



The Tower
is a
monthly
publication of the
University of
Dallas Serra Club.

*March 2019
issue*

Ernie Doclar,
editor,
janeandernie
@verizon.net

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](http://www.udallas.org/campus_ministry). For general info on the Serra Club: See www.serraus.org or www.serrainternational.org.

March 7, Feast of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity



Coming events.....

March 1...Regular meeting routine: Mass at seven A.M. in the Church of the Incarnation, UD campus, breakfast in the Rathskeller in the Hagggar Center. Program: Guest presenter Judy Cozzens, newly-elected president of the USA Council of Serra. She will tell of the state of Serra and her plans for the coming years. Business meeting ends the morning. Lector: Pat Horak; minister: Sandy Morgan.

March 15...Regular meeting routine. Guest presenter: Melissa Waldron, associate director of the Dallas Diocesan ministry of persons with disabilities, caregivers, and the deaf. Lector: Ernie Doclar; minister: Larry Harrison.

April 5...Regular meeting routine. Program presenter: Reverend Daniel Ray, president of The Highland School, Irving, speaking on the unique

Perpetua and Felicity (Felicitas) are connected because they were both imprisoned in the same place and time. And they were both martyred in the year A.D. 203 in Carthage, in the Roman province of Africa. Perpetua was a noblewoman while Felicity was a slave. They were killed partly by wild animals in an arena and finished by the sword.

education offered at that institution.



*Judy Cozzens, new president,
the USA Council of Serra.*

From the Prez.....

Lent starts Wednesday, March 6th. As you discern your possible sacrifices for the season, please consider calling or visiting a family member or friend who is sick, homebound, or in a senior living facility. Giving our personal time is a pure sacrifice. Your visit can mean so much to these people.

March brings our annual VAP raffle fund-raising activity. We will be soliciting donations for raffle tickets at three parishes this year (adding St. Luke's for the first time.) This is not "sales" but, literally, accepting money as fast as the number of Serran hands available can gather it in for 15-20 minutes after Mass. We will have a signup sheet to volunteer for this at our March meetings. We will seek donations for tickets at Holy Family of Nazareth parish the
(continued on reverse.)

weekend of March 23-24; St. Luke's on the weekend of March 30-31; and Church of the Incarnation on April 6-7. All donations received over our club's required VAP Weekend assessment stays in our club to fund other vocation activities.

--Paul

Reminder: Please make all VAP raffle ticket returns to treasurer Nancy at club meetings.

News from the club executive board

>March 3 is the date for the Annual Women Religious Appreciation Dinner. Every Serran was sent an invitation letter soliciting attendance and a \$40 donation to help defray costs. If late, you may still be able to attend: Phone Shirley Vilfordi, 214-369-7724



>The 30th Anniversary Vocation Awareness Program Mass and Kickoff Brunch, Saturday, March 9, Holy Trinity Seminary, 9:30 A.M. Mass (NOT 9:15.) \$25 per person. VAP publicity materials will be distributed.

>Upcoming club meeting programs: April 15: Our

traditional commemoration of the Way of the Cross with members reading the story for each station. Members trace the path of the Passion by walking around the inside edge of the Church of the Incarnation and pausing at each station. Coffee and donuts at the end provide an incentive to attend.

>May 3: Guest presenter will be Ms. Tammy Grady, consecrated laywoman who works in the Diocesan Office of Vocations. She'll speak on the state of vocations among diocesan women religious.

>May 20: This is a change in club meeting program. There will be NO May 17 club meeting. May 20 is a Monday and UD Serrans will be asked to attend a new-member orientation beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the Irving Spring Creek Barbecue Restaurant. Dinner for members and prospective members will be provided.

As noted in the previous issue of *The Tower*, all members are asked to provide names and contact info so invitations to this event may be sent to prospects. More details coming soon.

>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.

>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. ■

