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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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## **July 1 Feast of St. Junipero Serra**



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

**July 1...Feast of St. Junipero Serra.**

**July 4...Independence Day.**  
Fly your U.S. flag.



**July 6...NO MEETING.**

**July 20...Regular meeting routine:** Seven A.M. Mass in the Church of the Incarnation, UD campus; breakfast in the Rathskeller of Hagggar Center, program, business meeting. Program: Kelby Woodward speaks on "Cristo Rey," (Christ the King.) It is a corporate work-study plan to be implemented in Catholic high schools. Lector: Sandy Morgan; minister, Pat Horak.

**August 3...Regular meeting routine.** Program presenter: Sister Bridget of the North American Vocation Ministry, a consortium of organizations

Our namesake, Franciscan friar Junipero Serra, was born in 1713 on the Mediterranean island of Majorca. He sailed to the New World, landing in Mexico, then travelled into Alta California establishing nine missions in what we now know as the State of California. Serra converted many natives of the area into Catholicism. Eventually, 21 missions were founded. He died in 1784, and was canonized in Washington, September 2015..

working for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**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.

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

On a Tuesday evening in June at the Grapevine City Council meeting, Mayor William Tate read a proclamation declaring June 5, 2018, as "Ernie Doclar Day." The council meeting room was crowded with uniformed Scouting leaders and Boy Scouts ranging in age from the very young to that evening's honoree celebrating 75 years in Scouting. Congratulations, Ernie Doclar.

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. All four clubs of District 46E 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. --Paul

## **Bits 'n' Pieces...**

>Congratulations to John Berchmans who was chosen as Serran of the Year and was presented with a wall plaque to acknowledge his outstanding work in the UD Serra Club.



*John Berchmans*

John is currently vice president for membership and had been serving as a club trustee. His most recent work was to record the attendance of sisters and Serrans at the women religious dinner sponsored by our club on June 20.

>Speaking of the women religious dinner: We have received several thank-yous from several sisters, most notably Sr. Theresa Khirallah, who heads up the diocesan office for religious.

Sister Yolanda Cruz, vocation director for the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, said, in part: "I am writing you a small note of gratitude for your thoughtful and kind ways to

show appreciation to the religious of our diocese. Please extend our appreciation to your wonderful group of Serrans and know of our deep joy and gratefulness..."

And from Sister Lois Castillon: "Thank you so much for the photo. I love it. We had a wonderful time with all of you. With prayers of appreciation..."

**UD Serra board meeting is set for Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 P.M., at the Morgans' home, 4021 Village Green, Irving. Dinner will be provided.**

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