



**ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS
NEWSLETTER – January 2023
“Always forward, never back”**

President Janet Zabukovic’s Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

Happy New Year to all of you! The beginning of a new calendar year holds great opportunities for all of us. It is a time to reflect on our lives, both spiritually and in the physical world. Many of you might have made New Year’s Resolutions, ways in which you hope to grow perhaps both in your earthly lives as well as spiritually. Through God’s merciful love and forgiveness, we are afforded another opportunity for renewal. 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.

I would ask each of us to spend some time reflecting on our call to be Serrans. According to Serra International, each of you are one of only 14,750 Serrans worldwide and one of only 7,500 Serrans in the United States! That’s a pretty small number when you consider the estimated 7.837 BILLION people in the world and the roughly 61.9 MILLION Catholics in the United States. I was amazed when I read those numbers yesterday. Those numbers alone should make us all aware that we all need to work to grow our membership- more Catholics committed to the cause of supporting vocations. Our membership Vice-President, Pat Van Matre, is already working on plans for a couple of events to grow our local apostolate. Please be thinking of people to invite to these events, men and women of all ages who might want to share your commitment.

Thanks to all of you who helped to make our Christmas Luncheon with the seminarians such a great

success! We loved having almost all our seminarians and their family members and friends as our guests. Please remember to pray for those who are discerning, for our seminarians who are preparing themselves for the Priesthood, and for our Priests who are fulfilling their vocations in service to God and to us, the Body of the Church. Remember that without our Priests, there would be no Mass, no Eucharist, and no sacraments! Also remember the Deacons, religious Brothers, and Sisters in your prayers as they, too, serve our Catholic Church.

May the calendar year 2023 be one of peace, love and happiness for you and your families.
Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Loretta Bocast, Janet Clouse, Rudy & Maralyn Legleiter, Betty Plush, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Bishop Richard Hanifen. *Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.*

1st Thursday Prayer Hour - Thursday, January 5

Please join us for the **Serra Prayer for Vocations Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Monthly from 11:00am - noon on the first Thursday.

We have returned to **in-person** prayers at **St. Mary's Cathedral.**

Prayers begin at 11am; you are welcome to stay for Mass at 12:10pm.

The Rosary and Chaplet will also still be available on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thursday, January 5 at 11:00am

<https://zoom.us/j/9955357113>

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

We Need More Prayers for Vocations!

We are asking all Serra members and friends to please take time to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for vocations on First Thursdays at 11:00am or any other time, at your parish or at home, even if you are not able to participate with us in-person or online.

Please also consider joining the 31 Club (to pray for vocations one day a month) or Seven Serran Prayer Program (to pray for our Vocations Director), described in this Newsletter!

Serra Meets, Saturday, Jan 14, 2023 at 10am MT

Cardinal Tom Collins, Serra International Episcopal Adviser, will present live from the Serra Rally Convention!

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09> **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

Saint Serra Anniversary Dinner **and Silent Auction**

*Join us to celebrate Vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life in Colorado Springs*

Chaplain John Fletcher, USArmy

Guest Speaker

Monday, January 9th, 2023

St. John Henry Newman Chapel

and Catholic Student Center

4785 Stanton Road, 80918

5:00pm Mass - Social - Dinner

\$45 per person

Bring a Priest or Sister - \$25

(One \$25 guest per reservation, others welcome at \$45)

(Please detach and mail with your check)

Name(s) _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Number attending _____ X \$ 45 _____
 Priest/Sister attending _____ X \$ 25 _____
 Name of Guest(s) _____
 Donation to Serra Apostolate \$ _____
 Total Amount \$ _____

NEW DEADLINE!!! RSVP by Wednesday, January 4 by noon

(Cash or Check only) Make check payable to Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs, call # below for pick-up!
 For further information: email SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net or call 719-576-0641

Gifts are needed for the silent auction. They can be new or vintage religious items, gift certificates for dinner, artwork, books, or other gem you may want to donate. Contact: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net or 719-375-5486.

Serran Apostolate Treasurer’s Report – January 1, 2023

Starting Balance 12/1/2022	\$2,267.91
Receipts	\$1130.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 140.00
Accounts Payable	\$2,709.00
Disbursements	\$200.00
Savings	\$2,505.00
Checking Balance 12/31/2022	\$3,197.91

The majority of the receipts this month were for the upcoming anniversary banquet. Although the last day for reservations was 29 DEC, if there is anyone that missed the deadline that wants to go to the anniversary dinner (our very nicest event of the year) just call me by noon Wednesday, 4 January and I will come to pick up your check. 307-922-6813. Our accounts payable are way up because we owe our annual dues payment to Serra International and the payoff to the caterer for the anniversary dinner. Our disbursement this month was for the Christmas Seminarian Luncheon. The slight adjustment to savings was moving money to the checking account. This month I will send out invoices for the annual dues of \$120 for singles and \$180 for couples. As always you will have the option of paying for the full year, the half year or monthly if you prefer. Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

Serra Rally 2023 – Jan. 12-15, 2023 – Irving, Texas

Don't miss one of Serra's most inspirational events!

This year's featured speakers include Serra International Episcopal Adviser Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, Fr. Jorge Torres, Executive Director, USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, the Most Rev. Edward Burns, Bishop, Diocese of Dallas, and Dr. Jonathan Sanford, President, University of Dallas.

[View the preliminary schedule](#)

[Register for the Rally](#)

[Make a hotel reservation](#)

At the Rally, you will:

Engage with fellow Serrans to strengthen your network for sharing ideas, solving problems, and building morale

Be inspired by top-notch lay and religious speakers who work on the front lines calling laborers to the Harvest

Ignite and renew your dedication to our vocations apostolate via opportunities for spiritual development and conversion

**Location: The Westin Irving Convention Center At Las Colinas
400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas**

Thanks to all who have signed up for the 31 Club!

Your commitment to **attend Mass or pray a Holy Hour 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 at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net 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.	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	

Priests Birthdays for January 2023 (no ordinations this month)

Rev. James Williams

6-Jan

Rev. Stephen Parlet

21-Jan

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 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

Contact Beth to be added to our Newsletter email list at:

medmep@sbcglobal.net

Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

Our annual Seminarian Christmas Luncheon – Dec. 22, 2022



It was a cold, snowy day, so some people were unable to join us, but we still had a nearly full house. We love hosting these impressive young men and letting them know how much we appreciate them!

Seminarian Joshua Wojcik with his Serra sponsor Pat VanMatre, and his family.

Deceased Serrans of Colorado Springs, as of November 2022

John Jay Lowery III

b. October 15, 1944; d. August 15, 2010



David Edward O'Keeffe

b. August 29, 1931; d. August 8, 2018



Lavern Joseph Gawlik b. Jan 10, 1933; d. April 25, 2019
St Joseph Cemetery, Glencoe, Wisconsin

James Patrick Hansen

b. October 3, 1955 d. June 27, 2020



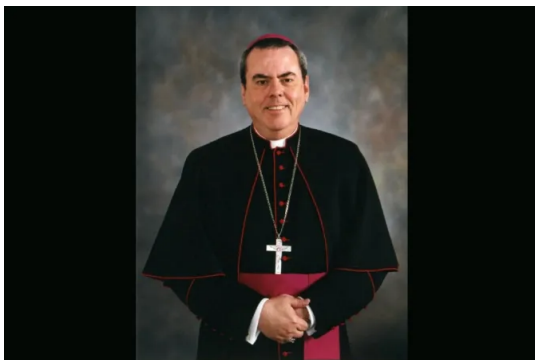


Donald Rocco Bocast
b. April 12, 1925; d. August 13, 2020

Dennis Joseph Hayes
b. April 2, 1925; d. May 14, 2021



Mary Ann Sziich Rock
b. Aug 21, 1935; d. February 28, 2022



Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan
b. March 4, 1945; d. September 27, 2022

Member Name Tags!

New Name Tags have arrived and will be distributed at the Serra Dinner on Jan. 9th or the next time we see you. We are asking for a donation of \$10 each to offset the cost. Some have already paid this amount months ago. We apologize for the delay.

Serra Priesthood Appreciation Contest!

After the noon Mass for the Seminarian Christmas Luncheon, Vocations Director, Fr. Kyle, distributed certificates to the winners of the Priesthood Appreciation Contest. The winners are:

The Serra Club of Colorado Springs Presents Winners of the Priesthood Appreciation Contest 2022!!

All entrants will receive a small gift of remembrance

Grades 8 and 9

1st: Audrey D.
2nd: Balentino S.
3rd: Nora M.

Grade 7

1st: Alora C.
2nd: Annamarie N.

Grade 5

1st: Mary T.
2nd (tie): Sarah G.
2nd (tie): Joseph G.
3rd: Dannya L.

Grade 4

1st: Axton E.
2nd: Ella D.
3rd: Arabella C.

Grade 3

1st: Baird D.
2nd (tie): Isabella G.
2nd (tie): Molly T.
3rd: Ben F.

Kindergarten

1st: John C.

From our Director of Vocations:

Dear Serrans,

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for your generosity to me this holiday. I appreciate the gift you all gave to me, and the notes and gifts individuals gave as well. Thank you for your kindness.

Thank you also for all of your hard work for our seminarian Christmas, which was wonderful!

May the Lord bless you in this New Year! I'm looking forward to our dinner on the 9th.







St. Junipero, pray for us!

In Christ, Fr Kyle

Pray for our Seminarrians

Diocesan Seminarrians and electronic calendar access:

<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

Seminarians	Name & Address	Email Address
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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>Sean O'Conner Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>s.p.oconnor@email.msmary.edu</p>
	<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>i.j.white@email.msmary.edu</p>
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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	2 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI, 1/2/94	3 All men being Ordained this year	4 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 Sean O'Connor Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Fr. James Williams	7 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
8 Kevin Ward Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Fr. Francisco Quezada, 1/9/88	10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	12 Fr. David Volker	13 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Transitional Deacons being Ordained this year
15 Most Rev. James Golka	16 James McCann Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	18 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 Military Chaplains	20 Leaders who form the Seminarians	21 Mark Rocco College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
22 Fr. Stephen Parlet	23 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Holy Cross Novices	26 All the Seminaries of the world	27 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Retired Priests of the Diocese
29 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 All the Clergy of the world	31 The Church around the World				

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

February 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 The Holy Father and his intentions	2 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	3 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Fr. James Baron
5 Leaders who form the Seminarians	6 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	7 All the Seminaries of the world	8 James McCann Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 All the Clergy of the world	10 Fr. Brian Roeseler	11 Ian White Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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