NEWSLETTER

Serra Club of Colorado Springs

July 5, 2012

"Always forward, never back"

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Serrans,

Much has happened since the last Newsletter! Our president, Deacon Greg Osgood, has been transferred by his company to Texas. Hence, at the present time, we are without a president. As past president I'm temporarily substituting for Greg till a new Colorado Springs Serra member is named to replace Greg. Greg was off to a great start during his brief tenure and we'll miss him and wish him God's Blessings on his new assignment.

The Serra US (USAC) and Serra International (SI) conventions were held in Providence RI June20-23. SI no longer considers that USAC Council exists and nothing was resolved at the conferences. Unfortunately, for a Catholic Christian organization, SI has let money and politics make their decision to close the US Council and ignored our primary mission to support vocations to the religious life.

The Colorado Springs Serra Board of Directors met after our meeting on June 21 to discuss possible options. These included: 1. Becoming members of SI; 2. forming a diocesan Vocations Committee; 3. Joining a new United States organization to replace USAC; 4. disbanding the club. The Board opted to not make any decision until after the Providence convention.

A conference call was held on June 26th for all the club presidents in our Colorado Serra District by Joe DeLoy, past USAC President. All Serra Clubs in the District and US Council are faced with the same dilemma mentioned in the previous paragraph. Dick Swappach, a member of the USAC board indicated in the conference call that all clubs will receive **recommendations by June 30 from the USAC Executive Committee.**

Upon receipt of these recommendations, we will forward them on to all Colorado Springs Serra members. If you have any questions or wish more details on the conventions, please give me a phone call.

A meeting with Bishop Michael Sheridan is scheduled for Thursday, June 28 to discuss this situation in greater detail.

In the future, we all should be involved in the **Walk for Vocations** on Saturday, July 21. Get your "walking shoes" out for the walk, led by Bishop Sheridan. We'll journey from St. Mary's Cathedral to Corpus Christi parish. A lunch will be provided to all walkers following the journey at Corpus Christi.

As Serrans, our **primary mission is to support vocations**. Our club has an outstanding reputation and we all should be proud of our support for members of the religious life in the Colorado Springs Diocese.

Mary, Queen of Vocations, Pray for us,

Dave O'Keeffe
Past president

SERRA UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5	**Club meeting** and breakfast following 7 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.
July 19	**Club meeting** and lunch following the 12:10pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.
July 21	**Walk for Vocations -** 8am Mass for Vocations at St. Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Sheridan 9am Start of procession from St. Mary's Cathedral (Exposition) to Corpus Christi 10-11am Arrive at Corpus Christi benediction 11-12:30pm BBQ luncheon
August 3-5	**"Be Not Afraid" Conference at the Pikes Peak Center** sponsored by the St. Thomas Aquinas Society.
August 2	**Club meeting** and breakfast following 7 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.
August 16	**Club meeting** and lunch following the 12:10pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 5	**Msgr. John Slattery** birthday
July 28	**Msgr. Robert Jaeger** ordination anniversary

SPEAKERS

Pete Morgan, seminarian from St. Patrick's parish (third year) will be our July 5th speaker; Sharon Keas, mother of Seminarian Jason Keas (one of our new transitional deacons) will be our speaker July 19th.

VOCATIONS CORNER

OUR PRAYERS to those who are experiencing the trauma of fire or evacuation from their homes, and to all the hardworking fire fighters/police officers of Colorado Springs. May God bless you! Serrans, please continue to pray for the physical and emotional healing of the Pikes Peak region. If you are still safe in your home, praise God and pray for those who are displaced.

THE SERRA CLUB BOOK DRIVE is in progress! Please donate your gently used Catholic books to the Serra Club so we can distribute them at the Catholic Conference August 3-5. Your book donation will help another Catholic or potential convert learn about the faith. Bring your books to any Serra Club meeting or to Charlene's house. Call 593.9735 for easy directions.

SERRA VOLUNTEERS are needed to work any two-hour shift at the Serra table during the Catholic Conference weekend. Please contact Charlene csserran@comcast.net and help us promote vocations!

SIEMPRE ADELANTE,

CHARLENE

FROM HELENE KNAPP CHAIRPERSON:

The May 19th Ordination Mass and Reception was beautiful and well-attended. The Mass was enhanced by the first appearance of the newly-formed Catholic choir performing throughout the Mass with beauty and elegance, mostly in Latin. The reception, hosted by the Serra Club, was well-received. There were three baskets at the entrance for the three deacons, and they were generously filled. The buffet table was attractive and every last morsel devoured. Fortunately, the diocese provided two over-sized, elegantly decorated, delicious cakes and that took care of the over-flow crowd. People stayed and chatted till 1:30pm and everyone gave accolades to the Serra club members who donated the food and hosted the event. Sincere thanks to Eve Hart, Eleanor Gentilini, Marty Broestl, Maralyn Legleiter, Loretta and Don Bocast, Charlene Pardo, and Janet Larson. A special thank you has been sent to St. Mary's parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tomich, for joining in the clean-up an d helping us leave the kitchen better than we found it! All of us working together made it a memorable occasion for our three new deacons and those who came to congratulate them on their new ministry. Helene Knapp, chairperson

THANK YOU CATERERS

Thank you in advance to Loretta Bocast who will provide breakfast on July 5 and to Janet Larson who will provide lunch on July 19.

SAINT OF THE DAY: July 5
St. Anthony Zaccaria
(1502-1539)

At the same time that Martin Luther was attacking abuses in the Church, a reformation within the Church was already being attempted. Among the early movers of the Counter-Reformation was Anthony Zaccaria. His mother became a widow at 18 and devoted herself to the spiritual education of her son. He received a medical doctorate at 22 and, while working among the poor of his native Cremona in Italy, was attracted to the religious apostolate. He renounced his rights to any future inheritance, worked as a catechist and was ordained a priest at the age of 26. Called to Milan in a few years, he laid the foundations of three religious congregations, one for men and one for women, plus an association of married couples. Their aim was the reform of the decadent society of their day, beginning with the clergy, religious and lay people.

Greatly inspired by St. Paul (his congregation is named the Barnabites, after the companion of that saint), Anthony preached with great vigor in church and street, conducted popular missions and was not ashamed of doing public penance.

He encouraged such innovations as the collaboration of the laity in the apostolate, frequent Communion, the Forty Hours devotion and the ringing of church bells at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays.

His holiness moved many to reform their lives but, as with all saints, it also moved many to oppose him. Twice his community had to undergo official religious investigation, and twice it was exonerated.

While on a mission of peace, he became seriously ill and was brought home for a visit to his mother. He died at Cremona at the age of 36.

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

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

8/2/12 Rev. Jim Williams ordination anniversary
8/2/12 Rev. Carlos Gallardo birthday
8/3/12 Seminarian Michael Buckley birthday
8/6/12 Rev. Kenneth Przybyla birthday
8/7/12 Rev. Luis Garcia-Chavez ordination anniversary
8/12/12 Rev. John Cousins, OFM Cap birthday
8/13/12 Rev. Robert Epping, CSC birthday
8/21/12 Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz birthday
8/25/12 Rev. Jaimes Ponce ordination anniversary
8/30/12 Rev. Lawrence Solan birthday
9/6/12 Rev. Kizito Osudibia birthday
9/13/12 Rev. Bob Newbury, Jr. birthday
9/15/12 Rev. Dan Ayers birthday
9/19/12Rev. David Price birthday
9/21/12 Rev. William Vollmer (Ret.) birthday
9/26/12 Rev. Bill Carmody birthday
10/2/12 Rev. Kizito Odudibia ordination anniversary
10/5/12 Rev. Gus Stewart birthday
10/9/12 Rev. Timothy Corbley, IV DEI birthday
10/15/12 Rev. Brian Mohan birthday
10/21/12 Rev. Paul Wicker birthday
10/22/12 Rev. John Cousins OFM Cap ordination anniversary
10/28/12 Priest Appreciation Sunday
10/31/12 Rev. John Auer birthday

PLEASE WRITE OUR SEMINARIANS

(You can also contact the seminarians through the future priest website at www.futurepriest.com.)

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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)