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President's Corner

Dear Serrans,

The clock has turned from 2000 to 2001 entering a New Millennium! How thrilling that God has chosen us to be in this very special place in the universe. A time of challenge, a time of change, and time to look to the future. The clock IS ticking. What does the Serra Club of Lubbock hope to accomplish in the next 1000 years, the next 100, next 10, or even this New Year? That is the question each of us has to answer.

We have a genuine opportunity to support our new Director of Seminarians, Rev. David Cruz. He and the Vocations Team are working tirelessly to define a successful action plan that will assure priests for the Diocese of Lubbock. Fr. David hopes the Serra Club will support his efforts in this area. He brings to the Diocese some very innovative ideas. In January the role of the Serra Club of Lubbock will be revealed. Our club has the potential to be the "driving force" that Fr. David is seeking. My wish is that all members listen attentively and with open minds to Fr. Cruz's ideas for nurturing vocations in our diocese.

We are blessed to have the support and approval of Bishop Placido Rodriguez for the upcoming Serra Regional Convention in Lubbock! Additionally, we can seize the opportunity to assist our Chaplain, Rev. Malcolm Neyland in his efforts to bring rare, precious art from Rome to the Texas Tech Museum in 2002.

Would I want to be anywhere else in the universe this next millennium? I can not imagine a more exciting place than in Lubbock, Texas being in fellowship, in prayer together, and growing in our faith as a member of the Serra Club of Lubbock. And remember...time's a ticking.

Sincerely,

Debbie Schuknecht, President



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Interview with Father David

By *Elmus Beale*

On December 6th I had the pleasure of visiting with Father David Cruz. Here is what he had to say.

Elmus: What led you to become a Priest?

Fr. David: My parents. They were the catalysts. They were devoted to each other. They were married 61 years when my mom died last July. They were devoted to the family, and we are a big family. I am the youngest of twelve kids-two boys and ten girls. My parents worked hard and they taught us the value of service through their example.

Elmus: When did you decide to become a priest?

Fr. David: I was sixteen or seventeen. I went into the seminary and went all the way through without a break. Sometimes when men have doubts they take some time off to discern.

Elmus: Would you be interested in another occupation?

Fr. David: No. No. I am very content with what I am.

Elmus: What have been your assignments since ordination?

Fr. David: I was ordained fifteen years ago this next July 12th. I started out at Christ the King Cathedral where I had been the year before ordination. I was then in Plainview for ten months, then several years each in Carlisle, at the Christian Renewal Center, Lamesa, San Antonio, and now back to the Diocese of Lubbock. My transition back into the Diocese and Parish life is going quite well. I am living in Slaton but I am the pastor at St. Peter's in Olton and St. Theresa's in Hale Center. I say an average of ten masses a week. I think that my greatest challenge is to impart a Catholic identity to the people in the midst of a largely non-Catholic region. In general, there is no "ambiente Católica", or Catholic ambience as we say.

As you know, I am also Director of Seminarians. I oversee ten men right now. One is taking some time for discernment. I was elected by my fellow priests to serve on the Priest's Council to advise the Bishop. I was elected Vice President of that group. I am Spiritual Director of the new Class of Deacons.



Fr. David Cruz

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Houston Regional Convention Report

The Texas-Louisiana Regional Serra Convention held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Houston October 27-29, 2000 has to be considered an outstanding event. From the Friday afternoon Travelers' Mass, highlighted by excellent musical and total verbal participation of attendees, to the Sunday morning farewell breakfast session the host Houston area clubs showed excellent organization and programs.

The bulk of the sessions were held on Saturday and included topics such as: "Vocation Encouragement Must Involve all the Faithful", presented by the Most Rev. Joseph Fioenza, Bishop of Galveston-Houston: "The Role of Parents in Encouraging Vocations" offered by the Most Rev. Patrick Zurek, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio: "Vocation Responsibility of the Catholic School System" by a panel of Catholic educators, and a session titled "Serra Clubs and the Diocesan Vocation Office" presented by a panel.

Lloyd Crockett, President of USA Council, provided an update on Serra activities at the luncheon session.



The Lubbock Serra Club was well represented at the 2000 Texas-Louisiana Regional Serra Convention held in Houston, Oct. 27-29, 2000. Twelve Lubbock Serrans, and spouses plus club Assistant Chaplain Fr. Tim Judd made the group the largest delegation from outside the Houston metro area.

The Mass Saturday evening was celebrated by the Most Reverend Jude Speyrer, Bishop of Lake Charles, and included an incredible combined choir from St. Thomas More and Saint Celia Parishes in Houston.

The banquet speaker was the Most Rev. Patrick F. Flores, Archbishop of San Antonio.

Congratulation to Convention Chairman Leroy Drury and all the Houston clubs for the good show.

Lubbock's 2001 Convention Gets Big Boost with Talk and Display

The promotion of the 2001 Serra Regional Convention got off to a super start with a display table set up in the foyer of the Houston 2000 Regional Convention hotel, October 28-29th. Elroy Simnacher, Convention Chairman and Bob Goyette, Convention Vice-Chairman envisioned the display. Goyette did the legwork to create the display and hauled it to Houston in his car. The display received a lot of attention from the Houston attendees and was crowded whenever a break in the program occurred.

Serrans who picked up promotional material were given a raffle ticket for a drawing held at the closing breakfast on Sunday morning. The prize was a bag containing Llano Estacado wine, Buddy Holly memorabilia and a miniature bale of



Tony Buxkemper (l) and Elmus Beale give the "High Sign" in the lobby of our hotel for the Lubbock 2001 Convention.

cotton. The winner was from the Serra Club of Dallas who had West Texas ties by having a son attend Texas Tech University.

Simnacher gave an upbeat talk to the Houston Convention attendees at the breakfast session. Simnacher, Goyette, Tony Buxkemper and Elmus Beale manned the table.

Trivia heard at the Serra Regional Convention

The Galveston-Houston Diocesan School System consists of 51 elementary and 8 high schools with 17,000 plus students. Two more elementary schools will open next spring.

Average salaries of various clergy (not including room and board.)

Catholic	\$22,000
Baptist	\$65,000
Presbyterian	\$73,000
Episcopal	\$78,000
Jewish Rabbi	\$55,000-235,000

University of St. Thomas in Houston has 16 Basilian and 8 other ordered priests on staff. Numerous sisters from 3 different orders also serve.

The Serra Club of Lubbock, Communications committee, publishes the **Lubbock Serran**. Larry Craig-Vice President, 3532 154th St., Lubbock, TX 79423, (806) 863-2570, Elmus Beale, Loyal Bessire, Gary McDonald, and Doug Record.

Lubbock Serra Club Recognized by Serra International Foundation

The Lubbock Serra Club was presented with a "Banner Club" pennant from the Serra International Foundation at the Texas-Louisiana Regional Convention in Houston on October 28, 2000. The honor was bestowed on clubs who provided between \$1000 and \$1500 to the Foundation during

the 2000 drive.

A special note of congratulations and appreciation goes to David Buescher for his continuous leadership of the Foundation drive.

Congratulations also to all Lubbock Serrans who contributed.

Serran Profiles



Doug Record-Doug was born November 24, 1927 in Ft. Worth, Texas where he attended elementary school. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in January 1945. After graduation he moved to Lubbock and enrolled in Texas Tech School of Engineering. After 3 years, he changed his major to Business and graduated with a BA in 1951. Upon graduation N. K. Parish, a grain dealer employed him, as a trader. In 1968 he entered into a partnership with Bob Pearson as grain dealers. In 1971, he became an entrepreneur and operated Doug Record, Inc., a dealer in grain and commodities. He also operated BGR Trucking Co. since 1993. You will still find him in the office most days.

Doug met his wife, Jo, in a coffee shop. She was employed by Hub Motors. They were married on July 12, 1952 and have three children. Jo has worked in the business with Doug for many years.

Doug was one of the organizing members of the Serra Club of Lubbock. He is one of two members who have continually served since the organizing meeting and is a charter member. He has served as club secretary (4 times), treasurer and Vice-President-Programs (twice). He feels that in the earlier days, there was more interaction between Serrans, seminarians and prospective seminarians. Doug feels that the recognition of the altar boys service was a worthwhile effort. Doug and Jo have been members of St. Elizabeth/University Parish for many years.

Floyd Boone-Floyd was born May 21, 1930 in St. Charles, Mo. He attended elementary and high school in St. Charles and graduated from Montgomery High School in 1949. He attended Barnes School of Commerce where he graduated. He served in the U. S Air Force from 1950 to 1953. He was stationed in Iceland where he was an armor specialist. In 1963, he was employed as a salesman for Northup-King and retired from this company in 1993.

Floyd married Harriet on June 15, 1953. In 1958, Floyd and Harriet decided they needed to be of the same faith and joined the Catholic Church. They had 8 children, one of which is deceased. They have 19 grandchildren.

Floyd and Harriet have been involved in the Marriage Encounter program for a number of years. They are both volunteers at the Catholic Family Service Resale Center. Floyd has also helped construct the rectory for Holy Spirit Parish. Floyd and Harriet are active members of Christ the King Cathedral Parish where they are communion ministers. Floyd joined the Serra Club in 1997 and has served as Vice President-Membership.

(Interviews conducted by Loyal Besire)

Fr. David Interview

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There are about twenty-five men in the class. I play some too since I frequently take a day off every week.

Elmus: What would you like to say to the Serra Club?

Fr. David: I am real optimistic about working together. Optimistic is the operative word. I also like a quote from Archbishop Flores. He said, "We don't know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future."

Elmus: Do you use email?

Fr. David: OH NO!!

Elmus: What do you like to do on your day off?

Fr. David: I love to play golf. When I was in San Antonio I had the opportunity to play on some very nice courses. I like to play our little 9-hole course in Olton. I also like the public courses in Lubbock. I'm not very good though. I usually shoot in the 80s and 90s and even the 100s. I never ride the carts, I always walk for the exercise.

Father Tim Travels to Vatican as Lubbock Club Representative

Father Tim Judd, our Assistant Chaplain, departed Lubbock on December 2, 2000 to participate in the Serra Great Jubilee Pilgrimage. The Holy See dedicated December 7th to Serra International as the Vocation Day of the Great Jubilee. The trip organized by Serra International included an audience with Pope Paul II which, according to Father Tim, was moved to December 6th.

Father Tim who was accompanied by his sister, a Serran in California, returned from Rome on December 9th but will travel on to California. He plans to be back in the Lubbock Diocese on December 29th. Lubbock Serrans can look forward to an enlightened report on the Pilgrimage.

IN MEMORIAL TO JOHN TRELFOED

This newsletter is being printed at no cost to the Serra Club by The Print Shop, 2414 Avenue E, Lubbock, TX 79404, Robert Hurmence, Proprietor. Robert and John had a long-standing business relationship. Thanks also to Quinton Strube and the staff. Anyone needing quality printing might want to contact The Print Shop. Their phone number is 747-3512.

Tidbits

Seminarian Nelson Diaz will be ordained a Deacon at 1000 A.M., Saturday, February 3, 2001 at St. Elizabeths/ University Parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 5 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.
- Jan 9 Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Elmus Beale's 4314 56th.
- Jan 11 Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-Paul Flores- Youth Rally 2001.
- Jan 11 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK, 7:00 P.M.
- Jan 26 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.-Covenant Health System Update
- Feb 2 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.
- Feb 6 Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Location TBA.
- Feb 8 Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-
- Feb 8 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P. M.
- Feb 23 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P. M.-
- Mar 2 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M.
- Mar 6 Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Location TBA.
- Mar 8 Luncheon Meeting CRC 12 Noon-
- Mar 8 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Mar 30 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P. M.-
- Apr 6 First Friday Rosary and Mass. CTK 6:35 A.M.

Don't Forget your "31 Club" Date!

Serra Christmas Notes, December 2000

May You and Your Loved Ones Have a Very Holy Christmas and a Most Blessed New Year!!!

*By Fr. Tim E. Judd
Assistant Chaplain*

What a most beautiful time! Anno Domini! A.D. The year of the Lord 2000! All time is reflected in His coming to us on earth! What a blessing for us humans and especially for us Christians... who follow Jesus. Saint Augustine said: "That through the incarnation of Jesus taking on flesh, becoming human, God wedded Divinity with humanity." What a fine observation of how God does manifest Himself, as Jesus, joining Himself to us humans in love.

We all know the Gospel account of the birth of Jesus from St. Luke. We also know and believe that the Christian Community has transmitted this very important message for the last 2000 years. Certainly, a lot of effort was made to make sure that this message was intact through all the 20 centuries. The Church, as believers, kept what theologians mention as the "deposit of faith" and it certainly took the popes, bishops, priests, monks, sisters and lay people much courage and determination to make sure that all the basic beliefs were kept by the followers of Jesus. The many saintly persons, like our great model, Blessed Junipero Serra, were called to a marvelous living of the Christian tradition.

This is precisely where the Serrans come into focus in our present time. The Serra International Great Jubilee Pilgrimage will begin in early December with a meeting with the Holy Father in Rome. We will express to him of our desire and determination to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life since we are fully

aware of the need for the priesthood and religious life in the whole world. I am sure that the Holy Father will be pleased with our efforts, since he knows how very important vocations are for the growth life of the Church. Laborers, who will continue on the work of the Church.

What better time.... when we begin to celebrate the nativity of the Lord to be with the Holy Father. It is a time of gift giving. Christmas with all its splendor! Our gift to the new born Jesus on His birthday is that of ourselves. God does not need or want material things. He has everything. Nevertheless, He does want a relationship with His creatures in order to show us his love. Our spiritual growth through Holy Mass and the Sacraments gives us the power to offer up our personal gift of self to our Creator.

I'll be leaving Lubbock for the Great Jubilee Pilgrimage on December 1st and I am in hopes, if the opportunity is given to me, of expressing your personal good wishes to the Holy Father. My sister Regina Kaufman will also be going to the Pilgrimage, as a member of the Serra Club of California.

Prayer List

- John Gaschen
- Bob Paikowsk
- Dan Prewitt
- Millie Callow
- Seminarians
- Vocations

