



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

President Janet Zabukovic’s Message

Dear Fellow Serrans:

In just a few short weeks, I will begin my fourth and final year of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. I had been thinking about enrolling for several years but always found an excuse not to do that- it was being hosted at a church that was further away than I wanted to drive especially at night, I didn’t want to spend the money right then, it was on a day that didn’t work in my schedule. But three years ago, my own parish, Divine Redeemer, was chosen to host a new class on Wednesday evenings, and you could even get a senior discount on tuition. Gone was the excuse that the location was inconvenient! Gone was the excuse that it was a time that did not work in my schedule! Gone was the excuse that I didn’t want to spend that much money! So I enrolled and my four-year journey studying the bible began. The pandemic’s arrival led to online only classes for the second half of year two and all of year three. Now the in-person classes are only being held in the Denver area this coming year and all the rest of the classes will be online again, which I really do not mind at all! Having the multiple online class options has made it so much easier for many people to begin their own journeys through the Bible, and last year there were students from many states and even students who did not live in the United States. Out of necessity, opportunity arose!



A couple of weeks ago, my books arrived and reminded me that there is a lot of reading and work ahead over this final year. Last week, my student workbook arrived from the school. Of course, I had to leaf through it to see the road map for the journey ahead, which begins with the Psalms and ends with Revelation with lots of biblical reading in between.

Here is what I want to share about my journey. First of all, it is no walk in the park! There is a lot of outside of class reading, weekly homework that takes me several hours to complete, and a

midterm and final test (but both are open book), as well as the commitment to attend the roughly two hour long classes each week. Second, and much more important, is the gift of knowing and understanding- the Mass readings and the homily mean so much more now that I can see the connections between the Old and New Testaments, when I better know and understand the context of the writings and know about the God-inspired authors of the Bible. The Bible has come alive for me, and that is truly a great gift!

I know that several other of our Serrans have already completed or are currently enrolled in the Denver Catholic Biblical School. One of the tenets of being a Serran is to answer our own call to holiness. That is perhaps the greatest gift of undertaking this long and not always easy journey- I know that my own relationship with God has been enriched in innumerable ways. "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" insisted St. Jerome. Based on my experience, I would like to encourage all of you to prayerfully consider taking on this four- year transformative journey.

Our August luncheon honoring our Religious Sisters was a joyous occasion! I want to thank all who graciously worked to make this event happen.

Now that our seminarians are back in school, please remember them in your prayers that they have a wonderful year of formation. They are an important part of the future of our Catholic Church and of our Diocese of Colorado Springs!

Jan Zabukovic

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.

And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
Their dignity stands all alone;

God bless them and keep them all holy
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better
Than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?

And when we are tempted and wander,
To pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us,
Not once, but again and again.

When the hour of death comes upon us,
May our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised over us in anointing
The beautiful hands of a priest!

Reprinted from the booklet, *"The Harvest is Abundant; Prayers for Vocations"* from Serra International.

Please join us for **1st Thursday Prayer Hour for Vocations!**
Serra- Prayer for Vocations Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Thursday, October 6 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

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. Patty O'Connell
2. Mary Ellen Castillo	12. Benjamin Beckner	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	

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

Fr. Brett Brannen, author of "To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood," will be the guest speaker at 'Serra Meets' via Zoom on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 10 AM (Mtn). <https://serraus.org/serra-meets/>

Nametags for Serra Members

If you have not yet received a name tag, please contact Eleanor at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net about having one ordered. They will cost about \$10 and she will need to know how the name is to be printed.

Serra District 6 Convention 2022, October 21-22

The Serra Club District 6 Convention 2022
“Witnesses of the Word”
Will be held Friday - Saturday, October 21-22
at St. Michael the Archangel Church
19099 E. Floyd Ave; Aurora, Colorado

Volunteers are needed to help with registration at this Conference, so please contact Eleanor at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net if you are able to help with Registration.

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!

Parish:

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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Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report August 2022

Starting Balance 8/1/2022	\$6287.56
Receipts	\$ 680.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 345.00
Accounts Payable	\$0000.00
Disbursements	\$1756.62
Balance 9/1/2022	\$5210.94
Savings	\$1038.68

The Serra International and Serra USA guidance to treasurers of small clubs like ours is to keep our total treasury under \$10-\$12K. At this level filing the required state and federal income tax documents are very easy. As you can see above our total treasury for our club is just above \$6K so we are well within the guidance. Since we do not have any major bills outstanding between now and the end of the year, I will seek permission from the Board to move about \$2K to savings. That will even out our accounts and achieve the balance between checking and savings that is desirable for small clubs. 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
Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini
And Rose Marie Stimpfl
Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo
Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley
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Priests Birthdays

Rev. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap	2-Sep
Rev. Robert Newbury, Jr.	13-Sep
Rev. Daniel Ayers	15-Sep
Rev. Marek Krol	19-Sep
Rev. David R. Price	19-Sep
Most Rev. James R. Golka	22-Sep
Rev. Brandon R. Berg, OFM, Cap.	24-Sep
Rev. Jeffrey A. Cooper, C.S.C.	24-Sep



**Serra Club
appreciation Mass/
luncheon for our
sisters in our
community**

**Left:
Sr. Linda**



**Left:
Fr Kyle Ingels,
vocations director.
Serra President Jan
Zabukovic.**

**Right:
Thanks to our table
decorators and set-up crew:
Charlene, Anna Maria,
Karen, and Eleanor**



**Left: Jerry, in
charge of BBQ**



Above: Sr. Salomi, Mary Helen Miller, Sr Sajeewa

UPCOMING SERRA MEETING – Thursday, Sept 15 at NOON

We will meet at the Newman Center, 4785 Stanton Road 80918. NO MASS. We will recite a Rosary for vocations starting at NOON, followed by lunch (see lunch info below).

Our Guest Speaker on Sept 15 will be Sister Linda Gonzalez, Director of Women’s Vocations for the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

Delicious box lunches (described below) will be available to pre-order. Joel will be sending an email to Serra members with ordering info shortly.

Non-members may request info from Beth Pressley, medmep@sbcglobal.net.

Pick a Salad, a Sandwich, and a Side:

(Sandwich) Choices 1, 2, & 3 = **\$13.00**

(Sandwich) Choice 4 = **\$14.00**

Two Salad Choices:

1. **Caesar Salad.** Romaine, parmesan and homemade black pepper focaccia croutons tossed with Caesar dressing. (vegetarian)
2. **Greek Salad.** Romaine, grape tomatoes, feta, red onions, kalamata olives, salt and pepper tossed in Greek dressing with a pepperoncini. (vegetarian)

Four Sandwich Choices:

1. **Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich:** Chicken raised without antibiotics tossed with diced celery, seedless grapes, toasted almonds and special dressing, and served with emerald green lettuce, vine-ripened tomatoes, salt, and pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough (\$13)
2. **Tuna Salad Sandwich:** Special recipe tuna salad, emerald green lettuce, tomatoes, red onions, salt and pepper on Black Pepper Focaccia (\$13)
3. **Turkey Sandwich:** Oven-roasted turkey breast raised without antibiotics, emerald greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, mayo, spicy mustard, salt and pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough. (\$13)
4. **Toasted Steak & White Cheddar:** Grass fed beef, Vermont white cheddar, pickled red onions and horseradish sauce on Artisan Ciabatta. (This option is \$14)

Two Side Options:

1. Potato Chips
2. Apple

Message from our Vocations Director

Dear Serrans:

It is hard to believe that summer is over. It went about as quickly as any summer I can remember. The seminarians are all back in school, and I am settling back in to a new semester at the Newman Center. I have been doing Campus Ministry now since 2014. Some days, it seems like I am going to be on campus forever!

This is the first academic year we do not have any new seminarians starting school. While there is an element of disappointment, I am also committed to quality over quantity. One priest put it very nicely when he said that maybe it is time for the field to be fallow so the harvest can come back even stronger.

Now more than ever, I commend to your prayers the men we do have discerning the priesthood for our Diocese. Society is more hostile than ever, and there are so many factors keeping men and women from being open to God's call. I do not doubt that God is calling, but listening to God's call is a great challenge for many people today. The work of parish vocation committees, the encouragement of the laity, and the important apostolate of Serra are more important than ever.

Please pray for people in your parish. Encourage them, and if you have names of men you would like for me to invite to upcoming events, please send me their name and contact information.

I will miss our September meeting because I will be in Nebraska visiting Joshua and Mark. Please pray for them as they finish their college studies and prepare for theology.

God bless you as we begin a new academic year. St. Junipero, pray for us!

Fr Kyle







(Click on following link to read Fr. Kyle's blog in the Catholic Herald)

[FATHER KYLE INGELS](#)

Pray for our Seminarians

Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

<https://www.diocs.org/About/Vocations/Seminarians>

Seminarians	Name & Address	Email Address
	<p>Anthony Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>a.p.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</p>
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	<p>Patrick DiLoreto Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>p.g.diloreto@email.msmary.edu</p>
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	<p>Thomas Pressley Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>t.l.pressley@email.msmary.edu</p>

Seminarians	Name & Address	Email Address
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	<p>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797</p>	<p>m.c.vacarodriguez@email.msmary.edu</p>
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	<p>Ian White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797</p>	
	<p>Joshua Wojcik St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434-8145</p>	<p>joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu</p>

September 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 (St. Joshua) <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	2 Fr. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap.	3 St. Gregory <u>Mark Gregory Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
4 The Holy Father and his intentions	5 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	7 The Church Around the World	8 <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Retired Priests of the Diocese
11 Dcn. Thomas Pressley Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Stephen Akujobi	13 Fr. Robert Newbury, Jr.	14 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
18 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 Fr. David Price	20 Fr. Marek Krol	21 Leaders who form the Seminarians	22 Most Rev. James Golka	23 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC
25 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap.	26 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	27 (St. Vincent) <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Holy Cross Novices	29 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	30 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	

Eternal Father, we lift up these seminarians and priests of our diocese. Sanctify them. Protect and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Underlined names are seminarians; Names in bold indicate the seminarian's birthday, and a priest's ordination anniversary



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
2 All men being Ordained this year	3 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	5 Fr. August Stewart	6 Fr. William Kraus, OFM Cap.	7 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	8 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 Fr. Timothy Corbley, IV DEI	10 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 Dcn. Thomas Pressley Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Kevin Ward Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	15 Fr. Brian Mohan
16 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC	18 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 Fr. Gene Emrisek, OFM Cap., 10/19/68	20 Transitional Deacons being Ordained this year	21 Military Chaplains	22 All the Clergy of the world
23 All the Seminaries of the world	24 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Holy Cross Novices	26 Retired Priests of the Diocese	27 <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	28 <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	29 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood
30 Fr. Hanh Pham, SJ	31 Fr. Michael Goodyear					