



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER December 2023

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

Happy new liturgical year! The flurry of activity in preparation for Christmas has officially begun! As Advent begins, I have been thinking about this season of joyful anticipation during which we can prepare ourselves for celebrating the coming of Jesus in the incarnate form of a tiny, helpless baby. This time of the year can be stressful as we engage in the secular activities associated with Christmas- shopping for gifts, decorating our homes, sending Christmas cards, planning family gatherings. We can prepare for the Nativity by making more time to pray and by setting aside time each day to reflect on scripture. There are many resources for daily reflections and prayer during Advent both in print and online. We must be mindful in preparing our spiritual selves for Christmas so as not to get so absorbed with the holiday preparations that the real meaning of Advent

is lost in our busyness. I invite all of you to make a commitment to consciously prepare for the great and wondrous gift of Christmas! One good way we can do this is by attending our Advent Morning of Reflection on December 9 at the Newman Center. We will begin with Mass at 9 am followed by coffee and pastry at 9:30 am. Fr. Kyle will preach a Holy Hour from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

I know we are all looking forward to our annual Christmas luncheon with our seminarians. This year, the luncheon will be held on December 21 beginning with Mass at noon. Please refer to this newsletter for more details on the gathering and for RSVP response information. You must RSVP to attend so that we can insure adequate seating and food for all attending.

As a Serran, we should remember to pray for our seminarians, our priests, and other religious. Take time during the busyness of this season to let your seminarian know that you are keeping them in prayer. Take time to thank the priests in your life for their vocation and to let them know how important and appreciated they are in your life.

I wish all of you and your families a blessed Advent and Christmas!
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 – Dec 7

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, December 7 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.

Advent Morning of Reflection – Dec 9

Join us 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 by Fr. Kyle Ingels at 10:00am; wrap-up at 11:00am. St. John Henry Newman Center, 4785 Stanton Road, 80918.

All are welcome! Please RSVP by email SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net
or call Beth at 806-789-9002.

Serra Meets – Bishop Tom Daly – Dec 9

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

*If you cannot attend the local Advent Reflection, you may wish to check out the next “**Serra Meets**,” where Bishop Tom Daly will give an Advent Reflection on 12/9/23 at 10AM MT.*

(Talk will be available live at 10AM, or you can check back later to watch it when it becomes available online afterwards.)

Membership Lunch on Thursday, December 21

Members Only are invited to Our

Pre-Christmas Luncheon

with our Seminarians

Thursday, December 21st, 2023

following noon Mass

at the Newman Center Chapel

St. John Henry Newman Center, 4785 Stanton Road, 80918.



Please RSVP to SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net by Saturday, December 16th.

Membership Lunch on Thursday, November 16

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.

Understanding that our Serra Apostolate is many parts, with all one body, we held a Ministry sign-up at our Nov 16 monthly meeting.

--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.

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



Each ministry had a separate table, and we had much success with members signing up for the ministry of their choice. We are very grateful to all members who signed up for a particular ministry!

In our November Newsletter, we had photos of our Ministry "Best Of" awards, which were handed out at the October District 6 Convention. Some of the awardees were unable to attend

the Convention, and District 6 Governor Ralph Hooyboer asked to come to our Nov meeting to present those awards in person.



Jan Zabukovic, Club President, was presented the Traveling "Best Club" trophy for Dist 6.



Fr, Kyle received the Award for Best Vocations Director



LauraJean won Best of for Vocation Affirmation

SAVE THE DATES!! Upcoming Serra Club Events

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Dec 21 – Christmas Luncheon with Seminarians. Please RSVP by email
SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

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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.

*Join us to celebrate Vocations to the Priesthood
and Religious Life in Colorado Springs*
**Saint Serra Anniversary Dinner
and Silent Auction**
(Cash or Check only)

Guest Speaker - Lisa Hunt
Monday, January 15th, 2024
Martin Luther King Holiday

St. John Henry Newman Chapel
and Catholic Student Center
4785 Stanton Road, 80918

4:00pm Mass - Social - Dinner

\$45 per person

Bring a Priest or Sister - \$25

RSVP by Thursday, January 5th (One \$25 guest per reservation, others welcome at \$45)
Make check payable to Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs, 228 North Cascade, CS, CO
80903

For further information: email SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net or call 719-576-0641

(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 \$ _____

Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report – Dec 2023

Beginning Balance (Operating Acct – Nov 1)	\$3,419.22
Disbursements	\$ 172.42
Receipts	<u>\$ 947.25</u>
Ending Balance (Operating Acct)	\$4,194.05
Acct's Payable	\$ 1,185.00
Acct's Receivable	\$ 535.00
Ending Balance (Savings Acct)	\$ 2,501.42
Total Balance (Op & Sv Acct)	\$ 6,695.47

We still have 6 members that owe dues for 2023. We already have three members that have paid 2024 dues. I will be available at the Christmas Seminarian Luncheon on 21 Dec, to accept all dues payments, Eucharistic Revival Challenge donations, and Anniversary Dinner Reservations plus we will have donation baskets on the tables at the Christmas Luncheon to help defray the total cost of the luncheon.

Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

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.

Priest Ordinations for Dec

Rev. Bradford Noonan	De 18, 1999
Rev. Robert Newbury, Jr.	De 22, 2007
Rev. Ricardo Rosales	De 24, 1997
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	De 27, 2013

Priest Birthdays for December

Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap	1-Dec
Rev. Tomasz Jamka	3-Dec
Rev. Michael Holmquist	7-Dec
Rev. Ernest Bond	17-Dec
Rev. Rafael Torres-Rico	17-Dec
Rev. Bogdan Siewiera	21-Dec
Rev. Nathaniel James Hinds	27-Dec

Serra Club Current Officers

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Joel Kostyrka

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Ray Gentilini

VP Vocations – Jon and Claudine Duncan

Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini

VP Programs – Jerry Schaefer

VP Communications – Beth Pressley

VP Membership – Pat Van Matre

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

From our Vocations Director

Greetings from Maryland and Mount St Mary's!

I am currently visiting our fifteen men who study here. Yesterday was a long day as I sat in meetings and got updates about all of the men. It took a while to hear about all fifteen! These meetings include the Rector and Vice-Rector, the head of pastoral field education, and faculty who advise and work with the seminarians. I am very grateful the seminary has such a dedicated faculty. I also took a tour of the new facility where three of our men are in their spirituality year.

The guys are doing very well. Everyone is working hard and growing in holiness and pastoral skill.

We have Mass this morning and will go out to dinner later this evening. Tomorrow, it's back to Colorado for me, and in about two weeks, the guys will be home for the holidays.

Thanks for all your prayers! I know we all look forward to catching up at the Christmas party.

St Junipero, pray for us!

Fr Kyle

Promote Vocations!

Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2023

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.**

email VocationsConcecratedLifeWWW@diocs.org

website <https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/>

(With thanks to the Archdiocese of Toronto!)

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.


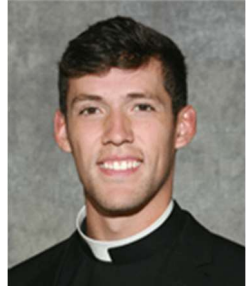



They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned if you don't hear back or don't hear back in a timely manner from these men. Letters by mail are the best way to correspond with them.







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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>Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

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
10 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	12 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
17 Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico	18 Fr. Bradford Noonan, 12/18/99	19 Fr. George Fagan, 12/19/69, Retired	20 <u>Christian Vaca-</u> <u>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						

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.

January 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	2 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI, 1/2/94 Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Pallyil, 1/2/01	3 Fr. Joseph Pedersen, CSC	4 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Fr. Suresh Matthew, OSB, 1/6/01
7 Fr. James Williams	8 Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Pallia Thara, OSB, 1/8/07	9 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Francisco Quezada, 1/9/88	10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. David Volker	13 <u>Christian Vaca-</u> <u>Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
14 All the Seminarians of the world	15 Most Rev. James Golka	16 <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
21 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 Fr. Stephen Parlet	23 <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	25 Holy Cross Novices	26 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
28 Retired Priests of the Diocese	29 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	31 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary			