



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER January 2024

Serra Message

We wish all our members and supporters a very joyful and blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year in 2024! We appreciate everyone's participation in our activities, and we are especially grateful for those sponsoring our wonderful and hard-working Seminarians! God bless you all!

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Jan Zabukovic, 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 – Jan 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 are also available on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thursday, January 4 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.

*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 Monday, January 8th (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 Meets - Bishop Andrew Cozzens – Saturday, Jan 13



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

Join Bishop Cozzens on Saturday, Jan 13, at 10:00 MST.

About Bishop Andrew Cozzens

Pope Francis appointed the Most Rev. Andrew Cozzens as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Crookston on Oct. 18, 2021. He was installed on Dec. 6, 2021.

He currently serves as the chair of the board for NET Ministries, St. Paul's Outreach, The Institute for Priestly Formation and The Seminary Formation Council. Additionally, Bishop Cozzens is the chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on

Evangelization and Catechesis where on behalf of the bishops he is leading a three-year **National Eucharistic Revival** that began in June of 2022.



Are You on Facebook?

Check out our **NEW Serra Club of Colorado Springs Facebook Page!**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553890047739>

Or search "Serra Club of Colorado Springs"
Our FB Admin has wonderful vocation links.
Please follow our page!!

Welcome to our Newest Serra Members!

Victoria Anderson
Carolyn Denaro
Gail Donnelly

Tamara Parker
Joanne Mayne
Christina Ramirez

We are so pleased to have you all join us in our valuable ministry!

SAVE THE DATES!! Upcoming Serra Club Events

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!

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.

Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report – Jan 2024

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| Beginning Balance (Operating Account) | 4194.05 |
| Disbursements | 633.00 |
| Receipts | <u>515.00</u> |
| Ending Balance (Operating Account) | 4076.05 |

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| Accounts Payable | 3500.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 240.00 |

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| Ending Balance (Savings Account) | 2501.53 |
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| Total Balance (Operating + Savings) | 6577.58 |
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We still have two members that owe for the entire 2023 dues period. We have five members that have paid all or part of their 2024 dues. We only have five members that have paid for the Anniversary Dinner and another five that have indicated that they are coming. I do not need to receive your check by the current deadline of 8 Jan 2024 but I do need a phone call to make your reservation at 307-922-6813 or 719-576-0641. You can mail your dues or Anniversary Dinner checks to Serra Club of COS, 228 N Cascade

Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. We were hoping to get at least 50 reservations and perhaps 60 but we are currently far short of that now. Please call and make your reservations ASAP as we have to notify the caterer of the number coming next week. Please Call---We really do need more reservations. I will be available at the Anniversary Dinner to accept any and all checks for dues or any other reason. Also you can call me and I will come to you to pick up your check!

-Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer

Christmas Lunch on Dec 21 With Our Seminarians!

We had a full house to greet our seminarians and welcome them home from their studies! Jerry Schaerffer and his wife Yvonne (Y&I Catering) provided all the wonderful homemade dishes and desserts! Thank you to everyone who attended to support vocations!



Colorful homemade desserts!



Lots of supporters and seminarians enjoying their time together!

Advent Morning of Reflection was held Dec 9

Despite some snow, Serra had a great turn-out for our Morning of Reflection. After Mass, we had wonderful coffee and brunch prepared by members Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer. During our preached Holy Hour, Fr. Kyle gave a detailed talk about Juan Diego, The Humble Leader, on his Feast Day. Everyone enjoyed this special time during the busy holiday season.

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.

No Priest Ordinations for Jan - April

Priest Birthdays for January

Rev. James Williams
Rev. Stephen Parlet
Rev. James M. Baron

6-Jan
21-Jan
4-Feb

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

Thanks to all who have signed up for the 31 Club!

Only a few slots left! Please help fill the calendar!!

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. Benjamin Beckner
13. Helene Knapp
14. Susie O'Connor
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
- 17.
18. Margarita Waters
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. Sr. Diana White
29. Sr. Michelle Micek
30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
31. Connie Pratt

From our Vocations Director

Dear Serrans:

Thank you so much for the wonderful cards and Christmas treats. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. I love the needlepoint of where St Junipero is buried, and I am thankful for your other gifts too.

May the Lord continue to bless you with the joy of 2024!

Yours,

Fr Kyle

Promote Vocations! Bulletin Announcements

Epiphany - January 7, 2024

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, **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/>**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be

a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, **contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of
Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.**

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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.


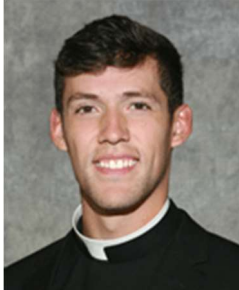


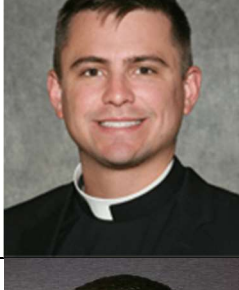

They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned if you don't hear back or don't hear back in a timely manner from these men. Letters by mail are the best way to correspond with them.

**FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS ON THE
FACEBOOK PAGE:**






[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>

| Seminarians | Name & Address | Email Address |
|---|---|---|
|  | <p>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>a.p.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>p.g.diloreto@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>jimccann@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Dcn. Sean O'Conner Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>s.p.oconnor@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | |

| Seminarists | Name & Address | Email Address |
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|  | <p>Mark Rocco Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>mark-rocco@sggs.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Vincent Smith Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>v.f.smith@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>m.c.vacarodriguez@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Kevin Ward Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>k.h.ward@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Ian White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>i.j.white@email.msmary.edu</p> |
|  | <p>Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu</p> |

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|  | | <p>Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p> | <p>Spirituality Year</p> |
|  | | <p>Jonathan DeCock Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>Spirituality Year</p> |
|  | | <p>Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p> | <p>Spirituality Year</p> |
|  | | <p>Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>Spirituality Year</p> |
|  | | <p>Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p> | <p>Spirituality Year</p> |



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

| January 2024 | | | | | | |
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| 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" Pallyill, 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 Joshua Wojcik 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- 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 | | | |

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.

| February 2024 | | | | | | |
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| | | | | 1 All the Seminarians of the world | 2 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 3 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary |
| 4 Fr. James Baron | 5 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary | 6 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 7 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 8 <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 9 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary | 10 Fr. Brian Roeseler |
| 11 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 12 <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 13 Holy Cross Novices | 14 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 15 Deceased Priests of the Diocese | 16 Retired Priests of the Diocese | 17 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary |
| 18 Fr. Dennis Gordon, FSSP | 19 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese | 20 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 21 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary | 22 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 23 <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 24 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary |
| 25 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 26 Fr. Long Hai Do | 27 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 28 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary | 29 Military Chaplains | | |