of that diocese as said in the last issue of *The Tower*.

>Greg reminds us that we are approaching the Year of Mercy



proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, and ends November 20, 2016. We've already seen a few of the Pope's initiatives such as the new rules regarding abortion absolution and annulments. Undoubtedly, more pronouncements will follow.

For more information, search in your computer browser under "Year of Mercy."

>Priesthood Sunday will be observed on October 25, 2015.

UD Serra parish representatives may want to offer spiritual bouquet cards for parish youth to present to their clergy.

Contact Nancy T. or Ernie Doclar for how to access instructions and spiritual bouquet templates to send to our parishes.

Each of us personally can do our little bit to mark this occasion. Send a greeting to your pastor and associates in your home parish telling them how much you appreciate their vocation.

>We were happy to welcome back Alice and Larry Brnicky as potential Serrans. We hope they will return to the Sept. 18 meeting and join our happy band of vocation workers.

>No UD Serra board meeting in September or October. Next board meeting will be in November.

Once again, HTS Rector Fr. James Swift is asking for Serrans to help with the outdoor dinner to welcome the families of the seminarians. This event will take place at the seminary on Sunday, Sept. 20. Serrans may help in two ways: help serve the food to the families and seminarians, and provide desserts. For the latter, most bring cookies and the like. Servers should report to the seminary at about 10:30 A.M. on Sept. 20. Contact Ernie Doclar for more details.

The seminary asks that Serrans not plan on attending mass at HTS since a crowd is expected in its small chapel.

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WELL BOYS, I HAVE TO SAY IT'S BEEN NICE HAVING THREE DOGS THESE PAST YEARS ... BUT NOT SO MUCH TODAY