



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



October 2010

## Plan Ahead for Membership Event in November

Many of our Delchester Serra Club members know that there have been many “New Member Lunch-eons” in past years, held during the week at a local restaurant. On these occasions, current members are asked to bring a prospective member as a guest who can enjoy a meal with us as they also learn something about our club’s work. The guests can hopefully envision how they might be able to further our club’s goals of promoting and maintaining religious vocations.

This year, in an effort to possibly attract people who are not able to take off from work during the week to attend a luncheon, our club is trying something different. Our guests will be invited to Mass at Our Lady of Charity parish on Saturday, November 6. Following Mass, there will be a continental breakfast and an opportunity for our invited guests to speak with current members about our club’s activities and plans.

Here, then, is another chance to expose more people

to our club, its members, and work we do through our prayers, our actions and our programs.

We should all be planning to invite someone to this event - someone who might be interested in joining in our vocations related efforts.

We will discuss this more at October 2 meeting.

**God Invites  
Vocations.**   
**You Can Help  
Close the Deal.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

**Continue to  
pray for  
religious vocations**



## Keep in Touch

Remember, you may always view current and past newsletters at the Delchester Serra Club web site at [www.delchesterserra.org](http://www.delchesterserra.org) and also contact us through the email link there.

## Schedule for October - November 2010

October 2	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Our speaker will be Father Kevin Gallagher, Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Priestly Vocations..
October 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
November 6	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the rectory basement meeting room. Speaker to be announced. Bring a potential new member for continental breakfast.
November 16	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

**Annual Essay Contest**

One of the vehicles used by our Delchester Serra Club to foster interest in religious vocations is our annual essay contest. A committee of our members develops a unique theme for the essay and mails the information to parishes throughout Delaware and Chester counties. The essays should be around 200 words, and the teachers in the parish schools or PREP programs select an essay to represent that class.

When the responses come in, they are stripped of identifying information and judged by club members. The winners, their families, and their teachers are invited to our annual Charter Night event the following Spring.

After listening to suggestions from the parishes, this year entries will be accepted from sixth grade as well as seventh and eighth grade students. While we will not be increasing the number of winners, we believe that asking more students to consider themes that stimulate contemplation of religious vocations will ultimately be beneficial to all those who participate.

When opportunities arise, let's all remind our parishes about this project and thank them for their participation.

More information will follow as it develops.

**Reserve the Date for Our Christmas Mass and Social**

This is a "heads up" for what has become a traditional event combining worship, prayer for vocations, and camaraderie. The members of the Delchester Serra Club and their spouses will gather once again during the Christmas season to celebrate Mass and enjoy seasonal treats our members share with each other.

This year, our club president, Deacon Jack Betzal, has volunteered to host the event. Our chaplain, Fr. Mike Speziale, will be the celebrant at the Mass.

So please reserve the date, Tuesday, December 14, for this event. More information, including when the sign-up sheet will be available and how to get to Deacon Jack's home, will be available subsequently.

**Thanks to Military Chaplains**

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Military Services (AMS) which was created by Pope John Paul II in 1985. These chaplains who serve are on loan to the AMS both for military members and veterans in VA facilities, so they remain members of their dioceses of incardination.

Deacon Jack Betzal is sending thank you letters to the five Archdiocese of Philadelphia priests currently serving in the AMS.

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