



Serra Mensajero

Serra Club of North Central Dallas

Volume 26 Issue 9

Richardson, Texas

September 2011



Friday, September 2
First Friday Mass, Breakfast
6:30 a.m.
St. Mark Catholic Church

Saturday, September 10
22nd Annual Seminarian/
Serran Golf Outing
Grapevine Muni Golf Course

Friday, September 16
Serra Club Board Meeting
7:00 a.m.
St. Mark Pastoral Center

Monday, September 19
Serra Club Dinner Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Canyon Creek Country Club
Reverend James Yamauchi

Sunday, October 2
Mass with Seminarians
9:15 a.m.
Holy Trinity Seminary

Friday, October 7
First Friday Mass, Breakfast
6:30 a.m.
St. Mark Catholic Church

Friday, October 21
Serra Club Board Meeting
7:00 a.m.
St. Mark Pastoral Center

Monday, October 17
Serra Club Dinner Meeting,
6:30 p.m.
Canyon Creek Country Club
Franci Vitanza

October 30, 2011
Priesthood Sunday

Visit these
Serra web sites...
North Central Dallas
Serra Club
www.ncdserraclub.com

Serra USA Council
www.serra.us.org

Executive Vice President Bob Galecke Reviews History and Goals of University of Dallas

Bob Galecke, Executive Vice President of the University of Dallas was the guest speaker at the August Dinner Meeting of the Serra Club of North Central Dallas. Mr. Galecke joined UD in 1996 and has served as Interim President on two occasions. (See attached biography)

The first UD was founded in 1909 but failed during the depression. The charter lay dormant until 1956 when the current university was founded by Bishop Gorman with the aid of Ed Maher, Eugene Constantine and the Sisters of St. Mary Namur from Notre Dame.

The Cistercians came in 1955 and nine Cistercian Priests were part of the original UD faculty. 1958 saw the addition of the Dominicans whose priory is adjacent to the campus. The current Chaplain is a Dominican. In 1965 Holy Trinity Seminary was founded by Bishop Gorman and the next year the Braniff Graduate School was added with support and funding from the Braniff family. (Some of you may remember Braniff Airlines) Texas Instruments was the next major contributor and led the way to the establishment of the Graduate School of Management in 1969 to give their engineers training in thinking and management as well as being outstanding engineers.

In 1970 the Rome campus was established and 7400 students have studied there. The University built its own buildings in 1980 and the Rome Campus is a major attraction for new students.

Some statistics on the new freshman class:

- From 42 states, 255 US cities, 9 countries
- 57% from out of state
- 83% Catholic
- 23 National Merit Scholars (26 last year)
- Average SAT Score of 1232

(Continued on page 3)



Bill Crowley, VP Programs with Jessica Rondeau, Office of the President, and Bob Galecke, Executive Vice President of University of Dallas

President's Focus**How Can We Better Reach Our VAP Target Market?**

As described in the June/July newsletter, the Serra-directed Vocation Awareness Program had another very successful discernment weekend this year, though the figure of 31 attendees was below the range of 34 to 39 we had seen the previous five years. There are some other interesting statistics in the report presented at the wrap-up meeting for the 2011 Vocation Awareness Program the Satur-

day after our August dinner meeting. I attended the meeting along with Ralph Armstrong and Hank Himmelberg from our club. Tony Schmidt, Director for the 2012 VAP, was away on vacation and unable to attend, and Betty Monaghan, Women's Program Coordinator, had a family wedding that day.

Another interesting fact is that the numbers of applicants and attendees were almost equal between the Dallas and Fort Worth dioceses. Given the much larger Catholic population in the Dallas Diocese, the number of applicants and attendees from the Dallas side had been much greater at one time. But in recent years the numbers from the Fort Worth side have been increasing while those from the Dallas side have been holding steady or decreasing.

