



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



July 2018

PADRE SERRA SAYS...

“Lifestyles” and “Prayer Styles” of sisters and brothers in “community” are described by the National Coalition for Church Vocations following their description of the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, as follows:

Personal choice within the specific spirit and custom of a community encourages a great deal of creative, thoughtful and prayerful decision-making about how sisters and brothers live and grow holy.

Again, community is a frame of reference. Some people find living in a traditional convent or a very large community house best suited to them and to their current ministry or apostolate. Others are drawn to small-group living, perhaps in a small home or apartment. For still others, the decision must be to live alone — and yet to be very community-oriented during this interim.

Basically, it’s not really *where* you live, but *why* and *how* you do it.

That’s true about praying, too. Everybody does it, but there are many different ways in which we can relate to God. The community helps here, too. Sisters and brothers pray — frequently within very ancient traditions of prayer, constantly finding new ways of keeping in close touch with God.

Individually, they have their special ways of being with God, listening to Him and responding to His love.

The variety of lifestyles and prayer forms evident in the so-called “active” communities is also apparent in contemplative groups of religious. Men and women attracted to contemplative life learn from the great prayers of the past even as they explore new forms of contemplative prayer and contemplative living. This vocation is a particularly precious gift to contemporary society and culture.

Among some contemplatives there is renewed interest in “hermitages.” Through this kind of life some are finding, in greater isolation and solitude, an even more intense form of spiritual life. Pray for vocations.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

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

Deacon Jack Betzal

Jim Doolittle (husband of Judy Doolittle)

Gerry Farrell

Conrad “Connie” Olenik

Dolores O’Malley

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.

Schedule for July - August 2018

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