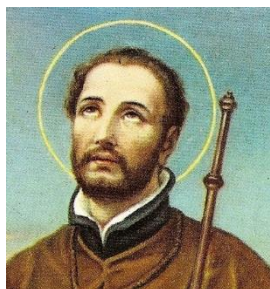




Pictured above is the Braniff Memorial bell tower of the University of Dallas located in Irving, Texas. The UD Serra Club is not an official part of the university but enjoys its hospitality for Mass and meetings. We are grateful for our long association.

For information on the UD Serra Club and its work for religious vocations, please visit [www.udallas.org/campus ministry](http://www.udallas.org/campus_ministry). For general info on the Serra Club: See www.serraus.org or www.serrainternational.org.

December 3, Memorial of St. Francis Xavier



Coming events.....

December 7... Regular

meeting routine: Mass at seven A.M., Church of the Incarnation, UD campus; breakfast in the Rathskellar in the Haggard Center; program, and business meeting. Program presenter: Brother Charles from St. Luke Parish who will speak on his participation in a Rome international conference of religious men. Mass: lector, Sandy Morgan; minister, Larry Harrison. Return your signed Christmas cards addressed to HTS seminarians. (See note later in this newsletter.)

December 21...NO CLUB MEETING.

January 4, 2019....NO CLUB MEETING.

January 18...REGULAR MEETINGS RESUME.

With Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier founded the Society of Jesus. Francis was born in 1506 in the Basque Region (northeast) of Spain. He led a mission to India settling in the Portuguese colony of Goa, south of Bombay on the Indian Ocean. Venturing eastward he spread the Gospel in Borneo, north of Australia, and throughout Japan. He succumbed to death in 1552 and reached sainthood in 1622.

FROM THE PREZ...

As we enter the joyous Advent season I want to wish all a happy, safe, and wonderful Holy Spirit-filled time to reflect on the what and why of Christmas. It's a very busy time but hopefully we can all find some quiet moments to reflect on God's unending and immeasurable love for us. Together we should remember the many gifts and blessings we enjoy capped by the gift of his only begotten Son for our redemption.

Parish coordinators: The John Paul II Monstrance for vocations will again be available for schools and parishes in Dallas to host during March and April, 2019. If your parish or your parish's school would like to host the monstrance for an adoration service or a religious education activity, contact the schedule coordinator, JoAnn (Bresowar@verizon.net.)

Please also keep in mind and mark on your calendars, that we have cancelled our December 21, 2018, meeting date since it falls during the Christmas weekend. Also, we have cancelled our January 4, 2019, meeting since it occurs within the New Year's Holiday week. Our first meeting in the (Continued, over, please.)

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new year of 2019 will be
January 18.

Board members, please note
that we will have our next
board of trustees meeting on
Wednesday, January 16, 2019.
More information on this
meeting will be in the January
issue of *The TOWER*. --Paul

Bits 'n' Pieces...

>At the November 30
Christmas party with the
Dominicans, Christmas cards
were distributed to all
members present. Each
member was asked to write a
personal message in a card
addressed to a Holy Trinity
seminarian. A list of names was
provided. The cards were to be
returned to the December 7
club meeting. Then the cards
would be placed in the HTS
mail box at the UD mail room.

For those who did not get a
card, more will be available at
the December 7 meeting.

>As has been the club policy
for many years, when foul
weather threatens, if you want
to know if there is a UD Serra
Club meeting, listen or watch
your local radio or TV public
service announcements. If UD
classes are cancelled, so is our
Serra club meeting.

>Parish coordinators: Query
your pastor and altar server
coordinator to see if they want

District 46 clubs were re-
presented. --Jo Ann, Dist. Gov.
to award certificates to their
servers. The UD Serra Club will
provide the printed documents.
Their answers are due Feb. 1.
>A brief recap of national
vocations events: January 13-
19, 2019, National Vocation
Awareness Week; February 2,
2019, World Day for
Consecrated Life; May 12,
2019, World Day of Prayer for
Vocations. For more
information on all these events,
search on your computer
browser entering the name of
the specific event.

>New UD Serra Club
coffee/tea/hot chocolate (?)
mugs are being made. They will
serve as guest presenter gifts
and mementoes for club
members and friends. Mugs
will bear this graphic:



>A springtime new-member
recruiting effort is being
organized. Membership VP
John Berchmans and Comm.
VP Ernie Doclar have accepted
the assignment to organize the
event. Plans are to assemble a
list of potential members from
our existing roster of members.
Then the prospects would be
invited to a free dinner at some

restaurant in the Irving area.

Program at the dinner would
include a talk on Serra's history,
its mission, and how the UD
Serra club and its members work
toward achieving that mission.

>Listen to Catholic Radio,
KATH, 910 AM, on the first
Saturdays at 3:30 P.M. for news
about the Serra Club. Station
manager Dave Palmer is a
staunch friend of Serra and has
arranged for this program with
no charge to Serra.

>A hearty welcome to two new
U.D. Serrans: Lolita Laurel
from St. Luke Parish and
Elizabeth Wilcox from St.
Francis Parish in Grapevine. We
hope they enjoy a long
association with Serra.

>For the first time, Serra has
participated in the Dallas
Ministry Conference. It was
held in the Irving Convention
Center, Oct. 11-13. The initial
thought was to attract new
members for Serra. Many
people stopped at our booth
and we shared the Serra
mission with them. We
distributed Serra brochures to
interested parties. The
consensus is that our time and
money were well spent. I want
to thank all our volunteers. All
seven of our Serra District 46
clubs took part. --Jo-Ann

