



Who We Are

The Serra Club of North Central Dallas is one of ten Serra clubs that represent Serra International in the local community. There are about 400 members in the ten clubs, with five Serra Clubs in the Dallas Diocese and five in the Fort Worth Diocese.

The North Central club was founded through the efforts of six members from one of the Dallas clubs who obtained a charter from Serra International in November 1985.

Club members have the opportunity to develop friendships and working relationships with active, dedicated Catholics outside of their own parishes. By participating in joint activities with other local clubs, members can interact regularly with Serrans throughout the North Texas area.

North Central Serra Regular Meetings

The club has two regular functions each month. We meet for Mass at 6:30 AM on the first Friday of each month, followed by breakfast and a monthly business meeting. We meet for dinner at 6:30 PM on the third Monday of each month, followed by a short business meeting and a guest speaker. The club is governed by a Board of Trustees who meet monthly to conduct club business.

Local Area Serra Activities

The North Central club works on a number of activities throughout the year, including many with the other Dallas and Fort Worth Serra Clubs.

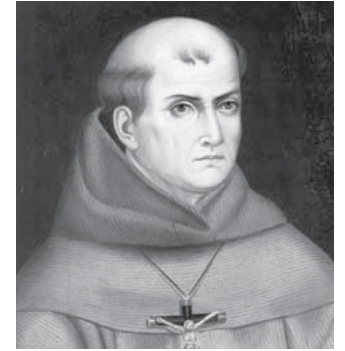
Annual VAP. The primary activity each year is the Vocation Awareness Program, sponsored by the vocations offices of the Dallas and Fort Worth dioceses and organized and managed by the Serrans. VAP is a weekend discernment program each summer for single men and women who are interested in the priesthood or religious life. Serrans work with pastors to publicize the program in the parishes and also participate in VAP weekend activities. Priests, sisters, and brothers who have experience working with vocations conduct the talks, panel discussions, prayers, and consultations during the weekend.

Seminary Mass. During the school year, Serrans attend Mass one Sunday each month at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. A reception after Mass gives us an opportunity to get acquainted with the seminarians and to encourage their vocation journey. Serrans support and encourage the seminarians in various ways throughout the year.

Support for Our Religious. We get to know our priests and other religious and each year join the other Dallas Serra Clubs in showing our appreciation for their vocations by sponsoring an outing and dinner for priests and deacons and an afternoon of entertainment and dinner for the sisters.

Parish Activities. Serrans promote vocations in their own parishes and in other area parishes by encouraging prayer and vocation-oriented activities and by providing opportunities for parishioners to be aware of and support vocations within the family as well as the parish community. We encourage each parish to form a vocation committee.

*Our
patron,
Blessed
Junipero
Serra*



Prayer for Vocations. Prayer is the easiest and most effective way all Catholics can support vocations, and our members are active in the “31 Club” program, each selecting a date to attend Mass each month specifically to pray for vocations. We also encourage Catholics in the local parishes to show their support by signing up for the 31 Club.

Regional, National, and International Activities

A highlight each year is the opportunity to meet Serrans from the Texas region and around the world by participating in regional and international conventions. The conventions offer an opportunity to learn more about vocation work and to share ideas with Serrans and well-known Catholic dignitaries and experts in all aspects of church vocations.

Members of our club and the other local clubs have also been very active in Serra at the national and international levels. There are opportunities to serve on the Serra International Board of Trustees and the USA Council Board of Trustees as well as opportunities to serve on committees that develop programs to support local club activities.

Serra International is ...

- ... An organization of over 20,000 Catholic lay men and women who belong to more than 1,000 clubs in 44 countries around the world*
- ... Dedicated to promoting vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life in the Catholic Church*
- ... Committed to furthering Catholicism by encouraging its members, in fellowship, through education, to fulfill their own Christian vocation to service*
- ... Named for Blessed Junipero Serra, the 18th century Franciscan Friar who pioneered the West Coast and established missions in California and Mexico*
- ... The only lay organization recognized by the Pope, with a special relationship with the Holy See*

The Serra Club is a place for spiritual growth and fellowship. Retreats, prayer at meetings and regular liturgies nurture the spiritual life of each individual and help members grow together as a Christian community.

“Always go forward, Never Turn Back”

“Come and join us”

To learn more, visit us on the web
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Serra Prayer For Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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