



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



February 2015

Blessed Junipero Serra to be Canonized

EDITOR'S NOTE: This information is taken from an email sent by John Liston, Executive Director, Serra International, on January 15 (emphasis shown was included in the original email):

SAINT Junipero Serra

Our prayers have been answered! On his visit to the United States for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this September. **Pope Francis is expected to canonize our patron, Blessed Junipero Serra.**

Calling Serra "the great evangelizer," **Pope Francis will do an "express" canonization of the 18th-century Franciscan friar**, which is to say that the normal protocol of verification of three miracles attributed to Padre Serra's intercession will not be required (so far, Serra has two verified miracles to his name.)

This expedited process, called "equipollent" canonization, is used when "in practice, this person is venerated as a saint," said Pope Francis.

The path to our patron's sainthood has been followed closely by Serrans and his cause is dear to our hearts. **Please share this thrilling news with others and let its positivity infuse your devotion and visible enthusiasm for our Serran mission for vocations.**

Charter Night Ad Book Info

It is hard to believe that time has moved so quickly that we once again need to think about advertisements for our annual Charter Night ad book.

With Charter Night on May 3, this year at a new venue (see additional information in the article on the second page of this newsletter), we will need to have all the information for the ad book submitted by March 28. This will allow enough time for us to plot out the ad book information, submit it to the printer, and make any changes needed to the proof copy before all the final, bound copies are printed.

Information about the prices of the ads (staying the same as last year), submission deadlines, and contacts for questions about the ads will be distributed at the February 7 Club meeting. If you are not able to attend, we will have someone bring the information packet to you.



Schedule for February 2015– March 2015

February 7	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.
February 17	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
March 7	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.
March 17	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
March 28	NOTE: This meeting is in place of our normal Club Mass and Meeting on the first Saturday of the month since April 5 is Holy Saturday. 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). ALL ADS FOR THE AD BOOK ARE DUE ON THIS DATE.

Charter Night Changes

As some of you may already know, our Club’s annual Charter Night dinner and installation of officers will need to change locations this year. Hennessy’s Restaurant, where the Charter Night event had taken place in the recent past, is no longer in business.

Club members spent considerable time visiting a number of alternate locations and evaluated aspects including location, accessibility, parking, food choices, and cost. These venues were suggested by various club members who had attended events at the venues.



After deliberating on all the aspects of the alternatives, the decision was made to have the Charter Night event at the Lamb Banquet Facilities at the site of The Porch, formerly known as The Lamb Tavern, on Springfield Road near Cardinal O’Hara High School.



Based on the opinions of many Club members who have attended events here in the past, we look forward to a wonderful Charter Night experience this May.

**World Day for Consecrated Life
February 8, 2015**

Seminary Night at the Phillies

One of the highlights of the Philadelphia area Serra Clubs’ activities each year is the night at the Phillies for the seminarians. When seminarians come to speak with us, they seem to always fondly recall these outings. This is an opportunity to both provide an alternate environment for the seminarians to enjoy the game with each other and also enjoy camaraderie with Serrans who attend. This year’s outing will be on Friday, April 24, at a 7:05 p.m. start against the Atlanta Braves.

Our club contributes toward the cost of the seminarians’ tickets each year. As Serra club members, we are also invited to attend the game and bring guests. Those attending will be responsible for paying for their own tickets and for those of any guests they bring.

If you are interested in attending, the group rate for the tickets is \$20. Payment should be made as soon as possible, but must be received by March 25. Checks should be made to Serra Club of Philadelphia and should be sent to Arthur Burke.

If anyone needs Art’s address, please contact Marty Frick at 610-361-9397.

2015 Essay Contest

A reminder that this year’s essay contest information has been sent out. If you did not receive it, or would like to see it online, it can be accessed at the Club’s website <http://www.delchesterserra.org/>

The deadline for submitting essays is February 25, 2015.

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