



The Tower is a monthly newsletter published by the University of Dallas Serra Club, which works to promote and sustain vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life.

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February 2012.
...How many R
months in a year?

Above is the Braniff Memorial Tower on the UD campus, Irving, Texas.
<http://www.udallas.edu>.

For information on the UD Serra Club & its promotion of vocations, please visit one of the following Serra sites: <http://udallas.edu/universitylife/campusministry/serra>, or www.serra.us, or www.serra.org.

Programs are important to the vitality of the UD Club. Ideas are always welcomed from readers on topics that are sure to prick members' ears and to pique curiosity. Contact Paul Vitanza (pvitanza@cathdal.org.)

Board Meeting News

There will be NO February board meeting.

February 2012 Dates:

3. 1st Meeting of the month:

The Vocation of Marriage

with Diane Daniels. (Feast of St. Blaise—throat blessings!)

Lector: **S. Morgan**; EMs: **Phil Hameed, Nancy Talkington.**

5. World Day for Consecrated Life—Pray for our order priests, brothers, sisters.

17. 2nd Meeting of the month:

Workings of the Church and

The New Roman Missal--

“Why” with Franci Vitanza

Lector: **E. Doclar**; EMs: **P. Vitanza, Sandy Morgan.**

No board meeting in February.

Priestly anniversaries: *The Tower* prints the presbyterate from the *Diocese of Dallas Directory*. Anniversaries this month are: Fr. Church; Fr. Henry Erazo at the Cathedral; Fr. Jimwell Goyo at St. James' Church, Dallas; and Fr. James Lehrberger, O.Cist. at the Cistercian Abbey. *Orate, Fratres! Pray, brothers!*

By chance—or Providence?—I ran into **Fr. Ralph March, O.Cist.**, at Baylor-Irving in early January. I learned from this retired Kapellmeister of the Cologne cathedral that he turns 90 on Feb. 21. Gregorian-chant fans, he still teaches music at UD. ...*O volare! O cantare!* [“Frank Sinatra; “Oh oh oh oh Let's fly way up to the clouds...”” www.lyrics007.com/...ipinto%20Di%20Blu%20Lyrics.html]

Membership:

Dale Walsh to chair a meeting in early February to strategize on recruitment evaluating options to take in the next new member campaign. GO, Dale! The UD club welcomes Don Miller, the newest member & a friend of Jo Ann Bresowar. Welcome, Don!

Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions of February 2012:

General Intention: Access to Water. That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.
Missionary Intention: Health Workers. That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/papalprayer.htm>

UD Club President Ernie Doclar recently announced that **Jo Ann Bresowar** is the new VAP Assistant Seminary Coordinator replacing Jeff Lukash who recently resigned that position. In assuming this post, Jo Ann will work with the Seminary Coordinator whose principal job is to handle the lodging and meals of the VAP participants and faculty. In 2013, Jo Ann assumes the SC position; and in 2014, Jo Ann becomes the VAP Director.

Ernie Doclar happily announced that **John Boyle** will run the annual **Games Day** at Holy Trinity Seminary, April 15. Go, Chess players!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is April 29, 2012.

Altar Server Appreciation

Christie Harrison and committee are ready to go just as soon as Holy Trinity Seminary confirms the date. **Club Appreciation**

Jeff Lukash generously donated a sum of money; the board is judiciously deliberating on its use.

Feb. 02: Candlemas

Feb. 14: St. Valentine's

Feb. 22: “Remember man....”

Committee assignments:
Vocations—VPs C. Harrison and C. Aman. L. Harrison, S. Cicherski, P. Hameed, A. &

M. Miesch, J. Matelich, R. Bevier. Program—VP Vitanza, S. Holcombe, Boyle. Communications—Newsletter, G. McCarthy, Howard, Ramos & Doclar. Membership—VP D. Walsh. Morgan, Even, Talkington, Bresowar, Hennigan. Parish Assignments- **Christie Harrison** has a parish for you to help the club communicate with...we really need the help, too! cjh0710@aol.com

UD Serra Club President:

For many years, I have called the Vocation Awareness Program, undertaken and managed by Metroplex Serra Clubs, our premier vocation event. For the past 20 years, we have sponsored this discernment weekend. We shall do so again June 22-24. We staff the event, coordinate participation of clergy and youth, and fund it. Cost runs about \$20,000 a year. That amount is based on the anticipated costs divided by club members. We collect contributions from our Serra clubs a year in advance; so, this year's VAP is covered. But we need to fund the 2013 VAP. My hope is that every Serran will sell raffle tickets to raise \$1,700. Every Metroplex Serran has been given 18 tickets. But we can raise much more by selling tickets at selected churches after masses. Right now, we are set to sell at the Church of the Incarnation March 3, after the Saturday 5:00 P.M. mass and March 4, after the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. masses. We need your

help to do this. Details on more churches and times will follow.
--**Ernie Doclar**



UD Club contributes to prebyteral education:

The UD Serra Club Board responded to Dist. Gov. Lawrence Whaley's request to donate to the Diocesan Catechetical Training with a gift is a \$100.00.

January 2012 meetings in review:

6 Regular meeting: **Jim Urbanus**, director of development for the Dallas Diocese, was guest speaker. Jim spoke on the diocesan goal to boost the Annual Bishop's Appeal from over \$4 million (2011) to just under \$7 million (2012). N.B. The annual seminarian expense is \$50,000 per man. There are now 71 seminarians at HTS opposed to 20 a few years back.

Also, we heard from **Ralph Armstrong** and **Greg Mechler** of the North Central Dallas Club (NCD) with regard to the upcoming VAP raffle and brunch. All efforts center on the VAP discernment weekend June 22-24. In case you missed

it, your raffle tickets are waiting for you at "will call." [Claim them at the next club meeting.](#)

16. Guests: Serra International Prez Dr. Thomas Wong (see picture to left) from Hong Kong and **USA Council Prez Kurt Metyko** (below) from Houston spoke before the club. In attendance were members of other Dallas and Ft. Worth clubs. Soon, the law suit initiated by SI against the USA Council may be ended, says Dr. Wong.



Holy Hour for Vocations

On January 26, Father Rudy Garcia, diocesan director of vocations, initiated a Holy Hour for Vocations at the Church of the Incarnation. It will be a regular feature at 7:00 P.M. on succeeding fourth Thursdays. The event is designed to help youth discern a religious vocation and for all faithful to pray for vocations.

Alter server appreciation

evening is fast approaching. VP – Vocations **Christie Harrison** is waiting on HTS to confirm the date. At that activity we honor outstanding servers selected by pastors from all Dallas parishes we serve. ■