



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



December 2023

Mass and Luncheon for the Newly Ordained Priests

Dear Fellow Serrans,

On the 9th of November, Karen and Jim Grugan and I joined the Philadelphia Club for a Mass and luncheon to introduce the seven newly ordained priests:

- Rev. Anthony J. Albanese
- Rev. Shane M. Flanagan;
- Rev. Randall J. Kraft;
- Rev. Phong T. Le;
- Rev. John C. Okpara;
- Rev. Kenneth I. Omeke; and,
- Rev. Wesly L. Taveras-Medina.

The Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald was the principal celebrant. Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is always an incredibly uplifting experience. We were so blessed to share this Eucharistic Celebration.

The occasion was sponsored by the Philadelphia Serra Club. Included were students from various high schools in Philadelphia and Delaware county as well as other dignitaries and guests. I was seated with Connor, Alex, Matt, and John, students from Archbishop Ryan High School, as well as Dean Charles Panepresso, Assistant Principal for Student Services at Archbishop Ryan High School, and seminarian Mr. John McCabe. John is looking forward to ordination in 2028. We enjoyed a nice lunch while the new priests shared their vocation stories.

After the luncheon we received a blessing from each of the new priests. At that time we presented each with a note of congratulations and a gift from our Delchester Serra Club.

Yours in Christ,

Dolores

Please pray for

Serra Club of Philadelphia member Mary Anne E. Burke, who passed away on November 12. She was the wife of Serra Club District 28 Governor Arthur Burke.

In the 1980s, she was the first female President of the Serra Club of Philadelphia. In 2018, she was named a Dame of the Order of the Knights of St. Gregory. That same year, she received the Ambassador Award from the Pontifical Mission Society.

May she rest in peace.

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.

Schedule for December 2023 - January 2024

December 2	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.
January 6	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.