



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



February 2011

Delchester Serra Club Sisters' and Religious Appreciation Event

The Delchester Serra Club, in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Office for Consecrated Life, is planning a celebration to coincide with February's Fifteenth World Day for Consecrated Life.

We will recognize Sisters and other Religious through an afternoon Mass followed by a buffet of hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soft drinks at the St. James High School Alumni Association Dog House in Eddystone, PA on Sunday, February 13 at 2 p.m.

The Office for Consecrated Life has been instrumental in sending out the invitations. Initial responses from the sisters are coming in very slowly to Sister Kate Leary, SSJ, at that Office. The deadline for those returns is this Friday, February 4th. Sister Kate will be joining us at our Saturday morning meeting on the February 5 to provide an update. Some phone follow-up may be necessary.

Although we do plan to support some of the costs from our treasury, we also need Club members to help provide some of the food, paper products, and so forth. As in past such recognition events, we will also have opportunities for Club members to provide gifts for the Religious attendees.

It has been over two years since we last provided this kind of recognition so it is important that we all help to make it a success. Please plan to attend our February 5 monthly meeting (see the schedule below) or contact Dolores Lavelle at 610-876-0709 to confirm your participation and determine how you can best assist us.

Keep in Touch

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



Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Schedule for February - March 2011

February 5	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). We will be joined by Sr. Kate Leary, SSJ, who will assist in the final planning for our event to honor religious sisters.
February 13	Religious Sisters Appreciation Event. Mass followed by a cocktail party at the St. James High School Alumni "Dog House." See article above for more info.
February 15	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
March 5	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Speaker to be announced.
March 15	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

Ad Book for Annual Charter Night

The Delchester Serra Annual Charter Night will be held on Sunday May 1. Part of the preparation for this event is selling advertising for our program/advertisement book. This is our primary means of raising the funds we use to support our Club's efforts, including:

- events recognizing priests, religious sisters, and other religious for the invaluable work they do;
- materials used in promoting vocations through our speaking engagements at parishes and parish schools and PREP/CCD programs;
- support of seminary activities and newly ordained priests;
- annual altar server recognition certificate program;
- other unique activities promoting and supporting vocations which may develop each year.

Information and sales packets for this year's Charter Night ad book will be distributed at our February 5 Club meeting. They will include a letter with instructions about selling the ads, ad order forms for new ads, and copies of last year's ad book for use in soliciting new advertisers.

We will also ensure delivery of these packets to Club members not able to attend this meeting.

Deadline for ad returns will be April 2, 2011.

Altar Server Certificate Project

One of our Serra Club's annual projects has been to provide recognition for the graduating eighth grade altar servers in parishes assigned to us. This recognition also extends to any public school students who have assisted as altar servers and will be moving on to high school.

This project is a coordinated effort with the other clubs in our district so, in this effort, we serve significantly more parishes than those we normally support, especially farther into Chester County.

We will again be contacting forty-three parishes to find out how many recognition certificates they will need, prepare the certificates for completion of altar servers' and pastors' names, and deliver them to the parishes.

We are now preparing to start this year's project and will be discussing it and providing updates at the monthly meetings. Please let us know at that time if you would like to help or call Marty Frick at 610-361-9397.

Essay Contest Deadline Nears

A reminder sixth, seventh, or eighth grade teachers at parish schools or PREP programs that March 3 is the deadline for submission of entries for this year's Delchester Serra Club essay contest. The topic for this year's essay is "How does a family's life foster God's call to a Religious life?" More details are available at our website <http://www.delchesterserra.org/documents/2011%20Essay%20Contest%20Guide.pdf>.

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