



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

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

We have entered the penitential season of Lent in preparation for Easter. I remember as a little girl giving up a variety of things for Lent...candy, ice cream, soda... and spending time in my Catholic school classroom learning more about Christ's Passion and Death. But as the years have piled on much too quickly, my faith has matured and I find that now, while I do give up some "creature comfort", my focus for Lent is on growing in my relationship to God. So I will also "do" something as well as "not do" something. I have committed myself to reading a little bit of scripture each day and reading a Lenten meditation resource and spending some time thinking about that daily reading. I've found that both giving up something I enjoy as well as doing something extra during the weeks of preparation for the celebration of Easter causes me to be more thoughtful about Christ's great gift of salvation and his victory over sin and death.

During this Lenten Season, as we prepare ourselves to focus on the Passion of Christ and then rejoice in his Resurrection, I encourage each of us to spend extra time in prayer. Imagine Lent and Easter without a Priest! That is the reality for some Catholics who do not have regular access to a priest and the Sacraments. Let's remember to add some extra prayers for an increase in vocations, for those already ordained, for those in formation and for those discerning. This is a very busy time for our priests so don't forget to thank them for their vocations and for shepherding us through this very special season.

May your Lenten Journey be fruitful!

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 Jean, Bishop Golka's younger sister, who died Feb 28.*

Serra Club Monthly Mass, Luncheon, and Guest Speaker Thursday, March 16

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

We plan to order Indian food for the Lunch. An emailed invitation will go out (as it did for the Feb gathering before it was cancelled) with information and will ask you to respond to: "Are you bringing your own lunch or would you like the Indian food?" There is no set fee for the lunch, but a donation of \$15 is requested for the Indian meal.

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

Serra Meets Fr. Michael Pratt Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10am MT



Fr. Michael Pratt will be discussing concepts from his latest book, followed by a question and answer session.

Father Michael Pratt has pioneered new methods for helping young people discern their vocations, including a new discernment group model. He serves as the Vocations Director of the Diocese of Tulsa and is the author of *Five Conversations About the Priesthood*. Fr. Pratt was recently appointed to be the Vice-Rector of the North American College in Rome.

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDkoVVlKVlhyYXNlNkpkUTo9>

Passcode: 853558

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

Serra Club Parish Liaisons

We recently updated our Club brochure that we hope to deliver to all parishes in the Diocese. We are recruiting Liaisons for each parish to go and talk with the Pastor and request permission to display the brochures and to be contact for other information such as the Priest Appreciation Sunday contest. We are specifically asking non-board members to sign up to be involved with this mission. Please prayerfully consider if you could take on this role at your own parish and/or other parishes in the Diocese, especially those outside of Colorado Springs.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

Membership Update

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.

Important Information on By-Laws

Our Serra board has been working for the last year to revise our by-laws so they will be in compliance with the new Serra USA by-laws. Rose Marie has been our liaison with Serra USA and has recently provided the updated by-laws for our review. The board will discuss the document and then we will ask all Serra members to vote to accept the by-laws. This will be done via email so please be on the lookout for this important email in the weeks to come.

From our Director of Vocations:

Dear Serrans,

Blessed Lent to all of you! It is a very busy time, as I work with our current seminarians. I am assisting two of them to transition from college to major seminary, one man preparing for Priesthood, three preparing for Diaconate, and five applying to join us for the fall! Pray for me! I am even working already with men who are discerning entering in 2024.

Part of preparing is scheduling for the future. Save these dates!

Ordinations to the Diaconate:

May 27, 2023

June 1, 2024

May 24, 2025

Ordinations to the Priesthood:

June 10, 2023

June 8, 2024

June 7, 2025

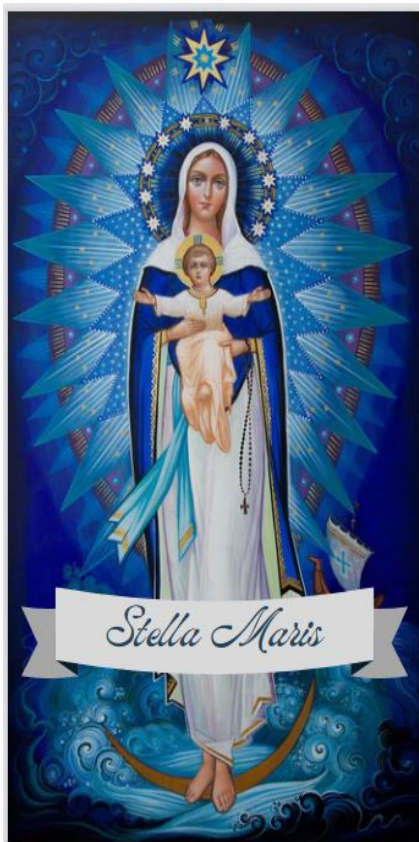
I look forward to seeing you soon!

St. Junipero, pray for us!

Fr Kyle



Fr. Sean McCann (right), his father, Deacon Pete McCann, and his brother, Seminarian James McCann at Holy Trinity on Jan 1st. (Photo by Ed Huber)
Praise the Lord for this Family's vocations!



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

Serran Apostolate Treasurer's Report – March 1, 2023

Since the Feb luncheon was cancelled, a number of members were not able to turn-in their dues checks. They can be turned in at the March luncheon or sent to our club home address at COS Serra Club, 228 N Cascade Ave, COS 80903.

Thank you for your attention to the dues invoices, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

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 Serra 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

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.
13. Helene Knapp
- 14.
15. Joel Kostyrka
- 16.
- 17.
- 18.
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.
- 29.
30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
31. Connie Pratt

Photos from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Facebook Page
Oath of Fidelity
Profession of Faith
Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate: May 27, 2023
All photos taken February 27, 2023



Anthony Ambuul



Patrick DiLoreto



Sean O'Connor



Deacon Thomas Pressley

Oath of Fidelity
Priesthood ordination date
June 10, 2023

Priests Birthdays for March 2023 (no ordinations this month)

Rev. Patrick Battiato	17-Mar
Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP	17-Mar
Rev. Bradford Noonan	21-Mar
Rev. C. Chance Billmeyer	22-Mar
Rev. William E. Dwyer	25-Mar
Rev. John Stearns	3-Apr

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

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Pray for our Seminararians

Diocesan Seminararians 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

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 Mark Rocco College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
12 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Dominic Ambuul Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Holy Cross Novices	15 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP	17 (St. Patrick) <u>Sean Patrick O'Connor</u> <u>Anthony Patrick Ambuul</u> <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u>	18 Dcn. Thomas Pressley Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
19 (St. Joseph) Dominic Joseph Ambuul Theology I <u>Ian Joseph White</u> 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 James McCann 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

April 2023						
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2 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	4 Fr. John Stearns	5 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	7 Holy Cross Novices	8 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC, 4/9/94	10 Fr. Vincent Howley, SJ	11 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Erin Kochliver	13 Fr. Jason Keas	14 James McCann Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Deceased Priests of the Diocese
16 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC, 4/16/13	17 Fr. Francisco Quezada	18 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	19 Dcn. Thomas Pressley Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 Leaders who form the Seminarians	21 Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC 4/21/90	22 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
23 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Military Chaplains	25 (St. Mark) Christian Vaca-Rodriguez Theology II Mark Rocco College IV	26 Retired Priests of the Diocese	27 Fr. Timothy O'Connell	28 Fr. Mark Zacker	29 Dominic Ambuul Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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