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President's Message

Fellow Serrans,

The Christmas Party at the Bishop's Residence was a great success. The food was excellent and Elmus made sure that there was sufficient libations available. We thank Bishop Placido and Fathers Malcolm and Tim for concelebrating the Mass. I also want to thank the members who set up and took down the tables and chairs at the house. The weather was good as promised but we fell down on the snow bit.

The Serra Convention is approaching quickly and we will need the support of all the members to insure it runs smoothly. With the Vatican Exhibit as the focal point, a large number of Serrans can be expected to attend. Elmus has set up an Email address for the Convention. It is serralubbock@yahoo.com

Attendance at First Friday Rosary and Mass has been very good. Let's keep up the good work. Your president will miss in January as he will attend a Law School meeting in New Orleans.

Remember our Dinner Meetings are on the 3rd Friday of the month—that will be January 18th. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours in Serra,

Joe Conboy



Joe Conboy

Serra Region 10 Convention Update

Meetings continue towards the Serra Regional Convention in Lubbock, August 9-11, 2002.

Based on a meeting with Bishop Plácido Rodríguez on January 3, 2002 actions are underway to finalize the program. Letters to proposed speakers and presenters have been written.

Convention chairmanships have been filled with the following:

General Chairman - Elroy Simnacher
Convention Vice Chair - Bob Goyette
Vice Chair Programs - Larry Craig with David Hentges, David Buescher
Vice Chair Accommodations/Hotel/Housing/Setup - Royce Ellison/Bill Burton
Vice Chair Hospitality/Food, Meals, Entertainment, activities - Bryan Beauchamp
Vice Chair Liturgy/Music - Don Wanjura with Ed Markham
Vice Chair Registration/Publicity/Public Relations- Elmus Beale
Vice Chairman Transportation - Scott Piercy
Vice Chair Entertainment/Hospitality- Deborah Schuknecht
Supplies/Equipment - David Buescher
Treasurer - Tony Buxkemper
VIP Responsibility - Joe Conboy

A mail-out on the convention, Vatican Art Exhibit and things to do around Lubbock was mailed to all Region 10 Serra Club presidents, District Governors and the Regional Director.

See separate article on Beale's creation of a web site for the convention.

Don Wajura is in coordination with local music groups to use in the 2 Masses.

Elroy Simnacher is scheduling a meeting with the Amarillo Club to keep them up to date and to seek their involvement.

More help is needed in several areas. Call Elroy at 795-4300 to get involved.

Club Web Pages Updated

Check out our updated web pages at <http://www.catholiclubbock.org/vocations.htm>. You will see separate logos for the Serra Club of Lubbock and Serra International. Click on them and take a tour. We will soon add a "Region 10 Convention" web site. We currently plan to place all of our newsletters online as an archive. We would also, with your permission, like to maintain our club rosters online—perhaps with pictures and a brief biography of each Serran. Please let us (the Communications Committee) hear your comments and suggestions for improvements.

Elmus Beale

www.catholiclubbock.org/vocations.htm

Christ The King to Reopen High School

For the first time since 1982, Christ The King will reopen the high school. The following open letter from Fr. Ben Kasteel explains the reasoning behind this momentous decision.

December 20, 2001

Dear Friends,

Christmas season is a special time to rejoice as family. It is this season that I announce the good news to all parents of Christ the King Cathedral School that after consultation and time of discernment, our school will phase in the high school by the start of the coming school year, 2002-2003, with a tenth grade. It has been about 20 years since we have had a high school.

I would like to give you a few of my reasons why we are to run a high school again. At this moment there is a true revival of Catholic education in many Dioceses of the United States. We are a young diocese, and we have the responsibility to build up Catholic education. Our time is so different from the situation 20 years ago. Non-denominational and private schools, like Trinity, have started and are flourishing. We are phasing in the high school to create the opportunity to give a Catholic foundation to high school youth in our modern time. We believe that phasing in high school will stabilize our junior high school because at the moment parents have to decide at what moment to jump to the public school system. Statistics show that in high school our youth make their vocational decisions. We hope that our high school will become a

new source of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and that it will form Catholic leaders for tomorrow. We have now a large percentage of Hispanic and other nationalities in our school. We are proud to be a diverse school that is representative of the diversity among Catholics in our Diocese. Our high school will help them to prepare for college and with our effort a larger number will enter college education. It is nationally known that Catholic education is the greatest success against poverty in the U.S.

We ask for God's blessings upon this new endeavor and we trust that God will help us to make it a success. Sometime we have to make a leap of faith. We are asking you, parents of CTK, to support us fully in this undertaking. We can only succeed if we have 100% of your support. Many of you have asked me to re-open the high school. Many of you parents asked about a high school the day you decided to enroll your child at CTK, and some went to other private schools because of our not having a high school. I am sure that you have many other reasons why you would like to see the high school open again.

May this new effort to phase in the high school create a renewed interest and dedication to Catholic education. Cathedrals have always in history led the way in Catholic Education and formation.

Most Sincerely,

Father Ben Kasteel
Rector of C.T.K.

KUDOS TO SERRANS

Hats off to Bob Goyette, Chief Architect and Ed Markham, Chief Fund Raiser for the newly completed Motherhouse for the St., Francis Mission Sisters. Officially called Our Lady of the Angels Convent, the facility was blessed by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez on December 29, 2001.

Thanks to the following for making the Serra Christmas Mass and Dinner a super success: Joe Conboy, Brian Beauchamp, Floyd Boone, Larry Boone (Floyd's son), Don Wanjura, Tony Buxkemper, Elmus Beale, Franklin Kitten and Larry Craig.

Prayer List

Paul Meyer, Jr.
John Gaschen
Bob Paikowski
Dan Prewitt
Millie Callow
Royce Ellison
Joe Conboy
Joe Botik
Seminarians
Vocations

In Memory

Eve Swenson
May 17, 1922-Dec. 2, 2001
Janell Mosser
Dec. 26, 1935-Dec. 6, 2001

The 60th Annual Serra International Convention

- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- June 28 - 30, 2002

Convention begins with a Mass on the evening of Thursday, June 27 and concludes with an evening banquet on Sunday, June 30.

See page 5, December 2001 issue of *The Serran* for Registration Form.

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Editorial

Serrans should support CTK School

I strongly believe that Serrans should support the reopening of the high school at CTK. Why? Father Ben said it in his letter—"...in high school our youth make their vocational decisions. We hope that our high school will become a new source of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and that it will form Catholic leaders for tomorrow."

Serrans should support it both financially and morally. From the financial viewpoint, the school was closed because it could not support itself. Tuition must not be so high that the school becomes elite. CTK parish does, and will continue to provide a large subsidy. However, it is a diocesan school. I hope that other parishes and the Diocese will join in the subsidy, and that more people will give to the permanent endowment in the CTK School Foundation. Join me in giving regularly and defending the decision from its detractors.

Elmus Beale



photo by Larry Craig

Sisters gathered for a photo at our recent Sisters Appreciation Dinner held on Oct. 18 in the Arnett Room at Covenant Lakeside Hospital.

Vocations Crosses Placed at Our Lady of Grace

Father David Cruz enthusiastically welcomed the idea of placing vocations crosses at our Lady of Grace Parish. The Serra Club of Lubbock purchased three crosses at Brother John's and provided prayer cards in English and Spanish. The program kicks off the weekend of January 19-20 with Elmus Beale speaking at all of the Masses to explain how families can volunteer to take a cross home and pray for vocations daily for a week. With three crosses it should be easy to arrange daily prayers for vocations throughout the year. Please pray for success.

Serran Profile

Elric Bordelon

Elric was born January 23, 1918 in Marksville, Louisiana. He graduated in the midst of the depression from Marksville high school in 1936 after having lost both parents and a sister within a short time. Jobs were hard to find so Elric, at the age of 20, volunteered for the Army Air Corps to get steady work and a whopping \$21 per month. He was assigned to the 9th Air Force. There was trouble in Europe, but Elric was young and did not feel threatened by the possibility of war. He was trained as an aircraft mechanic and promoted quickly to Master Sergeant. He then advanced to dispatcher with the job of tracking aircraft inspection and maintenance records and making sure the aircraft were maintained properly. By 1939, the rumors of war were threatening, and soon the war was on.

Love was in the air during those years. Elric met Betty on a blind date—his buddy was dating Betty's friend and both girls had come down to Texas for a visit. They got married in March 1941, and Dianne, their first daughter was born in December.

Before the war started, Elric volunteered for assignment to Hickham AFB in Hawaii, but fortunately (in retrospect) lost out to seniority. He was soon called to war, and for two and a half years, 1943 to 1945, Elric was assigned to ground maintenance on the flight line in the European Theater. He served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany where they provided General Patton's air cover. After the war, Elric decided to reenlist and was assigned first to Shreveport, and then to Reese AFB in 1949. Their second daughter, Nancy, was born in Lubbock in 1950. Elric's last duty before he retired from the military in 1958 was a 15-month tour with his entire family in Japan. Elric and the family then returned home to Reese and joined the Civil Service where he remained until a heart attack and

bypass surgery led to his retirement in 1975.

Except for prostate cancer in 1988, Elric has remained active and healthy. He loves to play golf and hunt with his buddies. He complains that his gun is getting too heavy so he may have to give up the hunting. Elric and Betty now enjoy their four grandchildren. Dianne's son, a Tech graduate, is 32 years old and has a good job in Plano. Nancy has three kids, a 30-year old daughter (a Tech graduate living in New York and struggling to make a living in the theater), an 18-year old daughter who is a freshman at the University of Kansas, and a 17-year old son who will graduate high school next year. When Elric talks of his family it is clear that he takes great pride in them all.

Elric has been a member of Serra approximately 10 years. For the past seven years, he has enjoyed serving on our hospitality committee of which he is now the chairman. When asked to reflect on the club, Elric hit a familiar note. He observed that too many folks have lost interest and dropped out. Even so, Elric asserted that the purpose of Serra is important and that he is proud to be a part of it. He suggested that we should always make sure to invite the Bishop to our meetings as his presence makes the meetings much more meaningful. Elric expressed his belief that one important but often-overlooked reason that we have lost some of our older members is the fear of falling in the sunken floor of our usual meeting place. He suggested that we should consider moving our dinner meetings next door. Finally, Elric noted that the best recruiter of new priests in the Diocese is our Bishop—"maybe we could find a way to help him more."

Thanks for sharing your stories with me over coffee and breakfast Elric. It was a pleasure. – Elmus Beale



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 4 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Jan. 10 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Jan. 18 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Feb. 1 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Feb. 7 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Feb. 12 Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. David Buescher home 4106 62nd Dr.
- Feb. 15 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.
- Mar. 1 First Friday Rosary and Mass-CTK 6:35 A.M. Donuts and Coffee follows.
- Mar. 5 Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. Location TBA.
- Mar. 7 Holy Hour for Vocations CTK 7:00 P.M.
- Mar. 15 Dinner Meeting CRC 6:30 P.M.



photo by Larry Craig

Bishop Plácido Rodríguez accepts a check in the amount of \$1,200 for the Bishop's Burse from Lubbock Serra Club president Joe Conboy at the Christmas Party on Dec. 13.

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.

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white-collar workers needed.

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations