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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.

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.

October 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



Coming events.....

October 5... Regular meeting routine. Mass in the Church of the Incarnation, seven A.M., breakfast in the Haggard Center--Rathskeller, program, then business meeting. Presenters: Geri Noonan and Kathleen Matsumura rendering the final report of the June 2018 Vocation Awareness Program. Lector: Larry Harrison; minister: Pat Horak.

Oct. 19...Regular meeting routine. Program presenter: Deacon Pat Lamers, recently ordained, assigned to St. Luke Church, speaking on his new ministry. Lector: Ernie D.; minister: Nancy Talkington.

November 16...Regular meeting routine. Program presenter: Sister Emmanuela, vocations director of the Holy Family of Nazareth community, speaking on her work.

Blessed with an ardent devotion to Jesus's Sacred Heart, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (the latter her family name) lived in France from 1647-1690. She received many apparitions and had many conversations with Jesus. During the talks He revealed his desire that all know His humanity shown by the pierced heart of His Passion. Jesus asked that she promote reception of the Eucharist and Eucharistic adoration.

November 14...Monthly board meeting (a change.)

November 30...Christmas Dinner with the Dominicans. This event has become a tradition, this time a bit earlier than usual since the holiday season finds many of the priests busy with clerical duties. We gather for vespers at five P.M. then retire for a meal in the refectory. It's potluck with Serrans bringing various dishes and beverages and the club providing the main course.

FROM THE PREZ...

I'm pleased to report that new Serran Dominic Rattansay has volunteered to be the 2019 VAP Raffle Program chairman. This completes naming the UD Serra Club's VAP leadership requirements for the next two years. For 2019, Larry Harrison will have the number two position as facilities coordinator and Dominic as raffle program chair. Then 2020, Larry Harrison moves up to the top post of VAP director and Gregory McCarthy will chair the 2020 Kickoff Brunch. As mentioned last month, the senior VAP leadership (top three positions) are on a rotating basis among the current seven Serra clubs in Serra District 46. In other VAP personnel moves, Laurie

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Peterman, Metro Dallas Serra Club, is the incoming VAP treasurer replacing me.

The VAP Steering Committee is open to all Serrans who wish to become active in putting on the VAP program or just to gain an understanding of the program and how it's organized. Committee meetings are generally held on the first Saturday of the month, beginning in November, at 9:30 A.M. at either Holy Trinity Seminary or UD.

Remember the Dallas Ministry Conference at the Irving Convention Center from Thursday, October 11, through Saturday, October 13, 2018. Our Serra District 46 will have a table in the exhibit hall promoting all seven Serra clubs to explain the mission of Serra and promote membership. If you go to the conference, please be sure to check out the exhibit area and visit the Serra booth.

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 would like to host the monstrance for an adoration service, contact Jo-Ann Bresowar who is the scheduler.

October 28, is Priesthood Sunday. It's a national program to thank our clergy for their vocation. Try to have a "Thank you" added to the day's parish pulpit announcements and/or a "Thank you" inserted into your bulletin for that day. If your parish can do more, that would be great, at least remember to thank your clergy that day. Take a moment yourself to thank your priests for their lifelong commitment.

--Paul

Bits 'n' Pieces...

>At the Sep. 26 board meeting there was much discussion about changing our meeting day and place. No decision yet so the moves are not imminent

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

The annual Spes Gregis (Hope of the Flock) Dinner benefitting Holy Trinity Seminary is set for October 19 at the Renaissance Dallas Galleria Hotel. Price, reservations, and more details are to be had by accessing: www.holytrinityseminary.org.

servers. The UD Serra Club will provide the documents. Answers due by Feb. 1.

>For your long-range planning: We SHALL have a December 7 regular club meeting but NO December 21 meeting. Likewise, there will be no January 4 meeting because of the Christmas holidays. Regular meeting routine from January 18 onward. On April 19 there will be no regular meeting but we'll have our traditional Stations of the Cross.

>A brief recap of national vocations events: October 28, Priesthood Sunday; 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.

>You've seen the Serra logo many times but do you know the significance of the mission belfry in the center? It's the one you'll find on the façade of Mission San Diego, the first of the nine built by St. Junipero Serra. The other 12 were erected by the Franciscan friars who came after him.



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