

#### Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



Saint Serra

#### ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER April 2024

#### **President Janet Zabukovic's Message**



Dear Fellow Serrans:

We have entered the Easter Season, a season of great joy and renewal! Spring has arrived and with it, a glimpse of warmer weather, long days of sunlight, the return of robins and butterflies, and the awakening of the dormant plant life. Many of us feel the same sense of new beginnings and renewal this time of the year. Let this be a time of reflection on where we, as Serrans can grow and stretch our spiritual wings.

Our nominating committee is in the process of filling several positions on our board. If you are contacted and asked to serve in one of these positions, please prayerfully consider answering the call to serve. But it is important that all of us, not just the identified board members, resolve to use our time, talent, and treasures to further our mission. We need the work of

all our members to continue to grow in both membership and in service to support vocations.

I would ask that we each take some time to reflect on what it means to be a Serran and to renew our commitment to the three-fold mission of Serra:

- 1. Promote and support vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Catholic Church as a particular vocation of service, and support priests in their sacred ministry.
- 2. Encourage and promote vocations to the consecrated life in the Catholic Church.
- 3. Assist members to recognize and respond, each in his own life, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

#### 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 - April 4

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, April 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.

## Serra Meets – Dr. Scott Hahn – Sat April 13



**Dr. Scott Hahn,** Founder and President of the St. Paul Center, and Scanlan Professor of Biblical Theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, will be our speaker. His talk will be "Going on Vocation: Faithful Disciples, Fruitful Apostles"

Join Scott Hahn on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 MT.

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

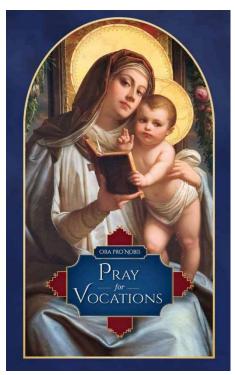
# Monthly Mass, Speaker, and Lunch – April 18 BACK TO THE CATHEDRAL!!

Our **April** meeting will be on April 18 at **St Mary's Cathedral Center**. Fr. Long Hai Do will be our guest speaker. Fr. Do will have Mass at 12:10 at the Cathedral, and we will meet afterwards in the Cathedral Center, downstairs. Fr. Do will speak to us about his vocation to the priesthood, his various assignments that led him to Colorado Springs and his important role with the Vietnamese Catholics here. We're going Italian for lunch, with lasagna, alfredo, garlic bread, salad, and cookies. Donations for lunch will be accepted. If you plan to eat lunch with us, please **RSVP by Tuesday, April 16** by noon, at **SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net** or call Beth at 806-789-9002.

At the April luncheon, look for brochures and info on the Serra International Convention being held in New Orleans August 8-11<sup>th</sup>.

Find more New Orleans info later in this newsletter

# **April 21: World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**



# O Mary, Intercede for Us

Mary, who raised your
Divine Son with the guidance
of the Holy Spirit, intercede
for all young people, especially
those clouded by doubt about
their vocations. May the light
of grace pierce their hearts so
they may answer your Son's call,
especially those whom He is
inviting to the priesthood and
consecrated life.

Amen

## **SAVE THE DATE!! Wine and Cheese Social May 4**

Our membership wine and cheese gathering is on Saturday, May 4 from 5 to 6:30pm at the Newman Center. Please submit names, addresses, and phone numbers of any prospective members no later than Thursday, April 18 in order for us to send individual invitations. All Serra members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net if you plan to attend and/or bring a guest.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Starting Balance (Operating Acct.)	\$4611.55
Receipts	720.00
Disbursements	40.80
Ending Balance (Operating Acct.)	\$5290.75
Starting Balance (Savings Acct.) Interest Payment	\$2501.64 .10
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Ending Balance (Savings Acct.)	\$2501.74
Ending Balance (Operating + Savings)	\$7792.49

As many of you know, both Eleanor and I have been out of town since January. I want to thank Marty Broestl who collected all the incoming mail, dues and receipts in our absence.

I will be putting out the dues invoices within the next week for those that have balances due. I will also be mailing tax letters to those who requested them. I am sorry that these letters are so late but I did not have the Serra logo paperwork with me that these letters must reflect to be recognized by the IRS.

I and my nominating committee will be contacting members within the next week, seeking to nominate a slate of officers for our April meeting so that those elected to office may attend an on-line Serra International webinar training for officers beginning on 4/22/24. Please prayerfully consider a positive response if you are asked to serve on the Board of Directors. The board is mandated by law to maintain our tax-exempt status.

After two years of information gathering, I will publish a draft of our first ever operating budget in May for board approval and adoption for our new fiscal year beginning 1 June 2024. Thx, Ray Gentilini, Treasurer (Contact Ray at SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net)

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



# 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

Sunday Mass at the Cathedral in Denver

10:30 AM - 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.

This is a short one mile Eucharistic Procession from the

Cathedral to Holy Ghost Catholic Church.

12:00 PM -12:45 PM

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!!**

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

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



# **Registration Now Open for New Orleans!**

Join us for Serra's 81st International Convention, August 8-11, in vibrant New Orleans, the perfect destination for an unforgettable convention! Immerse yourself in the rich Catholic heritage of the city, with its awe-inspiring churches, historical landmarks, and deep spiritual roots. Explore the beautiful St. Louis Cathedral, stroll the renowned French Quarter, and savor delicious Cajun cuisine while connecting with Serrans from around the world.

