



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



February 2018

Papal Honors for Philadelphia Serrans

In a January 9 article in CatholicPhilly listing 28 local Catholics who will be receiving Papal honors, we found the names of three members of the Philadelphia Serra Club.

Serra District Governor Arthur Burke has been named Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, and Mary Anne Burke has been named Dame of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great. As described in CatholicPhilly, they have been active in Serra for 40 years as well as having been in leadership positions in their own parish. Mary Anne served as the first female president of the Philadelphia Serra Club. As described in CatholicPhilly, The Order, “one of five pontifical knightly orders, was founded by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831 to honor his sixth-century predecessor. It has been awarded to diplomats, artists, scientists, world leaders and interfaith leaders from all walks of life who have shown, by their service, extraordinary love for Jesus Christ and his church. Membership signifies recognition from the pope for service already rendered and an invitation from him to continue a life of exemplary Christian witness.

Dawn Chism of the Philadelphia Serra Club has been named as a recipient of the Benemerenti Medal. As described in CatholicPhilly, this Medal “was created under Pope Gregory XVI and dates to the late 18th century when it was first awarded to soldiers of the Papal Army” and “was later extended to members of the clergy and laity for exceptional service to the Roman Catholic Church.”

Philadelphia Archbishop Chaput was quoted in CatholicPhilly as relating that each honoree “has performed some exceptional service for the church or offered some form of outstanding Christian witness in a generous and sustained way—in education, philanthropy, diaconal and religious life, prolife and vocations work, social ministry, and other apostolates. Each has earned the gratitude of the Holy Father and our whole Catholic community.”

The honors for all 28 honorees were conferred by Archbishop Chaput on January 21 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Deacon Jack Betzal
Conrad “Connie” Olenik
Dolores O’Malley

Continue to pray for religious vocations



Schedule for January 2018 - February 2018

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| February 3 | 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 |
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