



# *The Lubbock* SERRAN

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## President's Message



Joe Conboy

On June 12th, your new officers had their first Board meeting. I was delighted with their energy and enthusiasm. They want to serve Serra and make it an organization which will grow in size and be active in assisting our Diocesan Vocations Committee headed by Father David Cruz.

All of us belong to various organizations and clubs that take up our free time. Other groups in the Diocese often ask Serra for financial or manpower support. To be the effective organization that our members want to be involved in, we need focus. To achieve this goal, our membership must agree on the mission of the Serra Club

of Lubbock.

Over the years, I have heard these comments from members who have left our club or recruits who have failed to join.

1. Serra is a knife and fork social club and I already belong to a few of those.
2. Serra seems to serve as a manpower agency for Diocesan functions.
3. Serra serves as a funding source for other groups to tap.
4. Serra doesn't appear to support vocations except for the Christmas Burse.

Justified or not these are the perceptions that others may have of us. I asked the Board and I now ask you to think about what Serra's goals should be and how we should achieve them. Some positive ideas have also been offered by our members.

1. Pray for vocations. We know that more things are granted by prayer than we dream of. Support of our First Friday Rosary and Mass should be everyone's goal. I am probably the worst offender here but I intend to improve. Support of our Holy Hour for vocations is also needed.

2. Should we limit Serra support to vocation related assistance only?.

3. Do we need 2 meetings a month? Having 1 meeting a month would free up funds to support the recruiting and retention of seminarians.

4. Should spouses be invited to 1 dinner a quarter? This would only be an addition of 2 a year.

5. Father David has requested Serra to sponsor a large fundraiser to support our seminarians. To be successful will require the support of every member. Debbie has agreed to Chair this event but without our total support it can't be done. We want to know your ideas on this subject. This event could also be an effective recruiting tool for Serra. It would showcase Serra to the Diocese.

At the June dinner meeting, a survey will be passed out to get your thoughts, comments, ideas and suggestions on how to make Serra "The Best It Can Be" (Sorry Army Recruiters). The Board wants to know what course you want your officers to take. Serra is your organization. We only steer it for a year and don't want to take it off course.

## Rescheduled Membership Drive Kickoff Slated for June 29

A membership drive for the Serra Club of Lubbock, originally scheduled for April has been reset for the regular dinner meeting on June 29. At the meeting Floyd Boone, newly seated Vice President -Membership and Larry Craig, Chairman of an Ad Hoc Committee on Membership will present a "game plan" to start the path toward bringing new members into the Serra Club.

The program will include a briefing on the state of membership in our club, some reasons why members have left; followed by a breakout of work groups by parish to identify potential candidates to be submitted back to the podium by meetings end.

Club President Joe Conboy will in turn send a letter to those identified inviting them to a regular dinner meeting to learn about Serra and seek their enrollment.

All Serrans are urged to look around their parish for potential candidates and bring names to the June 29 meeting.

## Nelson Diaz and Steve Tjia Ordinations Set

All Serrans and their spouses have been invited to attend the ordination of Nelson de Jesus Diaz to the priesthood of Jesus Christ and Stephen Richard Tjia to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place at Christ the King Cathedral with a luncheon reception to follow.



*Nelson Diaz*

The announcement also invites the attendance at Father Diaz's first Mass at St. Elizabeth's/University Parish Church on Sunday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m..

Fellow Serrans,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving this great club. Each of you are special to me. You represent tradition and dedication. Vocations in the Diocese of Lubbock are alive and well due to your efforts to foster and support the priests, religious, deacons and seminarians. Continue your good work by supporting the incoming President and Serra Board. May the Lord and His Blessed Mother guide us into the new millennium.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Schuknecht  
Past President

## Prayer List

- John Gaschen
- Bob Paikowski
- Dan Prewitt
- Millie Callow
- Fr. Tim Judd
- Royce Ellison
- Seminaians
- Vocations

