



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



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2025 Survey of Men Entering Priesthood in US

Excerpted from an [article by Terry Gervasini at the Catholic News Agency, Washington, DC Newsroom](#)

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, released its 2025 national survey of seminarians who are scheduled for ordination this year. Out of the 405 ordinands asked to respond, 309 participated in the survey from January 10 to March 20.

Here are some highlights:

- On average, ordinands first started to consider becoming a priest at 16 years old.
- 35% said they began to think about entering the priesthood in elementary school between the ages of 6 and 13.
- Half of responding ordinands said they participated in a parish youth group before entering the seminary.
- 35% said they participated in Catholic campus ministry.
- 23% said they participated in Knights of Columbus or Knights of Peter Claver. The study also found that 21% of ordinates were involved in Boy Scouts in their youth.

- The majority of the respondents (73%) served as altar servers.
- About 46% served as lectors, 34% distributed Holy Communion as extraordinary ministers, and 32% taught as catechists.
- Many ordinands were inspired to become a priest by someone in their life. 31% percent reported having, or previously having had, a relative who is a priest or religious who encouraged their entrance to the seminary.
- 89% reported being encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life.
- 43% said they felt discouraged by one or more persons when deciding to enter the seminary. The report found that most often that person was a friend or family member.
- 78% of respondents reported they participated in Eucharistic adoration on a regular basis before entering the seminary.
- 58% participated in a religious education program in their parish for an average of six years.

As can be seen from these excerpts, our efforts in Serra blend well with the other influences on our future priests.

**Continue to pray for
religious vocations.**



Please pray for the deceased members of the Delchester Serra Club.

May they rest in peace.

Schedule for August - September 2025

August 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.
September 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.