

#### Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



Saint Serra

#### ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER April 2025

### President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans.

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. Lent also offers that same promise of new beginnings and renewal as we await the resurrection of Jesus, giving us a renewal of hope, faith, and the promise of eternal life.

I hope that your Lenten journey has brought you closer in relationship to God and prepared your soul to rejoice in our Risen Lord. Holy Week is almost here, a week of intense focus on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. This very meaningful week will include many very special opportunities to prepare for Easter. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is always so powerful as the priest removes Our Lord from the main Tabernacle to repose in the temporary Tabernacle, where we can spend time in Adoration. I always think about how the disciples were asked to

spend time with Jesus on that first Holy Thursday; we also can spend some time with Him on that evening. Good Friday includes Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross and Tenebrae. The church always feels so empty to me with the doors of the Tabernacle thrown open, the red light extinguished, and the holy water fonts dry. Holy Saturday in my parish offers the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation and a blessing of Easter Baskets. The beautiful Easter Vigil is one of my favorite liturgies of the year. I love when the Gloria is sung again and the bells of the church ring out in joy along with bells throughout the congregation. The week ends with the peace and joy of Easter Sunday Mass. My prayer is that each of you and your families will experience a blessed and joyous Holy Week.

Thanks to Fr. Kyle for providing a meaningful Lenten Morning of Reflection on March 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral. It was such a wonderful way to spend a morning with fellow Serrans. Special thanks to Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer and Susan Curtis for providing delicious food and to all those who helped with set up and clean up.

Our Annual Anniversary Dinner is April 28. This is always a very special event in celebration of another year of our Saint Serra Apostolate. Please consider inviting a Priest or other clergy members as your guest. You can also invite others that might be interested in learning more about Serra. The food is always delicious, the guest speaker meaningful, the silent auction an opportunity to purchase items and support our mission, and the chance to socialize with other Serrans and clergy is priceless! The deadline

for reservations and payment is April 17. If you are mailing your reservation and payment to the diocese, please allow adequate time for your envelope to reach the diocese. Please see this newsletter for more information.

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 and supporters, especially: Joe DeBenedittis; Sandy Lehnertz; Michael Lehnertz; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman; Jan Zabukovic; Tom Plush; Loretta Bocast; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes; Joan Gawlik and her family; Bishop Richard Hanifen; Fr. Francisco Quezada's 94-yr-old father passed away 4/2/25 after a bad fall.

## 1st Thursday Prayer Hour - Apr 3

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 <u>on-line</u> by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thurs, Apr 3 at NOON. <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9955357113">https://zoom.us/j/9955357113</a>

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, April 21 at 6PM MT With Rosie Shawver

April 21: Rosie Shawver, Executive Director Catholic Campus Ministry Association will be speaking on "Vocations at College Campuses." Passcode: 85355

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

### **SAVE THE DATE!! Monday, April 28**

Join us to celebrate Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in Colorado Springs

# Saint Serra Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction

(Cash or Check only)

Guest Speaker
Deacon Mike McGrady

Monday, April 28, 2025

St Paul Catholic Church
Julie Penrose Hall
9 El Pomar Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

4:00pm Mass - Social - Dinner

\$45 per person

Bring a Priest or Sister - \$25

RSVP by Thursday, April 17 (One \$25 guest per reservation, others welcome at \$45) Make check payable to Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs, 228 North Cascade, CS, CO 80903 For further information: email <a href="mailto:SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net">SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net</a> or call 719-576-0641

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Number attending	X \$ 45				
Priest/Sister attending	X \$ 25				
Name of Guest(s)					
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# SAVE THE DATE!!

Monday, April 28

Annual Serra Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction! St. Paul Parish, Julie Penrose Hall

(See notice above).

(There will <u>NOT</u> be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Member Gathering in April.)

<u>Donations</u> for the AUCTION are very much appreciated!

These can be religious articles and art, household, or decorative things, or we can even use "experiences" such as restaurant certificates, vacation homes, airplane rides, tours, lawn service, tickets to events or places (a game or the zoo).

