



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

President Janet Zabukovic’s Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

On May 24, I completed my final class in my four years of study for the Denver Catholic Biblical School. The journey required a lot of time, homework, class preparation and reading as well as the weekly minimum of two hours of class time at first in person and then, post-pandemic, on-line. The four years of study were worth every single dime and minute that was spent to complete the journey! Scripture is so much more meaningful now that I better understand the connections between the Old and New Testaments and have benefited from the knowledge of excellent teachers to help me unlock the deeper meanings of Scripture. There were so many times when I remember thinking, “So that’s what that means!” about Scripture that I have heard or read over all these years as a cradle-Catholic. At the very end of that final class, my instructor issued this challenge: “As disciples of Christ, we MUST share his message. Now that you are a Biblical School Graduate, how will you do that?”

That challenge has been very much on my mind. I enjoy writing and have been encouraged over the years to think about writing- a book, a journal, a blog- some way to share my thoughts, experiences and faith. Is God calling me to do that? As a career educator, in the past I have been an RCIA catechist and also led adult formation classes. Am I being called to teach again? I have had the challenge and joy of being in leadership positions both in my parish and in Serra. Is that what God is asking me to continue as my way to share my faith? As disciples, each of us is asked to evangelize in order to bring Christ to others. We each have to discern what that means for us personally. I don’t know yet exactly what God is asking of me, but I will listen for his voice in the silence of my heart and pray for the ears to hear, the eyes to see, and the courage to say yes.

As we enter a new fiscal year, the returning board and I are committed to the mission of the Serra Club as follows:

- To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church, as a particular vocation to service and to support priests in their sacred ministry.

- To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church.
- Finally, to assist members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

With all of your help, I hope we have a wonderful year of growth both in membership and in service to our Serra mission.

Congratulations to our new Deacons- Deacon Anthony, Deacon Patrick, and Deacon Sean. Congratulations to soon-to-be Fr. Thomas Pressley on his upcoming ordination. Please keep our new Deacons and Priest and all of our priests, seminarians, and religious in your prayers. Let's also remember to keep each other in prayer as we work together to fulfill our calling to be Serrans.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Loretta Bocast, Janet Clouse, Rudy Legleiter, Betty and Tom Plush, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, and Bishop Richard Hanifen.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – June 1

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, June 1 at 11:00am

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

Click on "Join a Meeting"

Enter Meeting ID: 995 535 7113

Serra Club Monthly Mass, Luncheon, and Guest Speaker Thursday, June 15, 2023

Topic: Bishops Vocation Appeal – coordination with Serra's work with Seminarians

Our Guest Speaker for June 15 will be **Jamie Crane**, Director of Stewardship and Development, and Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

Jamie is leading a Vocation Appeal for Bishop Golka (primarily focused on Seminarians) in the Fall of 2023. Jamie will give a presentation and then an open discussion of how this can coordinate with the work that Serra does. Food options to be determined.

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

Serra Meets – June 10 with Kevin Wells



Our Next Serra Meets:

Saturday, June 10, at 10:00am MST.

Kevin Wells, author of *The Priests We Need to Save the Church*, will be our speaker. He will be speaking to Serra Meets on: **Can Anything Save the Ailing Church and Priesthood?** [Click to Join the Webinar](#) Passcode: 853558

For more info: <https://serraus.org/serra-meets/>

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 contact Ray Gentilini, Serra Treasurer, at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net. Our Board approved covering any difference so that we'll have enough funds to provide for at least one suit for our holy men.

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”)!

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. June lunch is still being planned, 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 (who we call “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 sign-up at the June meeting if you are able to help. Thank you.

Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report – June 2023

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 recently. I can answer any questions you have of me at any time by contacting me at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net. Thank you, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

SAVE THE DATES!! Upcoming Serra Club Events

- July 18 Seminarian Picnic Luncheon (Tuesday before their retreat) – Food provided by “Y&I”
Aug 17 Sisters Appreciation Luncheon – Food provided by “Y&I”
Aug 25 Newman Center Welcome BBQ dinner
Sept 21 Membership Recruitment Lunch with Bishop James Golka

Ordinations to the Diaconate May 27, 2023 at St. Mary’s Cathedral



Congratulations to our three NEW DEACONS!

Front Row: Deacon Sean O’Connor, Deacon Anthony Ambuul, Deacon Patrick DiLoreto, Seminarians Dominic Ambuul and Vincent Smith.

Back Row: Seminarians Joshua Wojcik and Ian White, Bishop James Golka, Seminarians James McCann, Christian Vaca-Rodriguez, and Kevin Ward.

Deacons’ Summer Assignments – Anthony Ambuul – English immersion in Guatemala; Patrick DiLoreto – Assigned to St. Dominic Parish; Sean O’Connor – Studying Canon Law in Washington, DC.

Support Vocations!! Tell young men about:


The Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs – Priest Vocation Discernment Retreat

SAVE THE DATE: Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? On Saturday, July 22, the Diocese of Colorado Springs will host a half-day retreat and invites men between the ages of 12 - 45. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the discernment process and determine if God is calling you to a priestly vocation. The retreat will be held at the St. John Henry Newman Center located at 4785 Stanton Rd, Colorado Springs, near the campus of UCCS. The retreat starts at 2:00PM and will focus on the discernment process and will have presentations by priests and laity, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass followed by the KofC grilling hamburgers and brats for the attendees. Please extend this invitation to your friends, family, and parishioners and refer questions and RSVPs to Mike at mlehnertz@icloud.com by July 17, 2023.