The Dallas Diocese this year had 20 applicants and 16 attendees. Of those, 13 applicants and 11 attendees were from parishes assigned to our club, less than the 16 and 14 last year. The number of parishes and total parish Mass attendance is comparable across the four Dallas Diocese clubs, so one question is why the parishes assigned to our club accounted for roughly two-thirds of the applicants and attendees.

We could pat ourselves on the back for our relative success compared with the other three clubs, but there are a couple of problems with feeling too smug. We have to ask why, given our 23 parishes and total weekly Mass attendance of more than 40,000, we had only 13 appli-

cants. We also have to ask why the other 57 parishes, with a total weekly Mass attendance of over 125,000 had only seven applicants. While I believe our club members do a good job of publicizing the program, I don't think our efforts are that far superior to those of the other three clubs.

I talked with Father Rudy Garcia, Dallas Diocese Director of Vocations, after the meeting and asked if he had any thoughts on why most of the applicants and attendees were from the northern parts of the diocese. Could it be that there are more families in those parishes with children in the prime age groups targeted by the VAP? He said he thinks one reason is that the parishes assigned to the other clubs have a much higher Hispanic population than the parishes to the north.

Later I remembered we heard from our speaker at the August dinner meeting that the demographics of the Diocese of Dallas—and the target market for the University of Dallas—are changing rapidly. The growth in the number of Hispanic Catholics is much greater than the growth in the number of non-Hispanic Catholics, and the number of Hispanic young people already exceeds the number of non-Hispanic young people. So we know the problem is not a lack of young people in the target age group.

Father Rudy and I recalled that the VAP Steering Committee has in past years discussed how we can better serve the expanding young Hispanic population, which should be a prime source for vocations for our diocese. The

committee had concluded it would be too difficult and too expensive to try to have bilingual sessions for the VAP weekend, and therefore all of our promotional materials have remained in English only. Another obstacle is that there are relatively few Hispanics in the Serra Clubs in our area, and past efforts to establish a Hispanic club have foundered.

Perhaps it's time to take another look at this situation. Father Rudy said he would support an effort to try to establish an adjunct to the VAP aimed at Hispanics, perhaps a one-day program—a mini-VAP weekend—to start with. The possibilities need to be explored, and this is an ideal time to do it. One other salient fact from the VAP wrap-up meeting is that revenues for the 2011 program exceeded expenses by about \$5,000. This cushion could provide seed money for new initiatives, both within the Hispanic communities of the diocese and within the non-Hispanic communities as well.

Both Father Rudy and Father Kyle Walterscheid, Vocations Director for the Fort Worth Diocese, emphasized at the meeting how critically important the Serrens and the Vocation Awareness Program are to their work. They and the bishops have been very active in reaching the high school and younger age groups, and they welcome and encourage our efforts in reaching out to those in the college and post-college age groups.



Don Simoneaux

**North Central Dallas
Serra Club
Board of Trustees
2011-2012**

President
Don Simoneaux

V.P. Programs
Bill Crowley

V.P. Vocations
Tony Schmidt

V.P. Membership
Ralph Armstrong

V.P. Communications
Lou Neeb

Treasurer
Peter LaFave

Secretary
Mary LaFave

Trustees
Hank Himmelberg, 3 Yr.
Ralph Armstrong, 2 Yr.
Paul Ficalora, 1 Yr.

Past President
Greg Mechler

Newsletter Editor
Dick Park

Chaplain
Rev. Cliff Smith

Chaplain's Corner

Fr Cliff is Moving the Parish Offices! Back Next Month

Seminary Sundays

Holy Trinity Seminary has released the Public Mass dates for the coming school year. This is a great opportunity for Serrans to show their public support

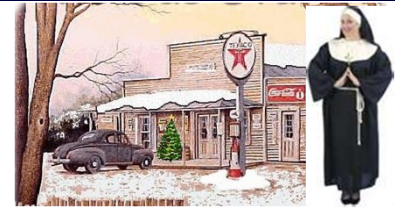
for the Seminary and the Seminarians. Mass begins at 9:15 and is followed by a 'get-together' for Serrans, Seminarians and Faculty complete with coffee and 'goodies'. Serrans are asked to supply the 'goodies'.

NCD dates are:

- October 2nd
- November 13th
- February 26th

All Clubs dates are:

- December 4th
- April 22nd



SISTER MARY ANN'S GASOLINE

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a **Texaco** Gasoline station was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said,

'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic'!!



(Continued from page 1)

- Most popular boys name: Michael
- Most popular girls name: Catherine

Holy Trinity Seminary is closely associated with UD so seminarians can receive sound intellectual formation in Catholic tradition. There are currently 70 seminarians enrolled at HTS and the future looks promising. About half the priests in the Dallas Diocese are graduates of UD. There are six alumni who are Bishops,

250 who are priests and 205 who are nuns, deacons or brothers.

The School of Ministry offers practice-oriented programs of theological studies and pastoral ministry including degrees, certificates, conferences, ongoing seminars, lectures, and continuing education. Each year they sponsor a Ministry Conference in conjunction with the Dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth. The conference this year will be held October 28-29 at the Dallas Convention Center. It is a two day event which includes keynote speakers, breakout sessions in three lan-

guages, an exhibition hall, musical performances by well-known and up-and-coming Catholic artists, various prayer services, and Mass. The keynote speaker last year was Cardinal DiNardo from Houston. This year's keynote speaker will be Francis Cardinal George from Chicago.

The vision of UD remains to be a center of Catholic studies. They will strive for growth but not at the expense of quality. And to continue the excellent working relationship with Bishop Farrell, Bishop Vann, Monsignor Olsen, and the priests of the dioceses.

31 Club The 31 Club is a commitment by Serrans to attend Mass and pray for vocations on a specific day each month. If you wish to participate in this important ministry please e-mail Hank Himmelberg at hankhimmelberg@verizon.net

<u>1st</u> Jerry Hurster	<u>17th</u> John Fitzpatrick
<u>1st</u> Paul Ficalora	<u>18th</u> Ann Larriviere
<u>1st</u> Jo Ficalora	<u>18th</u> Rod Larriviere
<u>2nd</u> Dick Park	<u>19th</u>
<u>2nd</u> Katie Park	<u>20th</u> Tony Schmidt
<u>3rd</u> Bill Crowley	<u>21st</u> Doug Biglen
<u>4th</u>	<u>21st</u> Veronica Biglen
<u>5th</u> Bill Baillargeon	<u>21st</u> Bill Higgins
<u>6th</u> John Fitzpatrick	<u>22nd</u> Joe Semler
<u>7th</u> Vince Ahern	<u>23rd</u> Paul Reittinger
<u>7th</u> Betty Monaghan	<u>24th</u> Ralph Armstrong
<u>7th</u> Bill Condon	<u>24th</u> Jim Hogan
<u>7th</u> Lou Neeb	<u>24th</u> Kay Hogan
<u>8th</u> Peter La Fave	<u>25th</u>
<u>9th</u> Mary La Fave	<u>26th</u>
<u>10th</u> Vicki Dean	<u>27th</u> Chris Taylor
<u>11th</u> Jim Duffy	<u>27th</u> Warren Schneider
<u>12th</u> Mark Venincasa	<u>28th</u> Bill Larsen
<u>13th</u> Therese Reittinger	<u>28th</u> Bonnie Larsen
<u>14th</u> Jack Tromba	<u>29th</u> Carl Rossini
<u>15th</u> Don Simoneaux	<u>30th</u> Katy Warren
<u>15th</u> Jack Hardage	<u>31st</u>
<u>16th</u> Hank Himmelberg	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Johnson 1st

Darwin Hutchinson 28th

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Kay Duffy 8th

Carl & Ellen Rossini 10th

Rob & Ann Larriviere 11th

Peter & Mary La Fave 12th

George & Jeanne Stewart 13th

Darwin & Debbie Hutchinson 23rd

Serra Mensajero is the North Central Dallas monthly newsletter which reports activities, provides news to members and supports Club goals. Editor, Dick Park, Staff Photographer, Vicki Dean



Continue to Lift Up in Prayer

**Therese Reittinger
Carolyn Tromba
Ellen Rossini**

Early Church Fathers: Saint Justin Martyr

Most of what is known about the life of Justin Martyr comes from his own writings. He was born at Flavia Neapolis (today Nablus) in Palestine. His parents were pagans. He tells us (*Dialogue* 2-8) that he tried first the school of a Stoic philosopher, who was unable to explain God's being to him. He then attended a Peripatetic philosopher but was put off because the philosopher was too eager for his fee. Then he went to hear a Pythagorean philosopher, who demanded that he first learn music, astronomy and geometry, which he did not wish to do. After this he was drawn to Platonism, until meeting an old man on the sea shore who told him about Christianity, and he converted. He was influenced in this by the fearless conduct of the Christians facing execution (*Apol.* 2:12). This conversion seems to have taken place at Ephesus.

He then adopted the dress of a philosopher himself and travelled about teaching. He arrived in Rome in the reign of Antoninus Pius (138-161), where he started his own school. Tatian was one of his pupils. In the reign of Marcus Aurelius, after disputing with the cynic philosopher Crescens, he was denounced by the latter to the authorities, according to Tatian (*Address to the Greeks* 19) and Eusebius (*HE IV* 16.7-8). Justin was tried together with six companions by Junius Rusticus who

was urban prefect from 163-167, and was beheaded, probably in 165. The martyrdom of Justin preserves the court record.

The church of St. John the Baptist in Sacrofano, a few miles north of Rome, claims to have his relics.

In 1882 Pope Leo XIII had a Mass and an Office composed for his feast day, which he set at 14 April, the day after the day indicated as that of his death in the Martyrology of Florus; but since this date quite often falls within the main Paschal celebrations, the feast was moved in 1968 to 1 June, the date on which he is celebrated in the Byzantine Rite since at least the 9th century. [Wikipedia]

[From the 2nd Apology, the understanding of the Eucharist; and the Sunday Worship, same as today's Mass!!]

Chapter 66 – Of the Eucharist

And this food is called among us Eucharisti/a [the Eucharist], of which no one is allowed to partake but the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is

the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

For the apostles, in the memoirs composed by them, which are called Gospels, have thus delivered unto us what was enjoined upon them; that Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, said, "This do ye in remembrance of Me, this is My body; "and that, after the same manner, having taken the cup and given thanks, He said, "This is My blood; "and gave it to them alone. Which the wicked devils have imitated in the mysteries of Mithras, commanding the same thing to be done. For, that bread and a cup of water are placed with certain incantations in the mystic rites of one who is being initiated, you either know or can learn.

Chapter 67 – Weekly Worship of the Christians

And we afterwards continually remind each other of these things. And the wealthy among us help the needy; and we always keep together; and for all things wherewith we are supplied, we bless the Maker of all through His Son Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Ghost. And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner

offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what



each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration.

Wine Donations Needed for the Seminarian Welcome Dinner

Dear Serrans,

As a member of the Trinitarian Auxiliary, I am helping with the "Wine Pull" event at the 2011 Seminarian Welcome Dinner to be held on October 1, 2011 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. Proceeds raised from the event (including wine pull and auction) help to support Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas. *Supporting vocations to the priesthood helps support the Catholic Church at its core!*



Please consider a donation of one or more bottles of wine to help us reach our goal of at least 300 bottles. We ask that the wine have a minimum retail value of \$25 a bottle. Members of the Auxiliary have been working on the wine bottle cassocks – see attachment.

Feel free to pass this email to your friends to help us reach our goal. Please find contact information below to either drop off your donation(s) or to make special arrangements for us to pick up your wine donation(s).

