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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 appreciate its generosity.

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



**February
23,
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al of
Saint
Polycarp**

Coming events.....

February 1...Regular meeting routine: Mass in the Church of the Incarnation, UD campus, breakfast in the Rathskeller in the Haggard Center. Program: Deacon Daniel Segovia, stationed at St Luke Parish, Irving, speaking on the Cursillo program. Lector: Chithra Aman; minister: Pat Horak.

February 2-3...World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Persons. This vocations event offers a chance to thank all religious—priests in orders, sisters, brothers—for all they do for us. Pray for our religious and express your personal thanks..

February 15...Regular meeting routine. Lector: Larry Harrison; minister: Nancy Talkington. Program to be announced.

March 1...Regular club meeting. Program: Visit of the USA Council of Serra President Judy Cozzens. Details not firm at this point. More info soon.

Eastern churches recognize Saint Polycarp as a disciple of Saint John the Apostle. Polycarp lived from AD 69-155. With Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp is regarded as one of the three chief apostolic fathers, those who are believed to have known and, often, preached with the 12 apostles.

From the Prez.....

Happy St. Valentine's day-- (Spring is just around the corner).

Sunday, February 3, the UD Serra Club is the seminary's host club for donut refreshments following the 9:15 A.M. public Mass. We will have a "donut" sign-up sheet at our Friday, February 1st meeting. There are seminarians at the main entrance to receive the donuts about 9:00 A.M. so we don't have to carry them from the parking lot or if you can't stay for the Mass.

Parish coordinators whose assigned parishes participate in our altar server certificate award program: Please try to obtain your parish's list of altar server names as soon as possible and forward them to Sandy Morgan.

As a reminder, the John Paul II Monstrance for vocations is again 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 Jo-Ann Bresowar who is the schedule coordinator. [more, over]

As a reminder, please complete the membership survey regarding our future club meetings, locations and times. You may bring your completed survey to our February 1st meeting or mail it to my address: Paul Even, 3726 Ridgeoak Way, Dallas, TX 75244. The surveys were mailed in late January to all members.

Vocation Awareness Program (VAP) raffle tickets will be distributed to the membership at our February 16th meeting. We will also be offering tickets for donation at Holy Family Parish the weekend of March 23-24 and at the Church of the Incarnation, April 6-7. This is a major fundraiser for our club. All revenue generated over our club's VAP Weekend assessment stays in our club to fund our club's other vocation activities like our altar server award program and efforts to form parish vocation committees. After Communion, at one of these Masses, please join other Serrans in the narthex to direct attendees to our tables to make their donations and receive their tickets. —Paul

News from the club executive board

>May 12, 2019, World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This observance is a principal vocation event of the year. It's a chance (at least one of three) to show our appreciation of our priests.

> A major club membership recruiting event is set for Monday evening, May 20. All members will be asked for names of prospective members. The dinner leaders (John Berchmans and Ernie Doclar) will mail invitations to all prospects. The dinner will be free for all prospects and will be the regular club meeting

program including dinner at the Spring Creek Barbecue. More details soon.

>New UD Serra Club coffee/tea/hot chocolate (?) mugs are on hand for purchase. They are \$10 each and members may buy one or more for their own use or as gifts. We'll also use them as mementoes presented to guest speakers at meetings.

>March 9 is the kickoff for the annual Vocation Awareness Program, the Serra District 46 principal vocation event. Raffle tickets for the VAP will be available from Serran Dominic Rattansey. Profits from the raffle tickets go to our club treasury. Some UD Serrans will be asking for raffle ticket donations after Masses at local churches.

>March 3 is the date for the Annual Women Religious Appreciation Dinner. Every Serran was sent an invitation letter asking attendance and a donation to help defray costs.

