



# DEL-CHESTER SERRA CLUB



June 2009

## President's comments

In the Spirit of Pentecost, we find many reasons to give thanks and praise to God!

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, six wonderful young men were ordained as Priests for our Archdiocese. Some of us had the opportunity to meet them and hear their vocation stories at the Pastors/Ordinati luncheon in Philadelphia. All were very inspiring and all seem destined to be good, holy and faithful dispensers of the Divine Mysteries. Two are coming to Delaware County... Fr. Richard Smith to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Morton, and Fr. Michael Speziale to St. Anastasia's in Newtown Square, where he will replace Fr. Taglianetti.

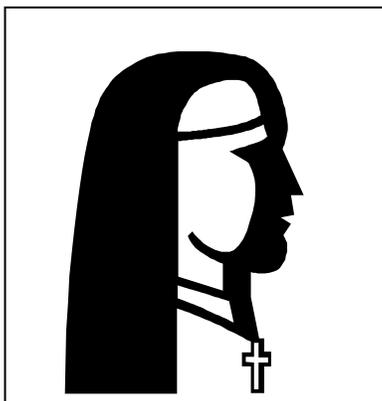
On May 30<sup>th</sup>, eight men (of all ages), were ordained as Permanent Deacons for our Archdiocese. Their photos and bios are in the May 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Catholic Standard and Times.

I was also inspired by the words our former Chaplain, Fr. Taglianetti, which he prepared for this edition of our newsletter. In it, he advised that there are three vocations at his new assignment in Bucks County.

Hope springs eternal. Let's keep all of them in our prayers, and let's all keep working hard and praying harder, that we may be worthy and able assistants to the Lord of the Harvest.

Finally, I offer my personal thanks to Margaret Flanagan. Her prayers, hard work and devotion to the work of Serra as our president over the last two years will bear fruit for many years to come. Her continued presence is a blessing to all. I pray that we may continue to grow in personal spirituality through our efforts in the coming year.

God Bless,  
Deacon Jack



## Our June Mass and meeting ...

... will be on Saturday, June 6, at Our Lady of Charity church in Brookhaven. After the 8 a.m. Mass, the 8:30 a.m. meeting will feature our guest speaker, Sister Nancy Garson, O.P.

## From Our Chaplain, Father Taglianetti

Dear DelChester Serra Club,

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated a very happy day in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia when six men were ordained to the priesthood by His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali. On the same day I was informed that effective, June 15, I will be moving from my first assignment, Saint Anastasia Church in Newtown Square where I spent four very happy years. While here I have been your chaplain for a short stint since August of 2008. Though short, I have been inspired by your desire, commitment and hope for vocations to religious life and the priesthood within the Church.

My new assignment, Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Church is located in beautiful Bucks County. Within the parish boundaries is Washington's Crossing, where George Washington crossed the Delaware River in the War for Independence. You will be delighted to hear that there are three vocations at my new assignment. How exciting is it to know that the Lord has been doing wonderful work there, and I am excited to be a part of His plan.

Please pray for me that I glorify God in my priesthood, and I will pray that the Lord bestows many benefits on your labor for vocations within the Church.

In Christ,  
Fr. Bernard Taglianetti

### Altar Server Certificates

This year, with the assistance of the Philadelphia Serra club which printed the certificates, the Delchester Serra Club distributed 512 certificates among 36 parishes in Delaware and Chester counties. These certificates are supplied in recognition of the service provided by those altar servers graduating from the parish schools as well as those eighth graders in CCD programs.

### Looking ahead ...

More information about meetings and the clerical picnic in July will be presented at the June 6 meeting at Our Lady of Charity rectory.

### Keep in Touch

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