



Saint Serra

Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



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JANUARY 2021

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

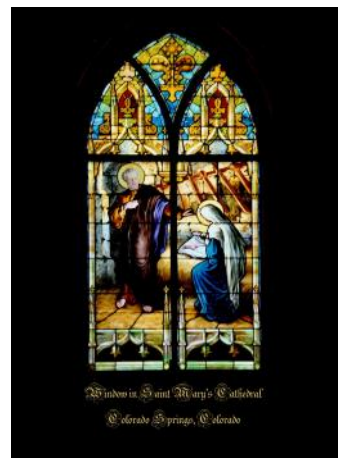
Dear Fellow Serrans:

Happy New Year to all of you! The beginning of a new calendar year is a time to reflect on our lives, both spiritually and in the physical world. Reflecting on the past year is not always an easy thing to do. Sometimes painful memories are brought to the surface, sometimes we feel guilt about lost opportunities or sorrow over mistakes we have made. But I hope that we also reflect on the good and celebrate growth in our relationship to God, in listening to what God is calling each of us to do, and in putting aside our personal agendas and truly giving ourselves over to the service of God. The New Year is a time to thank and praise God for the gifts of the year gone by and to ask him to help us be his humble and obedient servants in the year to come.

All of our Serra Club has a reason to celebrate as we close what has been a challenging year. In just a couple of short months, our effort to fund the St. Serra stained glass window in the soon to open Newman Center Chapel has been a wonderful success! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we raised enough funds to not only sponsor the window but also to sponsor the credence table, which will be used at the Masses in the new chapel. Many thanks to all who donated and prayed for the success of this project. We can all look forward to seeing "our" window in person when we are able to celebrate Mass with our chaplain, Fr. Kyle, in the new chapel.

May the year 2021 be one of peace, health, love and happiness for all of you and your families.

Jan Zabukovic



Window in Saint Mary's Cathedral
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Continue to pray for all our members during the very difficult time, especially: Barbie Henry, Maralyn Legleiter, Betty Plush, Janelle O'Keeffe, healing for Denny and for Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Joe DeBenedittis.

Special prayers for Jan Zabukovic's Brother and Sister-in-law; Mike and Jean Scott who are suffering with Covid-19. And all our members who have been affected by the virus.

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Chaplain Father Kyle Ingels Message

Dear Serrans

Merry Christmas! I still can't believe it's been so long since I've seen many of you. I am very tired of our virtual gatherings, as I'm sure many of you are as well. At least, we are able to maintain even a little bit of community.

The seminarians have had a nice visit, and many of them are still home. We have a new seminarian, Patrick DiLoreto, who has transferred to us from the Archdiocese of Denver. Patrick will be living with me and at Holy Apostles until he resumes his studies at Mount St Mary's this coming fall. We are happy to have him!

I ask your special prayers for Matt Kane and Will Dwayer, who are scheduled to be ordained deacons this May. We hope to have more information about their ordination soon.

Thank you for all of your lovely Christmas notes, prayer, and treats. I deeply appreciate your kindness.

Know of my prayers for the New Year, and I hope to talk to you soon.

St Junipero, pray for us!

God bless, Fr Kyle



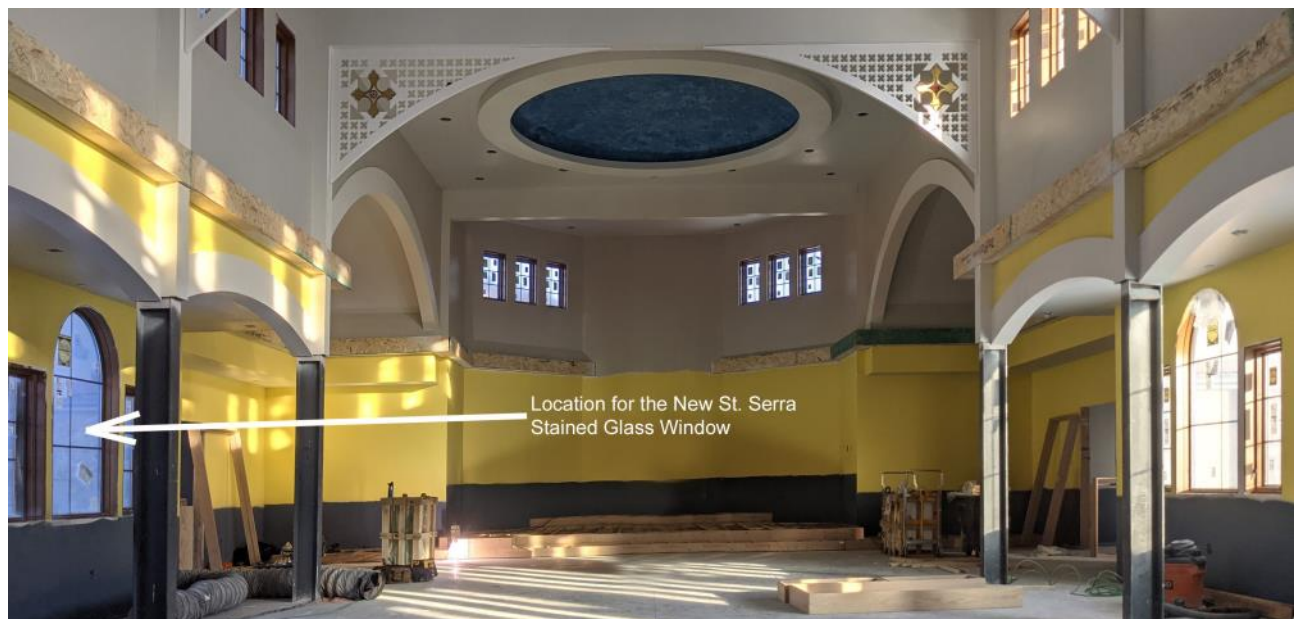
Progress on construction of the new Newman Center Chapel at UCCS continues





Saint Junipero Serra stained glass window for the new Newman Center Chapel at UCCS report

As Serrans, we are looking forward to the completion of the Catholic Student Center, as a way of keeping college students close to their faith and creating an environment that will foster vocations. Since the beginning of September, we have been soliciting contributions for sponsoring the cost of a stained-glass window depicting Saint Junipero Serra, our Patron Saint, to adorn the student chapel. We are happy to announce that the results of this endeavor went beyond our expectations. Through the generosity of over 30 of our members and past members, we have received enough funds, not only for the Serra window, but the purchase of the Credence Table as well. The Credence Table stands in the sanctuary and holds the chalice, paten, and other items used at every Mass. A big thank you to all who have contributed as we await the opening of this wonderful gathering place.



Serra Club Current Officers:

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Vacant

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Tom Plush

VP Vocations – Claudine and Jon Duncan

VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer

VP Communications – Dennis Palsgrove

VP Membership – Pat Van Matre and Joel Kostyrka

Newsletter Editor – Dennis Palsgrove

Trustees – Charlene Pardo and Eleanor Gentilini

Vocation Report Claudine and Jon Duncan

Thank you to those who participated, contributed, and helped get the word out for the Priesthood Appreciation Contest. We will be delivering the prizes to the parishes for them to distribute soon.

We have our Serra Prayer for Vocations & Rosary on the first Thursday of each month at 3 pm. The Zoom details will be sent prior to the event.

As a reminder, our daily Holy Rosary prayer is still going on, led by Marty's husband, Lee Broestl. Thank you to those that have been joining.

- Weekdays at **5 pm**
- Weekends at **8 am**

- Dial-in #: 1-813-769-0500, passcode: 820-308-393

Or

- Join via your PC / Mobile Device: www.joinme.com, meeting code: 820 308 393

Please continue your prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Jon & Claudine Duncan



Report; St Serra Club ZOOM meeting of December 17th.

Bishop Sheridan celebrated Mass in the Cathedral and following Mass distributed the awards to the winners of the Priesthood Appreciation Contest. He and a limited number of our members and guests were able to gather in the Cathedral Center where Bishop continued our ZOOM meeting with his presentation.



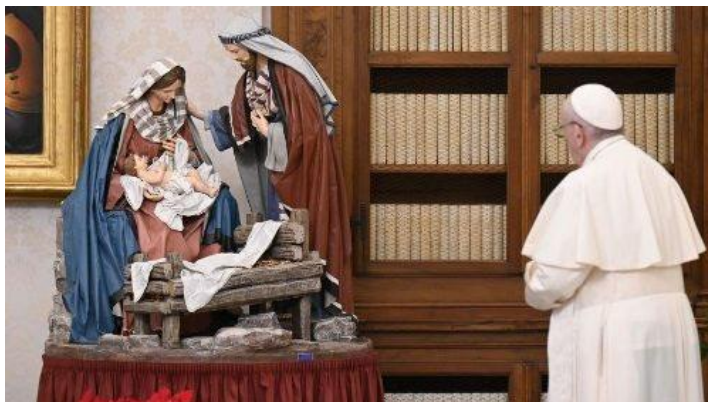
SAVE THE DATE *** MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 7th at 3:00pm An online “ZOOM” Prayer time. We will begin with praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will also be saying the Rosary for Vocations . Jon Duncan will host the ZOOM meeting and will send an email invitation to each member with login information.. Join the ZOOM Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/9955357113> Meeting ID: 995 535 7113 And/or, dial-in 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

January 21st 12:00pm The Serra Club’s monthly meeting will begin at 12 noon. We will begin with Mass shared via ZOOM.. Following the mass, Jerry Schaefer will host our meeting. This will also be broadcasted over ZOOM.

Join the ZOOM Meeting <https://ZOOM.us/j/9955357113> Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

For those who are not familiar with ZOOM, it is an application for your smart phone, tablet, or computer to provide shared video and audio chat services.



Pope Francis on Sunday invited the faithful to invite God into their homes, their families, to share with Him their frailties and fears to allow Him to change their lives.

Speaking during the Angelus on the second Sunday after Christmas, the Pope contemplated the tenderness of the Child Jesus in the crib and reflected on the Gospel of John (*Jn* 1:1) explaining that, especially in the prologue, “it tells us about Him before He was born.”

He said that the apostle uses similar words to those used in the Bible with the account of Creation but says that today “the One we contemplated at His Birth, existed before: before things began, before the universe. He existed before space and time. “In Him was life” (*Jn* 1:4), before life appeared.”

The fact that Jesus was, from the very beginning, the Word, Pope Francis continued, “means that from the beginning God wants to communicate with us, He wants to talk to us.”

The Son of the Father, Pope Francis explained, “wants to tell us about the beauty of being children of God,” he wants to remove the darkness of evil from us: “He is ‘the life’ who knows our lives and wants to tell us that He has always loved them.”

“Jesus is the eternal Word of God, who has always thought of us and wanted to communicate with us,” he said. The Pope explained that thus, as today’s Gospel tells us, Jesus went beyond words, and indeed, “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”



SERRA INTERNATIONAL 2020 Year in Review

A Year Like No Other

At least 75% of 2020 put the world under lockdown and other restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, but Serrans forged ahead with its vocations mission.

- Our January 2020 Serra Rally inspired 100 attendees with 17 presenters.
- The Serra International Convention in New Orleans was postponed to 2022.
- The Serra International Foundation raised over \$30,000 to help restore the San Gabriel Mission in California damaged by fire
- 3 new clubs were chartered in 2020: Kasane, Nigeria; Oklahoma City, USA; St. Louis, Thailand

Zooming into 2021:

Online Training, Lectures and Meetings

Serrans bravely stepped into new ways of sharing ideas when meeting in person became impossible.

- Serra staff set up Gmail accounts for Serra clubs so they could meet using Google's meeting platform.
- 15 videos from the 2020 Serra Rally were edited and uploaded to www.serraus.org for club program use
- "Serra Meets," a series of monthly online vocations lectures, was launched in December 2020



~13,750

Number of Serrans worldwide*

USA: 7,500**	Thailand: 200
Brazil: 3,000	Mexico: 200
Italy: 1,500	Australia: 100
Philippines: 500	Great Britain: 100
Canada: 500	Paraguay: 150

*Membership counts are approximate

** USA Council gained 350 members as a result of the Missionaries of St. Junipero Serra Membership Contest

More Behind the Scenes Staff Support



- Streamlined the Serra International Foundation grant application process by moving it to a digital system
- Placed hundreds of "wellness check" phone calls to club and district leaders
- Arranged 12 global rosaries for vocations prayed via conference call

Our Serra Publications Kept Us Connected

- Published 4 issues of *The Serran* magazine in print and online
- Published 26 issues of the Always Forward, Never Back online newsletter
- Composed and shared 42 daily Lenten reflections and 26 Advent calendar "gifts"
- Expanded our social media presence with our brand new Instagram accounts, [serra_international](#) and [serra_international_esp](#)



HAPPY NEW YEAR
FELIZ AÑO NUEVO
MANIGONG BAGONG TAON
SAWATDEE PI MAI
BUON ANNO

We Look Forward to Serving You in 2021!

St. Junipero Serra, Pray for Us!
Mary, Mother of Vocations, Pray for Us!



HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU
BONNE ANNEE
E KU ODUN, E KU IYEDUN
GONG HEI FAT CHOY
FELIZ AÑO NOVO



Serra MEETS

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER!

**An online speaker series
with vocations in mind**

**Saturday,
January 16, 2021
11 a.m. CST**

Joining us will be:

**His Eminence Thomas
Cardinal Collins,
Episcopal Adviser for
Serra International**

Happening on Zoom:

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Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins was born and raised in Guelph, Ontario. He considered being a teacher or a lawyer but was profoundly inspired by his Grade 11 English teacher, Father Newstead, who suggested that he should consider the priesthood. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 5, 1973 in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, by Most Reverend Paul Reding.

While studying in Rome, specializing in sacred scripture and the Book of Revelation, he received his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1978 and a Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University in 1986.

After holding various academic appointments, in 1997 he was appointed as Bishop of Saint Paul, Alberta. Two years later, he was named the Archbishop of Edmonton. In 2001, while in Edmonton he was named Apostolic Administrator of Saint Paul. In December 2006, he was appointed as the Archbishop of Toronto, and installed in January 2007. On January 6, 2012, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of Cardinal Collins to the College of Cardinals. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals as Cardinal Priest of San Patrizio on February 18, 2012.

Cardinal Collins has been the Episcopal Adviser for Serra International since 2017. He has been a wonderful guide and advocate for Serra, and for vocations. We are honored to have him speak at Serra Meets on Jan. 16, 2021.



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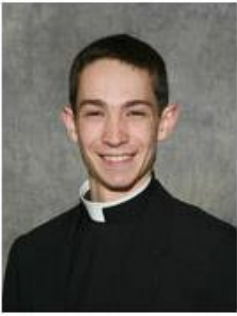
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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



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

1/6 Rev. Jim Williams birthday

1/21 Rev. Stephen Parlet birthday

2/4 Rev. James Baron birthday

2/10 Rev. Brian Roeseler birthday

2/13 Rev. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap ordination anniversary

2/17 Rev. Dennis Grabrian birthday

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.
BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST
THE WICKEDNESS AND
SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM
WE HUMBLY PRAY;
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE
OF THE HEAVENLY HOST,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
CAST INTO HELL SATAN
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL THROUGH THE
WORLD SEEKING THE
RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.