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*New leadership team takes helm of Serra Club of Lubbock. Pictured are (l to r). Brian Beauchamp, VP-Programs; Dave Buescher, 3rd Year Trustee; Don Wanjura, Secretary; Joe Conboy, President; Fr. Malcom Neyland, Club Chaplain; Fr. Tim Judd, Assistant Chaplain; Deborah Schuknecht, Past President and VP-Vocations; and Gary McDonald, VP Communications. Not able to attend the ceremony and dinner held on May 25 at the Catholic Renewal Center were: Floyd Boone, VP Membership; Tony Buxkemper, Treasurer; Scott Piercy, 2nd Year Trustee and Elmus Beale, 3rd Year Trustee.*

## Serra Chefs at work



*On Sunday, March 25 the Serra Club of Lubbock provided a meal for the St. Elizabeth's/University Parish College Students group. Pictured above are (l to r) Bob Goyette, Brian Beauchamp and Elmus Beale slaving over smoky grills on a cold afternoon. Other Serrans who helped with the food were Al Arreola, Ed Markham and Larry Craig.*

# Summer Assignments Set for Seminarians

Seminarians from the Diocese of Lubbock have received summer assignments and for the most part are in place. Listed below are the assignments.

*William Anton* - Currently in the Holy Land and will be at St. Ann's in Stamford for the remainder of the summer.

*Cuauthemoc Chevez* - Continues studies at Seminario Mayor de Guadaluja, Mexico.

*Jaime Guerrero* - Assigned to St. Joseph's Church in Rotan.

*Ernesto Lopez* - Assigned to St. Margaret Mary Church in Lamesa.

*Heriberto Mercado* - Enrolled in English language studies at Texas Tech University and is residing at Our Lady of Grace Church, Lubbock.

*Migel Angel Padillia* - Continues studies at Seminario de Sante Maria Guadalupe, Mexico.

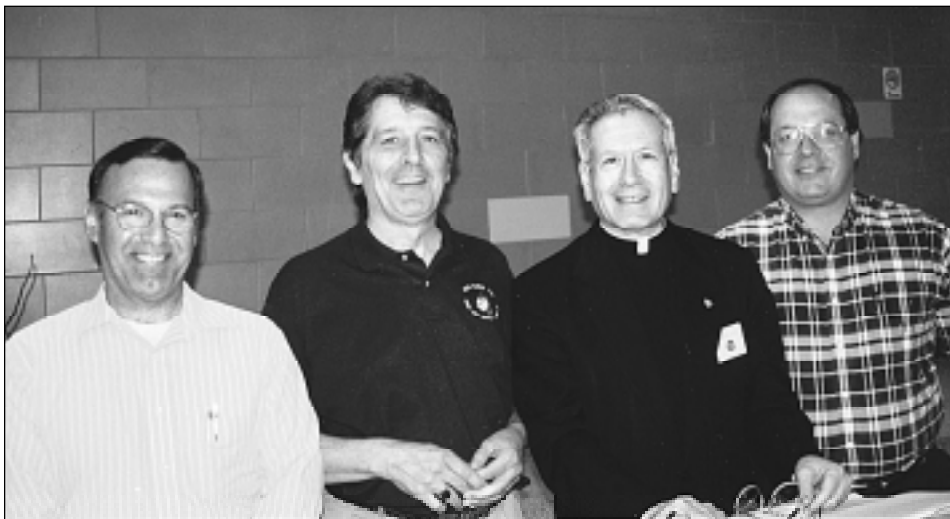
*Rene Perez* - Studying at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska and will start pastoral year at St. Anthony's Church in Brownfield afterward.

*Omar Quezada* - Attending a retreat in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Next assignment is pending.

*John Smith* - Assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Plainview.

*Oneseimo Valenzuela* - Continues studies at Seminario de Sante Maria Guadalupe, Mexico.

*Marcos Villanuena* - Enrolled in English language studies at Texas Tech University and residing at Our Lady of Grace, Lubbock.



*Deacons in the making? Pictured above are (l to r) Aliver Villarreal, Dick McCann, Bishop Placido Rodriguez and David Schuknecht. The three Deacon aspirants spoke to Serrans at the April 12 luncheon meeting on their reasons for entering the discernment process. Currently there are 23 candidates in the 4 year long Deaconate program. Six other candidates from the Diocese of Las Cruces participated in the Lubbock Diocese program through June.*

## IN MEMORIAL TO JOHN TRELFOED

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# Bible history

*Editors Note: The following is an email I recently received. See if you also get a chuckle from reading it.*

If you know the Bible - even a little - you'll find this hilarious! This comes from a Catholic elementary school. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in).

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired or creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
4. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
5. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The first commandment was when Eve told adam to eat the apple.
9. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
10. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
11. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed.
12. When Mary heard that she was the mother of jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 29** Dinner Meeting CRC, 6:30 P.M.  
Program-Working session on membership recruitment.
- Jun 30** Ordination of Nelson Diaz to the Priesthood. Ordination of Steve Tjia to the Deaconate CTK 10:00 A. M.
- Jul 6** First Friday Rosary and Mass CTK 6:35 A.M.
- Jul 10** Board Meeting 7:00 P. M at Joe Conboy's, 5122 2nd St.
- Jul 12** Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-
- Jul 12** Holy Hour for Vocations, CTK, 7:00 P. M.
- Jul 27** Dinner Meeting CRC, 6:30 P.M. Program-
- Aug 3** First Friday Rosary and Mass CTK 6:35 A. M.
- Aug 7** Board Meeting, 7:00 P. M. Location TBA
- Aug 9** Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-
- Aug 9** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P. M.
- Aug 31** Dinner Meeting CRC, 6:30 P. M. Program-
- Sep 7** First Friday Rosary and Mass CTK 6:35 A. M.
- Sep 11** Board Meeting 7:00 P. M. Location TBA
- Sep 13** Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-
- Sep 13** Holy Hour for Vocations CTK, 7:00 P. M.
- Sep 28** Dinner Meeting CRC, 6:30 P.M. CTK 7:00 P. M.
- Oct 5** First Friday Rosary and Mass CTK, 6:35 A. M.

# My Walk to Emmaus

by *Elmus Beale*



*Elmus Beale*

I went on a *Walk to Emmaus* last April. It qualified as "life-changing". It was one of the best experiences of my life and I feel like I want to tell the world in the hope that I can influence others to experience a

Walk. The truth is that I probably would never have done it on my own — I'm just too busy you know. The push came from Deacon Darris Linder (Administrator of the Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton) and Darrell Eubank (one of my former students — a Baptist). They were my co-sponsors. Here is a brief overview of a *Walk to Emmaus*.

To quote an Emmaus publication, "The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means

The truth is that it is non-denominational. It is as much Catholic as it is Protestant. It is all about the love of God through Christ.

Though the Diocese of Lubbock has an active Cursillo in Spanish there is not one in English. My feeling, based upon my Emmaus experience, is that we Catholics should become active members of the Emmaus Community. We should embrace it. Each retreat requires hundreds of hours invested by a retreat team. The entire Emmaus Community provides the person-power to make it all happen. Currently there are over 4,000 members of the community and it is growing. It is a "well-oiled machine" that we Catholics should be a part of. Think of how much effort is needed every year for: 10 adult Walks, 6 youth walks (these are called "Chrysalis"), and 4 walks for prison inmates (these are called "Kairos"). It would take us Catholics a long time to build Cursillo to that level, but with our Protestant brethren we could accomplish so much more (and work on ecumenism at the same time).

There were 48 pilgrims on my walk, and only four of us were Catholic. I hope to influence an increase that number. I pray that more of our Catholic Clergy will go on

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to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk usually begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends."

A *Walk to Emmaus* is a replica of the Catholic Cursillo, which began in Spain in the 1940s and was imported to the U.S. The Methodist Church adopted the Cursillo and eventually gave it the current name. Many describe it as "the Protestant Cursillo", but don't let that dissuade you.

a Walk so that they can be members of future Walk teams. Several of our Deacons are active participants, but more are needed. No matter where you are in your faith journey, it will take you to the next level.

For more information:

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