



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs Newsletter

JULY 2021

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear fellow Serrans,

This is a joyful time for our diocese as we welcome Bishop Golka! He has a connection to Serra, as his parents were members of the Serra Club in Grand Island, Nebraska, before that Club was disbanded and then Fr. Golka was chaplain. We look forward to meeting Bishop Golka at a future St. Serra Club event. Please keep our new Bishop in your prayers!

As you know, we have started meeting in person again, usually on the third Thursday of the month at the Newman Center. The board is committed to planning the meetings to be safely held for all of our members and guests. The last two meetings, we have offered the option to purchase a box lunch from Panera; that has been a delicious choice for those who chose to order a lunch while other members chose to bring their own lunches. It has been uplifting to be together again to worship, to share fellowship, and to further our own faith journeys with our wonderful speakers! Please check the newsletters each month for information on any upcoming events.

The first upcoming event that the board has been planning is a gathering with our seminarians, hopefully some of our priests and maybe even Bishop Golka! This event will also serve as our first effort to recognize the altar servers in our diocese. The cookout lunch will serve as a celebration at the end of the seminarian's retreat and will be a great time for us to meet the new seminarians and spend time with the existing seminarians. Please see the newsletter and watch your email for more information on this event, which is scheduled for Friday, July 23, at the Newman Center. We will start with Mass at noon, followed by our cookout.

The board is also working on planning a luncheon to honor and show our appreciation for the religious sisters. This luncheon is planned for August. We are also working on some events for prospective members. Our St. Serra Club will host the District 6 convention in October as well as host a Parish Vocations Committee training in October. Stay tuned for more information on all of these events.

Our St. Serra Club will participate in the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Conference again this year. The conference is scheduled for July 28-August 1 and will be held at the Hotel Elegante. Please gather Catholic books, medals, rosaries, or other items for our table at the conference. We will collect the materials in the next month so that they can be prepared in advance for the table. We will be asking for volunteers to staff the table soon; Please check your calendars and be prepared to generously volunteer to help with this event by signing up next month.

Let's remember to pray daily for those discerning, for our Priests and seminarians and for Bishop Golka!

Jan Zabukovic



Continue to pray for all our members during the very difficult time, especially: Barbie Henry, Maralyn Legleiter, Betty Plush, Mary Hayes, Victoria Heim, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Joe DeBenedittis.

Father Kyle reported that we have four new seminarians now. All of them have been accepted to Mount St Mary's, and we will have ten men there next year! Fifteen total.



Membership Report

Our St. Serra Club board now has two additional “VP Membership” members in addition to myself – Sue Harman & Anna Maria Trupp-Hughes. Please feel free to reach out to any one of us for more information on becoming a Serran (or rejoining if you know someone who would like to rejoin).

We have had a few new members join us in the past few months. I needed to do a bit of refreshing my memory (with help from my fellow board members) on how a prospective member joins our Club. If you need a new member application – you can reach out to me & I can send you one, or you may visit www.serraus.org/membership -- on that page, near the bottom – is “Serra Membership Application” that can be downloaded & sent to your prospect – or printed off & given to them. They can then either send or email it back to me. In the June Newsletter there is an example of this application.

The “Sponsor” should ideally be the person who knows the prospective member – but one of us VP Membership persons could be it as well.

Fr Kyle has agreed to sign off on the “Pastor’s Approval Signature” (so prospective members don’t need to hunt down & have their pastor do that).

The \$11.75 New Member Fee covers the Welcome Kit (Serra lapel pin, holy card, and member’s handbook). Also, it covers All Club Dues until the next assessment period (in other words, a new member would NOT pay “second half” July-Dec 2021 dues, they would be assessed beginning January 2022).

At your service – Joel Kostyrka – Sue Harman – Anna Maria Trupp-Hughes

SERRA MEETS

The speaker for the monthly "**Serra Meets**" to be held on Saturday, July 10, at 10 AM (Mtn) is Mrs. Rosemary Sullivan, who is the Executive Director for the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors.

You may join the Zoom webinar at 959 9245 1924. The passcode is 853558. You may participate by phone at 1-312-626-6799.

SAVE THE DATE for October 22 & 23 to attend our Serra District 6 Annual Convention to be held at our beautiful Newman Center in Colorado Springs. The program will be sent to all members in the coming weeks.

Thanks,

Rose Marie

St Thomas Aquinas Society Conference

The Conference will be held at the Hotel Elegante beginning Wed. July 28th and run through Sun. August 1st.

As in past years, Serra will have a table with free Catholic books and other items. We plan to have our table open four of those days; Wednesday, from 1pm to 5pm. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9am to 5pm. We will need our members to take a two-hour shift at the table.

Please consider helping with this event. **SEE CONFERENCE BROCHURE**

Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Pat Van Matre

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Tom Plush

VP Vocations – Claudine and Jon Duncan

VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer

VP Communications – Dennis Palsgrove

VP Membership – Joel Kostyrka, Sue Harmon & Anna Marie Trupp-Hughes

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Palsgrove

Trustees – Charlene Pardo and Eleanor Gentilini

,Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo

SAVE THE DATE *** MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our Friday July 26 St Serra Club meeting will be at the Saint John Henry Newman Center.

Address is; 4785 STANTON RD, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918-3907.

Please enter via Clyde Way which connects Austin Bluffs to the Ent Center for the Performing Arts. You cannot access the Newman Center through the Eagle Rock neighborhood.

See included map

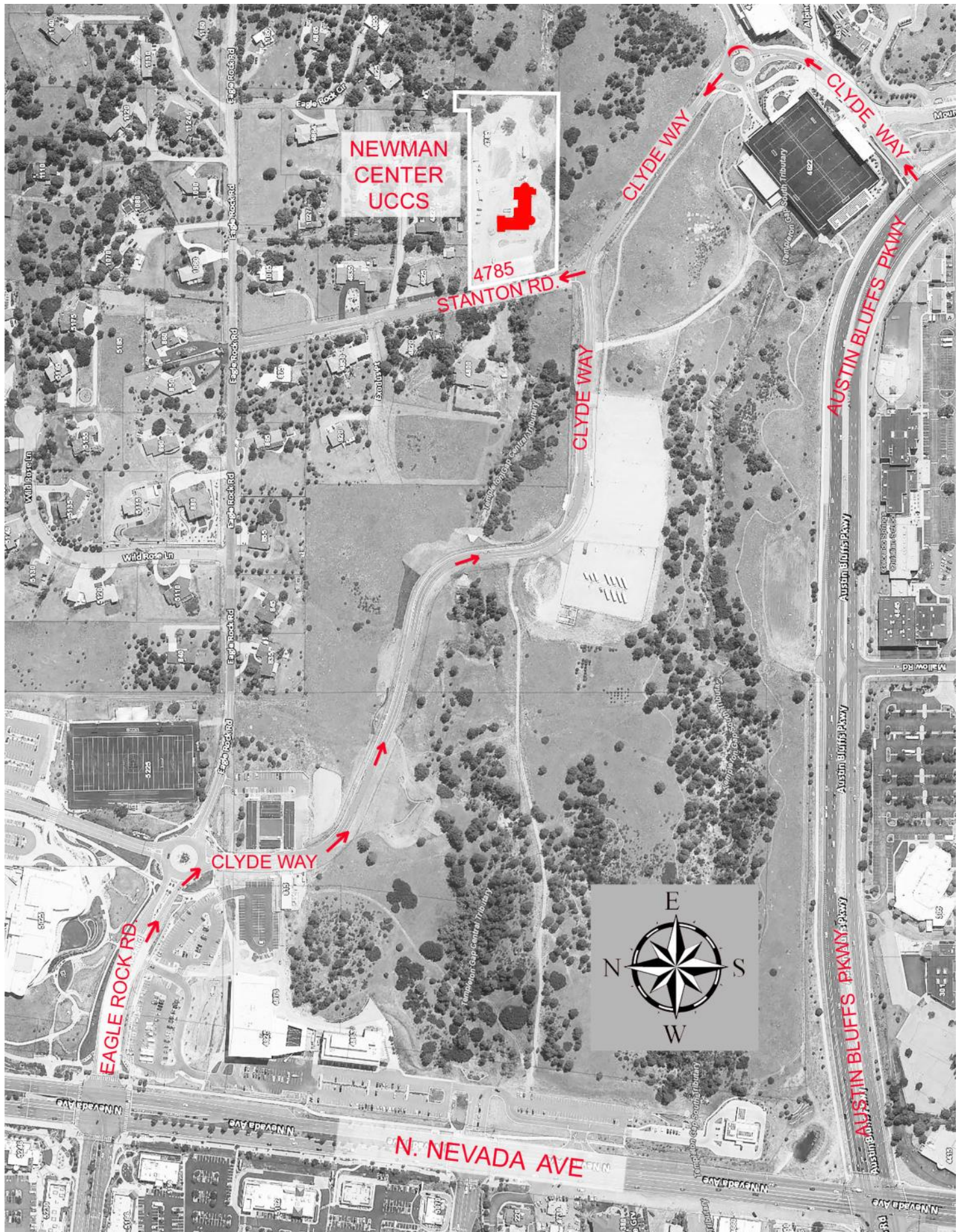
Our program for the meeting will be the time we share with the Seminarians at a picnic luncheon in the main hall and or weather permitting, on the balcony patio.

