



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER February 2024

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

I first want to thank all of you for your prayers over the last couple of months as I continue to recover from my bout with being septic with pneumonia. It has been a long and difficult journey in the hospital, then rehab, and now at home to regain my strength and recover from the pneumonia and the damage from when I passed out and fell. I laid unconscious on the floor for about 15 hours until Laura Jean Hawley and Pat Van Matre got help for me after realizing something was wrong since I was not returning texts, emails, or phone calls. I was so sick that my pastor, Fr. Jason Keas, came immediately to the hospital after Pat called and he administered last rites. When Fr. Jason visited me in rehab, he told me that I clearly had been in God's hands all those hours

and that he was certain that God was telling me my work was not yet done- I still have work to do and lessons to learn! I am beyond grateful to Pat and Laura Jean for literally saving my life, to all the medical and rehab staff who worked to help me recover, to my family and friends who have been generous with their time to help me do what I could not do, and to all who have reached out to check on me and offer their prayers. An experience like this is certainly a catalyst to reflect on the gift of life and life's fragility. It was also an abrupt lesson in humility as I know I am not as strong and independent as I thought I was. I quickly realized that we all need other people- we can't go through life alone without either people or God's grace- and there are many truly wonderful and compassionate people in the world!

Lent begins in just a few short weeks. 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 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.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

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

1st Thursday Prayer Hour

Please join us! **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, February 1 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.

Mass, Speaker, and Lunch February 15 Fr. Kyle will share a travelog of his trip to Italy!

Our **Feb 15** monthly gathering will feature Fr Kyle as our guest speaker, sharing photos and a travelog of his winter travel and pilgrimage to Italy. Fr Kyle and crew visited new locations and Marian Shrines in addition to Rome and Assisi. We will order box lunches from Panera (cost is around \$15), with more info about ordering to come. Please make plans to join us!

Mass: 12:00 noon

Lunch and speaker: 12:30pm

Serra Meets – Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S – Saturday, Feb 10



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

Join us Saturday, February 10, at 10:00 MST.

Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S., *Author of Praying for Priests*, will be our speaker. Kathleen Beckman, an international evangelist, and renowned author of several books is the President and Co-Founder of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests, an apostolate founded in 2013 with encouragement of the Vatican's Dicastery of the Clergy. Please visit www.foundationforpriests.org for information on spiritual motherhood for priests. She is also a Dame in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

Sophia Institute Press publishes her five books including, (2013) "[Praying for Priests](#)", (2015) "[God's Healing Mercy](#)", (2017) "[When Women Pray](#)", (2020) "[A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare](#)", (2023) "Beautiful Holiness: A Spiritual Journey with Blessed Conchita to the Heart of Jesus".



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 and invite your friends!!

Welcome to our Newest Serra Member!

Sandy Lehnertz

We are so pleased to have you join our vocations ministry!

Serra Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction was held Monday, Jan 15, 2024

Eleanor Gentilini, our Chair for the Anniversary Dinner Auction, sends “a big THANK YOU! to all those who came hours early to the Newman Center and helped me set up and organize the auction items. They were: Patty Townsley, Magarita Waters, Regina Applegate, Charlene Pardo, and Rose Stimpfl, plus all those who came by to lend a hand. Also, thanks to the many who donated the 72 gifts that made the auction and the evening such a success.”

See Ray Gentilini’s Treasurer’s report for more info about the Auction.

Induction of new Serra Members!

During the Mass before our Dinner and Silent Auction, we inducted 6 new members. (Three others who were unable to attend will be inducted at a later date.)

Carolyn Denaro
Gail Donnelly

Miki Feldman
Sandy Lehnertz

Joanne Mayne
Tamara Parker



Serra Apostolate Treasurer's Report – Feb 2024

Beginning balance (Operating Account)	\$4076.05
Receipts	\$5485.50
Disbursements	\$4950.00
Ending balance (Operating Account)	\$4611.55
Ending balance (Savings Account)	\$2501.64
Total Balance (Operating + Savings)	\$7,113.19

Both Accounts Receivable (AR) & Accounts Payable (AP) involve only dues as all other monies owed to the club have been received and all other bills have been paid. All unpaid dues are considered AR and all dues paid beyond Jan would be an AP for the Club. Since in the first quarter of the year members decide if they will pay monthly, semi-annually, or annually, I will skip this computation until at least April.

Each January, your club treasurer must issue Internal Revenue Service mandated letters to anyone who has donated over \$250.00 to the club. The donations must be auditable and trackable to the donor. So, if you write a check as a donation to the club, that money is trackable and auditable to the donor. On the other hand, if you put a \$20 bill in a donation jar at one of the club meetings, that money is neither trackable or auditable to the donor. I have scoured our books, and I did not find any member to whom I need to issue a letter. However, I may have made a mistake. If you believe you should have received a donor letter, please call me and I will review the qualifying documents for you. Ray at 307 922 6813.

Each January and June, I pay our semi-annual dues assessment to Serra USA and Serra International. I make these payments from your dues payments. This is why it is very important to pay your dues on time. As mentioned above, you have three options to pay your annual \$120 dues or \$180 as a dues-paying couple. You can pay the entire annual dues (\$120 or \$180) all at once in the first month of the year. You can split your dues payment into two semi-annual co-payments of \$60 or \$90 as a dues-paying couple. OR-- you can pay your \$10 or \$15 as a dues-paying couple monthly. Whichever method you choose please be timely!! **You can mail your dues payments to: The Serra Club of COS or The Serra Apostolate of COS, 228 N Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903.** You can also give your dues payments to me at the monthly meetings or if you prefer, just call me at the above number and I will come and pick it up from you. I will send out the first dues invoices in April to those that are delinquent at that time. Thank you to all the members, guests and friends that made the **Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction** such a huge success! Although the weather did not cooperate, we had 50 people attend the dinner and hear Lisa, our keynote speaker, give an outstanding and very informative talk. Our only fundraiser of the year, the Silent Auction set a new record for proceeds. Due to the hard work of Eleanor Gentilini and her small band of volunteers and donors, the Club received \$2,260.50 that will help us to establish our first annual budget for the board at the beginning of our fiscal year in June.

Finally, our club paid off our pledge of \$1000.00 to Serra International to help with the expenses of the Eucharistic Congress this Summer. Remember back in Sep/Oct our Board of Directors

contributed \$500.00 and then challenged the membership to match this \$500 with \$500 in donations which would all go to support the Serra International initiative to support the Eucharistic Congress this coming Summer in Indianapolis. One of the four Eucharistic Processions heading to Indianapolis will start in California and pass through Denver this Summer. It will be named the Saint Serra Trail.

Ray Gentilini, Saint Serra Apostolate of COS Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE!! Upcoming Serra Event

Aug 8-11 - Serra International Convention, New Orleans, LA

<https://serrainternational.org/new-orleans-convention/>



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.

**Priest Ordinations for Jan
(Sorry these were missed
last month. No ordinations
in Feb or March)**

Rev. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI Jan 2, 1994
Rev. Francisco J. Quezada Jan 9, 1988

Priest Birthdays for February

Rev. James M. Baron 4-Feb
Rev. Brian Roeseler 10-Feb
Rev. Dennis Grabrian 17-Feb

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

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Promote Vocations!

Attn: Pastor, Secretary or Bulletin Editor

Here is a practical, free, labor-saving service for you.

Serra's 'Vocation Seeds' are timely Parish Bulletin inserts corresponding to the theme of the Sunday liturgy for cycle 'B'. They have been welcomed by many busy Pastors and are being widely used.

Serrans invite you to use this handy tool to plant 'Vocation Seeds' in your parish every Sunday.

Serrans recognize and appreciate all Bishops, Priests, Religious and Deacons in your special ministry and vocation. We pray for you daily. Thank you for assisting us in our mission of promoting church vocations.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2024

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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.

email VocationsConcecratedLifeWWW@diocs.org

website <https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/>

First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2024

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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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Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2024

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, **contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.**

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Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be 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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Serra Club Current Officers

President – Jan Zabukovic

Vice-President – Joel Kostyrka

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Treasurer – Ray Gentilini

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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







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.




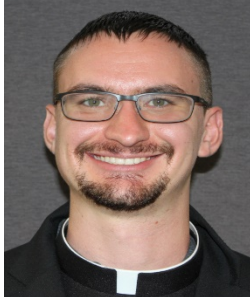
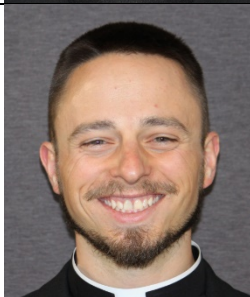
They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned if you don't hear back or don't hear back in a timely manner from these men. Letters by mail are the best way to correspond with them.

Pray for our Seminarians Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

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

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Seminarians	Name & Address	Email Address
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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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 Ian White 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 Kevin Ward 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		

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.

March 2024						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	2 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
3 †Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, 2nd Bishop of Diocese	4 Fr. Paul Williams, 3/4/95	5 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Fr. William Oulvey	7 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	8 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
10 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Dominic Ambuul Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Holy Cross Novices	15 Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Pallia Thara, OSB	16 <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
17 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Thomas Pressley	19 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bradford Noonan	22 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer	23 Jonathan DeCock Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
24 <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Fr. William Dwyer	26 All the Seminarians of the world	27 Most Rev. James Golka	28 St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
31 Deceased Priests of the Diocese						