NEWSLETTER

Serra Club of Colorado Springs

April 5, 2012 *"Always forward, never back"*

Deacon Greg Osgood, David Ambuul, and Marti Broestl were inducted into our Serra Club on March 1st. We welcome them and share the joy of having three more members to encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated life in our Catholic church. We thank God for their commitment.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Serrans,

Lent is almost over and Holy Week is rapidly approaching. We will not have our regular meeting on Holy Thursday (April 5). How rapidly the forty days of Lent pass by. It is truly the most reflective days we have each year as we approach Easter and Christ's resurrection. We pray that you have had a prayerful, spiritual time and included prayers for all our religious and especially our twelve seminarians.

I extend a special "thank you" to all members that will become our elected officer for the year starting June 1. And, another "thank you" to all members that serve our club in so many ways, especially our prayers for vocations. The club's success is based on each and all of our efforts!

A new "31" Club has been formed in the St. Mary's Cathedral Parish. Thanks to all Serra members helping Janet Larson sign up parishioners for each day of the month to attend mass and pray for vocations. If your parish doesn't have a "31 Club", call Charlene Pardo for implementation instructions.

Welcome to our newest Serran – Martha Broestl. A special thanks to Membership VP Helene Knapp for bringing in five new members this past year!

I wish we could say the issue between Serra US (USAC) and Serra International (SI) had been determined but it has not. This has been going on since January 2012 and is nowhere close to being resolved. If you want more detailed information on how this has or might affect the Serra Club overall, please give me a call at 719/447-1999. We must prayerfully remember that our primary mission as Serrans is to pray for vocations and encourage, support, affirm, enhance, and increase all vocations to the religious life.

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.

Dave O'Keeffe
President

SERRA UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5	**NO SERRA MEETING SINCE HOLY THURSDAY**
April 19	**Serra Club meeting** and lunch after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Center, 22 W. Kiowa. Our speaker will be Holy Cross Father Vince Kuna from Sacred Heart Parish.
April 21	**Spring Leadership Planning Conference for new officers** at Holy name Parish, Denver
May 3	**Serra Club Meeting** following 7:00am mass at St. Mary's Cathedral – Speaker – Deacon Tom Quinlan from Conifer.
May 13	**"World Day of Prayer for Vocations"** – Call Charlene Pardo at cell 684-3462 for details and locations.
May 17	**Club Meeting** following lunch at St. Mary's Cathedral. Induction of new officers. Speaker – Brian Krutka (Serra Club alumnus).
June 7	**Tour of the Marian House** following the 7:00am Mass.
June 21	Club meeting and lunch following the 12:10pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Speaker Fr. Larry Solan.
June 21-23	**Serra 70th International convention**s in Providence, RI. For more info go to www.serra.org.
August 3-5	**"Be Not Afraid" Conference at the Pikes Peak Center** sponsored by the St. Thomas Aquinas Society.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April 3	**Seminarian John Stearns** birthday
April 5	**Rev. Donald Dilg**, CSC ordination anniversary
April 12	**Seminarian Jason Keas** birthday
April 12	**Seminarian Erin Kochivar** birthday
April 16	**Rev. Stephane Dupre**, FSSP birthday
April 17	**Rev. Francisco Quezada** birthday
April 18	**Rev. Vincent Kuna**, CSC ordination anniversary
April 20	**Rev. Michael Butler** birthday
April 26	**Rev. Donald Dilg**, CSC birthday
April 27	**Rev. Mark Zacker** birthday

VOCATIONS CORNER

The Vocations Prayer Program has begun in our diocese. The Serra Club Vocations Committee has asked all Confirmation candidates to compose a vocations prayer as part of their community service to their parishes. Ultimately, these prayers will appear in their parish bulletins so that everyone can pray for vocations. Pastors, Deacons, and Serrans, please encourage the youth in your parish to participate in this opportunity to lead their parish in prayer, a worthy goal for any confirmed Catholic.

REFLECTION: As we approach the joyful feast of Easter, we should reflect on the importance of the enormous physical suffering that preceded it. The Resurrection is the "proof" for our faith, but if Jesus had died quietly at home, many people would have doubted his Resurrection. A public, state-sanctioned Crucifixion guarantees the death of the Victim, making the Resurrection a truly miraculous event. The call to a vocation is also a call to serve the world in a visible, indisputable way. May the blessings of Easter awaken the dormant vocations in our diocese and inspire them to follow the Risen Christ.

SIEMPRE ADELANTE,
Charlene

MEMBERSHIP BY HELENE KNAPP

The Center for Ministry Development invites you to join us at St. Paul Parish for a one-day workshop designed to help ministry leaders become more effective in recruiting, training and sustaining their network of volunteers. The day begins with registration at 830 a.m. and is followed by the workshop from 9-3 p.m. Cost of the workshop is $54, which includes lunch and a handout packet rich in practical ideas and resources. Participants in the workshop will learn how to: broaden leadership within your ministry, discern the gifts of parishioners interested in volunteering; contact volunteering with our baptismal call and commitment to stewardship; tape into the motivations people have for volunteering; learn how to match gifts with leadership positions, even when that means letting mismatched volunteers go; create a system for volunteer management that works; enhance your current recruiting methods; explore new ways to mentor and train volunteers, including online resources; celebrate and sustain your volunteer leaders. If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Joan Weber at joanweber@cmdnet.org for questions regarding registration, contact Dee Austin at dee@cmdnet.org or call her at 253-853-5422.

HHS MANDATE by Rev. Larry Brennan

The HHS mandate on insurance coverage of contraception, abortifacients, sterilization, and reproductive education and counseling . . . requires Catholic institutions and individuals to violate their consciences and is patently unjust. The liberal reply that this is a matter of women's health not religious liberty only illustrates the insensitivity and profound ignorance of the liberal community on matters religious. Religion is insignificant to them; of course, it cannot be permitted to trump the sexual revolution.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and its allies insist that the HHS mandate is a grievous and unconstitutional assault on religious liberty. A Federal Government limited by the First Amendment to the U S Constitution does not have the right to compel a religious body to act against its beliefs and moral values, even if those values are not accepted by some of the membership or employees of that body. The Catholic Church is governed by a consensus based on tradition not by a consensus of the majority. The Federal Government has

no business, indeed it is acting in violation of the First Amendment, when it assumes that the theological dissent within the Catholic Church gives the Government free rein to trample on the Church's corporate religious freedom. It is the Church, not the government that defines what it means to be Catholic.

THANK YOU CATERER

Thanks in advance to Monica Dawson who will provide lunch on April 19th.

SAINT OF THE DAY: April 5
St. Vincent Ferrer
(1350?-1419)

The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. If any saint is a patron of reconciliation, Vincent Ferrer is.

Despite parental opposition, he entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna—who would figure tragically in his life.

Of a very ardent nature, Vincent practiced the austerities of his Order with great energy. He was chosen prior of the Dominican house in Valencia shortly after his ordination.

The Western Schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid (though Catherine of Siena was just as devoted a supporter of the Roman pope). In the service of Cardinal de Luna, he worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII.

Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do. He remained stubborn despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all of the cardinals.

Vincent became disillusioned and very ill, but finally took up the work of simply "going through the world preaching Christ," though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries and Lombardy, stressing the need of repentance and the fear of coming judgment. (He became known as the "Angel of the Judgment.")

He tried, unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism.

WE HAVE A SERRA WEBSITE!!!
http://www.diocs.org/Vocations/SerraClub.aspx

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

5/1/12 Rev. Francis Maher ordination anniversary
5/4/12 Rev. George Fagan birthday
5/9/12 Msgr. Ricardo Coronado-Arrascue birthday
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5/11/12 Rev. Richard Dunphy, SJ ordination anniversary
5/11/12 Rev. Edward Kinerk, SJ ordination anniversary
5/14/12 Rev. James Klein birthday
5/15/12 Rev Patrick Battiato ordination anniversary
5/17/12 Rev. Kirk Slattery ordination anniversary
5/19/12 Rev. John Auer ordination anniversary
5/21/12 Rev. Kenneth Przybyla ordination anniversary
5/24/12 Rev. John Toepfer, OFM Cap ordination anniversary
5/25/12 Rev John Krenzke ordination anniversary
5/27/12 Rev. Ernest Bond ordination anniversary
5/27/12 Rev. Donald Brownstein birthday
5/28/12 Rev. Lawrence Brennan birthday
5/29/12 Rev. David Price ordination anniversary
5/29/12 Rev. Timothy Corbley, IV DEI ordination anniversary
5/29/12 Bishop Michael Sheridan ordination anniversary
5/30/12 Rev. Dennis Grabrian ordination anniversary
5/30/12 Rev. Bogdan Siewiera ordination anniversary
5/30/12 Rev. Gregory Golyzniak ordination anniversary
5/31/12 Rev. Michael Butler ordination anniversary
5/31/12 Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz ordination anniversary
5/31/12 Rev. Joseph Halloran ordination anniversary
5/31/12 Rev. William Vollmer ordination anniversary
6/1/12 Msgr. John Slattery ordination anniversary
6/2/12 Rev. Bill Carmody ordination anniversary
6/3/12 Rev. Walter Smigiel ordination anniversary
6/4/12 Rev. Vince Hovley, SJ ordination anniversary
6/4/12 Rev. Brian Mohan ordination anniversary
6/5/12 Msgr. Robert Jaeger birthday
6/5/12 Seminarian Sean McCann birthday
6/6/12 Bishop Richard Hanifen ordination anniversary
6/6/12 Rev. Eugene Arthur, SJ ordination anniversary
6/7/12 Seminarian David Boroff birthday
6/7/12 Rev. Daniel Ayers ordination anniversary
6/7/12 Rev. Stephen Parlet ordination anniversary
6/7/12 Rev. Lawrence Solan ordination anniversary
6/13/12 Rev. Joe Dygert birthday
6/13/12 Rev. Donald Brownstein ordination anniversary
6/13/12 Rev. Joseph Dygert birthday
6/15/12 Bishop Richard Hanifen birthday
6/15/12 Rev. Mark Zacker ordination anniversary
6/16/12 Rev. Rafael Torres ordination anniversary
6/21/12 Rev. Joseph Vu ordination anniversary
6/22/12 Rev. Alfredo Garcia ordination anniversary
6/23/12 Rev. Luis Garcia-Chavez birthday
6/29/12 Rev. Stephane Dupre, FSSP ordination anniversary
6/29/12 Rev. James Klein ordination anniversary
7/5/12 Msgr. John Slattery birthday

7/28/12 Msgr. Robert Jaeger ordination anniversary

PLEASE WRITE OUR SEMINARIANS

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Mondays prior to Colorado Springs Serra Club meetings (1st & 3rd Thursdays): deadline for your submissions to CS Serra Club Newsletter (monica@rgdawson.com719-531-9565)