



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



June 2011

## **Fifty-Seventh Annual Charter Night**

The thunderstorms outside Hennessy's Restaurant in Aston did not douse the spirit of those who attended the 57th Annual Charter Night of the Delchester Serra Club.

Although a great change from past years when Bill Grogan would keep the evening moving along, we enjoyed our friend Father Michael Reilly as Master of Ceremonies for the night.

A Charter Night highlight each year is the culmination of the annual essay contest. Out of the thirty two essays submitted from fifteen parishes in Delaware and Chester counties, the team of Delchester Serra Club members selected Leah Tebbens of St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown, as first place winner

and Carrie Zamonski of Our Lady of Charity Parish, Brookhaven, as second place winner. We all congratulate the winners, and their families, teachers, and parishes for an excellent effort this year.

We were especially grateful to hear our guest speaker, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Robert P. Maginnis, tell us how he has lived his vocation journey.

We also appreciated the attendance of a number of clergy and also Sister Kate Leary, Archdiocesan Coordinator for Vocations to Consecrated Life.

Thanks to Dolores Lavelle and all who helped make the night a success!

## **Serra 2011 Newly Ordained Mass and Luncheon**

Once again a beautiful Mass was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist church in Philadelphia by The Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the three newly ordained Archdiocesan priests. Seven members of the Delchester Serra Club were in attendance.

Following tradition, a luncheon was hosted by the

Philadelphia Serra Club at the Union League with Club President Royal Brown as the Master of Ceremonies. Each of the newly ordained gave a brief recollection of his vocational calling.

In addition, checks from the Delchester Serra Club were presented to Father Shaun Mahoney, Rector of St. Charles Seminary, and Father Kevin Gallagher at the Office for Priestly vocations.

## **Schedule for June - July 2011**

June 4	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 Sister Ana Dura, CSR, Vocation Director, Sisters of the Holy Redeemer.
June 21	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
July 2	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.
July 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

**Clerical Assignments in Delchester Serra Parishes**

At this time each year, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announces the Clerical assignments which normally occur in June. This year the following are changes which will be occurring in parishes with which our Delchester Serra Club has an ongoing affiliation:

**Reverend Richard C. Williams**, Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Glen Mills, retiring and will reside at Our Lady of Charity Parish, Brookhaven.

**Reverend Francis P. Groarke**, from Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Philadelphia, and Parochial Administrator, pro tem, St. Anne Parish, Philadelphia, to Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Glen Mills.

**Reverend Stephen D. Thorne**, from Director, Office for Black Catholics, and Parochial Administrator, pro tem, St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Chester, to Pastor, St. Martin de Porres Parish, Philadelphia.

**Reverend Sean F. O'Neill**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Rocco Parish, Avondale, to Parochial Administrator, pro tem, St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Chester.

**Reverend Thomas P Gilpin**, to Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Secane.

**Reverend Angelo J. Hernandez**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Aloysius Parish, Pottstown, to Coordinator, Hispanic Ministry, Delaware County, with residence at St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Chester.

**Reverend Christopher P. Landis**, newly ordained, to Parochial Vicar, St. Anastasia Parish, Newtown Square.

In addition, the current chaplain of our Delchester Serra Club, **Reverend Michael G. Speziale**, from Parochial Vicar, St. Anastasia Parish, Newtown Square, to Faculty, Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia, with residence at Christ the King Parish, Philadelphia.

While we may feel sad to say goodbye to those with whom we have worked and prayed, we wish them well in their new assignments.

We also welcome those who will be moving into our area from elsewhere and offer them any help we can give. We look forward to working and praying with them to foster and support religious vocations.

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