Dress is Business Casual.

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*

From Our May Serra Club Slide Show, we learned:

How YOU can ENGAGE in Serra Vocations Work

- Attend monthly Program Meetings
- Pray a rosary weekly or monthly for vocations
- One hour of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations each month
- Adopt a Seminarian
- Assist with Appreciation event planning
- Join the Seven Serrans Prayer Program or the 31 Club
- Recruit new members to Serra!

Seven Serran Prayer Program

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	

Priest Birthdays for June 2023

Rev. Msgr. Robert Jaeger	5-Jun
Rev. Sean McCann	5-Jun
Rev. David Boroff	7-Jun
Rev. Kyle Ingels	7-Jun
Rev. Randall Rentner, CSC	7-Jun
Rev. C. Joseph Dygert	13-Jun
Bishop Richard Hanifen	15-Jun
Rev. Roylan Recio Mirabent	18-Jun
Rev. Allen M. Stahl	20-Jun
Rev. Stephen Akujobi	21-Jun
Rev. Luis Alfredo Garcia-Chavez	23-Jun
Rev. David Volker	1-Jul
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	5-Jul

Priest Ordinations for June 2023

Rev. David Boroff	June 1, 2013
Rev. Jason Keas	June 1, 2013
Most Rev. James R. Golka	June 3, 1994
Rev. Marek Krol	June 4, 1995
Rev. Brian Mohan	June 4, 2005
Rev. Daniel Ayers	June 7, 1997
Rev. Stephen Parlet	June 7, 1997
Rev. Hanh Pham, SJ	June 7, 2008
Rev. John Stearns	June 7, 2014
Rev. William E. Dwyer	June 11, 2022
Rev. Matthew Alton Kane	June 11, 2022
Rev. Mark Zacker	June 15, 1996
Rev. Rafael Torres-Rico	June 16, 2007
Rev. Thomas G. Cwik, SJ	June 17, 2000
Rev. James M. Baron	June 18, 2011
Rev. C. Joseph Dygert	June 18, 2011
Rev. Carlos Gallardo-Morales	June 18, 2011
Rev. Brian Roeseler	June 18, 2011
Rev. Erin Kochivar	June 18, 2016
Rev. Sean McCann	June 18, 2016
Rev. Luis Alfredo Garcia-Chavez	June 22, 2002
Rev. Michael Holmquist	June 24, 2017
Rev. Michael P. Buckley	June 28, 2014
Rev. James Klein	June 29, 2002

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.

Serra Club Current Officers

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Joel Kostyrka

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Ray Gentilini

VP Vocations – Jon and Claudine Duncan

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And Rose Marie Stimpfl

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Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

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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

June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Fr. David Boroff, 6/1/13 Fr. Jason Keas, 6/1/13 Fr. Allen Stahl, 6/1/75, Retired	2 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 (St. Kevin) <u>Kevin Ward</u> Most Rev. James Golka, 6/3/94 Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP, 6/3/06
4 Fr. Vincent Hovley, SJ, 6/4/69 Fr. Marek Krol, 6/4/95 Fr. Brian Mohan, 6/4/05	5 Msgr. Robert Jaeger	6 Most Rev. Richard C. Hanifen, 6/6/59, Retired	7 Fr. Stephen Parise, 6/7/97 Fr. Hanh Pham, SJ, 6/7/88 Fr. John Stearns, 6/7/14 Fr. Dan Ayres, 6/7/97, Retired Fr. Lawrence Solan, 6/7/80, Retired	8 Fr. Kyle Ingels	9 Fr. David Boroff	10 <u>Tentative Priestly Ordination Day</u> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
11 Fr. William Dwyer, 6/11/22 Fr. Matthew Kane, 6/11/22	12 <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 (St. Anthony) <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Fr. Don Brownstein, 6/13/81, Retired	14 Fr. C. Joseph Dygert	15 Fr. Mark Zacker, 6/15/96	16 Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico, 6/16/07	17 Fr. Thomas Cwik, SJ, 6/17/00
18 Fr. James Baron, 6/18/11 Fr. Don Billard, OFM Cap, 6/18/83 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 Roseeler, 6/18/11	19 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	21 Fr. Joseph Vu, 6/21/80, Retired	22 Fr. Luis Alfredo Garcia- Chavez, 6/22/02	23 <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Fr. Michael Holmquist, 6/24/17
25 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Michael Buckley, 6/28/14, Retired	29 Fr. James Klein, 6/29/02	30 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	

July 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Transitional Deacons being Ordained this year
2 Military Chaplains	3 (St. Thomas) <u>Dcn. Thomas Pressley</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 The Holy Father and his intentions	5 <u>Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	7 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	8 Retired Priests of the Diocese
9 <u>Sean O'Connor</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Leaders who form the Seminarians	11 Fr. Amlesom Gawed OFM Cap., 7/11/99	12 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	13 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	14 The Church around the World	15 <u>Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
16 Fr. Gene Emrisek, OFM Cap.	17 An increase in Vocations to the Priesthood	18 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	20 <u>Mark Rocco</u> College IV St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	21 <u>Ian White</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 All the Seminaries of the world
23 All men being Ordained this year	24 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 (St. James) <u>James McCann</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Fr. Gregory Bierbaum	27 Holy Cross Novices	28 <u>Msgr. Robert Jaeger</u> , 7/28/90	29 Fr. Don Billard, OFM Cap. 7/28/90
30 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	31 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Pre-Theology II 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