



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

**President Janet Zabukovic’s Message**



Dear Fellow Serrans:

The weather is changing, grass is greening up, flower bulbs are pushing to the surface and trees and shrubs are showing off their fresh green foliage. It’s so nice to open windows and let the fresh air into the house! Springtime is a season of freshness and possibilities!

I’ve been thinking of that same sense of freshness and possibilities over the past couple of months. As Serrans, we have accepted an invitation from God to pray for and support those already ordained, those in formation, and those who are discerning; we are called to embrace the possibilities of new seminarians and other religious so that they will be constantly freshened and renewed in their vocation.

But it takes the prayers and work of all in our Serra Club to maximize our efforts. As you personally experience your own springtime, please take some time to quietly reflect on your commitment to being a Serran. Pray that God send you grace to see the possibilities in how you might use your time and talents in service to the Serra mission. Ask God to help you renew your commitment to pray and to work in one of the four ministries of Serra- Membership, Programs, Vocations, and Communications. At our May gathering, we will be focused on the work of each of these ministries and ask you to choose the area or areas that speaks to your soul- the area or areas where you would most like to focus your time and talent. We all know that many hands make for lighter work!

I want to thank Pat Van Matre and Sue Harman for their hard work in making our April Wine and Cheese membership event. The food was delicious! Thanks to Fr. Kyle for celebrating Mass for us prior to the start of the reception and talking with those in attendance about the challenges of his work as Vocations Director for our diocese. Pat is already at work planning another membership event in the fall. Please be thinking of Catholic men and women you know that might consider joining us in our work. Our membership can only grow through the work of all of our members!

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 Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP, Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish, who died last week. † \*\***

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Prayer Hour – May 4

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

**Thursday, May 4 at 11:00am**

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

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

### Serra Club Monthly Gathering, Rosary, and Luncheon Thursday, May 18, 2023

Please join us this month as we delve into the workings of the Serra Apostolate. We'll focus on the four committees responsible for the smooth running of our group: Vocations, Membership, Programs, and Communications; and how YOUR participation and support keep our club productive and successful. **(Please see Jan's President Message at the top of the newsletter for more on this topic!)** Fr. Kyle is unavailable for Mass this month, so we will recite the Rosary and

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, starting about 11:45am, with lunch at 12:30pm.

We will order lunches from Panera Bread or you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

Be checking your email for meal requests and prices from Joel.

**For more information or to RSVP, contact: [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net)**

### Luncheon Helpers Needed!

In addition to our Mass and our guest speakers, an important aspect of our monthly Serra programs is LUNCH. As such, we will be asking for members to join the Programs Committee to help ensure the lunch is efficiently handled each month. For May, we will be utilizing the Panera Bread option (thank you Joel). June is up in the air for now, but for our July gathering, Tuesday July 18, we will be hosting the seminarians before they head off for their summer retreat. The food for the luncheon will be graciously provided by Yvonne and Jerry Schaefer (should we call that "Y & I"?). Since we will have about 60 persons attending, we need lots of help with setup, cleanup and tear down. Likewise in August when we host the Sister's Appreciation Luncheon. Please speak to Jerry at the May meeting if you are able to help. Thank you.

## Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day!

On July 10th, the Catholic Radio Network will host the **Colorado Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day** at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Littleton. In addition to a day of friendly competition of golf, tennis, other games, and relaxing meals, the priests and final-year seminarians are gifted with a new, tailored suit or winter coat. Last year, our St. Serra Apostolate donated \$350.00 to sponsor a suit. If you would like to donate money toward a suit, please bring your donation to our May 18th gathering. Our Board approved covering any difference so that we'll have enough funds to provide for at least one suit for our holy men.

## Serra Meets - May 13 with John Flanagan

Serra Meets returns on **May 13th** at 10am MST with guest speaker John Flanagan, Executive Director of the Laboure Society.

John is a Catholic husband and father of 7 children. He has served the Catholic Church through philanthropic advancement for over 20 years, working exclusively with philanthropic training and support of future priests, sisters, and brothers in the Catholic Church. His talk will be: *From Burdens to Blessings - Can student loan debt foster a culture of vocations?*

**Link:** [Serra Meets John Flanagan](#)

## Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report – May 2023

I am finally beginning to catch up with all the past work on the treasurer's docket for the Serra Club. In the May timeframe, I will email invoices to those members that are a little behind in their dues. We only have a few that are behind and I believe that they are behind because I have not been available to collect dues over the last three months. I will be at our May 18 meeting for sure and can answer any questions you have of me at any time at [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net).

Thank You, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

## Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee will be contacting members in early May to ask members to volunteer to run for positions or take committee assignments to help out with various tasks to operate the club. Please be generous with your time and talent to assist the club in performing all its missions.

## Membership Update

We hosted a prospective members gathering on Saturday, April 29 at the Newman Center, beginning with Mass at 5 p.m., followed by a Wine and Cheese social. We had one new member join, plus multiple others expressing an interest in our group. If anyone knows of other Catholics who would like to join us in supporting and praying for vocations, please contact us at [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net).

## Save the Date! - July 18, 2023

**Seminarian Picnic Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, **July 18**, at the St. John Henry Newman Center and Chapel in lieu of our usual monthly Thursday gathering. The food for the luncheon will be graciously provided by Yvonne and Jerry Schaefer (affectionately known as "Y & I")!

## Ordinations to the Diaconate - May 27, 2023



CALLED TO **SERVE**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God  
in Jesus Christ, the Servant of All  
the Diocese of Colorado Springs  
invites you to attend the  
ordination of

**Anthony Ambuul  
Patrick DiLoreto  
Sean O'Connor**

through the imposition of hands  
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit  
by the

**Most Reverend James R. Golka  
Bishop of Colorado Springs**

Saturday, the twenty seventh of May,  
two thousand twenty three, at ten o'clock  
**St. Mary's Cathedral  
22 W. Kiowa  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903**

*Reception to follow*

*Your prayers and presence are requested  
Clergy: Diocesan Vestments*

EACH ONE MUST LIVE HIS LIFE IN THE SITUATION THE LORD ASSIGNED WHEN GOD CALLED HIM.

## Seminarians News

Congratulations to our newly instituted lectors, Dominic (left) and Ian (right), and our newly instituted acolyte, Christian (middle)!  
April 22, 2023



## Ordination to the Priesthood – June 10, 2023

*Thou Art a Priest Forever*



*Most Reverend James R. Golka  
Bishop of Colorado Springs*

*invites you to  
the ordination to the Sacred order of the Priesthood  
of*

*Dcn. Thomas Lee Pressley*

*by*  
*Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.  
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA*

*The Tenth day of June  
in the year of our Lord Twenty twenty-three  
at ten in the morning  
at  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
22 West Kiowa  
Colorado Springs, CO*

*Your prayers and presence are requested  
Clergy: Diocesan Vestments*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **Golden Agers from Holy Apostles Visit Newman Center**



The Golden Agers Senior group visited the Newman Center April 20 for the first time. Father Kyle Ingels gave them an introduction to the Center and his ministry there, which includes vocations. They enjoyed seeing the beautiful chapel and stained glass windows, and the group stayed for Mass at noon. They also received information on the Serra club.

## Priest Birthdays for May 2023

Rev. George Fagan  
Rev. James Klein  
Rev. Matthew Alton Kane  
Rev. Thomas G.Cwik, SJ  
Rev. Donald Brownstein  
Rev. Msgr. Robert Jaeger  
Rev. Sean McCann

4-May  
14-May  
21-May  
23-May  
27-May  
5-Jun  
5-Jun

## Priest Ordinations for May 2023

Name	Date
Rev. Kirk Slattery	May 17, 2008
Rev. James Gordon, FSSP	May 22, 2004
Rev. John Toepfer, OFM, Cap.	May 24, 1986
Rev. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	May 24, 2014
Rev. Kyle Ingels	May 28, 2005
Rev. David R. Price	May 29, 2010
Rev. Gregory Golyzniak	May 30, 1998
Rev. Bogdan Siewiera	May 30, 1998
Rev. Tomasz Jamka	May 30, 2009
Rev. Gregory Bierbaum	May 30, 2015
Rev. Nathaniel James Hinds	May 30, 2015
Rev. Roylan Recio Mirabent	May 30, 2015
Rev. C. Chance Billmeyer	May 30, 2020
Rev. Timothy O'Connell	May 30, 2020
Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	May 31, 2003
Rev. David Boroff	June 1, 2013
Rev. Jason Keas	June 1, 2013

## 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

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Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net)

## Message from our Vocations Director



Dear Serrans,

Thank you for your prayers for my aunt's passing. My family and I appreciate it!

We are preparing for our busy season: two ordinations! Please pray for our men being ordained and plan to attend the ordinations and celebrate. The diaconate ordination is scheduled for May 27 and the priesthood June 10. See you there!

St. Junipero, pray for us.

In Christ,

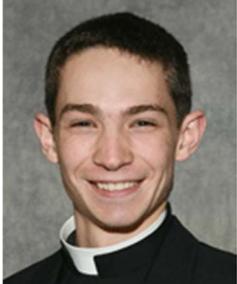
Fr Kyle

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FACEBOOK PAGE:  
Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook**

## ***Pray for our Seminarrians***

Diocesan Seminarrians 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

May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>2</b> Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	<b>3</b> St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>4</b> Retired Priests of the Diocese	<b>5</b> The Holy Father and his intentions	<b>6</b> <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<b>7</b> <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>8</b> <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>9</b> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>10</b> <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>11</b> <u>Fr. Edward Kinerk, SJ</u> , 5/11/72	<b>12</b> <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>13</b> <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
<b>14</b> Fr. James Klein	<b>15</b> <u>Fr. Patrick Battiato</u> , 5/15/76, Retired	<b>16</b> <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>17</b> Fr. Kirk Slattery, 5/17/08	<b>18</b> <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>19</b> <u>Fr. John Auer</u> , 5/19/79, Retired	<b>20</b> Fr. Matthew Kane
<b>21</b> Fr. Kenneth Przybyla, 5/21/77, Retired	<b>22</b> <u>Fr. James Gordon, FSSP</u> , 5/22/04	<b>23</b> Fr. Thomas Cwik, SJ	<b>24</b> <u>Fr. John Toepfer, OFM Cap.</u> , 5/24/86 <u>Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick</u> , 5/24/14	<b>25</b> Deceased Priests of the Diocese	<b>26</b> <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>27 Tentative</b> <u>Transitional Deaconate Ordination Day</u> <u>Fr. Ernest Bond</u> , 5/27/88, Retired
<b>28</b> Fr. Kyle Ingels, 5/28/05	<b>29</b> <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, 5/29/71, Retired <u>Fr. Timothy Corbly, IV DEI</u> , 5/29/93 <u>Fr. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap.</u> , 5/29/61 <u>Fr. David Price</u> , 5/29/10	<b>30</b> Fr. Gregory Bierbaum, 5/30/15 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer, 5/30/20 Fr. Gregory Golyznik, 5/30/58 Fr. Dennis Grabrian, 5/30/70, Retired Fr. Nathaniel Hinds, 5/30/15 Fr. Tomasz Jamka, 5/30/09 Fr. Timothy O'Connell, 5/30/20 Fr. Roylan Rocio Mirabent, 5/30/15 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera, 5/30/98	<b>31</b> <u>Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz</u> , 5/31/03			

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

June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Fr. David Boroff, 6/1/13 Fr. Jason Keas, 6/1/13 Fr. Allen Stahl, 6/1/75, Retired	<b>2</b> <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>3</b> (St. Kevin) <u>Kevin Ward</u> Most Rev. James Golka, 6/3/94 Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP, 6/3/06
<b>4</b> Fr. Vincent Hovley, SJ, 6/4/69 Fr. Marek Krol, 6/4/95 Fr. Brian Mohan, 6/4/05	<b>5</b> Msgr. Robert Jaeger	<b>6</b> Most Rev. Richard C. Hanifen, 6/6/59, Retired	<b>7</b> Fr. Stephen Parlet, 6/7/97 Fr. Hanh Pham, SJ, 6/7/08 Fr. John Stearna, 6/7/14 Fr. Dan Ayers, 6/7/97, Retired Fr. Lawrence Solan, 6/7/80, Retired	<b>8</b> Fr. Kyle Ingels	<b>9</b> Fr. David Boroff	<b>10 Tentative Priestly Ordination Day</b> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<b>11</b> Fr. William Dwyer, 6/11/22 Fr. Matthew Kane, 6/11/22	<b>12</b> <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>13</b> (St. Anthony) <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Fr. Don Brownstein, 6/13/81, Retired	<b>14</b> Fr. C. Joseph Dygert	<b>15</b> Fr. Mark Zacker, 6/15/96	<b>16</b> Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico, 6/16/07	<b>17</b> Fr. Thomas Cwik, SJ, 6/17/00
<b>18</b> Fr. James Baron, 6/18/11 Fr. Don Billiard, OFM Cap, 6/18/63 Fr. C. Joseph Dygert, 6/18/11 Fr. Carlos Gallardo-Morales, 6/18/11 Fr. Erin Kochivar, 6/18/16 Fr. Sean McCann, 6/18/16 Fr. Brian Rosealer, 6/18/11	<b>19</b> <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>20</b> <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>21</b> <u>Fr. Joseph Vu</u> , 6/21/80, Retired	<b>22</b> <u>Fr. Luis Alfredo Garcia-Chavez</u> , 6/22/02	<b>23</b> <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>24</b> Fr. Michael Holmquist, 6/24/17
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