



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



January 2023

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

Continue to pray for religious vocations



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

Bill Murray

**God Invites
Vocations.
You Can Help
Close the Deal.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Schedule for January 2023 - February 2023

January 7	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level . Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting..
February 4	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level . Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting..