



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



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Monsignor John Savinski Receives Papal Honors

(With excerpts from an article by Elena Perri posted to *CatholicPhilly* on September 16, 2024)

Monsignor John Savinski is well known to Serrans of the DelChester Serra Club, supporting our efforts to both promote and also support those who have answered the call to the priesthood and religious vocations.

Msgr. Savinski, who was ordained in 1971, served as a theology teacher at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown and as a parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Havertown and St. Pius X Parish in Broomall. He was pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish for 17 years before “retiring” in 2020. He still serves as a faculty member and spiritual director at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. In those roles, he has provided a model of priestly service and spirituality for generations of seminarians from dioceses and religious orders across the country.

In recognition of his distinguished service to the Archdiocese, Pope Francis bestowed a papal honor upon Msgr. Savinski this summer. Archbishop Pérez presented the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (Cross for the Church and Pontiff) to Msgr. Savinski during

a Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Sunday, Sept. 22.

The papal award was established by Pope Leo XIII in 1888. The certificate that accompanies the cross-shaped medal explains that it was “established especially for those who have notably performed with great zeal outstanding works for the Church and the Pontiff.”

“He’s truly a humble servant,” said Auxiliary Bishop Keith Chylinski, rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. “He’s singularly focused on serving the Lord and helping others. His example impacts everyone who meets him, especially future priests, because that’s really the model of what Christ calls us to.”

All Delchester Serrans join in a joyous “Amen”!



Monsignor Savinski and Delchester Serra Club president Dolores Lavelle at the Club’s 2019 Charter Night dinner.

Continue to pray for religious vocations.



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

**Touch a Life,
Forever.**

Serra for Priestly Vocations

Schedule for October - November 2024

October 5	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 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.