



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER March 2024

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans:

After graduating from the four-year Denver Catholic Biblical School and participating in the Bible in a Year podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz, I was looking for another program to enhance my faith journey. So last fall, I decided that I would participate in Fr. Schmitz's Catechism in a Year podcast. I can vividly remember my early experience with the Catholic Catechism in my Catholic grade school years. Back then, the Baltimore Catechism was used. For those not familiar with that, the Baltimore Catechism was a book of questions with scripted answers, questions such as, "Who is God?" We were expected to memorize the scripted answers and were tested on those by the Sister who taught that particular class each year. I have never been a good memorizer, so I remember the hours my poor Mom and Dad worked to help me memorize all those responses over all those years. I was able to do that after much work and, I admit, many tears of frustration. But what was missing in all that

memorization was deeper understanding about what those scripted responses actually meant. Participating in the Catechism in a Year podcasts has been a wonderful experience as Fr. Mike leads me through reading each day's Catechism section and then explains the meaning of those words and its relationship to my life. I got behind with my recent illness but am back on track and committed to spending time each evening learning more about my Catholic faith. I would highly recommend engaging in this year-long commitment.

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, reading scripture or the Catechism, and growing in relationship to God. 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 - March 7

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, March 7 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.

National Sisters Week – March 8-14

We will offer our monthly rosary for all nuns and sisters!

Serra Meets – Cardinal Thomas Collins – Sat March 9

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

Join us Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 MST.



Serra International Episcopal Adviser
Thomas Cardinal Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto,

Monthly Mass, Speaker, and Lunch - March 21

Our **March 21 monthly gathering** speaker will be announced soon.

We will be serving pizza for lunch.

Please make plans to join us in supporting vocations in Colorado Springs!

Mass: 12:00 noon

Lunch and speaker: 12:30pm



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!!

SAVE THE DATE!! Wine and Cheese Social May 4

Our annual Member Wine and Cheese social is on Saturday, **May 4 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Newman Center.** Invite prospective members to join us. Submit names and addresses of prospective members to Pat Van Matre at dpgrand9@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, April 17 in order for us to mail invitations to them from the Bishop.

MEMBERS - Please submit suggestions for Board positions!

It is time to gather nominations for the Serra Board of Officers for the upcoming year. Submit a name (yourself or others) for as many positions as possible.

The positions are listed below:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

VP Vocations

VP Programs

VP Membership

VP Communications

Hispanic Ambassador (**new position**)

Serra Foundation Rep

You may submit the information via email (SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net) or be prepared to complete the information form which will be available at the next meeting.

Fr. Kyle's travelog of his Jan 2024 trip to Italy, on Feb 15

Fr Kyle shared wonderful photos of his trip with Fr. Matt Kane to Rome, Assisi, and other Italian locations. What excitement to be able to celebrate Mass in such holy sites!



Mass at Padre Pio's altar in San Giovanni Rotondo. Fr Matt, Luigi (Guide) & Fr. Kyle in Assisi

SAVE THE DATE!!
The Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to Colorado!!!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

**Serra Route -
Archdiocese of
Denver**

06/05/24 to 6/12/24

For information about ALL COLORADO events, go to:
<https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/serra/serra-route-archdiocese-of-denver-4a2PDnqpQz/overview>

06/09/24

10:30 AM -
12:00 PM

Sunday Mass at the Cathedral in Denver
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1530 Logan
St, Denver, CO 80203
Join us for the celebration of Sunday Mass.

Eucharistic Procession through Denver
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1530 Logan
St, Denver, CO 80203
Join us for a short procession through downtown Denver.

12:00 PM -
12:45 PM

This is a short one mile Eucharistic Procession from the
Cathedral to Holy Ghost Catholic Church.

START LOCATION:
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1530 Logan
St, Denver, CO 80203

END LOCATION:
Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 1900 California St, Denver, CO
80202

SAVE THE DATE!! Upcoming Serra Event

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

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



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

Despite the frigid temperatures and poor road conditions, most of those planning to attend did show up with 45-50 people participating! We had a delicious catered dinner, then heard the inspiring story by Lisa Hunt, a Consecrated Virgin living in our Diocese, of how she answered her call to serve the Lord.

Serra Member Eleanor Gentilini sent a short summary of the silent auction:

We took in over \$2200 on the auction. This was \$1000 more than last year. We had a total of 72 items, of which 64 received bids. Some of the more valuable items (\$100 or more) were: A large creation called "The Word Made Flesh" which consisted of the entire New Testament written in shaded script to form an image of the Body of Christ, by a Korean artist & donated by the O'Connell's; a statue of the Blessed Mother made by Goebel (Hummel) of

Germany; a colorful print of a famous painting called Virgin of the Grapes; a vacation home in upstate NY for a week or weekend. In addition, there were dozens of items available for \$10-20, as well as many in between.

While Serra is not a fundraising organization - our primary purpose is prayer and support - this annual event allows us to do more nice things for our Priests, Sisters, Deacons and Seminarians throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you there next year.

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 March

Fr. Paul Williams, 3/4/95

Priest Birthdays for March

Rev. Patrick Battiato	3/17
Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP	3/17
Rev. Thomas Pressley	3/18
Rev. Bradford Noonan	3/21
Rev. C. Chance Billmeyer	3/22
Rev. William E. Dwyer	3/25
Rev. John Stearns	4/3

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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Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be 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/>

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, **contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345. email VocationsConcecratedLifeWWW@diocs.org**

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Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24, 2024

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call 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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Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.**

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Second Sunday of Easter - April 7, 2024

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or 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

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


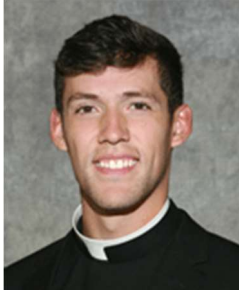


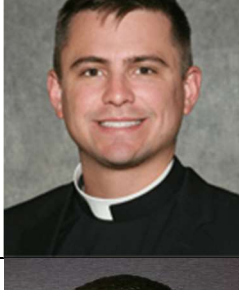

Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

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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	<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>
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Seminarists	Name & Address	Email Address
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	<p>Ian White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>i.j.white@email.msmary.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

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 <u>Fr. Paul Williams</u> , 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 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> 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 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> 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						

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.

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Fr. John Steams	4 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	5 <u>Dcn. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
7 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	8 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC</u> , 4/9/94	10 <u>James McCann</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Dcn. Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Erin Kochivar	13 Fr. Jason Keas
14 Fr. Vijay Kumar Bonajiri, 4/14/08	15 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC, 4/16/13	17 Fr. Francisco Quezada	18 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	19 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
21 Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC 4/21/90	22 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 All the Seminarians of the world	25 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Timothy O'Connell
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