



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



December 2015

## Holy Year of Mercy Starts

On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis announced a Holy Year, an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The Holy Year will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015. For your information, the following excerpts are quoted from that announcement:

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy, and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an *Extraordinary Jubilee* which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a *Holy Year of Mercy*. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36).

The Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and woman of our time. Do not forget that God *forgives all*, and God *forgives always*. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God.

## December Club Schedule

Our last newsletter mentioned the annual Mass and Christmas Social traditionally held in December. At press time for this newsletter, it is unclear what our club's schedule for December will be.

The specifics of this year's social and Mass will be discussed at the December 5 membership meeting. Please attend this meeting or contact another club member after the December club meeting for more details

## Consecrated Life Recognition

A group of Delchester Serra Club officers has begun planning an event recognizing women who have been called to the consecrated religious life in parishes with which we are connected.

Sr. Kate Leary, SSJ, has agreed to assist our club in planning this event which is tentatively set for the first weekend in February in order to coincide with the celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life. More information will be provided as available.

## Schedule for November - December 2015

December 5	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.
December	Come to the December 5 monthly meeting when the schedule for an Officers and Trustees meeting and/or the annual Christmas Mass and Social will be finalized.
January 2	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. <b>NOTE: MEETING DATE <u>MAY</u> BE CHANGED AFTER DISCUSSION AT THE DECEMBER 5 MEMBERSHIP MEETING.</b>
January 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.