



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



January 2017

2017 Essay Contest

Now that all of the Advent preparations have resulted in a joyous Christmas, perhaps your parish school's or PREP's sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will have a chance to prepare their entries for our 2017 vocation awareness essay contest.

This year's theme is: *How can these gifts of the Holy Spirit - knowledge and courage - help a person to decide if God is calling him or her to a religious vocation?*

As a reminder, teachers may select one essay per class - not per grade - to be entered.

More information about the essay contest, including past years' essays, is available on our website, www.delchesterserra.org.

PRAYER IS A MOVING FORCE in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

“Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders.

Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world.

Amen.”

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

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.

**Vocations
Don't Just Happen:
Ask
Somebody.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

**Continue to pray for
religious vocations**



Schedule for January 2017 - February 2017

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