



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



April 2016

Essay Contest Update

The Delchester Serra Club's Vocations Awareness Essay Contest has concluded for 2016. We had another successful essay contest campaign, this year receiving 24 essays from 9 schools.

The volunteer judges read all of the essays and ranked them. The essays were all assigned numbers and not identified to the judges by either name or parish. The judges gathered to compare rankings, discuss the top ranked essays, and determine the first and second place essays.

The essay winners and their teachers will be notified by the contest coordinators. We hope the winners, their families, and teachers will be able to attend our Charter Night program on May 1.

Thanks to all who participated in the contest this year.

2016 Charter Night Update

As mentioned previously, our Charter Night dinner will again be at the Lamb Banquet Facilities starting at about 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at a cost of \$35 per person.

Our Charter Night speaker will be Father Stephen P. DeLacy, Vocation Director at the Philadelphia Archdiocese's Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood.

The three entrée choices will be chicken marsala, filet mignon, or crab cakes. If you were not able to attend a Club meeting and select your entrée, **please contact Margaret Flanagan at (610) 499-1451 with your entrée choice.** We need to provide The Lamb with our choices so we will all have the entrée we want.

We look forward to enjoying the company of our Club members and welcoming our guests at Charter night this year.

**Pray.
Invite.
Encourage.
Affirm.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

**Continue to pray
for
religious vocations**



Schedule for April - May 2016

April 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.
April 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
May 1	Annual Charter Night at the Lamb Banquet Facilities. There will be no monthly Membership Meeting in May.
May 7	<i>Due to our Annual Charter Night on Sunday, May 1, there will be NO MONTHLY MASS AND MEETING ON MAY 7.</i>
May 17	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

Concert Benefitting Seminary

A "Music, Mission and Faith Concert" will take place at the St. Martin of Tours Chapel on the grounds of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Spiritual Year of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, a supplemental year of human, intellectual, pastoral, and spiritual formation which includes both solitude and directly serving underserved areas.

The concert itself will feature both sacred and classical music. The cost for the concert is \$75.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased through the link at www.scs.edu/mmconcert or by contacting Gina DeColli by phone at (215) 587-5650 or by email at gdecolli@catholicfoundationphilly.org.

Altar Server Certificate Update

In March, invitations were sent to 38 parishes in Delaware and Chester counties so they could request Altar Server Recognition certificates again this year.

As in the past, the Delchester Serra Club is interested in affirming the work of altar servers in assisting the celebration of Mass. The certificates we provide have space for parishes to enter the name of the altar server, the name and signature of the pastor, and the date the certificate is presented.

Some parishes prefer to print their own certificates, sometimes with the names of the alter servers machine printed. Therefore, we have also sent out the document electronically for them to use.

For more information about this project, please contact Marty Frick at (610) 361-9397

2016 Concelebrated Mass Of the Newly Ordained

The annual Concelebrated Mass of the Newly Ordained Priests will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016, at St. John the Evangelist Church. A social and lunch will follow at the Union League of Philadelphia.

This is an opportunity to meet the newly ordained priests and witness the positive role models they provide for the many high school students from our Archdiocese who also attend.

Serrans have annually taken part in the Mass and social that follows. More information about this event will be provided both at our Club meeting and in the next newsletter.

2016 Ad Book

Thanks to the Club members who have already reported on whether to include almost 90% of advertisers from last year.

If you have not yet turned in your ads or patrons for the Charter Night ad book, please contact Marty Frick at (610) 361-9397 by April 2. No additional ads or patrons will be accepted after that date.

Keep in Touch

Remember, you may always view current and past newsletters at the Delchester Serra Club website at www.delchesterserra.org and also contact us through the email link there.

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