



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB

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MISSION STATEMENT

- Promote, support, and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Catholic Church as a particular vocation of service and support priests in their sacred ministry
- Encourage, promote, and affirm vocations to the consecrated life in the Catholic Church
- Assist members to recognize and respond, in their own lives, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit

WHAT DOES DELCHESTER SERRA DO?

The booklet "What is Serra?" tells of many programs that Serra Clubs around the world sponsor. There are so many, in fact, that some potential members may be scared off from joining lest they get over involved with new activities. Member participation in any program is voluntary. Here is a list of the actual programs that Delchester Serra Club promotes.

WE PRAY the Serra prayer for Vocations, which should be said every day by all Serrans, to ask God to inspire more young people to have the faith and courage to answer "YES" to God's call. We attend Mass together on the first Saturday of each month.

VOCATION ESSAY CONTEST is sponsored early each year for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students of parish schools and the CCD/PREP programs in many parishes in Delaware and Chester counties. We award prizes for first and second place winners.

WE CELEBRATE at our annual Charter Night dinner with priests and religious who are invited to attend, participate in recognition of our Essay Contest winners, and hear our guest speaker. A prepared program and ad book for this event offers opportunities for parishes, businesses, organizations, and individuals to support our Club.

WE CONDUCT A PROGRAM CALLED "THANK YOU, FATHER" to show our appreciation, affection, and support for our wonderful priests who have been defamed and insulted because of the offenses of a few. Every priest in our area receives a hand-written card on Holy Thursday commemorating the establishment of the Priesthood.

ALTAR SERVER CERTIFICATES are provided to many Delaware and Chester county parishes for use in recognizing altar servers.

WE SUPPORT activities at St. Charles Seminary and the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood including fundraisers that arise and the annual Seminarians' trip to a Phillies game.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH THESE ACTIVITIES

- Volunteer effort by our Club members: vital to continuing these activities and adding new activities to continue our Club's mission when possible
- Ad book income: provides the funds for our Club activities that "promote, encourage, and support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life." Those activities include promotional material, prizes for our essay contest, altar server certificates, seminarians' trip to the Phillies, cost of priests' and religious' dinners at Charter night, etc.