



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

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

January is going out with freezing temperatures and snow! Today when I went outside to pick up my newspaper, I immediately started to shiver even though I had on a warm coat and gloves! When I got back into the warmth of my home, I started to think about how blessed I was to have warm clothes and a warm and safe home. I let in my dog, Zoe, from her bathroom break outside and she too was shivering and anxious to get in the house! As Zoe and I warmed up from our short trips outside, I reflected on all those people and animals who were not as fortunate- those who do not have warm clothes, a warm and safe home, clean water, healthy food, and love. I thought about the discussions we have had in Biblical School about our call to love and care for the poor and needy and to be good caretakers of our earthly home and the creatures that inhabit it with us. February is a month that focuses on love since Valentine's Day will be here soon. Does our love extend to

those we don't know, those in need, those who don't look like us, those who have different opinions than we do? Do we take seriously our responsibility to care for all of God's creation with compassion and mercy? Perhaps February, with its focus on love, is a great time to think about how we love and how our actions reflect our call to love.

We celebrated our annual Anniversary Dinner in January. This was a wonderful evening that began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Kyle. Following Mass, Fr. Kyle and our District 6 Governor, Ralph Hooybeer, inducted our new Serra members. Following the induction, there was a wine and snack social hour; this was a great time to socialize with the attendees and to find the perfect items to bid on for the silent auction. We all enjoyed a delicious meal catered by You and I Catering. The evening was capped off by a live auction for a one-hour flight around the Colorado Springs area! Fr. Jason Keas, Pastor of Divine Redeemer, was the happy winner of the flight!

I want to personally thank everyone whose hard work made our Anniversary Dinner a great success. It took many willing hands to plan the dinner, to work with catering, to manage reservations, to set up and clean up, to act as bartenders during the social hour, and to make the auction a huge success! Thanks to all who attended, including Ralph, clergy, guests and my fellow members. Last, but far from least, thanks to our chaplain, Fr. Kyle, for hosting our dinner at the Newman Center. We love you, Fr. Kyle, and are grateful for your loving care for all of us!

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

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

Serra Meets, Saturday, Feb 11, 2023 at 10am MT

Fr. Jorge Torres Executive Director, USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations: The State of Vocations in the USA will be speaking on the Eucharistic Revival at our next Serra Meets, February 11th.

Meeting Link: [Serra Meets with Fr. Jorge Torres](#)

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVlKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09> **Passcode:** 853558

Serra Club Monthly Gathering for February 16, 2023

Fr Sijo George is a Benedictine Priest from the southern state of Kerala, India. He is currently the Parochial Vicar at St Paul Catholic Church in Colorado Springs. Fr George will speak to the Serra Club at the Newman Center on the topic of Christianity in India:

Adoration: 11:30AM

Mass: 12:00 noon

Lunch/Speaker 12:30pm

For more information or to RSVP, Contact: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

Membership Update

1. Welcome to our two new members: Susie O'Connor
Robert Applegate
2. **Save the Date:** We are hosting a prospective members gathering on Saturday, April 29 at the Newman Center. It is going to begin with Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a Wine and Cheese social. Members of Serra, you are encouraged to invite one or two guests who may be interested in joining. Mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you and your guest/s.

Serran Apostolate Treasurer's Report – February 1, 2023

The Jan dues invoices are out and a number of the members have indicated their intention to pay at the Feb meeting. Please bring your dues checks to the meeting and they will be collected there. Unfortunately, I am going to be out of town for an extended period of time but I will answer any email questions ASAP! If you are unable to attend the Feb meeting you may send your check to the Serra Club at 228 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Thank you for your attention to the dues invoices, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

1st Thursday Prayer Hour - March 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.

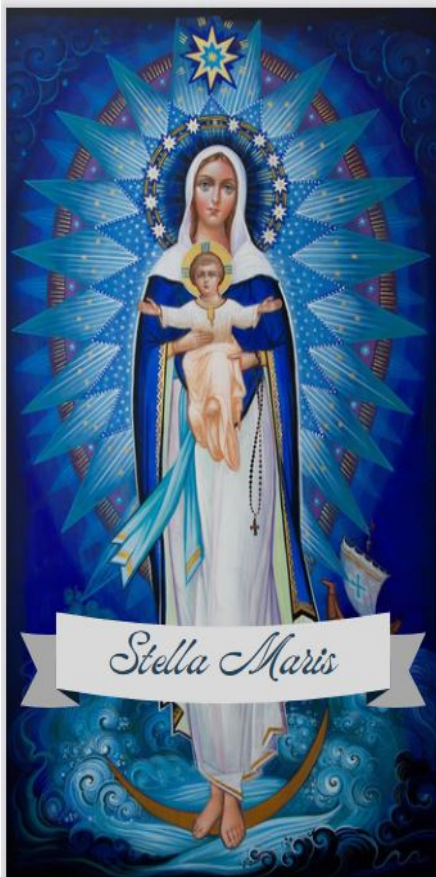
The Rosary and Chaplet are also available on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thursday, March 2 at 11:00am

