



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER November 2023

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

November is a month when we seem to focus on gratitude, at least for Thanksgiving Day. But perhaps we need to develop an "attitude of gratitude" that is not restricted to a season, a month, or a day. It's not enough to "just" be grateful for our many gifts and graces; it is also imperative that we share those gifts with others. Pope St. John Paul wrote, "Your being increases in the measure that you give it away." He called this "the law of the gift"; we receive many gifts from God, we return some of those gifts to God through our money, time and talent, and we, in return receive far more than we have given. Bishop Baron wrote, "The act of returning to God what God has given sets us right. It returns our lives to God, and our being ends up increased."

Gratitude doesn't begin and end with what we put in the basket at Mass. As a Serran, that attitude of gratitude must extend to our gratitude for our Priests. We need to be conscious of expressing that gratitude, keeping in mind our call as a Serran to be a friend to Priests. We must express that gratitude, verbally and in works, to the priests in our lives so that they know they are loved, appreciated and trusted and that we support them in their vocation. We can show our gratitude to our seminarians by taking the time each day to pray for them as they answer God's call to the Priesthood. We can especially show our gratitude to the seminarian that we sponsor through our words of support and encouragement, and our prayers. We must show our gratitude for God's establishment of the Priesthood by praying that he sends more workers for his vineyard. This November and beyond, let us be especially purposeful about gratitude!

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Tom Plush and his children, Linda and Joe DiBenedittis, Loretta Bocast, Rudy Legleiter, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Bishop Richard Hanifen.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Nov 2

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 **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 are also available on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thursday, November 2 at 11:00am

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

We are asking all Serra members and friends to please 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.

Special Adoration Prayer Hour – Monday, Nov 6

November 6th, 7 PM to 8 PM:

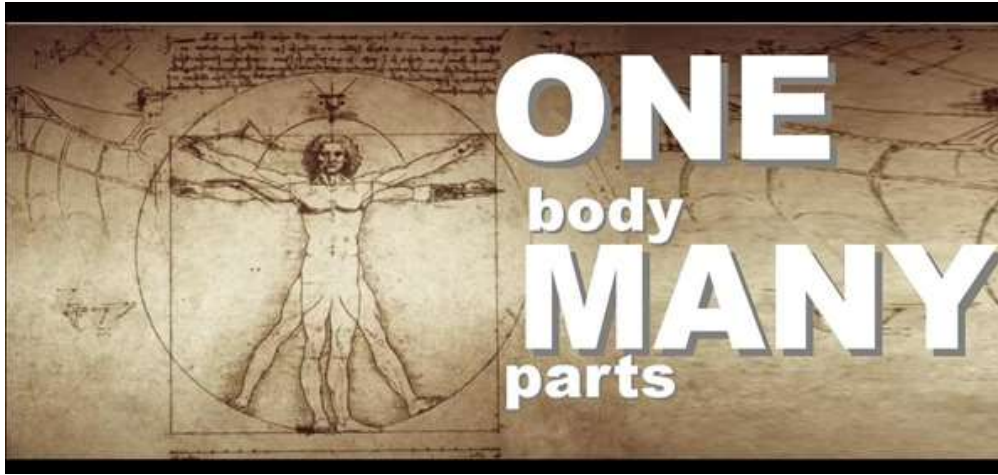
Help us celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week and pray for our bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, and men and women in consecrated life with a Holy Hour at the

St. John Henry Newman Center, 4785 Stanton Road, 80918. All are welcome!

Serra Meets – Speaker/ Date not available as of Nov 1

<https://serraus.org/serra-meets/> **Passcode: 853558**

Membership Lunch on Thursday, November 16



"We are many parts, but all one body."

Learn about the various ministries within the Serra Apostolate, and how you can help!

Which part of the Body are you?

Romans 12:4-6

For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them ...

--Our Chaplain and Board are the HEAD, to lead and plan;

--VOCATIONS and PROGRAMS are the ARMS, since these two embrace our 3 goals/purposes. The Serra Mission:

To Foster, Promote and Affirm Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life, and through this ministry further our members' Catholic faith.

--MEMBERSHIP and COMMUNICATIONS are the LEGS, since they support everything we do.

On **Thursday, Nov 16**, we will have **Mass at 12 noon**, followed by PIZZA Lunch and gathering at 12:30pm. Please RSVP by email (SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net) or call (Beth at 806-789-9002).

Some members are already involved in a ministry or have a preference, so when you RSVP for the lunch, let us know and you will be seated with the group you are helping or wish to help. Or you can choose a ministry when you arrive!

Please RSVP by Monday, Nov 13!

SAVE THE DATES!! Upcoming Serra Club Events

Nov 6 – 7:00pm to 8:00pm – Holy Hour for Vocations at Newman Center. All are welcome! (See above for details!)

Nov 16 – Monthly Luncheon Gathering: "We are many parts, but all one body." Learn about the various ministries within the Serra Club, and how you can help!

Dec 9 – **Advent Morning of Reflection.** Join us at the Newman Center on the Feast Day of Juan Diego, The Humble Leader, as we make special time for silence and reflection during the busy holiday season. Mass at 9am; Coffee and pastry at 9:30am; Preached Holy Hour at 10:00am; wrap-up at 11:00am. All are welcome!

Dec 21 – **Christmas Luncheon with Seminarians and Families**

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Jan 15 - **Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction, Mass at 4pm** (Will take the place of the usual monthly gathering)

Jan 18-21 - **Serra USA Rally, Miami, FL (See info below)**

Aug 8-11 - **Serra International Convention, New Orleans, LA**
<https://serrainternational.org/new-orleans-convention/>

Serra Rally 2024 in Miami!

Mark your calendars because the 2024 Serra Rally is just around the corner, and it's coming to the vibrant city of Miami, Florida! From January 18th to January 21st, 2024, the Serra Rally will take over the Miami Marriott Dadeland for an unforgettable event filled with faith, fellowship, and vocations!

Keynote Speakers

We are thrilled to announce our esteemed keynote speakers for the 2024 Serra Rally. These inspirational figures will share their wisdom and insights, making this event truly special:

1. **Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski:** Archbishop of Miami
2. **Bishop Thomas Daly:** Bishop of the Diocese of Spokane
3. **Fr. Jorge Torres:** Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV)
4. **Sr. Irene Regina (Paulinas)**
5. **Sr. Margaret Ann (ABCC)**

Registration is Now Live! <https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2024/>

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this incredible gathering of faith and fellowship.

Registration for the 2024 Serra Rally is now open, and we can't wait to welcome you to Miami.

District 6 Convention in Denver, Oct 14

Seven Members of the Colorado Springs Serra Apostolate attended the annual District 6 Convention this year. We enjoyed morning Mass at St. Thomas More parish, visiting with members of other clubs, and heard great talks, including keynote speaker Kevin Wells (who recently appeared on Serra Meets), President US Council of Serra- J. Michael Downey, and Seminarian Dcn. Zach Michalczyk. Our Apostolate received five of the seven “Best of” Awards, including Best Chaplain – Fr. Kyle Ingels; Vocations Affirmation – Laura Jean Hawley; Programs – Jerry Schaefer; Membership – Pat Van Matre; and Newsletter – Beth Pressley!



Newsletter Award – Beth Pressley
W/ Mike Downey and Ralph Hooyboer



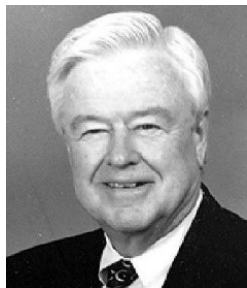
Affirmation/Programs/Membership Awards
Ralph H, Joel Kostyrka, Pat Van Matre, Mike D.



Best Club – Ralph Hooyboer (District Governor), RoseMarie Stimpfl, Regina Applegate, Beth Pressley, Joel Kostyrka, Eleanor Gentilini, Pat Van Matre, Mike Downey (Serra President)
(Not shown – Ray Gentilini)

During November, when we celebrate All Souls Day,
we remember our Deceased Members. May they Rest in Peace.
Deceased Serrans of Colorado Springs, as of November 2023

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

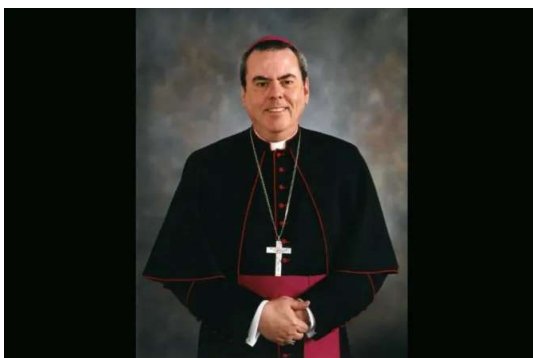


Donald Rocco Bocast
b. April 12, 1925; d. August 13, 2020

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

Maralyn Marie Legleiter

b. September 3, 1936; d. February 2, 2023



Betty Lou Plush

b. May 17, 1936; d. June 25, 2023

Janet Darlene Davis Clouse

b. March 2, 1939; d. September 12, 2023



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 Apostolate Treasurer's Report – Nov 2023

Operating Account beginning balance 1 Oct 2023: \$3,493.58

Savings Account Balance	2506.21
Checking Account Balance	<u>3369.22</u>
Total	5875.43

Oct Receipts	435.00
Oct Disbursements	559.36

Remember that the board members have challenged the entire membership to match their \$500.00 pledge to the Serra USA Eucharistic Revival. Any checks for dues or the Eucharistic Revival can be brought to the Nov 16 meeting.
Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

Priest Ordinations for Nov

Rev. August Stewart	November 5, 1994
Rev. Michael K. Goodyear	November 25, 1994

Priest Birthdays for November

Rev. Kirk Slattery	3-Nov
Rev. Jarrod M. Waugh, CSC	5-Nov
Rev. Joseph Vu	11-Nov
Rev. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI	23-Nov
Rev. John Toepfer, OFM, Cap.	26-Nov
Rev. Jaimes Ponce	29-Nov
Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap	1-Dec
Rev. Tomasz Jamka	3-Dec

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

Only a few slots left! Please help fill the calendar!!

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

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

DAY of the Month. Name

11. Laura Jean Hawley
12. Benjamin Beckner
13. Helene Knapp
14. Susie O'Connor
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
- 17.
18. Margarita Waters
19. Charlene Pardo
20. Beth Pressley
21. Jerry Schaefer
22. Sue Harman

DAY of the Month. Name

23. Patty O'Connell
- 24.
25. Eleanor Gentilini
- 26.
- 27.
28. Sr. Diana White
29. Sr. Michelle Micek
30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
31. Connie Pratt

Serra Club Current Officers

President – Jan Zabukovic
 Vice-President – Joel Kostyrka
 Secretary – Marty Broestl
 VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer
 VP Communications – Beth Pressley
 VP Membership – Pat Van Matre

Treasurer – Ray Gentilini
 VP Vocations – Jon and Claudine Duncan
 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

Sponsors and those communicating with the newest seminarians:







Five of our new men are in the spirituality year at Seminary, which means their ability to communicate is limited. They are fasting from technology to enhance inward reflection.

They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned if you don't hear back or don't hear back in a timely manner from these men. Letters by mail are the best way to correspond with them.






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[Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook](#)

Pray for our Seminarians Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access: <https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

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	<p>Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</p>
	<p>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>p.g.diloreto@email.msmary.edu</p>
	<p>James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>jimccann@email.msmary.edu</p>
	<p>Dcn. 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>Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	

Seminarists	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>
	<p>Kevin Ward Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>k.h.ward@email.msmary.edu</p>
	<p>Ian White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>i.j.white@email.msmary.edu</p>
	<p>Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu</p>

		<p>Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
		<p>Jonathan DeCock Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
		<p>Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
		<p>Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
		<p>Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	2 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Fr. Kirk Slattery	4 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
5 Fr. August Stewart, 11/5/94	6 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC	7 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
12 Retired Priests of the Diocese	13 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	15 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Roylan Recio Mirabent
19 <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 All the Seminarians of the world	21 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	23 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI	24 Most Rev. James Golka	25 Fr. Michael Goodyear, 11/25/94
26 Fr. John Toepfer, OFM Cap.	27 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	29 Fr. James Ponce	30 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary		

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.

December 2023						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fr. Amlesom Gawed, OFM Cap.	2 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
3 Fr. Tomasz Jamka	4 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	7 Fr. Michael Holmquist	8 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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17 Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico	18 Fr. Bradford Noonan, 12/18/99	19 Fr. George Fagan, 12/19/69, Retired	20 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera	22 Fr. Robert Newbury, 12/22/07	23 Fr. Alfredo Garcia-Chavez
24 Fr. Ricardo Rosales, 12/24/97	25 Fr. Sean McCann	26 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Sijo George, OSB, 12/27/03 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim, 12/27/13	28 <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	29 Fr. Shijan Antony, OFM Cap, 12/29/07 Fr. Augustino Nellary, 12/29/93	30 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
31 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary						