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Special Edition
Serra Club
El Paso, Texas*



Happy Easter

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Easter 2017

A little over one year ago

I was elected as your President of Serra Club here in our hometown of El Paso, Texas.

Dorothy Schatzman
2016-2017
President
Serra Club
El Paso Texas



I welcomed the opportunity to grow and expand our support for our bountiful number of Seminarians and I must say it has been a group effort. We suspended our annual Priests luncheon seeking a more effective outreach and a way to increase our membership and we found it one stormy July summer night last year in my backyard where we hosted a meet and greet barbeque for our seminarians and prospective Serra members as well. It was fun and informal and piqued the interests of several {now} new members; and I will never forget watching Patrick work the grill through the billowing smoke while serving each and every one of a hungry full house.

Our annual Christmas Party was well attended and I always love it when the Seminarians join in an impromptu choir singing Christmas Carols. We were graced by the presence of his Excellency Mark Seitz and we welcomed Father John Paul our newly arrived Priest from India to assist Father David at St. Matthew. Christmas Blessings were abundant in the look and feel of our room, The Christmas Tree, the Food and Wine, the Cake, the View of Downtown El Paso to the North and a Christmas Themed San Jacinto Plaza to the South and the festive mood of all in attendance.

The calendar pages turned to 2017 and new expectations for continued club growth and well attended luncheons with exceptional speakers including Ruben Garcia of Annunciation House {January} and Father Ron Goindreau from Fort Bliss {March}. We suspended our February meeting so our members could attend the funeral of longtime Serran Barbara Ann "Dodson" Gorman. We celebrate her life on page 12 of this issue. Eternal Rest grant upon her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her and may the souls of all our faithful departed Serrans through the Mercy of God rest in Peace, Amen!

Last Sunday we celebrated Easter {Resurrection Sunday} and this week we Celebrate The second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy. I look forward to a smooth transition of turning the gavel over to Pat Foley, our next President, in June. I have been deeply blessed by this opportunity to serve as your President. Thank you!

Happy Easter!
Dorothy

Calendar Events for 2017

1. Every First Monday 11:30 AM Trustee Meeting at The Angry Owl
2. Every Third Friday 11:15 AM "Holy Half Hour" Luncheon El Paso Club Downtown: With Special Guest Speaker
3. Events: June: New Officers Installation Luncheon: El Paso Club Downtown: June 16, 2017 at 11:15 AM
4. August: 2nd Annual Seminary Summer Social Sunday August 6th at 3:00pm (Please RSVP upon receipt of invitation)
5. September: 2nd Anniversary of Canonization of St. Junipero Serra with Mass & Dinner with Seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo (RSVP requested)
6. December 13th 2017: Serra Christmas Party (RSVP requested)

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Deacon Ordination at St. Patrick Cathedral El Paso Texas



Seminarian Germán Alzate

Friday May 26th 6:00PM @ St Patrick Cathedral



Deacon Ordination: May 26th, 2017 Time: 6:00PM

Ordination Year: 2018

Home Town: El Paso Home Parish: Cristo Rey

Undergraduate Mexican American Catholic College (2012, Pastoral Ministry)

Languages: English and Spanish

Hobbies: Musical Ministry {I enjoy playing the guitar}

Favorite Saint Saint Vincent De Paul

Vocation Story:

I was born and raised in Colombia. My local parish priest and religious sisters in my home town were good examples for me which helped me to feel connected to priestly life. A priest friend of mine invited me to join a diocese in the United States because of the need for vocations. I accepted his invitation and applied to the Diocese of El Paso, Texas in 2009.

Aspirations: Receiving the blessing of God through his people. Bringing the Sacraments to a world thirsting for God.

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Priest Ordination at St. Patrick Cathedral El Paso Texas



*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior*

Luke 1:46-47

*You are cordially invited to the Ordination of
Deacon Cong Vo
to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ*

On Friday, May twenty-sixth two-thousand
seventeen at six-thirty in the evening

St. Patrick Cathedral

1118 N Mesa St, El Paso, TX 79902

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St. Serra
Wants you!!!

...to encourage your friends and fellow parishioners to join the
Serra Club

Membership starts with an invitation to lunch

..So bring a friend to our next meeting and help
our club grow

..After all we were new members once because someone cared enough
to say Hello!

Members agree to pay the costs {\$20.00 per person}
of their invited guests upon arrival
at the El Paso Club

Please see our Treasurer Patrick Hoefner

Thank you!

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March New Memberships



{fL-R} New Serran Members: John & Ceci Middagh; with Serra President Dorothy Schatzman and new member Louie Navar who received their badges at our March Luncheon meeting at the downtown El Paso Club. Congratulations!



Easter is the when the unfolding mystery of God and the Church take place. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we begin to fully enter the paschal mystery and integrate it into our daily lives.

Some questions to ponder:

- How do you know you have faith?
- Why is Easter a faith experience?
- How important are other Serran members in my journey of faith?

1961-Serran Time Capsule:

St. Paul Vocation Days draw 33,000
 Can you imagine our club hosting an event that drew 10,000 people? How about 5,000? How about 1,000? In 1960 the Serra Club of St Paul Minnesota sponsored a Vocation Fair that drew 33,000 children, parents, teenagers, and religious. The club decided to schedule such a massive event shortly after a similarly successful event was sponsored by the Mankato, Minnesota Serra Club. {Serran Magazine /Vol. 63 No. 3 page 22 April 2017}
 NOTE: {All Members should receive a mailed copy of the Serran Magazine; If you have not received your subscription please contact Liz Carl}

The Serran April issue



“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”

- Ash Wednesday
- Palm Sunday
- The Supper of the Lord
- Good Friday
- Easter Vigil
- Sunday of the Resurrection
- Seven Sundays of Easter!
- Pentecost Sunday

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March Members Luncheon

{L-R} Father Ron Goindreau our Guest Speaker {Fort Bliss} with Lori and Patrick Hoefner. Father Please join us again very soon as we really enjoyed your testimonials of how you recruited men for the seminary.



{L-R} Karen Case {Dripping Springs/ Austin} With Her Mom Mary Ann Haynes! Welcome to El Paso!



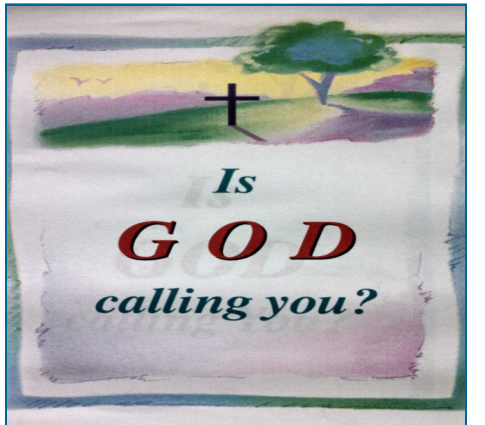
Louie & Peggy Navar: Louie received his membership badge Welcome Louie!



{L-R} Jerry & Alice Fasano and Ceci & John Middagh enjoy fellowship and fine dining on St Patrick's Day {Friday March 17th} with the Serra Club as hosted by the El Paso Club Downtown.



Wally and Jane Thomson



**Serra Club El Paso will have an August Social with all of our Seminarians
Please think about who you would like to invite to the Party!
Join Serra Club today!**

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January Meeting and Members Luncheon



{L-R} Guest speaker Ruben Garcia of the Annunciation House in El Paso with Mary Ann Haynes and John Middagh.



{L-R} Bea Chavez and Peggy Navar



{L-R} Alice Fasano and Pat Foley

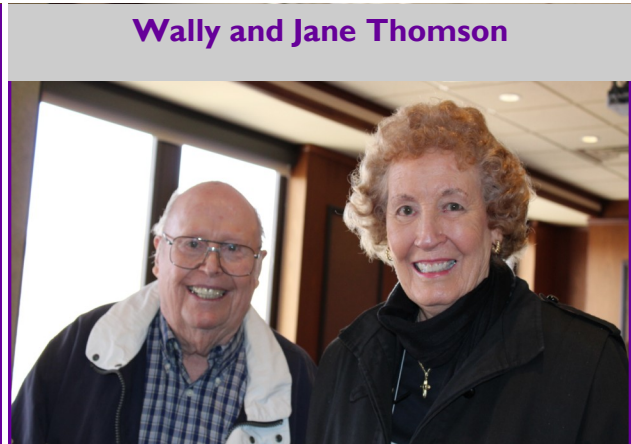


Welcome to our Guests {L} Myrna and Joe Zanetell {R} from St. Matthew with Serra member Ron Settle.

Is the Lord calling you to join Serra Club El Paso Texas



{L-R} Jeannine Nobles, Susan Elias and Dorothy Schatzman



Wally and Jane Thomson

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Ruben Garcia was the speaker for our January 2017 Meeting



Ruben Garcia, with the Annunciation House, Bea Chavez from St Matthews Parish



{L-R} Mary Ann Haynes and Susan Elias.



Jerry and Alice Fasano Serra members



{L-R} Gilbert Estrada and John Middagh

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Special Vocation Prayer



Jesus, you give your Church constant growth by calling new members to your family. Continue to call us to conversion and help us to live out with faith and the baptismal promises we received.

Amen

...”The word is near you in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we preach) for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified , and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8-13)



Your Prayers are requested for:

Serra Members & Our families:

A special prayer for Wally & Jane Thomson, Jan Burgess, Julie Loomis, Jon Hansen, Peggy Navar, Mary Ann Haynes, Alice Fasano and The Family of Frank Gorman.

"Pray for all our benefactors" and "Pray for Serrans, living and deceased"

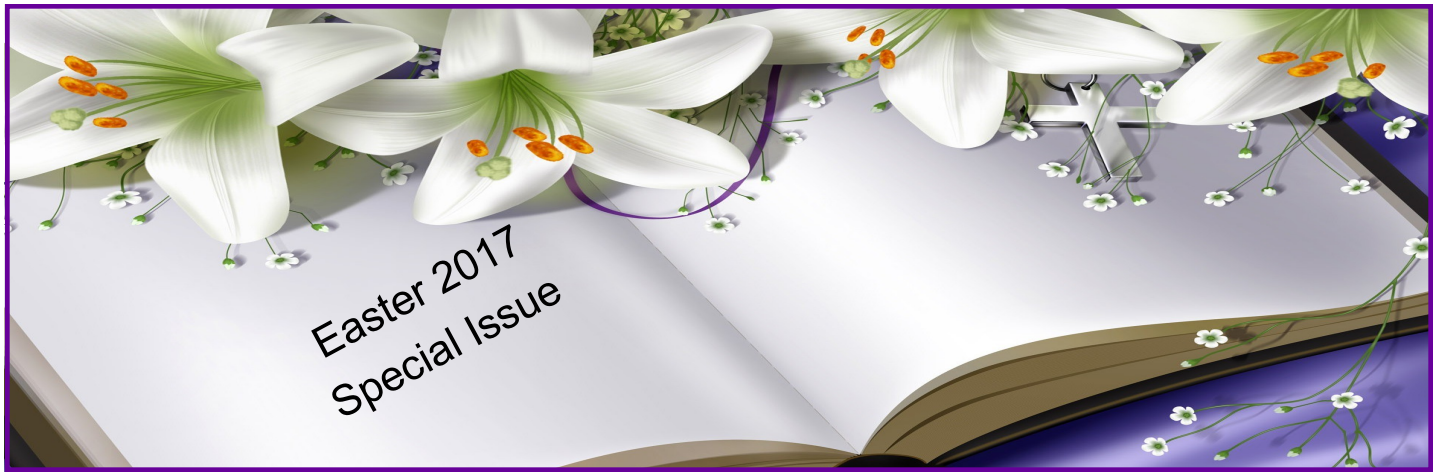
We also pray for an increase in Applicants to our club and for those aforementioned dedicated members whose legacy made our current formation possible. We accept that we are responsible for our efforts and Almighty God is responsible for the results!