New Orleans boasts an array of exciting attractions that make it an ideal convention destination. Enjoy the city's lively music scene, from jazz clubs to street performers, filling the air with soulful melodies. Take a leisurely stroll along the iconic Mississippi River, delve into the city's fascinating history, and visit the renowned WWII Museum. New Orleans offers an unforgettable blend of cultural experiences.

As always, our Serra Convention is a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and learning. Engage with well-known speakers who will inspire with their deep wisdom and insights. From practical workshops to inspiring keynote addresses, you'll enhance your faith and be equipped with the tools to strengthen your efforts to foster and promote vocations!

Registration:

https://serraclub.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\_id=4008&club\_id=417532&item\_id=2261947

At the April 18 luncheon, look for brochures and info on this Serra International Convention!!



#### 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!!

#### **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 April**

Rev. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC 4/09/1994 Rev. Vijay Kumar Bonajiri 4/14/2008 Rev. Jarrod M Waugh, CSC 4/16/2013 Rev. Randall Rentner, CSC 4/21/1990

# **Priest Birthdays for April**

Rev. John Stearns	Apr 3
Rev. Vince Hovley	Apr 10
Rev. Jason Keas	Apr 12
Rev. Erin Kochivar	Apr 12
Rev. Francisco Quezada	Apr 17
Rev. Timothy O'Connell	Apr 27
Rev. Mark Zacker	Apr 27
Rev. George Fagan	May 4

## 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 <a href="mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net">SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</a> to be added to this roster. Only three open days to fill! Can we add YOUR name?!

#### **31 CLUB ROSTER**

	21 CLOD MOSTER	
DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name
<ol> <li>Rose Marie Stimpfl</li> </ol>	11. Laura Jean Hawley	23. Patty O'Connell
2. Mary Ellen Castillo	12. Benjamin Beckner	24.
3. Dennis and Jan	13. Helene Knapp	25. Eleanor Gentilini
Palsgrove	14. Susie O'Connor	26. Gail Donnelly (New!)
4. Ray Gentilini	15. Joel Kostyrka	27.
5. Bill McNamara	16. Karen Wagner	28. Sr. Diana White
6. Marty Broestl and	17.	29. Sr. Michelle Micek
Loretta Bocast	18. Margarita Waters	30. Jon and Claudine
7. Mary Helen Miller	19. Charlene Pardo	Duncan
8. Nell Smith	20. Beth Pressley	31. Connie Pratt
9. Kathy Bull	21. Jerry Schaefer	
10. Pat Van Matre	22. Sue Harman	

# FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE:

**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.

#### 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.

email VocationsConcecratedLifeWWW@diocs.org

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

#### Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.

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#### Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21, 2024

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or deaconate, **contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.** 

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#### Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If 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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#### Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, 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: <a href="medmep@sbcglobal.net">medmep@sbcglobal.net</a>
Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: <a href="medsecolored">SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</a>

#### 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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Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	Spirituality Year
Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797	Spirituality Year
Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797	Spirituality Year

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Joshua Wojcik Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 Kevin Ward Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Fr. John Steams	4 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	5 Dcn. Sean O'Connor Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Jonathan DeCock Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
7 Joseph Hourigan Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	8 lan White Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC, 4/9/94	10 James McCann Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 Dcn. Anthony Ambuul Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Erin Kochivar	13 Fr. Jason Keas
14 Fr. Vijay Kumar Bonajiri, 4/14/08	15 Evan Morgan Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC, 4/16/13	17 Fr. Francisco Quezada	18 Stephen Ambuul Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	19 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 Vincent Staverosky Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
21 Fr. Randall Rentner, CSC 4/21/90	22 Vincent Smith Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 All the Seminarians of the world	25 Mark Rocco Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Michael Pokomy Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Timothy O'Connell
28 Fr. Mark Zacker	29 Dominic Ambuul Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 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.

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dominic Ambuul Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 Joseph Hourigan Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 Jonathan DeCock Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Stephen Ambuul Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
5 Evan Morgan Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Dcn. Anthony Ambuul Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	7 Dcn. Sean O'Connor Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 James McCann Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Vincent Smith Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Vincent Staverosky Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 Msgr. Robert Jaeger
12 Christian Vaca- Rodriquez Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	Mark Rocco Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Fr. James Klein	15 Fr. Patrick Battiato, 5/15/76, Retired	16 Den. Patrick DiLoreto Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Fr. Kirk Slattery, 5/17/08	18 Ian White Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
19 Fr. John Auer, 5/19/79, Retired	20 Fr. Matthew Kane	21 Fr. Kenneth Przybyla, 5/21/77, Retired	22 Fr. James Gordon, FSSP 5/22/04	23 Michael Pokomy Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Fr. John Toepfer, OFM Cap, 5/24/86 Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick, 5/24/14	25 <u>Permanent</u> <u>Deaconate Ordination</u> <u>Day</u> Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
26 Kevin Ward Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Fr. Ernest Bond, 5/27/88, Retired	28 Fr. Kyle Ingels, 5/28/05	29 Joshua Wojcik †Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, 5729/71 Fr. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap, 5729/61 Fr. David Price, 5/29/10	30 Fr. Gregory Bierbaum, 5/30/15 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer, 5/30/20 Fr. Gregory Golyzniak, 5/30/96 Fr. Dennie Gordon, FSSP, 5/30/08 Fr. Dennie Grabrian, 5/30/70, Ref Fr. Nathaniel Hinde, 5/30/15 Fr. Tomaez Jamka, 5/30/09 Fr. Timothy O'Connell, 5/30/20 Fr. Roylan Racio Miraberd, 5/30/15 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera, 5/30/98	Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz, 5/31/03	