Please contact Eleanor Gentilini at SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net if you can make a

Please contact Eleanor Gentilini at <u>SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</u> if you can make a donation to the auction.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

Fr. Kyle will offer a Mass for Serra Member **Loretta Bocast** on April 25th at 9 AM at St Joseph, in honor of her **100**<sup>th</sup> **birthday**, at her family's request. You are welcome to join us that morning.



At our March 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Gathering at St. Mary's Cathedral, we welcomed Guest Speaker, Fr. Sean O'Connor, Parochial Vicar at St. Gabriel

Father spoke about his discernment to the priesthood and his enjoyment of serving as a priest, especially to the schoolchildren at his parish elementary school.

### Treasurer's Report – Apr 2025

If your dues are outstanding, please make checks payable to "Serra Club of Colorado Springs" and mail a check to: Serra Apostolate 228 N Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Thank you.

**Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer** 

## **Serra - Rocky Mountain Region News:**

In late March, Colorado Springs Serra member Eleanor Gentilini, Rocky Mountain Regional Director, visited the two other active Districts that make up the Region that includes all of Colorado. She met with Dave Maza, Arizona District Governor, and members of two clubs in the Phoenix area. They recently held a vocations committee training and are planning a membership dinner with their Bishop on July 1st, the Feast of Saint Junipero Serra. She then traveled to El Paso to join Liz Carl, District Governor, and Dolores Romo, Club President, in the 75th Anniversary celebration of El Paso Serra, one of the oldest in the nation. The day began with a beautiful Mass followed by a festive luncheon. Guest Speakers were two Sisters from Miami whom we had met at the Serra Rally in 2024. Also in attendance was John Halloran who is President-Elect of Serra US and will be Keynote Speaker at our District/Regional conference in September.

#### **ORDINATIONS - SAVE THE DATES!!**

#### **May 24: Ordination of Transitional Deacons**

Come and celebrate the Ordination of the new Deacons for the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

May 24, at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Cathedral. Reception to follow.



**Dominic Ambuul** 



**Yunior Gonzales** 



Ian White



June 7: Priestly Ordination
Come celebrate the Ordination of Manuel Christian Vaca- Rodriguez on Saturday, June 7 at 10:00am at
St. Mary's Cathedral. Reception to follow.

**Manuel Christian Vaca- Rodriguez** 



St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month.

Join us First Saturday, April 5 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations! 6455 Brook Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918



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!!

#### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

2025 Serra International Convention

Thursday, June 26, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM - Sunday, June 29, 2025
The 2025 Serra International Convention is slated to be held in downtown Kansas City,
MO. Venue - Downtown Marriott Hotel, near Bartle Hall and the Convention Center.
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!

82nd Serra International Convention | Kansas City, MO

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**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 <a href="mailto:JRZabukovic@comcast.net">JRZabukovic@comcast.net</a>.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in this very important ministry.

#### **Priest Birthdays**

Rev. John Stearns	4/03
Rev. Vince Hovley, SJ	4/10
Rev. Jason Keas	4/12
Rev. Erin Kochivar	4/12
Rev. Francisco J. Quezada	4/17
Rev. Timothy O'Connell	4/27
Rev. Mark Zacker	4/27
Rev. George Fagan	5/04

#### **Priest Ordination Anniversaries**

Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC 04/16/13

Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC 04/09/94

Fr. Vijay Kumar Bonaniri 04/14/08

Fr. Sudheesh Arogyadas 04/24/14

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

Please help fill the calendar!!

We're thrilled to have more than one person for some dates, because we can never have too many people praying for vocations!!

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 (days 20, 28 & 29)!!! Can we add YOUR name?!

