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# Serra Club El Paso, Texas

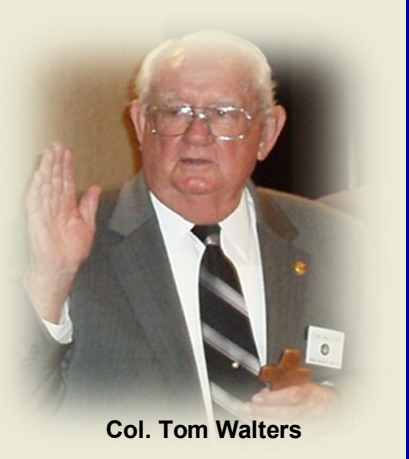
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**April 17, 2016 marks the 53rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



**Col. Tom Walters**

Dear Fellow Serrans:

This has been a wonderful experience for me to have the honor to serve as President of Serra Club. I am thrilled about all the new Seminarians we have now. It's exciting for me to share that Deacon Frank Hernandez will be ordained as a priest on Friday May 27th @ 6:30PM at St Patrick Cathedral. Please join us to witness this Holy event. I want to ask each of us to take a moment and PRAY for our beloved Col. Tom Walters {Past President & Trustee of Serra Club}. Tom was called home to the Lord on Easter Sunday. May his soul rest in peace and we pray for his family and his lovely wife Lillian. Let us bid a farewell to Robert & Kathy Sparks who will be leaving El Paso to return to Illinois to be closer to family in their retirement. Robert was Past President & Trustee of Serra Club. We thank him for his time and talent and wish him Health & Happiness. Our last meeting was outstanding and our speaker Mr. Mesta was once again very captivating in describing his Vocational Calling. Please join us for our upcoming April Luncheon when our next speaker will be our very own Fighting Irish Cathedral Alumni Col. J.D. Douglas.

Happy Easter!

Gilbert Estrada

President Serra Club

El Paso, Texas

## Calendar Events for April 2016

1. April 4th: Monday 11:00 AM Trustee Meeting Angry Owl
2. April 6th: Wednesday "Holy Half Hour" St. Patrick Cathedral 5:15 Mass & Prayer Service.
3. April 15th: Friday 11:15 "Holy Half Hour" Luncheon El Paso Club Downtown: Speaker Meeting.
4. April 30th: Saturday 9:00 AM Mass at St Charles Seminary with Fr. Mariano Lopez
5. May 2nd: Monday at 11:30 AM Trustees Meeting Angry Owl

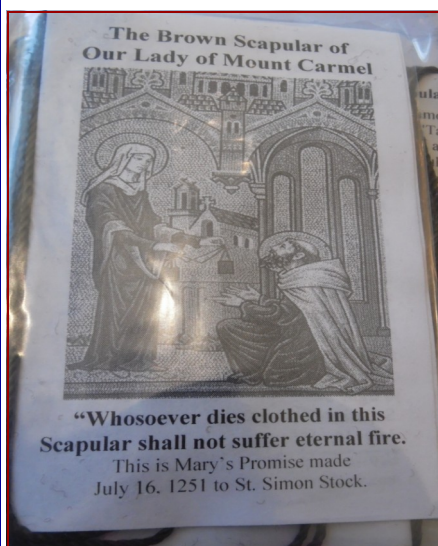
## March 2016 Luncheon Meeting with new members and old friends



The Serra Club Members from our March Meeting!  
We **INVITE** you to join us in our Vocation calling to Join Serra Club to:  
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Our May Meeting will feature the swearing in of our new officers for the coming year 2016-2017 : Please mark your calendar so you may join us for this most special occasion: Dorothy Schatzman will become our new President. Trustee meetings are on the first Monday of every month at the Angry Owl @ 11:00 AM. If you are interested in sharing your time & talent on behalf of our vocation please contact Dorothy. A special thank you to each and every member of Serra Club!



Join us on  
April 15th  
to learn more  
about the  
Brown Scapular  
of Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel.

Special  
Presentation by  
JD Douglas  
& Deacon  
Robert Diaz



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



## Special Vocation Prayer



"Let us open our hearts so that the Spirit can transform us; thus forgiven and reconciled, we will become witnesses to the joy that brims over on finding the risen Lord, alive among us." Receiving God's mercy ignites in us the drive to become "instruments of mercy," especially to the weakest and the marginalized, Pope Francis said Saturday at a vigil for the feast of Divine Mercy.

"The more we receive, the more we are called to share it with others; it cannot be kept hidden or kept only for ourselves," he said, addressing those gathered in St. Peter's Basilica. "It is something which burns within our hearts, driving us to love, thus recognizing the face of Jesus Christ, above all in those who are most distant, weak, alone, confused and marginalized." Falling each year on the first Sunday after Easter, the feast of Divine Mercy was instituted by St. John Paul II in 2000 during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish mystic whose apparitions of Jesus inspired devotion to the Divine Mercy. This year's feast falls within the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which Pope Francis publicly proclaimed during the 2014 vigil for the feast of Divine Mercy. The Jubilee began Dec. 8,

## Your Prayers are requested for:

Please pray for our fellow faithful Serrans: Wally & Jane Thomson; Col. Tom Walters family and beloved wife Lillian Walters, Rudolph Miles Mary Brock.

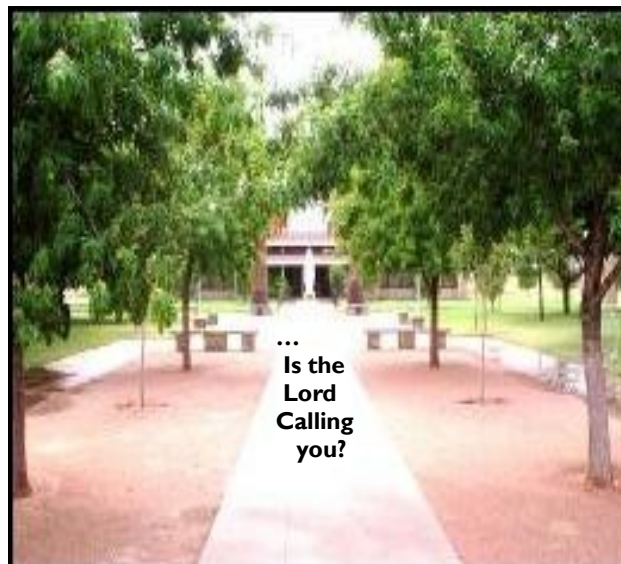
If it's your birthday we wish you a very Happy & faith birthday

## Vocations :

Friday 27th of May @ 6:30pm St. Patrick Cathedral "Deacon Frank will be Ordained a Priest Please join us in welcoming Fr. Frank.



Susan Elias: Vice President of Membership and Deacon Frank Hernandez



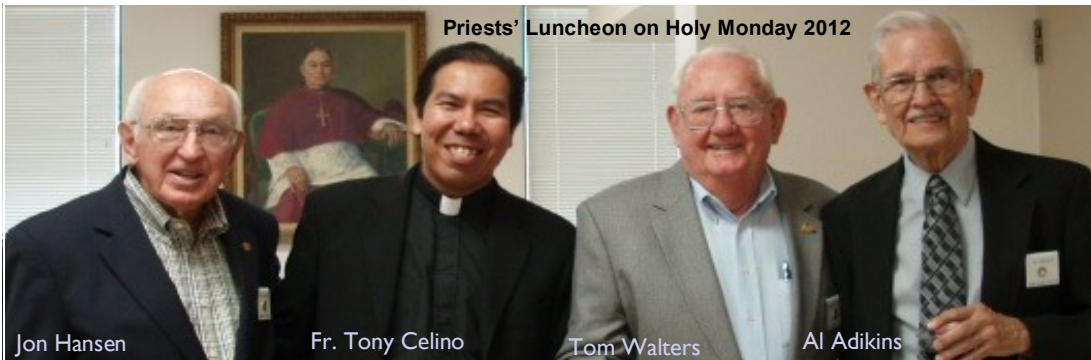
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**Membership equates to Happy Smiling Faces; Please Join today!**







### WALTERS

Colonel U.S Army (Ret.) Thomas E. (Tom) Walters died peacefully at his home in San Antonio, Texas on March 27, 2016.

Col. Walters was an El Paso resident for over 30 years. He served his country as a professional Army Officer for over 29 years. He served his Catholic Church as an active member of St. Matthew's Parish, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Sierra Club of El Paso, and as Director of Development for the Diocese of El Paso.

He is preceded in death by his parents Eugene and Macy (Whigham) Walters, both formerly of Hattiesburg, MS and by his brother Charles H. (Charlie) Walters of El Paso.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Lillian L. Donohue Walters and their four children: Pamela L. Walters-Irwin of San Antonio, Thomas E. Walters Jr. of Monroe, N.C., Amy C. Reynolds of San Antonio and Catherine E. Salazar of Harker Heights, TX; sister: Irma Carolyn Miller of El Paso; 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Col. Walters began his military career during World War II as an Automatic Rifleman with Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, the 6th Marine Division. With this unit he participated in the battle of Okinawa and was among the first American troops to set foot on the soil of imperial Japan as World War II in the Pacific Theater came to a close.

He returned from World War II and in August 1948, married Lillian Lorraine Donohue in Laurel, MS. He has been blessed with her love and companionship for many wonderful years.

In 1952, Col. Walters graduated from Mississippi Southern College as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the field artillery. He served in Korea during the war as a Forward Observer and Battery Commander in the 171<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Early in his career, he completed a 4 year tour in Europe with the 538<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, worked with Combat Development Command for the US Army Air Defense Systems and Patriot Missile Systems.

During the Vietnam Era, Col. Walters conducted Air Defense Combat Readiness Evaluations for the Western Pacific in the US Army Pacific Command's G-3 section. He was Commander to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery in Hawaii and for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division during a 13 month tour in Korea.

Col. Walters completed his military service as Chief of the US Army Readiness Group in Indiantown Gap, PA where he assisted in improving the operating readiness of over 200 Army National Guards and US Army Reserve units that consisted over 20,000 troops in Eastern Pennsylvania. He retired from his military service on 31 July 1977.

Col. Walters is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course, The Guided Missile Systems Officer Course, and the US Army command and General Staff College. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.

In his retirement, Col. Walters served with the Catholic Church in expanding and improving the annual progress appeal to increase operating income for Diocesan Ministries for El Paso and West Texas. He was also involved with the Stewardship Way of Life program, the Planned Giving Development Program, and the Historic Missions Restoration Program. He was Eucharist Minister for St. Matthew Parish for 30 years and served as president for El Paso St. Vincent de Paul Society Council and El Paso Serra Club.

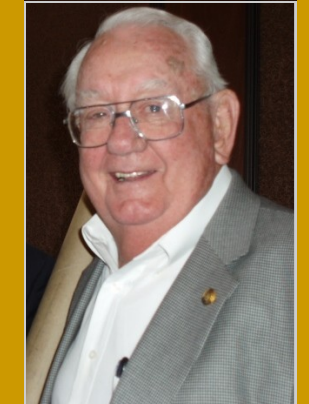
A visitation is set for Monday, April 4, 2016 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm with a Rosary at 7:00pm at Sunset North Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at Sunset North Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m., interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery at 11:15am.

Memorials may be made to the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary 8330 Park Haven, El Paso, TX 79907, The El Paso St. Vincent de Paul Society, 2104 N. Piedras, El Paso, TX 79930. **The Serra Club of El Paso, P.O. Box 1042, El Paso, TX 79946.**

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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!

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Invite, Pray, Encourage and  
Affirm our  
Catholic Faithful!

Mr. Eugenio Mesta



Our next Luncheon:  
April 15th 2016  
[El Paso Club](#)  
Downtown

Who are you Inviting?

**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 members' common Catholic faith**

**Just a friendly Reminder:**

**April Meeting**

April 15th at the El Paso Club: 11:15 Holy Half Hour:  
12:00 Lunch with our Guest Speaker  
Deacon Robert Diaz & JD Douglas  
{The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel}  
(this is one meeting you will want to attend)

**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:**

**Today's Seminarians are our Pastors of Tomorrow**

**Your Invited to Join us on**

**May 27th 6:30 PM St Patrick Cathedral**

**Deacon Frank Hernandez will be Ordained a Priest!**

**Join us!**

**May 2016 Luncheon meeting will be the official Installation of our  
Officers Board of Trustees  
Please join us for this very special occasion!**

May We Recommend for your upcoming Summer Reading List the following selection:

**Junipero Serra: California, Indians and the Transformation of a Missionary** by California historians and husband and wife authors and professors at Santa Clara University: Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz. Their book was selected by the Vatican as the major source for the positio, the official Vatican documents connected with the canonization of Father Junipero Serra; Source: Books and Education, National Catholic Register September 20, 2015.

**Serra 2016 St. Louis Conference:**

June 30-July 3 Convention ST Louis Cost is \$325.00  
plus \$25 for a ticket if you want to go to the Cardinals game.  
Register now and save \$100.00 on Early Registration Period ends May 4, 2016  
To register go here:  
<https://nspire.serrainternational.org/events/st-louis-2016>

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

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