Juanita Ramirez, Diocese of Dallas Pastoral Center
3725 Blackburn St., Dallas, TX 75219, 214-379-2821
Holly Finegan

4555 Mill Run Road, Dallas, TX 75244, 972-789-1141

Rita Backus, Holy Trinity Seminary
3131 Vince Hagan Drive, Irving, TX 75062, 972-438-2212
(Seminary contact hours 9:30 a.m. – Noon and 1 – 4 p.m.)

Thank you for your help with this project. Please pray for vocations.

(For more information or tickets to the dinner, please visit www.holytrinityseminary.com)

Fr James Receives Blessing from Friends at Ordination



Annual Seminarian/Serran Golf Outing Set For September 10th

The annual Seminarian/Serran Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 10th this year at the Grapevine Municipal Golf Course. The registration deadline is Friday, September 2nd, this coming Friday. Those who have participated in the past, whether for the whole day or just for dinner, have raved about what a special experience it is and how much fun they had.

There is still time to register by the deadline of September 2nd. As I understand it, golfers are needed so please check your schedule to see if you can make it.

There are morning and afternoon tee times so you can play early and not stay for dinner or play later and stay for dinner. You can also just come to the dinner.

Complete the registration form at the end of this newsletter and send it along with your check made payable to Serra Club of Dallas and mail it to the address on the form.



Don, Greg and Hank prepare to meet the Seminarians

Father James Yamauchi September Guest Speaker

Father James Yamauchi, recently ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Dallas and a long time friend of Serra, will address the Serra Club of North Central Dallas at its Dinner Meeting on September 19th at the Canyon Creek Country Club.

Father James will spend the summer filling in wherever needed in the Diocese and will then return to Rome for two years of additional study before assuming his assignment in the Diocese of Dallas

Executive Vice President

Robert M. Galecke

Robert M. Galecke joined the University of Dallas in June 1996. As Executive Vice President, he is responsible for the following areas within the University: Financial Affairs, Endowment Management, Human Resource Management, Business Services, Support Services (Housing, Dining, Campus Safety, Risk Management), Information Technology, all University facilities including the Rome, Italy campus, and the University's extensive land development holdings in Irving/Las Colinas, Texas, where he is President & CEO of two subsidiary corporations.

- Mr. Galecke also served as Interim President of the University from January 2004 to June 2004 and from August 2009 to March 2010.
- He is the President and CEO of CARES, a university healthcare consortium providing health benefits for approximately 7000 faculty, employees and family members of which UD is a member.
- He is President of Irving Flood Control District 1, Irving, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, created for the purpose of providing flood control and drainage facilities to protect approximately 660 acres of land and over \$300,000,000 of assessed commercial properties in the district adjacent to the University.
- He is a Trustee and Chairman of the Board at Ursuline Academy in Dallas, a private Catholic college preparatory high school for young women founded in 1874.
- He is a director and chair of the audit committee of a publicly traded company providing crash related perimeter protection products.

Mr. Galecke's community involvement includes:

- Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Club of Irving
- Dallas Friday Group
- National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), Past President, Dallas Chapter

Mr. Galecke also has been Chairman, President or CEO of public companies in healthcare, real estate and financial services, as well as having spent 20 years in the commercial banking industry.



**22nd Annual
Seminarian/Serran
Golf Outing
September 10, 2011**

**Grapevine Municipal Golf Course
3800 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051
(9 Holes / morning & afternoon tee times)**

Dinner at Holy Trinity Seminary @5:30 p.m.

Name: _____ Club: _____

Contact #: _____ Email: _____

I will be playing golf & attending dinner [\$55.00] \$ _____

I will be playing golf only [\$39.50] \$ _____

I will be attending dinner only [\$15.50] \$ _____

I will sponsor _____ seminarian(s) \$ _____

I will make a donation to help defray costs \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

How many extra sets of golf clubs can you bring? # _____

Please send your check with this form to:

**G. Dennis Sullivan
Sullivan & Holston
4131 N. Central Expwy., Suite 980
Dallas, TX 75204**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 2, 2011