We will begin with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St John Henry Newman Chapel at 11:30 AM,**

Followed by **Mass at 12 noon, celebrated by Fr Kyle Ingels.**

After Mass, we will adjourn to the main hall of the Newman Center for a Brief business meeting followed by the barbecue picnic, hosted by Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer. And members of our Serra Club. **Details to follow**





In the Love of the Trinity



Our Thrice Holy God

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In the Love of the Trinity Our Thrice Holy God Conference

by St. Thomas Aquinas Society

July 28 - August 1, 2021

Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center

2886 S. Circle Drive • Colorado Springs, CO 80906

800-981-4012 • 719-576-5900 • Group #2743331

Special FREE Concerts



Eric Genuis
Thursday, July 29 • 7:30pm
Hotel Elegante
ericgenuis.com



Tony Melendez
Friday, July 30 • 8:00pm
Hotel Elegante
tonymelendez.com

Bernie Choiniere
& Conference Musicians



Saturday, July 31 • 8:00pm



Bishop Michael Sheridan

Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, CO. We are always honored to have Bishop Sheridan celebrate Mass with us.
diocs.org



Nicole Abisinio

Actress with ministry to choose life over abortion. Producer of *The Advocate*, a movie to educate families on protecting themselves from trafficking, predators & abuse.
GabrielsMessengerMinistries.com



Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM

Prominent businessman's return to the Catholic faith through a series of conversions, struggles, study and questioning.
fathersofmercy.com/team-members/fr-ken-geraci/



Fr. Andre Mahanna

International speaker and "Instrument of Peace", addresses the hard realities of genocide, persecution and violence in the Middle East.
missionofhopeandmercy.org



Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz, CSMA

Internationally renowned retreat master from Poland. Expert on Angels and The Divine Mercy.
stmichaeltreachangel.info



Fr. Zachary of the Mother of God, SOLT

A former attorney, currently serves as Director of Formation and Vocations Director for the American Region of SOLT.
solt.net



Fr. Martin Scott

Founder of *Servants of Divine Mercy* in Peru. He is a missionary priest whose religious community lives entirely off Divine Providence.
divinemercycorp.org



Fr. Stephen Imbarrato

A Protest Priest leader of Red Rose Rescue. Known for defending life. First man to witness as part of *Silent No More Awareness*. Involved in pro-life activism for more than two decades.
facebook.com/FrStephenImb



Fr. Philip Scott

Founder of *Family of Jesus*, a community of priests, brothers and sisters in Puerto Maldonado, Peru (The Amazon Jungle).
familiadejesusperu.org



Fr. Bill Halbing

International speaker and Bible scholar, and inspiring teacher of Sacred Scripture in both English and Spanish. Animated and Charismatic evangelist.
godswordalivetoday.org



Annie Karto

Catholic singer, Annie Karto has traveled extensively both domestic & international for over 20 years. Annie weaves her songs in and out of her testimonies.
anniekarto.com



Fr. Mark Wheelan, SOLT

A member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, Fr. Mark was commissioned by Pope Francis in February 2016 as a Missionary of Mercy. Conference Sacramental Minister.



Eric Genuis

Acclaimed composer, virtuoso pianist, and inspirational speaker. His foundation, *Concerts for Hope*, goes into rehab centers for PTSD vets, memory care facilities, inner-city schools, and even prisons.
ericgenuis.com



Tony Melendez

Tony was born armless and taught himself to play guitar with his feet. Performed for Pope John Paul II in 1987. He has traveled to all 50 states and 44 countries.
tonymelendez.com



Patrick and Joy Campbell

Featured on EWTN. *The Cross of St. Benedict Society* and *Joyful Hope Missionaries*, intercessors praying for the healing of families. The Campbell family also creates handcrafted crucifixes of St. Benedict.
crossofstbenedict.com



Dann Aungst

Certified Addiction Counselor, speaker, author & recovering sex addict. Author of *From One Addict to Another*; *40 Days to Freedom*; *Winning the Battle for Sexual Purity*; & *God's Plan for Healthy Sexuality Workshop*.
roadtopurity.com



A. Matt Werner

Main Conference MC, Practicing attorney and President of Queen of the Apostles Mission Association.
QAMA.org

Dominic Gingoraneli

Conference MC, a Benedictine-educated cradle Catholic—a revert to the faith—and an Oblate of St. Benedict. Retired consultant & CPA.



Registration for the **IN THE LOVE OF THE TRINITY OUR THRICE HOLY GOD – July 28 - August 1, 2021**

St. Thomas Aquinas Society, P.O. Box 62908, Colorado Springs, CO 80962-2908

www.StThomasAquinasSociety.org • 719-448-0020

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: (receive monthly info: help save postage) _____
Yes, I understand that events of this magnitude are **very expensive**. Here is my tax-deductible contribution to assist with these expenses: _____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ Other _____
Method of payment: _____ cash _____ check _____ Mastercard _____ VISA _____ Discover _____ AMEX
Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SEND RECEIPT: _____ Yes _____ No Donations over \$250 will receive a letter of thanks in receipt.

Online registration and secure donations are accepted at www.stthomasaquinassociety.org



Save the Date
The Colorado Serra
2021 District Convention
October 22 and 23
God's Call to Holiness Transcends
Generations

The convention will be held at the
NEW St. John Henry Newman Catholic Student Center
in Colorado Springs.



The planning committee needs to have an idea of how many hotel rooms to reserve.

If you think you'll need a room in Colorado Springs, please email

Convention Committee at
SerraCOSprings@diocs.net .

Subject: I'll need a room



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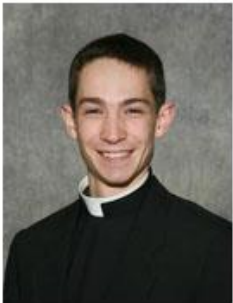
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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Serra International New Member Application

Serra Club of

Club Number

District Number

National Council

New Member Information

Title:

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Date of birth:

Email address:

Telephone Number:

Street address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Spouse Information

☐ Spouse is joining concurrently with applicant named above

☐ Spouse is already a Serran (fill out NAME only)

Name:

Email address:

Telephone Number:

Sponsor Information

Email address:

Telephone Number:

Signature of applicant:

Signature of sponsor:

Pastor's approval signature (or witness to pastor's approval):

Serra club officer signature:

Office:

Date Joined:

New Member Fee: \$11.75

☐ I have included \$11.75 for each new member indicated on this application.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 7/25 Rev. Greg Bierbaum birthday
- 7/28/90 Msgr. Robert Jaeger ordination anniversary
- 8/2/97 Rev. Jim Williams ordination anniversary
- 8/2 Rev. Carlos Gallardo birthday
- 8/3 Rev. Michael Buckley birthday
- 8/6 Rev. Kenneth Przybyla birthday
- 8/21 Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz birthday
- 8/25 Rev. Jaimes Ponce ordination anniversary