May God’s healing graces be with you each day, To strengthen and cheer you and brighten you way,

Serra World Events {2017}

- June 22nd to 25th: Serra International Convention in Rome
- June 24th: International Rosary for Vocations conference call (all are welcome)
- **Join us to Pray the Rosary for Vocations with other Serrans from around the world:**
@ 8:00am Central Daylight Savings Time on the last Saturday of every month.
Join via your smart phone / telephone. Please visit:
<http://www.serrainternational.org/content/international-rosary-vocations-conference-call>

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THE EASTER LILY

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies spring up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and distress. Christian churches continue this tradition at Easter by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the Resurrection and hope of life everlasting.

The pure white lily has also been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the Mother of the Christ child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus.

The legend is told that when Mary's tomb was visited three days after her burial, it was found empty save for bunches of majestic white lilies. Early writers and artists made the lily the emblem of the Annunciation, the Resurrection of the Virgin: the pure white petals signifying her spotless body and the golden anthers her soul glowing with heavenly light.

On Easter Day the lilies bloom,
Triumphant, risen from their tomb;
Their bulbs have undergone rebirth,
Born from the silence of the earth
Symbolically, to tell all men
That Christ, the Savior, lives again.
The angels, pure and white as they,
Have come and rolled the stone away
And with the lifting of the stone,
The shadow of the cross is gone!

~ June Masters Bacher ~

Barbara Ann "Dodson" Gorman 1926-2017

Barbara Ann "Dodson" Gorman was called home to the Lord on Friday, February 10, 2017. She was born in El Paso on September 6, 1926

Barbara is survived by her husband of 69 years, Frank W. Gorman Jr.; sister Margaret Gaddy; and four children: Susan (Larry) Wilson, Nancy (Steve) Fox, Patrick (Susie) Gorman and Mike Gorman. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Jason (Rachael) Gorman, Josh (Jessica) Gorman, Molly (Ted) Stoltzman, Paige (Patrick) Woods, Ashley Fox, Mimi (Scot) Tarnowiecky and Robert Wilson, and five great grandchildren([See Obituary](#))



Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis. Fidelium animae, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace. Amen.

Frank Gorman:
Please accept our deepest
condolences
Serra Club
El Paso, Texas





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Please join us this month for our Holy Half-Hour, lunch and experience our guest speaker's as they share moments of their journey in this life with Christ!

SERRA CLUB:
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Affirm our
Catholic Faithful!

Our next Luncheon:
April 21st 2017
El Paso Club
Downtown

Who are you Inviting?

Please RSVP! To

contact@serraclubelp.com

Sign up for newsletter email

May the Good Lord
Continue to Bless you!
God Loves you!

Serra Club El Paso, Texas

Our Mission Statement is...
to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life in the Diocese of El Paso through this ministry and affirm our

Is God calling you to Serra Club as a Vocation?



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and
Deaconate Ordination:
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Just a friendly Reminder:

Our Serra Trustee meeting is on the First Monday of each month.

Monthly Luncheon:

Lunch Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month.
Please remember that a luncheon guest fee of \$20.00 per person invited is due prior to the blessing! Thank you!

Join Serra Club!

Support our Seminarians:

Today's Seminarians are our Pastors of Tomorrow

"Pray for all our benefactors" and
"Pray for all Serrans, living and deceased"

This June will be the new officers luncheon meeting and we will host all attending Seminarians. Fr. Mariano Lopez will be swearing in the new members to the Board and the Trustees { 2017-2018} Calendars will be available at the meeting and also in the July Newsletter.

This is a very exciting meeting and we encourage each one of you to attend and invite a guest.

Please Join us in welcoming our next President and thanking our Dorothy for her service this last year.

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