



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs Newsletter

MARCH 2022

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear Fellow Serrans,

We are now entering the penitential season of Lent in preparation for Easter. Lent is designed for reflection and for preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Each year at this time, we think about what we want to do or give up during Lent. We are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this season. Today, I watched a video by Fr. Mike Schmitz, who is likely familiar to most of you. Fr. Mike encouraged us to pick something in each of those three areas as our Lenten penances. He suggested we pick one prayer related thing to do that will draw us closer to God, something like spending 15 minutes reading scripture and reflecting on what we read. For fasting, he reminded that fasting does not have to be restricted to food or drink but can include anything in our life whose absence or smaller presence would help us to purify our life and conform us more to living as Jesus taught- something like giving up some of the time we spend on social media or watching television or movies and spending that time in a different way. Finally, for almsgiving, he talked about it not being restricted to money things but also can mean giving time and treasure to others. He talked about discipline as being a good trait that is focused on us and what we do and generosity being a good trait that is focused on others. He said that discipline doesn't expand the heart, but generosity does.

Perhaps the most thought provoking idea he shared was that the best place to start as we identify our Lenten sacrifices was by going to God in prayer and asking this question; "God, what is it that you want me to give to you this Lent?"

During this Lenten Season, as we prepare ourselves to focus on the Passion of Christ and then rejoice in his Resurrection, I encourage each of us to imagine Lent and Easter without a Priest! That is the reality for some Catholics who do not have regular access to a priest and the Sacraments. Let's remember to add some extra prayers for an increase in vocations, for those in formation and for those discerning. This is a very busy time for our priests so don't forget to thank them for their vocations and for shepherding us through this very special season.

Jan Zabukovic



Pope Francis appealed again today, Feb. 27, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for "the silencing of the guns" and the opening of humanitarian corridors to those fleeing the war. "God is with those who work for peace, not with those who use violence," he said.

"I invite everyone to make March 2, Ash Wednesday, a day of prayer and of fasting for peace in Ukraine," he said, repeating his appeal of last week. He called on people to make it "a day to be close to the suffering of the people of the Ukraine, a day to feel that we are all brothers and sisters and to implore God for the end of the war."

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.

Our March 17th St Serra Club meeting will be at the Saint John Henry Newman Center.

Address is; 4785 STANTON RD, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

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.

Our Guest Speaker will be Joyce Stolberg. Joyce will be speaking on a vocation that most people don't know much about: The Consecrated Virgin in the World. . Joyce was consecrated by Bishop Sheridan on October 30, 2011. She is one of 4 Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Joyce will speak on the biblical history of Consecrated Virgins and on her own vocation.

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 lunch. Lunch will consist of Croissant chicken sandwiches, potato salad, tossed green salad and dessert bars. **Reservation are required, and will cost \$8.00,** cash to be collected at the Luncheon. Email follow-up next week.

Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Pat Van Matre

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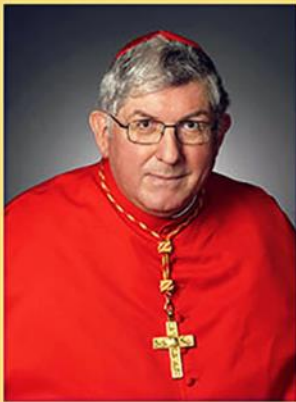
Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo



Serra MEETS

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

Our Next Serra Meets: March 12, 2022



Please join us for our next installment of "Serra Meets" on March 12, 2022, for a visit with Serra International's beloved Episcopal Adviser, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVIhyYXNlbnkpkUT09>

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

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The recorded video will appear here shortly after.

the 31 club



UPDATE FROM Charlene Pardo

Dear Serrans,

Thank you so much for volunteering to participate in the 31 Club. We still have dates available, so please prayerfully consider offering one Mass a month for vocations if you have not already done so. Contact Charlene at csserran@comcast.net for more information and to get a pocket sized reminder card.

1 Rose Marie Stimpfl

2 Mary Ellen Castillo

3 Dennis and Jan Palsgrove

4 Ray Gentilini

5 Bill McNamara

6 Marty Broestl and Loretta Bocast

7 Mary Helen Miller

8 Nell Smith

9 Kathy Bull

10 Pat Van Matre

11 Laura Jean Hawley

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13 Helene Knapp

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15 Joel Kostyrka

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19 Charlene Pardo

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21 Jerry Schaefer

22 Sue Harman

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30 Jon and Claudine Duncan

31 Connie Pratt

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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

Bishop Michael J. Sheridan	03/04/00
Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP	03/17/00
Rev. Bradford Noonan	03/21/00
Rev. C. Chance Billmeyer	03/22/00
Rev. John Stearns	04/03/00
Rev. Vince Hovley, SJ	04/10/00
Rev. Jason Keas	04/12/00
Rev. Erin Kochivar	04/12/00
Rev. Francisco J. Quezada	04/17/00
Rev. Timothy O'Connell	04/27/00
Rev. Mark Zacker	04/27/00