#### **31 CLUB ROSTER**

#### **DAY of the Month. Name** DAY of the Month. Name DAY of the Month. Name 1. Rose Marie Stimpfl 12. Benjamin Beckner 22. Sue Harman 2. Mary Ellen Castillo 13. Helene Knapp 23. Patty O'Connell 3. Dennis and Jan 14. Maria Augusto and 24. Robert Applegate Shirley Plush 25. Eleanor Gentilini Palsgrove 15. Joel Kostyrka 4. Ray Gentilini 26. Gail Donnelly 5. Bill McNamara 16. Karen Wagner 27. Margarita Treviño-6. Marty Broestl and 17. Patty Townley & Waters Sr Marietta Spenner OSF 28. Loretta Bocast 18. Angie Stattman and 29. 7. Mary Helen Miller 8. Nell Smith Maruguel Reich 30. Jon and Claudine 9. Kathy Bull 19. Charlene Pardo Duncan 10. Pat Van Matre 31. Connie Pratt 11. Laura Jean Hawley 21. Jerry Schaefer

### Serra Club Officers

Effective July 1, 2024

President – Jan Zabukovic Vice-President – Jon Duncan Secretary – Marty Broestl

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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



"The Summit with Father Kyle Ingels" is a radio show that airs on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. on Catholic Radio Network 1120 AM. It's also available as a podcast at <a href="https://thesummitwithfatherkyleingels.podbean.com/">https://thesummitwithfatherkyleingels.podbean.com/</a>.

#### PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

#### **Prayer for Vocations (USCCB Website)**

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Colorado Springs as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

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

James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Theology II
Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology II
Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology I
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Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Pre-Theology II

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lan White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	i.j.white@email.msmary.edu  Theology III
Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu Theology II
Trevor Keene St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434	College Spirituality Year

Christopher Oram Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Spirituality Year
Peter Tran Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Spirituality Year
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 Kevin Ward Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Fr. John Steams	4 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	5 Christopher Oram Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
6 Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC, 4/16/13	7 W. Trevor Keene Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	8 lan White Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Fr. Jeffrey Cooper, CSC, 4/9/94	10 James McCann Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 Matthew Zimmer Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	12 Fr. Erin Kochivar
13 Fr. Jason Keas	14 Fr. Vijay Kumar Bonajiri, 4/14/08	15 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	16 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Fr. Francisco Quezada	18 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	19 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary
20 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Vincent Nguyen, CSC	22 Vincent Smith Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	24 Mark Rocco Theology II Mr. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Sudheesh Arogyadas, 4/24/14	25 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Michael Pokomy Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
27 Fr. Timothy O'Connell	28 Peter Tran Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	29 Dominic Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College 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

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				1 Dominic Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminar
4 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	5 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	7 Christopher Oram Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 James McCann Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Vincent Smith Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminar
11 Msgr. Robert Jaeger	12 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	Mark Rocco Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Fr. Carlos Gallardo- Morales	15 Fr. Patrick Battiato, 5/15/76, Retired	16 W. Trevor Keene Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	17 Fr. Kirk Slattery, 5/17/08
18 lan White Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 Fr. John Auer, 5/19/79, Retired	20 Fr. Matthew Kane	21 Fr. Kenneth Przybyła, 5/21/77, Retired	Fr. James Gordon, FSSP 5/22/04	23 Michael Pokorny Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Transitional Deaconate Ordination Day Fr. John Toepfer, OFM Cap, 5/24/86 Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick, 5/24/14
25 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	26 Kevin Ward Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 Peter Tran Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Ernest Bond, 5/27/88, Retired	28 Matthew Zimmer Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Kyle Ingels, 5/28/05	29 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary  1 Moet Rev. Michael Sheridan, 5/29/71, 2** Bishop of Diocese Fr. Timothy Corbley, IV DEI, 5/29/83 Fr. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap, 5/29/81	30 Fr. Gregory Bierbaum, s/30/15 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer, s/30/20 Fr. Gregory Gollyzniak, 5/30/98 Fr. Dennis Gordon, FSSP, s/30/08 Fr. Dennis Grabrian, 5/30/70, Rel Fr. Nathaniel Hinds, 5/30/15 Fr. Tomasz Jamka, 5/30/09 Fr. Timothy O'Connell, 5/30/20 Fr. Roylan Recio Mirabent, s/30/15 Fr. Boodan Siewiera, 5/30/98	31 Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary