



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



October 2017

PADRE SERRA SAYS:

Jesus called each one of us to a vocation, not just our priests and religious. Our Church needs committed lay ministers to spread the Gospel in our world.

Some of us have heard the Word of God preached by lay ministers at a special time of year in our parishes. Some of our parishes may have lay pastoral associates who administer the parish because there is no full-time priest/pastor.

Most of us encounter lay ministers of the Eucharist at our Sunday celebrations, as lectors and altar servers. Many of the homebound are regularly visited by lay ministers of care who pray the Scriptures with them and distribute Communion. These are but a few of the ministries that lay people are called to.

Ask yourself - how can I serve? Do you have your "shoulder to the wheel?" Are you "pulling an oar in the ship of our Church?" Can you befriend the lonely, visit the sick, assist the elderly, prepare and give homilies? If so, sound off. Let us inform our pastors of the talents we are ready to freely offer to serve our parish.

Christ said, "I came to serve, not to be served." How about you?

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

PLEASE NOTE: The above insert and many others are available for use in parish bulletins or other documents. Please contact Marty Frick, (610) 361-9397, for more information.

Priesthood Sunday 2017

As we mentioned last month, the lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry are asked to develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring both priesthood and their own priests.

At our Club meeting in September, we looked at some sample cards that were downloaded from the Priesthood Sunday web site. At the subsequent officers meeting in September, we selected one pattern for sending to the priests at the parishes affiliated with our Serra Club.

Please come to our October 7 monthly membership meeting to see the cards and get what you need for your parish and any of our parishes with which you are liaison. The cards are blank inside, allowing you to personalize the message to each priest from you, on behalf of our Serra Club.

"National Vocation Awareness Week" will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2017. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation."

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Please keep our Delchester Serra members and their families in your prayers, especially ...

Marie Anderson
Rick Dennis

Schedule for October - November 2017

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| October 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 |
| October 17 | Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m. |
| November 4 | 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 |
| November 21 | Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m. |