



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



June 2013

Club Updates

Altar Server Certificates

A final update to the 2013 Altar Server Recognition Certificate project shows that we provided over 550 certificates to 30 parishes. Seven Delchester Serra Club members took part in tasks from requesting and recording responses from the parishes, to printing the certificates, to delivering them.

Thanks to all who made this project successful for another year!

Prospective Member Reception

Our club's 2013 meeting at which we highlight prospective new members is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, as part of our regular monthly meeting. Think about those you would like to invite.


**Jobs with a
Future.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Save the Date

Our cookout to recognize the important work of priests and deacons is tentatively set for Tuesday evening, September 17.

We are looking at ways to improve the attendance at this event. More information will be discussed starting at our June meeting.

Club Directory Update

Our directory of affiliated parishes and club liaisons to them is being updated. Your help is needed to ensure it is as accurate as possible.

Assignments will be made at the June club meeting.

June Club Meeting

Come to our meeting on Saturday, June 1, after the 8 a.m. Mass and hear Seminarian Alessandro Giardini speak. We look forward to hearing his vocation story. Hope to see you there!



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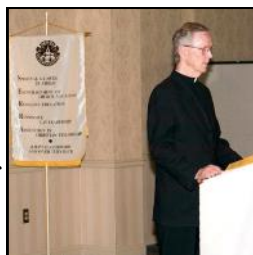
Schedule for June - July 2013

June 1	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow at 8:45 a.m. in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Our speaker will be Seminarian Alessandro Giardini.
June 18	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
July 6	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow at 8:45 a.m. in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Speaker to be announced.
July 16	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

2013 Delchester Serra Club Charter Night

On Sunday evening, May 5, the Delchester Serra Club celebrated its 59th annual Charter Night at Hennessy's restaurant in Aston, PA. On this night, we recognize the winners of our annual essay contest, induct new members, meet members from other local Serra clubs, and remind ourselves why we join together to promote and support religious vocations.

Our Chaplain, Father Richard C. Williams, provided the Invocation and Benediction and led us in our Serra Prayer for Vocations and Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations.



Club President, Dolores Lavelle, not only reviewed the purpose of our club, she also highlighted the many projects in which we engage to help promote and support religious vocations.

One of the ways we promote vocations is through our annual essay contest in which we offer the opportunity for students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in parish schools and PREP programs to write a short essay on a topic chosen by our club members. The winners, selected by a committee of club members, were present along with their families and teachers. Contest coordinators Judy Doolittle and Natalie Pino were assisted by Father James DeGrassa in recognizing the winners and present-



ing them with their prizes. This year essays were submitted from twelve parishes.

Another highlight of the Annual Charter Night event is the induction of new members into our club. Serra District Governor, Art Burke, accomplishes this function for new members John Marchlik and Dennis Curlett. Welcome to these new members who have already participated in our club's activities.



Our 2013 Charter Night guest speaker was Father James R. DeGrassa who grew up in one of our club's affiliated parishes and is currently assigned to a parish in Bucks county. Father DeGrassa's explanation of his path to the priesthood reminds us all that there are many opportunities to promote the possibility of religious vocations in our daily lives with those around us.



Finally, all priests present conferred their blessing on those gathered for our Charter Night event—a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable and stimulating evening.



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