



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS
NEWSLETTER – July 2022
“Always forward, never back”

President Janet Zabukovic’s Message

Dear Fellow Serrans:

Summer is here and has brought hot days, green grass, flowers, warm sunshine, and azure blue skies. But sometimes this summer has also brought not such great weather in the form of damaging winds, periodic heavy rains, hail, thunder and lightning. As I was reflecting on this in preparation for writing this article, I was struck with the similarities between summer and life. Sometimes, life goes along full of sunshine and warmth and beauty, and sometimes life seems to be caught directly under the ominous, dark clouds of a torrential thunderstorm. It’s easy to be joyful and optimistic when the sun is shining, but it can be challenging to do the same when you’re being rained on! These past couple of years have for many of us been like living life under the rainclouds as we’ve struggled to cope with the pandemic and events not only in our personal lives but also in our country and in the world beyond this nation’s borders.

But it is exactly when we are living our lives under a raincloud that we most need our faith and most need to pray. It is at those times that we often turn to our Priests for help in finding peace of heart, when we most need to go to confession to help us remember that God is God and we are not and to be reconciled to God, when we ask our Priests for their guidance in helping us to accept the turbulence and trust in God’s plan for us.

Imagine if we didn’t have Priests to turn to, Priests to hear our spiritual pain and struggles and guide us, Priests to *in persona Christi* absolve us of our sins and encourage us as we move forward.

Think about the sacrifices of those who choose the path of Priesthood. They give up having a family of their own, making their own decisions about where to live and work, and spend countless hours each day in prayer and in service to the Catholic Church. As we in Serra have learned, the path to the Priesthood is rigorous and lengthy. Imagine the sacrifices men make when they accept God’s call and enter the seminary - years of study and spiritual development are ahead of them. Meanwhile, their contemporaries are starting careers and having families. Think of the sacrifices that Priests make every day - the hours spent in prayer on behalf of their flock, the late night visits to the sick and dying, the emotional toll of sharing the grief, sorrow, worry, fear of their flock, the holidays spent away from their biological families in order to serve their spiritual families who lovingly call them “Father.”

Whether you are currently living your life under warm, sunny skies surrounded by beauty or you are currently living under a raincloud, let's all of us remember to take time to pray for our Priests and Seminarians and to thank God for them answering His call to serve God and the people of the Church.

Jan Zabukovic

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Loretta Bocast, Janet Clause, Barbie Henry, Rudy & Maralyn Legleiter, Betty Plush, Mary Hayes, Victoria Heim, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Joe DeBenedittis.

**Please join us for First Thursday Prayer hour for vocations!
Serra – Prayer for Vocations & Rosary. Thursday, July 7 at NOON.**

Monthly from 12pm – 1pm on the first Thursday

<https://zoom.us/j/9955357113>

Click on “Join a Meeting”

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

From Rose Marie Stimpfl

SERRA MEETS

The guest speaker for ‘Serra Meets’ on Saturday, **July 9**, at 10 AM (Mtn) via Zoom is Archbishop Eldon Curtiss, a former Episcopal Advisor to the US Council.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVlKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09>

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Webinar ID: 959 9245 1924 Passcode: 853558

SAVE THE DATE

District 6 Convention is scheduled to be held at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall in Aurora on Friday evening, **October 21**, and all day on Saturday, **October 22**. The theme this year is, “Witnesses of the Word.” Fr. David Songy, O.F.M. Capuchin, President of St Luke’s Institute is scheduled to be the keynote speaker on Friday evening, October 21.

**Serrans! Here are some of the men whose vocations
you prayerfully support!**

Congratulations to those celebrating their ordinations in June 2022!



Front row: Fr. Matthew Kane, ordained a priest June 11, 2022; Rev. Mr. Thomas Pressley, ordained as Deacon June 4, 2022; Bishop James Golka; Fr. William Dwyer, ordained a priest June 11, 2022.

2nd row: Seminarians Sean O'Conner, Patrick DiLoreto, Mark Rocco, Kolbe Kirst (formerly of Colorado Springs), Christian Vaca-Rodriguez, Fr. Kyle Ingels.

3rd row: Kevin Ward, Ian White, Joshua Wojcik, Dominic Ambuul.

4th row: James McCann, Grant Reinicke, Vincent Smith, Anthony Ambuul.

Seminarian Summer Picnic - Friday, July 22nd, 2022
Adoration at 11:30am, Noon Mass, Barbeque Lunch
(This picnic takes the place of our monthly 3rd Thursday gathering.)

Our Seminarians will have finished their summer assignments and, that week, their Retreat with Father Kyle, which concludes with this luncheon. They will soon return to their studies. Let's give them a proper send-off.

Jerry is bringing and cooking 3 kinds of Chicken which will be delicious as always! We expect at least 40-45 people to attend, so we need a lot of food.

Side dishes are as follows:

Salads

Green Salad – Rose Marie, Helene, Connie

Potato Salad – Marlene

Pasta Salad – Karen

Starches (Pasta, Rice, Potato)

Potato Dishes – Benjamin, Dennis & Jan

**Need 1 - hot/warm

Vegetables

Baked Beans – Sue

Veggie Tray – Joel

**Need something else green

Desserts

Charlene, Nell, Laura Jean, Victoria

Beth - Gluten-free

Drinks

Beer – Ray

Iced Tea – Jan Z

Water - Benjamin

**Need soft drinks, Lemonade

Please respond that you are attending and/ or bringing food to
SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net or call/text 307-922-4446 by Monday, July 18th.

New Serra Board Members, installed at June 2022 luncheon:

President: Jan Zabukovic

Vice President: Joel Kostyrka

Vice President for Programs: Jerry Schaefer

Vice President for Membership: Pat Van Matre

Vice President for Communications: Beth Pressley

Vice Presidents for Vocations: Jon and Claudine Duncan

Secretary: Marty Broestl

Treasurer: Ray Gentilini

Trustees: Eleanor Gentilini, Charlene Pardo, Rose Marie Stimpfl

Serra Foundation Representative: Charlene Pardo

Thank you to everyone who agreed to serve!

From Marty Broestl

Membership:

July 2021: 33 members

New Members: 9

Total 42 minus two members who dropped out.

Net gain: 7

New member names:

Regina A, Ben B, Laura Jean H, Marlene K, M.H, Bill M, Beth P, Nell S, Karen W.

July 1, 2022: 40 members

From Ray Gentilini

Serra Apostolate Treasurer Report July 2022

Starting Balance as of 1 July 2022	\$6318.81
Receipts (on hand monies)	\$ 0.00
Accounts Receivable (unpaid dues & pledges)	\$1285.00
Accounts Payable (unpaid liabilities)	\$2520.00
Disbursements (paid bills not cleared) **	\$ 350.00

**The above disbursement for \$350 was for the Priest Suit that the Board of Directors agreed to support for the annual Catholic Radio Priest Appreciation Day. The entire \$350 was covered by member donations!



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July 1, 2022

Dear Fellow Serran,

My name is Ray Gentilini, and I am the newly elected Treasurer for our Serra Club. I am replacing Tom Plush who has been our Treasurer for the last six years. We owe Tom a great debt of gratitude for his faithful and dedicated service over the last six years. The Serra Account is in tip-top shape, and I hope to keep it there during my tenure as your Treasurer.

When Tom took over as Treasurer, the club was significantly smaller than it is now. Over his tenure as Treasurer, because of the small numbers, Tom elected not to invoice members for their dues. This worked quite well as we were an intimate group of faithful members that attended most meetings. Tom would remind members at the meetings to pay their dues and they did!

Now our "Saint Serra Apostolate" (as we will be called going forward) has grown to more than 40 members. Given that not all members are able to attend all meetings, in the future I will invoice members for their dues. Dues are \$10 per month for the first member, \$5 for spouse. As most of you know, we have three options to pay our Saint Serra Apostolate dues. First, we can pay annually a total of \$120.00 for a single member or \$180.00 for a couple. This amount is due in January of each new year. Secondly, we can pay half of these amounts - \$60 or \$90 twice a year. These amounts are due in January and July each year. Finally, members may elect to pay monthly \$10 for singles or \$15 for couples. Whichever option you choose to follow, I will invoice for the proper amount at the correct interval that you have decided. Members are free to change options by paying the proper amount that corresponds with their new option.

I sincerely appreciate your understanding of this new process. I look forward to your cooperation in paying your invoices promptly upon receipt in the future. In the case of any hardship, please communicate that hardship to me immediately. We are much more interested in your continued prayerful membership than in your paid-up dues.

Saint Junipero Serra—Pray for us!

Ray Gentilini, Your new servant Treasurer
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