

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER July 2024

President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear Fellow Serrans: Since we are blessed to

Since we are blessed to have quite a few new members, I thought for this month, it would be good to look backwards to June 23, 2017, when Pope Francis spoke to our fellow Serrans who were blessed to attend the private Serran audience with the Pope as part of the Serra International Convention held in June in Rome, Italy. Here is the article I wrote in 2017 about the words of Pope Francis:

As I reflected on the words of Pope Francis, several of his comments resonated especially strong in my mind and soul. He spoke about the Christian vocation to which each of us has been called, "to offer our lives as a gift, 'anointing' our brothers and sisters with the tenderness and mercy of God." Pope Francis spoke about what he believes "is central to the experience of faith: to be friends. To be friends to priests, sustaining their vocation and accompanying them in their ministry: with this great gift you enrich the Church! This is, above all else, what a Serran is – a 'special friend' whom the Lord has brought into the lives of seminarians and priests." He shared his thoughts on the meaning

of true friendship and what that means for Serrans in their relationships with priests. "The Serra Club helps foster this beautiful vocation of being laity who are friends to priests. Friends who know how to accompany and sustain them in faith, in fidelity to prayer and apostolic commitment. Friends who share the wonder of a vocation, the courage of a definitive decision, the joy and fatigue of ministry. Friends who can offer priests support and regard their generous efforts and human failings with understanding and tender love. In this way, you are to priests like the home of Bethany, where Jesus entrusted his weariness to Martha and Mary, and, thanks to their care, was able to find rest and refreshment."

The power of Pope Francis' comparison to the friendship of Serrans to priests and the care and love that Martha and Mary showed to Jesus is very powerful! I have spent time in reflecting on this idea and what we do as Serrans to be true friends to our seminarians and priests. I encourage each of you to spend some time in reflection as well. What a gift to be a Serran, a "special friend" to our seminarians and priests!

Pope Francis also spoke about the need to ensure that our Serra Club continues to grow, to thrive, to change. The Pope said, "We do not let go of our responsibilities serenely, but find it hard to hand over to others the works that the Lord had entrusted to us! So you too, siempre adelante! With courage, creativity and boldness. Do not be afraid to renew your structures. Do not rest on your laurels, but be ever ready to try new things. As in the Olympic Games, may you always be ready to 'pass the torch', above all to future generations, knowing that the flame is lit from on high, precedes our response and exceeds our efforts.



Such is the Christian mission: 'One sows and another reaps' (Jn 4:37)." I pray that we all reflect on this idea as we identify our fellow Catholics who might be potential future Serrans; wouldn't it be wonderful if our next Membership Luncheon was filled to capacity? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a "bumper crop" of new Serrans to induct into our club at the Anniversary Dinner?

The final words of Pope Francis' message to Serrans clearly give us a call to action both today and in the future. "Dear brothers and sisters, I encourage you to be true friends to seminarians and priests, showing your love for them by promoting vocations and through prayer and pastoral cooperation. Please, keep pressing forward! Forward in hope, forward with your mission, ever looking beyond, opening new horizons, making room for the young and preparing the future. The Church and priestly vocations need you. May Mary Most Holy, Mother of the Church and Mother of priests, be with you every step of the way. And I ask you, please, to pray for me!"

Rereading this 2017 article reminds me that we are so blessed to be Serrans! I hope that each of you take some time to reflect on the words of Pope Francis and the joy there is in our call to be a Serran. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming July Seminarian Luncheon. See this newsletter for more information on that event.

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, Bishop Richard Hanifen and Fr. Jim Klein.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Adoration/ NO Mass

On July 4th, St. Mary's Cathedral will be open as usual for in person adoration and benediction until 11:30am, but there will be NO 12:10pm Mass that day. You can also consider praying for vocations from home on July 4th.
 1st Thursday Prayer Hour ZOOM– Cancelled for JULY

***Board Position Open ***

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our VP for PROGRAMS has stepped down. We need someone to please step-up to cover this position. There are about 6-7 months of programs required each year. Guidance for the job will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: <u>SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</u>

Serra Meets – Fr. Tom Gibbons – Saturday, July 13

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July 13, 2024, 10 am MT: Father Tom Gibbons, *Paulist priest and Emmy*nominated producer, will be speaking about his film entitled "Junipero Serra – Statue of Limitations."

Click to Join the Webinar

Passcode: 853558

Monthly Meeting MEMBERS ONLY Gathering!! Tues, July 16!

We will hold our annual **Seminarian BBQ** for MEMBERS ONLY just before the Seminarians leave for retreat on Tuesday, July 16th. We'll meet in the Cathedral for the 12:10pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Kyle. We'll have installation of board/officers after Mass in the Cathedral. Lunch will be held in the Cathedral Center afterwards. It will be catered by "Y & I", and will include coffee, tea, water, and lemonade, in addition to their always delicious meal! Donations for lunch will be accepted.

> This gathering will be in lieu of the usual 3rd Thursday meeting. Please RSVP by Thursday July 11 to <u>SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net</u>

June 8 – Priestly Ordinations

On June 8, the Diocese of Colorado Springs celebrated the Ordination of three priests! The Ordination Mass began at 10:00am on Saturday, June 8 at Holy Apostles. Congrats to Anthony Ambuul, Patrick DiLoreto, and Sean O'Connor! Will share pictures in our next newsletter!



Save the Date!! Serra District Conference in October 2024

Right now everything is tentative, but it will most likely be in Castle Rock either Saturday, Oct. 19th or 26th. We will probably have an evening social gathering at a hotel there on Friday night for those who wish to stay overnight. We would like to make it a Rocky Mt Regional event which includes 3 clubs in AZ and one in El Paso. Wyoming and Utah are also in our Region, but do not have Serra yet. If anyone has friends or family there, they are welcome to join us.

2nd Annual Discernment Retreat held June 1, 2024

The Diocese of Colorado Springs hosted their 2nd Annual Discernment Retreat and BBQ for single men on Saturday, June 1, at the St. John Henry Newman Center at 4785 Stanton Rd, near UCCS. Speakers shared their own personal journey regarding the priesthood, followed by Adoration and the Rosary.



The Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Colorado, June 7, 2024!

Members of our Serra Apostolate met up with the Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it arrived at St. Joan of Arc Church in Arvada and at the Augustine Institute in Greenwood Village!



Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Serra Route -Archdiocese of Denver 06/05/24 to 6/12/24



Sign at St. Joan of Arc Church



Walkers who started in California



Family at Augustine Institute

SAVE THE DATE!!

Aug 8-11 - Serra International Convention, New Orleans, LA https://serrainternational.org/new-orleans-convention/

Registration Now Open for New Orleans!

There's still time to save on your registration to Serra's 81st International Convention in New Orleans!

Sign up by July 14 and pay only \$450 for your convention registration fee.



Don't wait -- join us today!

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

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!!

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Priest Birthdays

Rev. David Volker	1-Jul
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	5-Jul
Rev. Gene Emrisek, OFM Cap	16-Jul
Rev. Gregory Bierbaum	25-Jul
Rev. Don Billiard, OFM	28-Jul
Rev. Carlos Gallardo-Morales	2-Aug
Rev. Michael P. Buckley	3-Aug
Rev. William Kraus, OFM Cap	3-Aug
Rev. Kenneth Przybyla	6-Aug

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Amlesom Gawed OFM Cap	7/11/99
Msgr. Robert Jaeger	7/28/90
Rev. James Williams	8/02/97

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 <u>SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</u> to be added to this roster. **Only three open days to fill! Can we add YOUR name?!**

21 CILIB DOCTED

	31 CLUB ROSTER	
DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name
1. Rose Marie Stimpfl	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
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	

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.

If you use these bulletin notices, please let me know at Medmep@sbcglobal.net

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 14, 2024

In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of 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/

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 21, 2024

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of the-way place. If you feel the call is genuine, contact Fr. Kyle Ingels, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Colorado Springs at (719) 636-2345.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 28, 2024

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations. If you feel 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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 4, 2024

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Today's readings remind us that the priest is ordained by the Holy Spirit to be the means by which Jesus' words are fulfilled. If you feel 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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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 – see notice earlier in Newsletter 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

From our Director of Vocations:

Dear Serrans:

Thank you for your beautiful gift as I leave the Newman Center. I enjoyed our last gathering at Exodus Point and look forward to many more fun times as I move on to my new assignment. I am happy to remain the Chaplain to the Serra Apostolate! Let us continue to pray for each other.

Yours in Christ, Fr Kyle

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
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July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 All the Seminarians of the world	3 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	Pre-Theology II	5 Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim
7 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Military Chaplains	9 <u>Don. Sean O'Connor</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Stephen Ambuul Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 Fr. Amlesom Gawed OFM Cap, 7/11/99	12 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Fr. Warren Broussard, SJ
14 Fr. Shijan Antony, OFM Cap.	15 <u>Don, Anthony Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 Fr. Gene Emrisek, OFM Cap.	17 Jonathan <u>DeCock</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 <u>Dominic Ambuu</u> l Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 Deceased Priests of the Diocese	20 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
21 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 Joseph Hourigan Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	23 Fr. Rajesh 'Tom' Pallyill	24 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 James McCann Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Fr. Gregory Bierbaum	27 Holy Cross Novices
28 Msgr. Robert Jaeger, 7//28/90	29 Fr. Alejandro Diaz, OFM Cap.	30 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	31 <u>Vincent Smith</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.

August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 Fr. James Williams, 8/2/97	3 Fr. Carlos Gallardo- Morales
4 All the Seminarians of the world	5 Jonathan DeCock Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Joseph Hourigan Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Dominic Ambuul Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Kevin Ward Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Dcn. Sean O'Connor Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
11 <u>Dcn. Patrick DiLoreto</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Gregory Golyzniak	13 Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	14 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Fr. Stephen Akujobi, 8/15/98	16 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Michael Pokorny Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
18 Fr. Suresh Matthew, OSB	19 Fr. Ricardo Rosales	20 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	22 Joshua Wojcik Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 James McCann Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 <u>Ian White</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
25 Fr. Jaimes Ponce, 8/25/01 Fr. William Kraus, OFM Cap, 8/25/73	26 Evan Morgan Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Don. Anthony Ambuul Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Most Rev. James Golka	29 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	30 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	31 Fr. Augustino Nellary