



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



October 2023

Seminary Construction Update

As detailed in an article in the online Catholic Philly written by Gia Myers, there was a “topping off” ceremony on September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to witness placing the last steel beam in the new refectory at the seminary being built in Lower Gwynedd.

The final beam was designated the “Marian Beam” after seminarians and priests gathered at the Seminary construction site on August 26 where they prayed the Miraculous Medal Novena. After the novena, the seminarians and priests were invited to sign the white beam which additionally bears the inscription found on the Miraculous Medal - “O Mary, Conceived without Sin, Pray for Us Who Have Recourse to Thee.”

Architects and engineers who contributed to the Seminary project also gathered at the September 8 ceremony.

For additional information and a video of the September 8 event, please follow [this link to Catholic Philly.com](#) as well as this link to [St Charles Borromeo Seminary update on the new seminary](#) .

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Short Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Source: [National Vocation Awareness Week, United States Council of Catholic Bishops](#)

Revised website

Visit our revised website at the link below that has information and links to past newsletters and to other organizations, including the [Archbishop’s Commission for Missionary Disciples](#), and [events at the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood](#)

www.delchesterserra.org

Please keep our current and deceased Delchester Serra Members and their families in your prayers.

Please pray for Michael J. Mahler, Jr., who passed away on September 17. He is the brother of Delchester Serra Club president Dolores Lavelle.

May he rest in peace.

Schedule for October 2023 - November 2023

October 14	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.
November 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.