



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



January 2016

## Benefit for the Archdiocesan Vocation Office

The Serra Clubs of the Philadelphia area have planned a Mardi Gras Benefit for the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

In New Orleans, the first 2016 parade is January 6 followed by many other parades leading up to Mardi Gras day on Tuesday, February 9. Therefore, the planned benefit falls squarely in the midst of Mardi Gras season.

The activities of the benefit start with Mass at 4:30 p.m. A reception will follow with dinner at 6 p.m.

During the event, two individuals will receive the Saint Junipero Serra award: Monsignor Michael T. McCulken and, posthumously, our own late member of the Delchester Serra Club, Bill Grogan.

The keynote speaker for the event will be musician,

song writer, and author, Tony Melendez. Mr. Melendez was born without arms after his mother was prescribed the morning sickness drug, thalidomide during her pregnancy with him. He discarded his artificial arms at age ten due to both discomfort and his ability to use his feet to do what many people do with their hands—including playing the guitar.

Mr. Melendez will also perform an afternoon benefit concert at 2 p.m. at the Seminary on the same date.

Cost for the afternoon concert is \$20 per person; call the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 for more information.

Cost for the activities included in the benefit is \$250 per person of which \$150 is tax deductible. Checks should be made to Serra Club of Philadelphia and sent to: Vocation Office, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096.

## Consecrated Life Recognition - Update

In last month's newsletter, we mentioned an event being planned recognizing women who have been called to the consecrated religious life in parishes with which we are connected.

We found there was a conflict with the date we had picked. More information about this event will be discussed, including an alternative date, at the January membership meeting.

  
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## Schedule for January - February 2016

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.
January 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
February 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.
February 16	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.