



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

President Janet Zabukovic’s Message

Dear Fellow Serrans:

I am not a fan of very hot and stormy days like we have had the last weeks, but I have been reflecting on the fact that both heat and rain are necessary for the myriad of growing things that mark a summer in Colorado Springs. I’ve also been thinking about the role of heat and storms in our own lives. Perhaps without days when the heat is on and we feel the stresses in our lives intensely, or days when the storms make it more difficult to feel joyful, we would fail to truly appreciate the vast majority of the times in our lives where we feel joyful and at peace, secure in the knowledge that we are loved by our Creator.

Stormy days can also happen in the Catholic Church. Over the last couple of months, I have been reading the book Forming Intentional Disciples, The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus written by Sherry Weddell, a resident of Colorado Springs. The staff and leaders of my parish, Divine Redeemer, committed to reading this book so that we can begin to implement the ideas in our parish. The book cites statistics on how many Catholics have left the active practice of their faith and discusses ways that we as individuals and we as parishes can reach out not just to those fallen away Catholics and to non-Catholics who might be open to learning about the faith, but also to our fellow practicing Catholics. One of the clear messages of the book is that to be a true disciple of Jesus, we must transform our lives, and our faith has to consist of more than obligatory weekend attendance at Mass. This got me to thinking about the role that Serra can play in each of our spiritual journeys. One of the tenets of Serra is the spiritual growth of all Serrans, and our St. Serra Apostolate



programs have given us many opportunities to enrich our faith. We can all learn and grow together and from each other!

Our July luncheon with our seminarians was such a joyous occasion! Seeing these men of faith commit themselves to discerning and answering God's call fills me with such hope and optimism for the future of our Church.

St. Augustine of Hippo said, "Pray as though everything depended on God; Work as though everything depended on you." We, as Serrans, both individually and as the St. Serra Apostolate, have committed to pray more and work harder for the cause of vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. This is one more step in our journey to be a true disciple of Jesus!

Jan Zabukovic

Sisters' Appreciation Luncheon - Thursday, August 18, 2022 **Noon Mass, Barbeque Lunch**

Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Reply to SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net or call/text 307-922-4446 by Saturday, August 13th.

Our Sisters have worked hard to bring the faith to generations. Each year we show our appreciation by hosting a luncheon in their honor.

Jerry is again bringing various kinds of Chicken which he will cook on the grill! We expect about 40-45 people to attend, so we need side dishes, desserts and drinks. See below for what we have and what we still need. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Side dishes are as follows:

Salads & Vegetables

Vegetable – Rose Marie
Salad – Marlene
Veggie Tray – Joel
**Need 2-3 more Salads

Starches (Pasta, Rice, Potato, Rolls)

Rolls - Pat
Cheese/Chicken Enchilada – Regina
**Need 2 more

Desserts

Charlene
Nell
Shirley
** Need 1 - 2 more

Drinks

Jan Z (Iced Tea)
**Need soft drinks (Lemonade, Iced Tea, Water)

Table Set-up

2 – 3 (unless already set)

Decorations/Centerpieces

Charlene

Paper plates/napkins/tablecloths

Eleanor

Thanks to all who have signed up for the 31 Club!

Your commitment to attend Mass one day a month for vocations will certainly strengthen present vocations as well as awaken new ones. If you have not joined the 31 Club yet, please choose one of the empty dates below and contact Charlene to be added to this roster.

31 CLUB ROSTER

DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name
1. Rose Marie Stimpfl	11. Laura Jean Hawley	23.
2. Mary Ellen Castillo	12. Benjamin Buckner	24.
3. Dennis and Jan Palsgrove	13. Helene Knapp	25. Eleanor Gentilini
4. Ray Gentilini	14.	26.
5. Bill McNamara	15. Joel Kostyrka	27.
6. Marty Broestl and Loretta Bocast	16.	28.
7. Mary Helen Miller	17.	29.
8. Nell Smith	18.	30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
9. Kathy Bull	19. Charlene Pardo	31. Connie Pratt
10. Pat Van Matre	20. Beth Pressley	
	21. Jerry Schaefer	
	22. Sue Harman	

Please join us for **First Thursday Prayer hour for vocations!**

Serra- Prayer for Vocations Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Thursday, August 4 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

SEVEN SERRAN PRAYER PROGRAM

Several years ago, the Serra US Council established a prayer program to ensure every vocation director in the US has at least one Serran praying for them for one hour each day of the year. Each Serra Club was asked to organize seven-member teams whose members agree to commit to one hour of prayer (Mass, Holy Hour, rosary, or other prayers) each week in support of their Vocation Director. The St. Serra Apostolate of CO Springs prayer team has been praying for Fr. Kyle the past year. If you are currently a member of the prayer team or if you have not participated and would like to commit to praying for Fr. Kyle and his work for one hour on a specific day every week, please notify Jan Zabukovic at JRZabukovic@comcast.net. Thank you for your consideration in participating in this very important ministry.

SERRA MEETS

The guest speaker for the next ‘Serra Meets’ on **Saturday, August 13, at 10 AM (Mtn)** is Mother Clare Matthiass, CFR. She is the Superior General of the Franciscan Sisters of Renewal. Mother Clare attended the SI Convention in Toronto. She recently authored a children’s book, “The Unsolvable Problem,” which chronicles God’s miraculous work in the “Little Convent in the Big City.” Her book was available for purchase at the Convention. <https://serraus.org/serra-meets/>

The Newman Connection

KEEPING STUDENTS CONNECTED TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Dear Serrans,

Please remember to outreach to your graduated high school seniors moving on to college, and remind them to sign-up with their local Newman Center!

YES! I want to connect to campus ministry.

Let us help you prepare for your next journey in life. Connect to campus ministry today!

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Parish City: State:

Last Name: First Name:

E-mail: O P T I O N A L Cell: O P T I O N A L

College Choice:

College's City: State:



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Volunteers needed for New Serra Brochure

We have printed a brochure for several years and updated it as we have changed our schedule and venue. It is time to create something different and we would like some new insights from 2-3 Serrans interested in this short-term project. We have copies of brochures we have used over the years as well as samples from other Serra groups. We should only need one meeting, near the end of August.

If you are able to assist with this, please contact SerraCOS@dioCS.net.

Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report August 2022

Starting Balance	\$6287.56
Receipts	\$ 60.00
Accounts Receivable	\$1020.00
Accounts Payable	\$2400.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00

July invoices recently went out to members that currently owe dues. If there are any questions on your invoice, please call me at 307-922-6813 or 719-375-5486. Since the July invoices were so late in getting out, I will not mail the August invoices until mid-month. After that I will try to get invoices out promptly early in the month.

If you have any expenses that are clearly chargeable to the Serra Club, do not hesitate to send me your receipts so that I can pay you. This is very important so that I can set up a proper budget for next year. If you do not submit your receipts, I will be unable to correctly build an accurate budget for the club. Even if you choose to donate an item instead of sending in your receipt for reimbursement, please let me know about it so that I can accurately depict our actual expenses, even though some of these expenses may be covered by donations.

Thank you,
Ray Gentilini
Treasurer

Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic
Vice-President – Joel Kostyrka
Secretary – Marty Broestl
Treasurer – Ray Gentilini
VP Vocations – Jon and Claudine Duncan
VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer
VP Communications – Beth Pressley
VP Membership – Pat Van Matre
Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley
Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini
And Rose Marie Stimpfl
Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo

Priests Birthdays:

Rev. David Volker	1-Jul
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	5-Jul
Rev. Gene Emrisek, OFM Cap	16-Jul
Rev. Gregory Bierbaum	25-Jul
Rev. Don Billiard, OFM	28-Jul
Rev. Carlos Gallardo-Morales	2-Aug
Rev. Michael P. Buckley	3-Aug
Rev. William Kraus, OFM Cap	3-Aug
Rev. Kenneth Przybyla	6-Aug
Rev. Gregory Golyzniak	12-Aug
Rev. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	13-Aug
Rev. Ricardo Rosales	19-Aug
Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	21-Aug
Rev. Edward Kinerk, SJ	30-Aug
Rev. Lawrence Solan	30-Aug
Rev. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap	2-Sep

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SOCIETY
IN HIS NAME 25th ANNUAL MAJOR CONFERENCE**

is postponed as The Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center was purchased and is no longer available. However, The St. Thomas Aquinas Society presents another SMALLER QUALITY EVENT you won't want to miss:

God's Divine Mercy, August 4-6, 2022

Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz with Fr. Ernie Rush 2022

God's Divine Mercy Mission

August 4-6, 2022 Mini-Conference

Hilton Garden Inn

125 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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

Register at: www.stthomasaquinassociety.org Tel: 719-448-0020

There will be an evening Mass at 5:30 the evening before, August 3.

There is no required registration fee. Donations are gratefully accepted.

<https://www.stthomasaquinassociety.org/other-coming-events/god-s-divine-mercy-mini-conference-august-4-6-2022>

Serra District 6 Convention 2022, October 21-22

Serra Members: You should have received a "Save the Date" postcard with info about the upcoming District 6 Convention. If you did NOT receive it, please contact Pat, the VP for Membership at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net. Also, volunteers are needed to help with registration at this Conference. Please contact Eleanor at the same email address if you are able to help with Registration.



Seminarian BBQ Lunch, July 22

We had a wonderful turn out for our annual seminarian lunch held following noon Mass at the St. John Henry Newman Chapel and Catholic Student Center.



Left: Deacon Tom Pressley with his sponsor, Ray Gentilini. If you are a Serran and would like to sign up to sponsor a seminarian, please contact Laura Jean at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net.

Right: Loretta Bocast, Marty Broestl, Beatriz Rubio with various seminarians in the background.



Left: Bill McNamara and Seminarian Sean O'Conner.

My Spiritual Sons (From the Catholic Herald Blog)

By [FATHER KYLE INGELS](#) 07/17/2022

People love to say that since priests are celibate they do not know much about family life. I respectfully disagree. Priests have many spiritual sons and daughters. As Director of Vocations for the Diocese, I have fifteen sons I have cared for this past year. They are all different. God has blessed them with different personalities and different gifts and talents that they will use to serve His people. At times, they can drive me crazy, but they will never know how much I love them and how proud I am of them.

It has been quite a summer. People ask me if it's boring for me in the summer when the college students are mostly gone, but it's far from boring because when the college students leave, the seminarians return from school to begin their summer parish assignments. The summer is not a vacation for them. While it can be more leisurely, it's a time to learn. If we rely only on

the seminary to form these men into good and holy priests, we are going to be in trouble! It's essential that they learn more about the Diocese, meet different priests, be exposed to different parishes and regions of the Diocese, and learn more about the local people God is calling them to serve.

The summer started on an immense high note. Two of my sons became my brothers when they were ordained to the priesthood. It was a beautiful day, and Father Will and Father Matt are already doing great work in their first priestly assignments. They handed off the eldest son responsibilities to newly-Deacon Tom, as he was ordained to the transitional diaconate and became the senior seminarian. He too has done great work this summer and will be well equipped to become Father Tom next summer.







It is impossible for me to describe the sense of pride and joy I felt at these ordination ceremonies and attending all the first homilies and Masses of thanksgiving. It is such an exciting time when my role as spiritual father transitions to that of brother priest. It really does not matter if one has been ordained for fifty years or one week. The bond of the priesthood is strong. Nobody understands my life like another priest.

Eleven other guys have been working hard this summer in parishes, in Guatemala studying Spanish, and working in secular jobs. I have had nice opportunities to spend time with them as well, and I have received some wonderful feedback from priests and people whose lives they are already impacting.

But the summer hasn't been all joy. We all know that life must also have its share of sadness, and good fathers experience sadness when their sons are dealing with challenges. One of our seminarians will leave the priestly formation program next week after discerning that God is not calling him. I know that he has not made this decision lightly, but it still hurts. Part of my role is to help men prepare for the seminary and walk with them through the journey of preparation. I know these guys well, and while I know he is following his heart, I am profoundly sad to see him leave. I know that he too will do amazing things in his life, and I am proud of him for being strong enough to make this important decision. I know it's hard for him to see so many of us grieve his departure. While I know our relationship will change, he too will always be my spiritual son.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. As the summer ends, we are down to twelve seminarians as two became priests and one moves on to a new phase of life. I am proud of my spiritual sons, and nothing would make me happier than to add to the ranks!

Please pray also for me. I need it. When the time comes for God and the Bishop to call me to a new role in ministry, it will be hard for me to give up my role in the Vocation Office. Whenever it happens, I pray that whoever takes my place will love their seminarians as much as I do. But overall, I pray that you, the people of God, will love them too.

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79th Serra International Convention, Toronto, Canada, July 14-17th, 2022

Ever wonder why Serrans go to far off places for conferences and conventions? Here are some of the reasons:



Opening Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Michael with our Serra Episcopal Advisor, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Toronto, and Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Quebec, with five other Bishops from the Archdiocese concelebrating.



We had 5 attend from Colorado, District Six. Karen Guyette - Fort Collins, Rose Marie Stumpf, Eleanor and Ray Gentilini, Colorado Springs, Ralph Hooyboer, District Governor, Denver.



Left: Spiritual Retreat, Adoration, Benediction, Reconciliation, Rosary, Mass

Below: Serra Foundation Awards Luncheon – Colorado Springs received a certificate for member donations of \$1000 last year, our financial support of the Serra International (SI) Foundation, which promotes vocations on a global level.





His Eminence Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, reflected on a little-known passage of Scripture from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 20, that is not heard in any Liturgy. It tells of St. Paul speaking for many hours to his followers, one of which was a man named Eutychus, far in the back of the room sitting on a windowsill. Eventually, Eutychus fell out of the window and was thought to be dead. Paul took the time to go out to him and confirmed there was still life in him, then returned to continue speaking until daybreak. The Cardinal demonstrated the story by sitting on a high stool, frequently looking behind himself, suggesting that perhaps Eutychus was somewhat more interested in the outside world than in the Word of God.

Cardinal Collins was one of the distinguished speakers on the second day of the Convention. He indicated the Bible should be RED as it must be READ. In highlighting some of his remarks, he encouraged Serrans to read the Bible. He remarked that a “Chapter a day will keep the Bishop away.” In keeping with the theme, “**Wow! Witnesses of the Word: Serrans Called to Action**,” he stated that we must do what we witness to the word. The Cardinal urged Serrans to “**teach what you believe, the truth of the Gospel**.” He also stated that you ‘must believe what you read in the Gospel, and teach the truth.’ His Eminence emphasized that more priests come from parishes that have Eucharistic Adoration.

Prior to the beginning of the SI Convention, Karen Guyette, Serran from Northern CO, Ray and Eleanor Gentilini, and Rose Marie Stimpfl were fortunate to have a tour and attend Mass at the beautiful **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Church** in Guelph, Ontario. The Basilica became a parish in 1827. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins grew up in a home behind the Church of Our Lady, where he attended and served morning Mass. Prior to celebrating Mass on July 11, His Eminence led us on a tour of the Basilica. Cardinal Collins has a great sense of humor! When addressing the Pope’s visit to Canada, he remarked, “What shall I wear?”

Serra Around the World Included reports from Presidents Serra Councils in Canada, Brazil, Italy, England, Australia, India, Mexico, Hong Kong, USA, Philippines, Thailand, Nigeria.

Next Convention: 80th Serra International Convention 2023; Chiang Mai, Thailand; June 22-25, 2023