



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER November 2024

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

November is a notable month for several reasons. It is a time to think about gratitude for our family, friends, and the gifts God has given to each of us. Even if we are unable to share a Thanksgiving meal with our family and friends, we can still reach out and let those people know that we are grateful for their presence in our lives.

November is the month to remember All Saints, the Church Triumphant. Not only are the recognized Saints wonderful role models and inspiration to all of us as we strive to live out our faith, but they are powerful intercessors for us when we pray for their intercession.

November is also a month to pray for All Souls, not just on November 2nd, the day set aside for that, but also throughout the month. We should always pray for the departed and ask God that his purifying grace may release their souls from

Purgatory so that they may join God in Heaven for eternity. Part of our responsibility as the Church Militant is to pray for the Church Suffering, so keeping the departed in our prayers should be part of our everyday prayer life.

This November, our St. Serra Club has much for which to be grateful! At the Serra District 6 conference at St. Francis of Assisi church in Castle Rock, our club was honored to receive the Best Club Award for the second consecutive year! Jon and Claudine Duncan were awarded the Best VP Vocations award for their work with our group. Finally, Ray Gentilini received the Outstanding Serran Award, a well-deserved recognition for his contributions to our apostolate. Being awarded the Best Serra Club in District 6 is recognition of the hard work of our membership to foster, support and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. But we must not rest on our laurels, as they say. We must continue to strive to grow our membership and to encourage those discerning, our seminarians, and those already ordained.

This month, which is focused on gratitude, let's remember to include our Priests, seminarians, Deacons and other religious in our prayers. The work of a priest involves long hours and can be stressful. Many priests live alone, and some do not have family nearby. Just like any person in a

position that serves others, priests can be subject to feelings of fatigue, loneliness and depression mixed with the joy of their vocation. Please be intentional about reaching out to the priests in your life to let them know that they are loved and appreciated. Pray for the deceased clergy too and ask the Saints to intercede for all those who have answered God's call. And let's remember to also be thankful for our fellow Serrans all around the world who are united in the Serra mission.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Miki Feldman, Jan Zabukovic, Tom Plush, Linda and Joe DiBenedittis, Loretta Bocast, Rudy Legleiter, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, Bishop Richard Hanifen, and Fr. Jim Klein.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Nov 7

Please join us! Serra Prayer for Vocations -Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Prayed Silently; Monthly at 11am - Noon on the first Thursday, In-person at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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.

Thurs, Nov 7 at NOON. <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 your parish or at home, even if you are not able to participate with us in-person or online.

Serra Meets – Monday, Nov 18, at 6pm MT

With Serra International President Moira McQueen, who will be speaking on “The International Strategic Plan”: Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at 6pm Mountain Time.

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

Passcode: 85355

November Luncheon, Thursday, Nov 21

We will meet on Thursday, Nov 21, at St. Mary's Cathedral, starting with adoration at 11:00AM and Mass at 12:10, followed by lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center. We're still working out lunch details, and we will email members when information is available. At the gathering, we will have a ministry presentation to make plans for 2025. We hope everyone will join us!

New Nametags

If you ordered a new nametag, it is now available for pick up at the November meeting and lunch. Please remember to bring your \$10.00 donation to partially cover the cost of your nametag.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Seminarian Members Only

Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, Dec 19

Join us as we welcome home our Diocesan Seminarians!

We will follow our usual monthly meeting schedule: Thursday, Dec 19, at St. Mary's Cathedral, starting with adoration at 11:00AM and Mass at 12:10PM, followed by lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center.

Our Apostolate chefs, Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer will prepare a wonderful meal for us to enjoy while we visit with our honored guests. Please make plans to join us! Contact SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net for more information or to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Membership Lunch with Bishop James Golka, Thurs, Feb 20, 2025

Our **Membership Recruitment Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Saint Mary's Cathedral. There will be 11:00AM Adoration and 12:10 Mass, followed by lunch.

Serrans: Please Help our Ministry Grow! More prayers and supporters are always needed and welcome! Please provide 2 or more names of people you know who would be interested in joining Serra. Email the following information to wagnerkt5@gmail.com for each interested party: Name, Full Mailing Address, Phone, Email address, and Parish. February is not so far away, so it's not too early to ask potential members to attend.



USA Serrans unite!

https://serraclub.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=417532&item_id=2296813 (Click link or copy and paste)

Now is a great time to sign up for the 2025 Serra US Rally! Retreat to sunny, warm Miami this winter! Serrans from around the country gather to pray, learn, and be inspired to promote vocations in new ways.

- ❑ Make new connections with other Serrans
- ❑ Get new ideas to create a culture of vocations
- ❑ Experience Miami's culture and beautiful weather
- ❑ Special event with the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, one of the fastest growing religious communities in the US.

Check the Serra website for Registration and hotel reservation or contact SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net for more information.

Serra District 6
Rocky Mountain Regional Conference
October 26, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
2746 Fifth St.
Castle Rock, Colorado



Renewal and Revival

Rocky Mountain Region/Colorado District Serra Conference Summary

This year our District conference was expanded to a Regional Conference to include Arizona and Western Texas. Colorado has 9 Serra Clubs, 7 of which are in the Denver Archdiocese, and 1 each in the Pueblo Diocese and Colorado Springs. Phoenix has 3 clubs and El Paso has one. All of the Colorado clubs were represented - over a dozen of the 53 attendees from our own Serra Apostolate. Unfortunately, no one from Arizona was able to attend and only a speaker came from El Paso.

The conference was held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Castle Rock on Saturday, October 26th and included breakfast and lunch.

There were 4 presenters: Father Mark Zacker, Pastor of St. Francis, who spoke on REVIVAL; Candice Tyrrell, US Council VP of Membership, who gave an overview of Serra and membership information; Father Anthony Ambuul, newly ordained and the youngest priest in our Diocese who spoke of his journey to the Priesthood; and Dolores Romo, El Paso Serra President, who spoke on The Many Faces of Mary.

A panel of Serrans who participated in the Eucharistic Congress, including Beth Pressley, gave their impressions of the experience, and another panel discussed their local membership strategies and their effectiveness. Club Presidents each presented some of the programs and events they held during the last year, and Bob Applegate gave a summary of the Serra International Convention held in New Orleans in August.

Please read President Jan Zabukovic's letter for info on awards won by our club!

We hope you will join us next year and perhaps be part of the planning process. It is gratifying to participate in helping fellow Serrans grow in their ministry, so if you are interested in being involved, please let us know at SerraCosprings@dioCS.net.

Eleanor Gentilini
Conference Chair

(See photos below)



Left - Father Mark Zacker, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, speaking on REVIVAL.
 Middle - Father Anthony Ambuul, newly ordained priest (June 8, 2024) and the youngest priest in our diocese, with Candice and Ed Tyrrell.
 Right - Ray Gentilini, winner of Serran of the Year Award, and Ralph Hooyboer, District Governor.



Serrans of Colorado Springs, winners of the Best Club Award
 Front row: Margarita Waters, Eleanor Gentilini, Regina Applegate, Jan Zabukovic (Pres), Ray Gentilini, Karen Wagner. Middle row: Patty Townley, Pat Van Matre, Rose Marie Stimpfl, Susan Curtis, Mary McCann. Back row: Bob Applegate, Beth Pressley, Ralph Hooyboer.



Serran **Charlene Pardo** attended a **Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Fair** on Oct 26. She was able to interact with the participants (about 60 people, ages 19-30) both at her table and during lunch discussions, to share the Serra Apostolate Mission. The clever sign Charlene put on her table reads, "If you were waiting for a sign, THIS IS IT!" Thanks for spreading the word, Charlene!

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS!

Prayer of St. Faustina Kowalska for Priests

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so hardened hearts may be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.

FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE: [Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook](#)

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.



Are You on Facebook?

Check out our 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 and invite your friends!!

Priest Birthdays

Rev. Kirk Slattery	3-Nov
Rev. Jarrod M. Waugh, CSC	5-Nov
Rev. Joseph Vu	11-Nov
Rev. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI	23-Nov
Rev. John Toepfer, OFM, Cap.	26-Nov
Rev. Jaimes Ponce	29-Nov
Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap	1-Dec
Rev. Tomasz Jamka	3-Dec

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. August Stewart	11/05/94
Fr. Michael Goodyear	11/25/94

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

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. **Can we add YOUR name?!**

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.
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
17. Patty Townley & Sr Marietta Spenner OSF
- 18.
19. Charlene Pardo
20. Beth Pressley
21. Jerry Schaefer

DAY of the Month. Name

22. Sue Harman
23. Patty O'Connell
24. Robert Applegate
25. Eleanor Gentilini
- 26.
- 27.
- 28.
- 29.
30. Jon and Claudine Duncan
31. Connie Pratt

Serra Club Officers

Effective July 1, 2024

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Jon Duncan

Secretary – Marty Broestl

Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer

VP Vocations – Mike Lehnertz & Sandy Lehnertz

VP Programs – TBD

VP Membership – Karen Wagner

VP Communications – Beth Pressley

Hispanic Ambassador – Margarita Waters

Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini, Rose Marie Stimpfl

Serra Foundation Representative - Charlene Pardo

Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley

Contact Beth to be added to our Newsletter email list at: medmep@sbcglobal.net





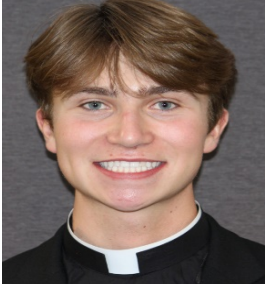
Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

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.


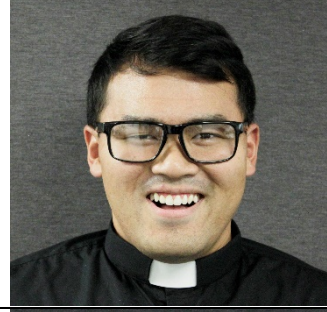

Pray for our Seminarians Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

Seminarians	Name & Address	Email Address
	<p>Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu Theology III</p>
	<p>Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>College I</p>
	<p>Jonathan DeCock Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology II</p>
	<p>Yunior Gonzalez Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology 7335 S. Hwy 100, Hales Corners, WI 53130-042</p>	<p>Theology III</p>
	<p>Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>College I</p>

		<p>James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Theology II</p>
		<p>Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology II</p>
		<p>Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology I</p>
		<p>Mark Rocco Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>mark-rocco@siggs.edu Theology II</p>
		<p>Vincent Smith Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>v.f.smith@email.msmary.edu Theology II</p>
		<p>Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology II</p>

	<p>Dcn. 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>Theology IV</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>Theology II</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>Theology III</p>
	<p>Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu</p> <p>Theology II</p>
	<p>Trevor Keene St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Andrew McFadden St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>

	<p>Christopher Oram Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Peter Tran Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Matthew Zimmer St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>



Mass for Vocations

Starting January 2025, First Saturdays
9:00am Mass followed by a Holy Hour
St. Patrick Catholic Church
6455 Brook Park Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
All are welcome! Come and pray for vocations!

NEW! Masses for Vocations, Starting JANUARY 2025!!

November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	2 <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
3 Fr. Kirk Slattery	4 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 Fr. August Stewart , 11/5/94	6 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC	7 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 <u>James McCann</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
10 <u>Joshua Woicik</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	13 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 <u>Peter Tran</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
17 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Roylan Recio Mirabent	19 <u>Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	20 Fr. Suresh Mathew, OSB	21 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	22 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	23 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI
24 Fr. Kyle Ingels	25 Fr. Don Billiard, OFM	26 Fr. John Toepfer, OFM Cap	27 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 Fr. James Ponce	30 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary

December 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	3 Fr. Tomasz Janika	4 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	7 Fr. Michael Holmquist
8 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	10 <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	12 <u>Joshua Woicik</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Fr. Anthony Ambuul	14 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
15 <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	16 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	18 Fr. Bradford Noonan , 12/18/99	19 Fr. George Fagan , 12/19/69, Retired	20 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
22 Fr. Robert Newbury , 12/22/07	23 <u>Peter Tran</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Fr. Ricardo Rosales , 12/24/97	25 Fr. Sean McCann	26 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Sijo George , OSB, 12/27/03 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim, 12/27/13	28 <u>James McCann</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
29 Fr. Jacob Anil D'Sa , SDB, 12/29/09 Fr. Shijan Antony , OFM Cap, 12/29/07 Fr. Augustine Nellary , 12/29/93	30 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	31 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary				

Eternal Father, we lift up these seminarians and priests of our diocese. Sanctify them and mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May our Blessed Mother, Mary, wrap her mantle of love and protection around them. Amen.

Underlined names are seminarians; Names in bold indicate the seminarian's birthday, and a priest's ordination anniversary