



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



FEBRUARY 2022

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs Newsletter

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear Fellow Serrans:

It's hard to believe that we are now already a month into the new year! Our St. Serra Club has once again entered a contest sponsored by Serra International/ Serra USA that is directed at increasing Serra membership around the world. We have been blessed to add three new members to our club in the past few months- Laura Jean Hawley, Bill McNamara and Beth Pressley. We are beginning this contest period with 38 members. Your Membership Vice-Presidents are planning several activities to hopefully increase our membership numbers. I am asking each of you to think about people in your life who might be interested in becoming a Serran and invite them to one of our Serra events. Membership growth is the job of all of us!

We celebrated our annual Anniversary Dinner in January. This was a wonderful evening that began with Mass celebrated by Bishop Golka. We were blessed to have music provided by the Air Force Academy Cadet Catholic Choir. Following Mass, Fr. Kyle and our District 6 Governor, Ralph Hooybeor, inducted our new Serra members. Following the induction, there was a wine and snack social hour; this time was a great time to socialize with the attendees and to find the perfect items to bid on for the silent auction. We all enjoyed a delicious meal catered by You and I Catering. After dinner, Bishop Golka shared his vocation story with us, and I know that all in attendance were touched and inspired by his story and by his humility in giving over his life to God. Bishop Golka's parents were founding members of the Grand Island, Nebraska, Serra Club; we are blessed to have a great supporter for our work in Bishop Golka, as Bishop Sheridan was in the past.

I want to personally thank everyone whose hard work made our Anniversary Dinner a great success. It took many willing hands to plan the dinner, to work with catering, to manage reservations, to set up and clean up, to act as bartenders during the social hour, and to make the auction a huge success! Thank you, Dennis, for being our photographer! Thanks to all who attended, including Ralph and his wife, clergy, guests and my fellow members. Last, but far from least, thanks to our chaplain, Fr. Kyle, for hosting our dinner at the Newman Center. We love you, Fr. Kyle, and are grateful for your loving care for all of us!

Jan Zabukovic



Our regular February meeting will be held at the Newman Center, Thursday February 17. Fr. Larry Brennan will celebrate Mass at 12:00 and will be our Speaker during our Luncheon, beginning at 12:45.. Lunch will be provided.

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

Father Kyle's Message

Dear Serrans:

Welcome to February! As I write this, I am getting ready to visit my dad and stepmom in Phoenix for a few days. It will be nice to have some sunshine.

Thank you all for your amazing work with the Serra Anniversary Dinner. It was a beautiful evening. I know we all enjoyed the time together and Bishop Golka's amazing talk. We could not have done it without your hard work.

As we get ready for Lent, now is the time for us to think about our specific Lenten prayer requests. I ask you to pray for our seminarians, especially for our men preparing for ordination. Also, please pray for those who are discerning the seminary. I am in the process of revamping our application process, and we have formed a committee to interview prospective candidates. We want to continue to send only the very best candidates. As a diocese, we pride ourselves on having the very best seminarians!

Thank you for your support of our clergy, seminarians, and men and women in consecrated life. Please continue to pray for me as I navigate the many tasks to which I have been entrusted. I hope to see you soon!

St. Junipero, pray for us!

In Christ, Fr Kyle

Wanted: visitors for Janelle O'Keeffe. I recently visited Janelle at MacKenzie Place. She is in independent living, room 216. She told me how much she would enjoy seeing her fellow Serrans for visits, to play games, or just to say hello. If you have some time, please let Fr Kyle know.



Reminder: The dues for this year for our St Serra Club were due last month. Mail your check to; St. Serra Club, 228 N Cascade Ave Colo Springs, CO 80903

Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic
Vice-President – Pat Van Matre
Secretary – Marty Broestl
Treasurer – Claudine Duncan
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, Eleanor Gentilini and Rose Marie Stimpfl
Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo

From Rose Marie Stimpfl

The **US Membership Zoom meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 15, at 6:20 PM (Mtn). The speakers will be John Hickey, VP of Membership/Communication with the St. Serra Club of Worcester South, MA. and Jim Henscheld, VP of Membership with the St. Serra Club of Des Moines, Iowa.

Meeting ID: 820 7056 8390 Passcode: 496946 Phone: 1-346-248-7799

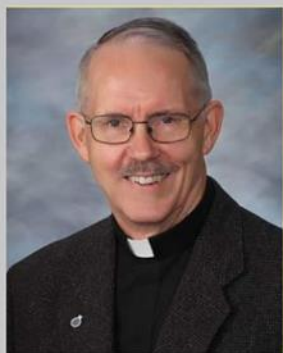
The Serra International Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada on July 14-17, 2022.

Thank you.

Rose Marie



Our Next Serra Meets: Feb. 12, 2022



Please join us for our next installment of "Serra Meets" on Feb. 12, 2022, when we will meet Fr. Tom Aschelman SVD, president of Divine Word Seminary College, in Epworth, Iowa. Prior to that, he served as Chicago provincial superior of the Society of the Divine Word. A 1976 graduate of the college, his previous assignments have included working in the barrios of Mexico and in top administrative roles with the order in Rome. Fr. Tom completed a doctorate in Religion and Cultures at Catholic University of America in 1991. He has written and spoken widely on missionary identity and practice. Fr. Aschelman will speak on the topic: "Cultivating Unusual Friendships – Being a Missionary (and Serran) Today."

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at 11 a.m. Central Time, please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVlKlVhYXNlbnkpkUT09>

Passcode: 853558

Or iPhone one-tap : US: +13126266799,,95992451924#,,,,,0#,,853558# or +13017158592,,95992451924#,,,,,0#,,853558#

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Webinar ID: 959 9245 1924 **Passcode:** 853558

International numbers: <https://zoom.us/j/95992451924>

The recorded video will appear here shortly after.

the 31 club



New Year's Resolutions

As we end 2021, the year of cancellations and postponements, let's remember our priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious with a renewed enthusiasm for prayer in 2022. Their vocations continue to develop even through a pandemic, so they need our continued spiritual support. If you have already joined the Serra 31 Club, please continue to attend Mass once a month and pray for vocations. If not, you can start by choosing a set day every month that you will attend Mass and offer it for vocations. If you would like to participate, please let me know at csserran@comcast.net so we can keep track of who has which day. When we have 31 people participating, we will have a Mass every day of every month for vocations. We can expect great fruit from this Serra Club activity.

Another opportunity to support vocations is to offer a Mass at your parish for seminarians, priests and religious from the Serra Club. For example, I'm having a Mass celebrated on February 22 at St Patrick. The intention in the bulletin says "For all seminarians from the Serra Club". Later in the year, I will offer a Mass for priests and religious. If you had a Mass said for vocations once or twice a year, you would not only be supporting vocations, but also encouraging your parish to pray as well. Let your whole parish see that the Serra Club is serious about promoting vocations. Your pastor will also appreciate the ongoing support.

Please add these suggestions to your New Year's resolutions list and have a blessed 2022.

Charlene

**The St Serra Club Anniversary Dinner, Special Guest Speaker Bishop James Golka
January 24th - Saint John Henry Newman Chapel & Catholic Student Center**



Air Force Academy Choir



New members Laura Jean Hawley & Beth Pressley







AWARDS

From Eleanor Gentilini - Anniversary Dinner Auction Repoart

The silent auction held during our Anniversary Celebration was a great success due to the generosity of our Serrans in both donating and purchasing. We were able to offer a wide variety of beautiful and meaningful religious items, many donated by our charter member, Charlene Pardo. Among these were a large Lladro statue of "Our Lady with Flowers", a print of "Holy Trinity" - an icon by Russian artist Andrej Rublev and a print of "Head of Christ" by Rembrandt. Of the 46 items up for bid, 44 were purchased. We took in a total of \$811 to be used in our work of fostering, supporting and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We want to thank all those who participated, and we look forward to next year's celebration.

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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

Deacon Albert Kimminau 02/05/00

Deacon Steven Prebeck 02/12/00

Deacon Rudolfo Gonzales 02/14/00

Deacon Lynn Sherman 02/18/00

"Deacon Clifford Donnelly, III" 02/20/00

Deacon Robert Cole 02/22/00

Deacon Michael Crocker 02/24/00

Deacon Jacob Shafer 02/26/00

Deacon Eugene Eastham 02/28/00