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*Pictured above is the Braniff Memorial bell tower of the University of Dallas located in Irving, Texas. The UD Serra Club is not an official part of the university but enjoys its hospitality for Mass and meetings. We are grateful for our long association.*

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**Aug. 8**  
**Memorial**  
**of**  
**Saint**  
**Dominic**

## **Coming events.....**

### **August 3...Regular meeting**

**routine:** 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Church of the Incarnation on the UD campus; breakfast in Haggar Center; guest presenter Sister Bridget of the North American Vocation Ministry, a consortium of organizations; business meeting. Lector: Larry Harrison; Eucharistic minister: Nancy Talkington.

### **August 15...Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday.**

**August 17...Regular meeting routine.** Guest presenter: To be announced. Lector: Ernie D. Eucharistic minister: Pat Horak.

### **October 5...Regular meeting**

**routine.** Program presenters: Geri Noonan and Kathleen Matsumura, on the staff of the Vocation Awareness Program, presenting a summary of the recent VAP held in mid-June.

Founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, Dominic de Guzman was born of a wealthy Spanish family in 1170. He died in 1221 in Italy and was canonized in 1234. Dominic was educated for the priesthood and helped counter some of the heresies of the time. Though some say he took part in the Inquisitions, others say not. He is often pictured holding a book of the Scriptures and a lily, the latter a symbol of virginal purity.

## **FROM THE PREZ...**

Our first August meeting will be held in the Haggar Café (student dining hall.) If all goes well, our tables will be close to the wall on the right as we come in. Hopefully, the buffet will be set up as somewhat of a buffer (a buffet buffer or a buffer buffet?) between ourselves and the other diners in the Cafe.

Our August 17 meeting will be held in the Gorman Faculty Lounge, across the promenade from the Haggar entrance. That date is the first day of student-parent orientation. The Haggar Café is expected to be crowded, hence the move across the “street.” For future planning, we have cancelled the September 7 meeting in honor of Labor Day. For our regular, second meeting on Sept. 21 we expect to be back in the Rathskeller.

A concept that Serra has championed for many years, not very successfully, is the establishment of Parish Vocation Ministries (or committees). While it sounds easy enough, to have a Serran in each of our parishes work with the pastor or his designee to form this ministry, defining this concept seems elusive. Maybe an analogy will help. We all have heard for many years that our parishes should convey an open, welcome, and inclusive atmosphere – be it at Sunday or weekday Mass, faith formation activities, youth activities,  
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information available in the narthex, and schools. The goal being that a parishioner or visitor comes away feeling welcome and wanted in that faith community. The same should be able to be said regarding vocations. A parishioner, visitor, or a person discerning a vocation should be able to see signs and activities that the parish has made vocations a priority just as it tries to make hospitality a priority. *--Paul*



### Bits 'n' Pieces...

>In action taken at the July Serra International Convention in Nashville, there was a realignment of Serra regions and districts. There are now 10 Serra regions where there were 12. Louisiana has joined Texas as the two states of Region 10. John M. Quillon of Victoria, Texas, is regional director. And there is ONE Serra District 46 instead of a 46 East and a 46 West. Our own Jo-Ann Bresowar will serve as the district governor.

>Mark your calendar now for the mid-October University of Dallas Ministry Conference. The conference will be held at the Irving Convention Center from Thursday, October 11, through Saturday, October 13. The Serra clubs of District 46 are joining forces to sponsor a table in the exhibit hall promoting awareness of "Serra" and its mission. We will need volunteers, registered to attend the conference, to help staff the table to explain the mission of Serra, encourage support for our vocation activities, particularly in our local parishes, and promote membership in our Serra clubs.

>Prayers for healing are urgently requested for our dear friend, fellow Serran, and long-time Dallas diocesan staff member Juanita Ramirez.

>The annual Spes Gregis [Hope of the Flock] Dinner benefitting Holy Trinity Seminary is set for October 19 at the Renaissance Dallas Galleria Hotel. Reservations, price, and more info from: [www.holytrinityseminary.org](http://www.holytrinityseminary.org).

>It was decided at the July 18 board meeting that the surplus funds from the Women Religious Dinner of May 20, \$4,923.85, would be turned over to the next host club to benefit next year's dinner.



**Andrew Darling, Scott Johnson, and Bryce Baumann** (left to right, above,) seminarians of the Diocese of Dallas, are in Antigua, Guatemala, in a Spanish immersion program. Shortly after arriving, they participated in a three-hour-long procession with the Blessed Sacrament led by Archbishop Nicolas Thevenin, Apostolic Nuncio to Guatemala. Later this summer, the trio will be ministering to citizens affected by the volcano eruption.

### LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!

Word just came in to the news room that our annual dinner with the Dominicans will take place on Friday, November 30. We attend vespers at five P.M., then withdraw to the refectory for dinner. Details to follow.

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