

## 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. Let us list the actual programs that Delchester Serra Club promotes. All member participation in any program is voluntary.

**WE PRAY.** The Serra prayer for Vocations 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** Early in the year, we sponsor an Essay Contest for the seventh and eighth grade students of our Parish schools and the CCD programs in each Parish. We award prizes for first and second place winners.

**ALTAR SERVER CERTIFICATES** are awarded to the graduating eighth grade altar servers in our assigned parishes.

**A COOKOUT FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS** To show our appreciation and support for our Clergy, we have a cookout every year to which all area priests and deacons are invited. Our members donate the food and drinks then prepare and serve them. The evening provides a pleasant social setting for both the Clergy and our members.

**SISTERS APPRECIATION EVENT** All the sisters in our assigned parishes are invited to attend an appreciation event with a meal, entertainment, and prizes for each sister. The prizes are donated by the members. The meal is catered and supplemented with food prepared by our members.

**WE TALK.** We speak about vocations in our schools and Churches whenever we are invited. Only a limited number of our members do this, but anyone who wishes to, can do so. We also have members available to provide more information to parishioners after our Church presentations.

**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.

**OPTIONAL EVENTS** We are sometimes called on by the Vocation Office to assist in programs that they are conducting, such as the Cardinal’s visit to the Seminary to which selected High School students are invited. Only a few members are needed for this event. Also, each year the Cardinal celebrates Mass at the Cathedral specifically for the Altar Servers of the Archdiocese. Assistance is needed to serve as ushers, registrars, etc. Again, only a few are needed since members from other local Serra Clubs also participate.