



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



OCTOBER 2021

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs Newsletter

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear fellow Serrans,

As I shared last month, I have been listening to Fr. Mike Schmitz's daily Bible in a Year podcasts, and those quiet times spent with him reading and reflecting on the bible have been a great way to end my day with God's word. Last night's reading included Chapter 4 in the Book of Esther: "...and who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Fr. Mike encouraged us to reflect on what this might mean for us and I've been thinking about that in relation to my call to be a Serran. Like many of you, I knew nothing about Serra Club; it was only through my essay for our Club's Priesthood Sunday program that I heard about Serra Club and received a subsequent invitation to attend the Club's Membership Luncheon with Bishop Sheridan. I went to that luncheon with encouragement from my Pastor but with no real plans to join. The Holy Spirit had a different idea, and, to my surprise, I felt called to become a Serran. Each of us has accepted that call from God to promote, affirm, and support vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. We have been put "here" for such a time as this. Our work is so important always, but in the turbulence of today's world it is so apparent that we- and the world- need spiritual guidance. The grace we receive in the Sacraments enables us to do what we, as Serrans, are called to do and that Sacramental Grace is made available to us through our Priests! I encourage all of us to take some time to reflect on what we are called to do, what we accepted as our lay vocation when we were initiated into Serra Club.



Our St. Serra Club continues to hold Zoom Holy Hour every first Thursday of the month; we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary together. If you've not yet joined us for this time together in prayer, please plan on joining us soon! We have started meeting in person again, usually on the third Thursday of most months at the Newman Center. The board is committed to planning the meetings to be safely held for all of our members and guests. Due to the October District 6 Serra Convention, we will not be holding a regular gathering in October. Our next gathering is scheduled for November 16 at the Newman Center. Please check the newsletters for more information about that gathering.

The October Serra District 6 Convention, to be hosted by our group at the Newman Center, is approaching. The planning committee is working to make the in-person convention a safe and responsible gathering in light of COVID.

Please keep our seminarians, Priests and religious in your prayers. If you have not yet signed up to "adopt" a seminarian, please contact Jon Duncan. We have new seminarians that will need to have a sponsor and of course each seminarian can have more than one sponsor!

Jan Zabukovic

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

Father Kyle's Message

Dear Serrans:

Thank you for the beautiful card and gift for Priesthood Sunday! I loved receiving it and the message inside was very nice. It is an honor for serve you as a priest and as your Chaplain.

We are all gearing up for a busy October. The seminarians have some time off for fall break, and some of them will be home. I am look forward to connecting with them. In November, I will be visiting both St Greg's and Mount St Mary's, so I will send the men your best and assure them of your prayers.

I hosted another vocation event on October 2. This event was for college-age men and up. Please pray for men who are discerning to contact the vocation office. I remember many years ago how much courage it takes to make that call. I know our vocation team training on October 30 will help all of us learn more skills to help identify and support vocations.

Know of my prayers for you, and I will see you soon!

St. Junipero, pray for us!

Fr Kyle



PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY TRAINING

Our diocese is hosting the Parish Vocations Ministry workshop on Saturday, October 30, at our beautiful Newman Center. The workshop is titled, "IGNITE." The trainers will be referring to the very valuable material known as the Serra Promotion and Resource Kit (Serra SPARK). After the parish representatives complete the training on October 30, Serra members are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering to be a mentor to an assigned parish. The mentor would contact the parish representative on a monthly basis for one year. The mentor will offer encouragement, support, and advice as indicated. As Serrans, we want to help parishes create a culture of vocations. If you were unable to attend the mentor training last Saturday and would like to learn more about the mentor's responsibilities, please contact Rose Marie. Dr. Anne Roat, USA Council VP of Vocations will be informed of your interest.

As our club is assisting Fr. Kyle in hosting this training, **please notify Jan if you are available to assist** in setting up and serving breakfast and/or lunch for the attendees of this very important training ministry.

Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Pat Van Matre

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Tom Plush

VP Vocations – Claudine and Jon Duncan

VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer

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VP Membership – Joel Kostyrka, Sue Harmon & Anna Marie Trupp-Hughes

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Trustees – Charlene Pardo and Eleanor Gentilini

,Serra Foundation - Charlene Pardo

Membership Report

Greetings from your Membership committee!

We are planning on a Membership Event sometime after the first of the year (early 2022) – perhaps a wine & cheese type event to allow prospective members to meet the members of our Serra apostolate. Your board felt that due to the District Convention in October & then the holidays afterwards, there was too much going on.

However, please still be thinking of prospective St Serra Club members you may be encountering -- who may be interested in joining. Such persons include the following: People who attend weekday masses & adorations, parents & relatives of priests, seminarians, and deacons, your parish vocation committee members, your parish council members, parents of altar servers in your parish, and those Catholics you encounter whose parish does not have any Serra members.

– Joel, Anna Maria, and Sue



Our Next Serra Meets: November 13, 2021



Please join us for our next installment of "Serra Meets" on November 13, 2021 when we will visit with John Zimmer, Vice President of Apostolic Development for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

On Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. Central Time, please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVIhyYXNlNkpkUT09>

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International numbers: <https://zoom.us/u/adbeNijV4e>

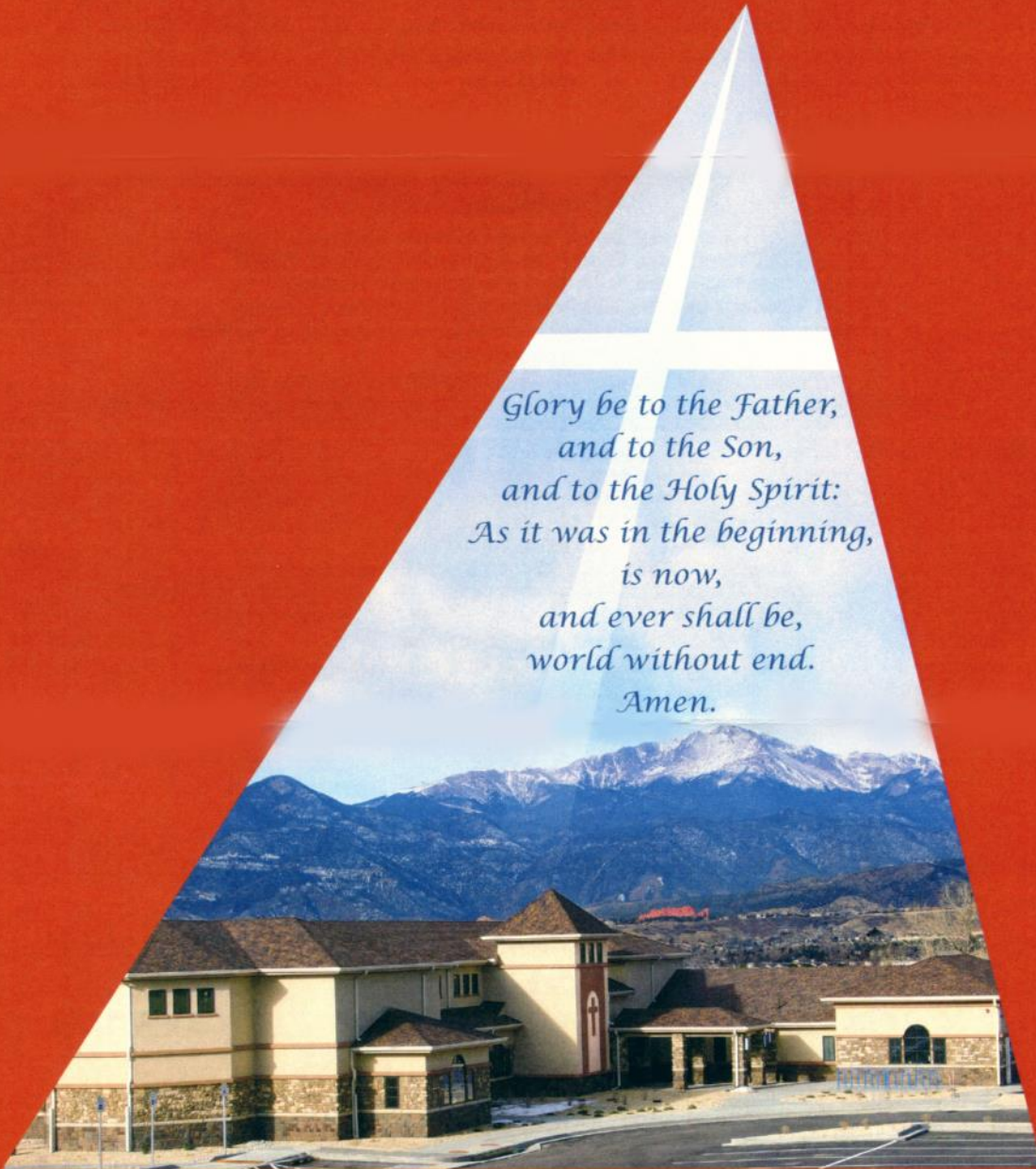
The recorded video will appear here shortly after.

Serra District 6 Convention October 22 and 23, 2021

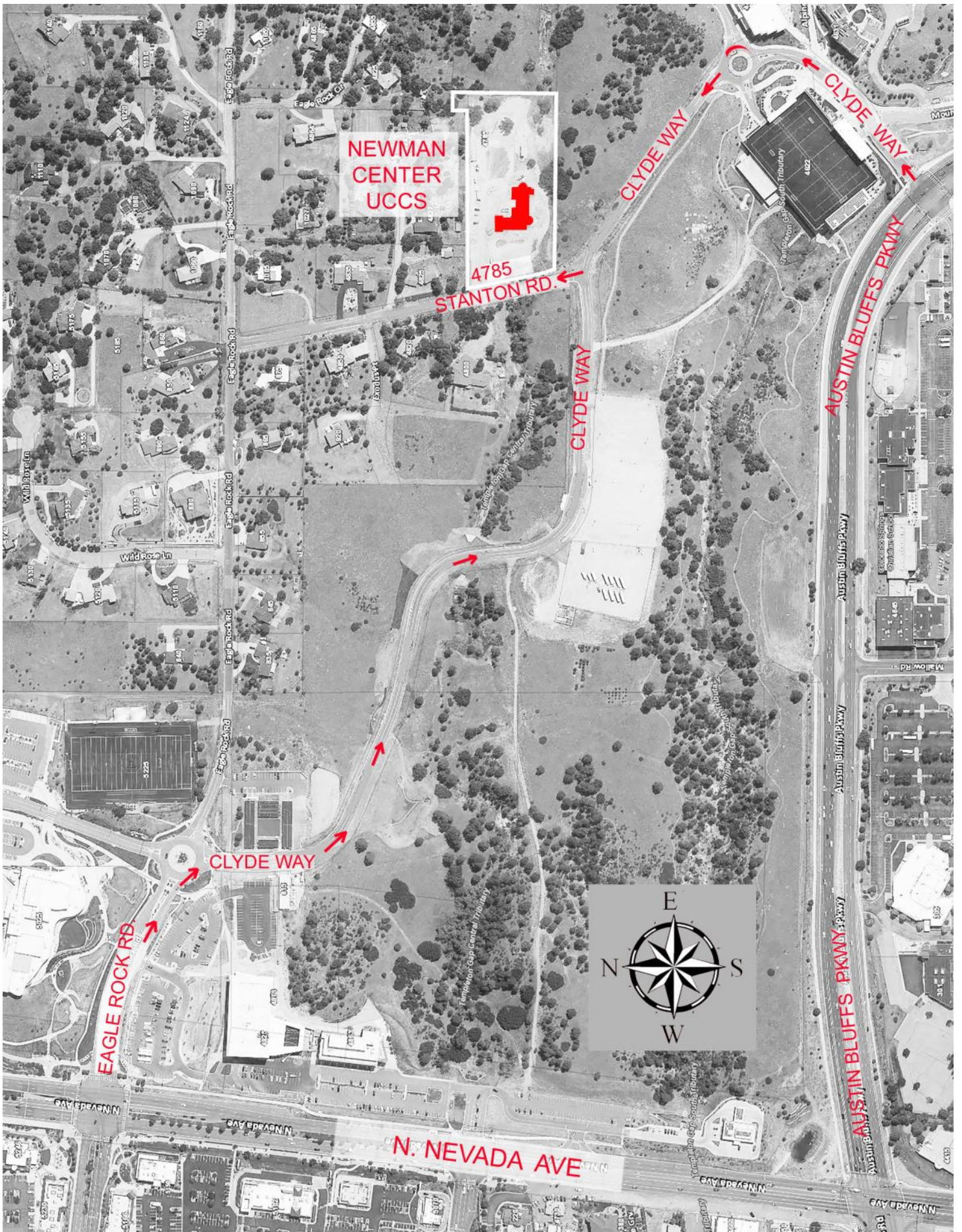


God's Call to Holiness Transcends Generations
St. John Henry Newman Catholic Student Center
Diocese of Colorado Springs

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.*



MAP TO THE NEWMAN CENTER



Serra District 6 Convention October 22 and 23, 2021

Theme: God's Call to Holiness Transcends Generations

Location: St. John Henry Newman Catholic Student Center

4785 Stanton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Friday 10/22

Social Gathering

Dinner

Keynote Presentation, Richard Ariens, President of Serra USA Council

Saturday 10/23

Mass at Newman Chapel, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch

Presenters:

Fr. Kyle Ingles, Chaplain, Newman Catholic Student Center

Fr. Carl Wertin, Vocations Director, Diocese of Pueblo

Student Presentation

Doug Berg, Pueblo Club

Nancy Akers, Aurora Club

Workshops:

CSU RAM Catholic Overview

History of St. Junipero Serra

Woman's Story (pending)

VOCATIONS





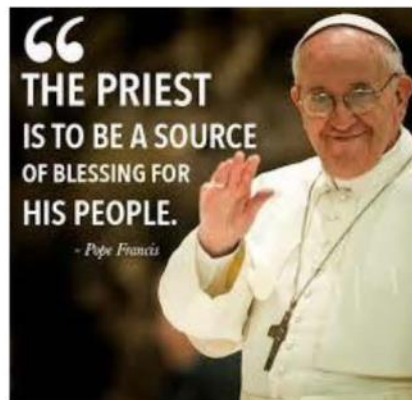
The Serra Club
of Colorado Springs
Presents



Priesthood Appreciation Contest!!

In celebration of Priesthood Sunday

September 26, 2021



Theme: Priests Bringing Hope through the Eucharist

Create an essay, encouraging letter, poem, artwork, video or thank you card to the priest

Submissions Due: October 15, "virtually" submit to:
serracosprings@gmail.com

Winners: There will be 3 winners for each of the following (4) groups:
(1) Pre-K to 1st Grade (2) Grades 2-4 (3) Grades 5-8 (4) Grades 9-12

The winners will be announced during National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 7-13)

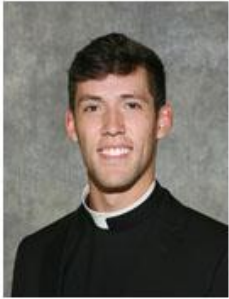
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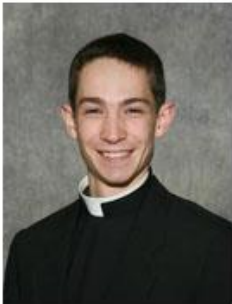
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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



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 and Anniversaries

Rev. August Stewart	10/05
Rev. Timothy Corbley, IV DEI "	10/09
Rev. Brian Mohan	10/15
Rev. James Gordon, FSSP"	10/20
Rev. Michael K. Goodyear	10/30
Rev. Hanh Pham, SJ"	10/30
Rev. John Auer	10/31
Rev. Kirk Slattery	11/03
Deacon Andrew Dunnam	10/04
Deacon Edward DeMattee	10/05
Deacon Timothy Walsh	10/17
Deacon Richard Wilburn	10/23
Deacon Robert Elliott	10/24
Deacon James Bacht	11/03