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"We are deeply Blessed"

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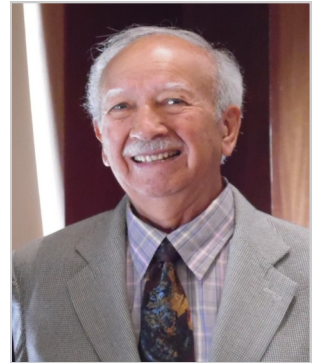
Serra Club El Paso Diocese

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Gilbert Estrada



President's Message:

It's been a blessed year for the Serra Club of El Paso. Our membership has continued to grow and our annual appeal a great success. In September our new Patron Saint Junipero Serra was canonized on the steps of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. as witnessed by tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of persons gathered for this sacred ceremony and to catch a glimpse of the Holy Father during his recent visit to the United States, representing the first time a Pope has canonized a Saint on American Soil.

We celebrated locally with a Mass at St. Patrick presided by Father Mariano who then with several Seminarians joined us as our guests for dinner at the Angry Owl where we hope to calendar this commemorative event each year with a Mass and fellowship dinner.

The Christmas Party was the best ever by my estimation. There are too many people to thank individually but you know who you are. The setting for a private dinner at the El Paso Club was a great idea. The gift Christmas baskets were abundant, colorful and well received by our attending seminarians and we thank his Excellency Mark Seitz for spending the evening with us.

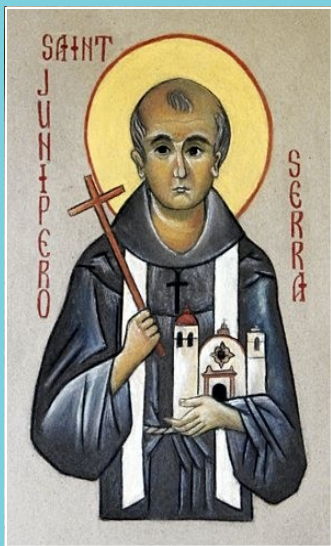
Yes we have received an abundance of blessings this year and more to follow with the recent scheduling of the Holy Father to visit and preside at Mass, a mile or two away, in Ciudad Juarez in a few short weeks this February 2016! Yes it has been a Very Blessed Christmas and I want to thank each and every Serran for your dedication, time and treasure to fostering vocational discernment and development of these precious young men! Happy New Year!

In Gratitude:

Gilbert Estrada
President
Serra Club #52
El Paso, Texas

Calendar Events for September-December 2015

1. October 3rd: 11:00 AM Trustee Meeting: Angry Owl
2. October 21st: 11:15 AM Holy Half Hour with Lunch and Speaker to follow: El Paso Club 18th Floor
3. November 2nd: 11:00 AM Trustee Meeting: Angry Owl
4. November 16th: 11:15 AM Holy Half Hour with Lunch and Speaker to follow: El Paso Club 18th Floor
5. December 7th: 11:00 AM Trustee Meeting Angry Owl
6. December 21st: 6:00 PM Christmas Celebration: El Paso Club Downtown
7. January 4th: 11:00 AM Trustee Meeting Angry Owl
8. January 15th: 11:15 AM Holy Half Hour with Lunch and Speaker to follow: El Paso Club 18th Floor



Serra Annual Appeal 2015: Thank you for your Support



Our Prayers are
working
we are grateful
to have
Eighteen (18)
Seminarians
who will
serve
the
Diocese of
El Paso,
Texas.

Your continued
generosity of time
and treasure
is greatly
appreciated
As we support our
seminarians in
their priestly
formation!

Thank you for your support and your generosity if you have not yet received your appeal letter please contact Mary Ann Haynes:







Pray, Invite, Encourage and Affirm, Vocation's for our Catholic Church

Thank you all for your continued support!



Serra Club of El Paso Diocese Invites you to join Serra as your vocational calling!

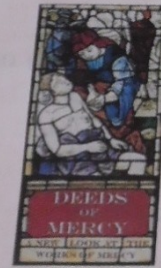


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SEPTEMBER: Thank you Peggy Navar for serving as our guest speaker of: "The Divine Mercy"



With Wisdom
Comes Mercy,
With Mercy
Comes Peace



'PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

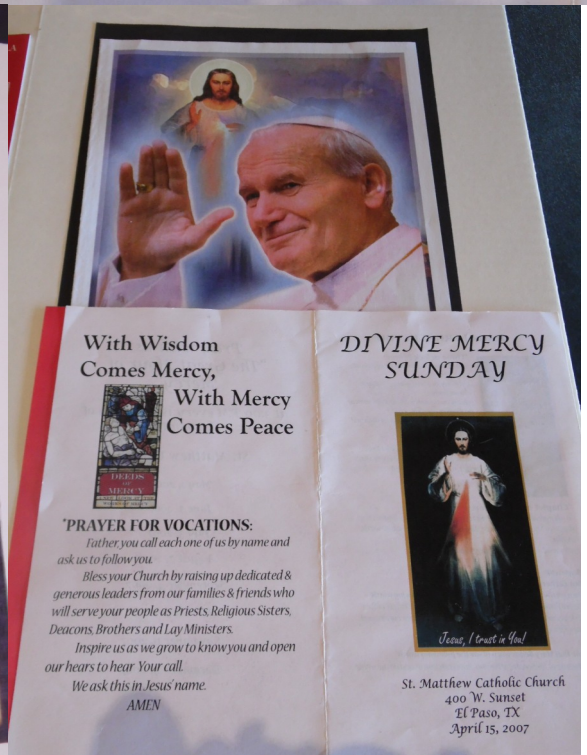
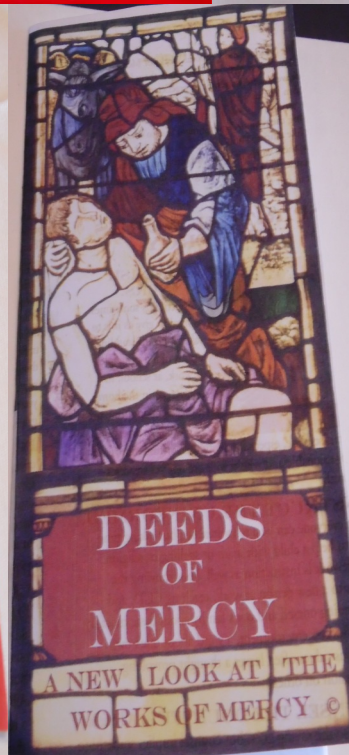
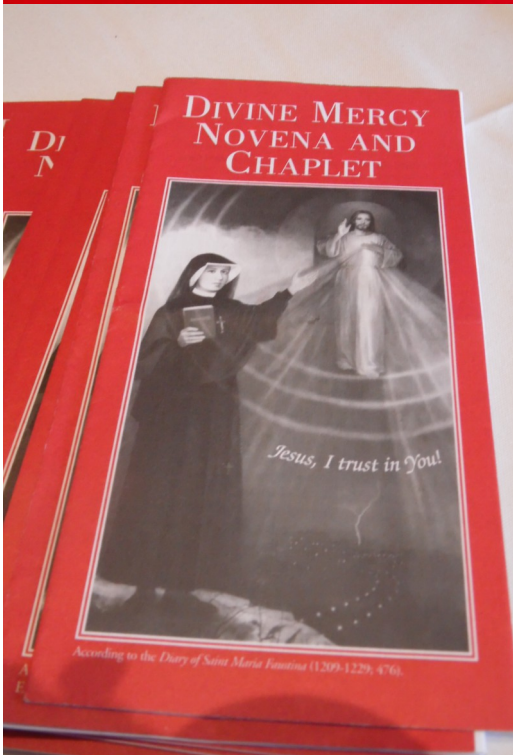
Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your Church by raising up dedicated & generous leaders from our families & friends who will serve your people as Priests, Religious Sisters, Deacons, Brothers and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

AMEN



Pray the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet: Open your door to the year of Mercy 2015-2016

Welcome New Members!



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Photo's from our September meeting 2015 Serra Club Luncheon

Our first Annual Mass & Dinner Celebration in honor of Saint Junipero Serra



Celebration after the Mass of Fr. Junipero Serra Canonization September 23, 2015

OCTOBER: Thank you Deacon Robert Diaz for serving as our guest speaker!



El Paso Club Downtown, El Paso, Texas

Photo's from October's meeting 2015 Serra Club Luncheon

NOVEMBER: Thank you Fr. Enrique Lopez for serving as our guest Speaker



Fr. Enrique Lopez-Escaler

Pope Francis Declares a Year of Mercy 2015-2016

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS



The Extraordinary Holy Year to Begin on December 8th, with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception "I entrust the organization of this Jubilee to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, so that they can animate as a new step in the path of the Church in its mission of bringing the Gospel of mercy to each person," he said.

"I am convinced that the whole Church can find in this Jubilee the joy to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to each man and each woman of our time. We entrust it to the Mother of Mercy, so that She may turn towards us Her gaze and watch over our path."

Throughout his pontificate, mercy has been a major theme close to the Pope's heart; his episcopal motto – *Miserando atque eligendo* – refers to the merciful gaze of Christ towards St. Matthew upon choosing him. (<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-francis-announces-jubilee-year-of-mercy>)



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Our January Trustee Meeting will be held on Monday January 4th @11:30 AM at The Angry Owl See you there!

Please join us for our Holy Half-Hour followed by lunch where you will make new friends and experience our speaker's as they convey moments of their journey in this life with Christ!

SERRA CLUB:
Invite, Pray, Encourage and Affirm our Catholic Faithful!



Our Mission Statement:

...to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life in the Diocese of El Paso through this ministry and to affirm our members'

Just a friendly Reminder:

January Meeting

January 15th at the El Paso Club: 11:15 Holy Half Hour

Monthly Luncheon:

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:

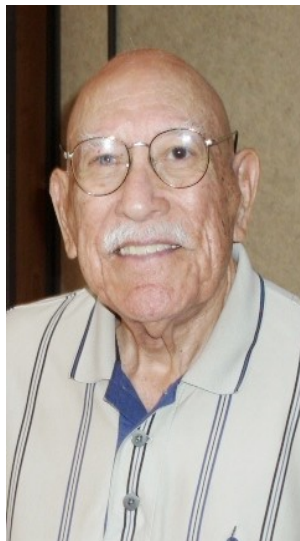
Seminarians' Today: Pastors of Tomorrow

Trustee News:

All Members are welcome to join us at our Monthly Trustee meeting.

We meet at the Angry Owl. On the first Monday every month at 11:30

We welcome your Time & Talent



Many Martinez
was a dedicated
long time Serran:
He has gone home
to be with our
Father in Heaven.
Please pray
for his family
in this difficult
but joyous time!

*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*



Please pray for our fellow faithful Serrans: Wally & Jane Thomson; Col. Tom & Lillian Walters, Rudolph Miles: Mary Brock; and JD Douglas. If it's your birthday we wish you a very Happy & Healthy Joy filled New Year Year!