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

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113



You're invited to the 3rd Annual
Our Lady's Dowry Gala

March 25, 2023
5:30 p.m.

The Pinery at the Hill
775 West Bijou Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, entertainment and live auction.

Tickets \$125/individual; \$225/couple
Registration at olwclassical.org
Sponsorships Available
719-368-9131



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

St. Serra Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction 1/9/2023

I want to thank all those who helped set up the silent auction in the afternoon before the Anniversary Dinner, especially some of our newest Serrans who were inducted that evening after Mass. Thanks also to all those who generously bid on over 50 items. We took in over \$800 plus \$400 on the live auction of the sightseeing flight. We will now be able to do more for our Priests, Seminarians, and Sisters throughout the year. Eleanor Gentilini

Remarks by District 6 Governor Ralph Hooybeoer, issued to recognize the Colorado Springs Saint Serra Apostolate Anniversary Dinner 2023

I do have a couple of words to say:

I was thinking about this Saint Serra Club, the other night, and I am reminded of a good supervisor and team.

A good supervisor and trainer is one who takes pride in doing a good job and is proud of the team. I see your present and past leaders have been fine trainers—your work is visible, and it is good- your team is a proud team.

I wish you well as you begin your 17th year. Leaders, support your team; team, support your leaders.

You have a lot of talent here and by inducting nine more members, you have added more talent, more ideas, more skills, and more energy to build that culture of vocations we so often talk about.

To you, the leaders of the club, and all current members, I am certain you will bring these newest Serrans into your team with open and embracing arms.

To our newest Serrans- I say to you, make this club leadership challenge you and inspire you. You did not join Serra for our cheese and wine tasting. You joined to serve our parishes, the diocese and the Church for the opportunity to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Have a bit of fun too and know that every project you take on will bring you closer to the Holy Spirit.

You will not know how many young men and women are influenced by your work today, next month, or even next year, but during Adoration- if you listen real close- you may just hear the Holy Spirit smile- and you will know your efforts have indeed produced results.

Thank you and God bless,

Governor Ralph Hooybeoer

Serra Rally 2023, Jan 12-15 in Irving, TX

This year's featured speakers were 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.

The Serra Club of Colorado Springs was represented by Rose Marie Stimpfl and Eleanor Gentilini.

Opening Mass with Cardinal Collins



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church



Picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Colorado Springs Serra Club Award!

From Rose Marie Stimpfl, Rocky Mountain Region Director:

Congratulations to our VP of Communications, Beth Pressley for receiving the Outstanding Newsletter Award at the recent Serra Rally in Irving, Texas. She received this honor for having the best Serra Club Newsletter in the Rocky Mountain Region in 2022.

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)!

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.

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 February 2023 (no ordinations this month)

Rev. James M. Baron
Rev. Brian Roeseler
Rev. Dennis Grabrian







4-Feb
10-Feb
17-Feb

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

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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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

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 <u>James McCann</u> 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
12 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Holy Cross Novices	14 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	15 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	16 Retired Priests of the Diocese	17 Kevin Ward Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 All men being Ordained this year
19 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	20 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 The Church around the World	22 <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	23 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
26 Transitional Deacons being Ordained this year	27 <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Military Chaplains				

March 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Leaders who form the Seminarians	2 The Church around the World	3 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	4 Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, Retired
5 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	6 The Holy Father and his intentions	7 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	8 Transitional Deacons being Ordained this year	9 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Military Chaplains	11 <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
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19 (St. Joseph) <u>Dominic Joseph Ambuul</u> Theology I Ian Joseph White Theology I	20 Retired Priests of the Diocese	21 Fr. Bradford Noonan	22 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer	23 <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 All the Seminaries of the world	25 Fr. William Dwyer
26 All men being Ordained this year	27 Most Rev. James Golka	28 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 All the Clergy of the world	30 <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	31 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	

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