

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



# ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER May 2025

# President Janet Zabukovic's Message

Dear Fellow Serrans, The weather is changin

The weather is changing, grass is greening up, flower bulbs are pushing to the surface and trees and shrubs are showing off their fresh green foliage. It's so nice to open windows and let the fresh air into the house! Springtime is a season of freshness and possibilities!

I've been thinking of that same sense of freshness and possibilities. As Serrans, we have accepted an invitation from God to pray for and support those already ordained, those in formation, and those who are discerning. We are called to embrace the possibilities of new seminarians and other religious and to support those in formation and those already ordained so that they will be constantly freshened and renewed in their vocation.

But it takes the prayers and work of all in our Serra Club to maximize our efforts. As you personally experience your own springtime, please take some time to quietly reflect on your commitment to being a Serran. Pray that God send you grace to

see the possibilities in how you might use your time and talents in service to the Serra mission. Ask God to help you renew your commitment to pray and to work in one of the four ministries of Serra-Membership, Programs, Vocations, and Communications.

Our nominating committee is in the process of filling 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.

We celebrated our annual Anniversary Dinner in April. This was a wonderful evening that began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Kyle. Following Mass, our new Serra members were inducted. Following the induction, there was a wine and snack social hour; this time was a great time to socialize with the attendees and to find the perfect items to bid on for the silent auction. We all enjoyed a delicious meal catered by You and I Catering. Fr Kyle stepped in as our speaker and did a great job!



I want to personally thank everyone whose hard work made our Anniversary Dinner a great success. It took many willing hands to plan the dinner, to work with catering, to manage reservations, to set up and clean up, to act as bartenders during the social hour, to provide snacks, and to make the silent auction a success! Thanks to all who attended, including clergy, guests and my fellow members.

May you all have a blessed and joyful Easter 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. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Serra Member Helene Knapp, who passed away April 11. There will be a Memorial Mass July 12, 11am, at St. Paul. If you would like to send condolences, please send them to Helene's daughter, Cindy Lefton, 1957 NW Estaview Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330

## 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Prayer Hour – June 5

Please join us!Serra Prayer for Vocations -Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.<br/>Prayed Silently; Monthly at 11am - Noon on the first Thursday,<br/>In-person at St. Mary's Cathedral.<br/>You are welcome to stay for Mass at 12:10pm.The Rosary and Chaplet are also available on-line<br/>come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.<br/>Thurs, June 5 at NOON.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 your parish or at home, even if you are not able to participate with us in-person or online.

# **Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day is coming up on Monday, June 23. Each year, our Serra Club supports this fun, relaxing day for our priests by donating the cost of a suit that is given for free to each priest and final-year seminarian. The cost this year is \$400. If you are able to help Serra reach our goal of this amount, please bring

your donation to the next Serra Club meeting on May 15. We can accept cash or a check made payable to Serra Club of Colorado Springs. Thank you very much!

Use this link to learn more about this wonderful activity in support of our priests and seminarians. https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pasad-2025

# **Annual Serra Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction** Held Monday, April 28 St. Paul Parish, Julie Penrose Hall

Over 50 Serra members and guests enjoyed a night out at our Anniversary Dinner. Lots of great items were available to win at the Silent Auction, including lots of religious articles, books, shirts, and even some destination lodgings!

Thanks to everyone who attended, those who bid on items, and all the workers and participants - set-up, clean-up, collecting items, handling accounting duties, minding the wine bar, and other vital contributions to a wonderful evening! We also inducted six new members into our group! Thanks to Membership chair Karen Wagner for conducting the induction! Special thanks to the priests who attended, and to Fr. Kyle for celebrating Mass



and being our guest speaker.



Inductees: Rafael Perez, Zoraida Perez, Carmen Paravicini, Susan Curtis, Maruquel Reich, Mary McCann

Fr. Kyle at speaking at Anniversary dinner

# **100th Birthday Celebration!**

Fr. Kyle offered a Mass for Serra Member Loretta Bocast on April 25th at St Joseph, in honor of her **100<sup>th</sup> birthday**, at her family's request.



Loretta with Serra 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! Please let us know if you plan to attend by e-mailing your name to: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

82nd Serra International Convention | Kansas City, MO



With gratitude to Almighty God, the Diocese of Colorado Springs joyfully invites you to the Ordination of

### MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH AMBUUL

### MR. YUNIOR GONZALEZ-DIAZ

### MR. IAN JOSEPH WHITE

to the Sacred Order of the Transitional Diaconate, through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency, *The Most Reverend James Robert Golka* on Saturday, *May 24th, 2025 at 10:00 AM* at St. Mary's Cathedral 22 W Kiowa St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.



**Dominic Ambuul** 



**Yunior Gonzales** 



Ian White

### Diaconate Candidates participate in the Chrism Mass, April 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral



# **Should I Attend a Priestly Ordination?**

Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, "Fr. Rocky" is the Chairman and CEO of Relevant Radio and a priest of Opus Dei. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser to see Fr. Rocky explain what happens during a priestly ordination, and why YOU should attend! https://relevantradio.com/2025/04/lenten-lessons-on-thesacraments-thirty-two-holy-orders-minister-matter-and-form-part-i/



# SAVE THE DATE!!

**June 7: Priestly Ordination** Come celebrate the Ordination of Manuel Christian Vaca-Rodriguez on Saturday, **June 7** at 10:00am 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, July 5 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations! 6455 Brook Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918 There will NOT be a Mass/holy Hour on June 7 due to the Priestly Ordination



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!!

### FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE: 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 *JRZabukovic@comcast.net*. Thank you for your consideration in participating in this very important ministry.

## **Priest Birthdays**

Rev. George Fagan	5/4
Rev. Matthew Kane	5/21
Rev. Thomas G Cwik, SJ	5/23
Rev. Donald Brownstein	5/27
Rev. Msgr. Robert Jaeger	6/5
Rev. Sean McCann	6/5

## **Priest Ordination Anniversaries**

Rev. Patrick Battiato	5/15/76	Rev. Gregory Golyzniak	5/30/98
Rev. Kirk Slattery	5/17/08	Rev. Dennis Gordon	5/30/08
Rev. John Auer	5/19/79	Rev. Dennis Grabrian	5/30/70
Rev. Kenneth Przybyla	5/21/77	Rev. Nathaniel Hinds	5/30/15
Rev. James Gordon	5/22/04	Rev. Tomasz Jamka	5/30/09
Rev. John Toepfer, OFM Cap	5/24/86	Rev. Timothy O'Connell	5/30/20
Rev. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	5/24/14	Rev. Roylan Recio Mirabent	5/30/15
Rev. Ernest Bond	5/27/88	Rev. Bogdan Siewiera	5/30/98
Rev. Kyle Ingels	5/28/05	Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	5/31/03
<sup>†</sup> Most Rev. Michael Sheridan	5/29/71	Rev. David Boroff	6/01/13
Rev. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap	5/29/81	Rev. Jason Keas	6/01/13
Rev. David Price	5/29/10	Rev. Allen M. Stahl	6/01/75
Rev. Gregory Bierbaum	5/30/15		
Rev. Chance Billmeyer	5/30/20		

## 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 <u>SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</u> 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	6. Marty Broestl and	12. Benjamin Beckner
2. Mary Ellen Castillo	Loretta Bocast	13. Helene Knapp
3. Dennis and Jan	7. Mary Helen Miller	14. Maria Augusto and
Palsgrove	8. Nell Smith	Shirley Plush
4. Ray Gentilini	9. Kathy Bull	15. Joel Kostyrka
5. Bill McNamara	10. Pat Van Matre	16. Karen Wagner
	11. Laura Jean Hawley	17.Patty Townley &

Sr Marietta Spenner OSF 18. Angie Stattman and Maruquel Reich 19. Charlene Pardo 20. 21. Jerry Schaefer 22. Sue Harman

- 23. Patty O'Connell
  24. Robert Applegate
  25. Eleanor Gentilini
  26. Gail Donnelly
  27. Margarita Treviño-Waters
  28.
- 29.
   30. Jon and Claudine
   Duncan
   31. Connie Pratt

# **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 – Robert Applegate 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



"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 <u>https://thesummitwithfatherkyleingels.podbean.com/</u>.

### 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
	<b>Dominic Ambuul</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	<u>d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</u> 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
<b>Evan Morgan</b> 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
Dcn. Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	<u>m.c.vacarodriguez@email.msmary.edu</u> Theology IV
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<b>Trevor Keene</b> 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
<b>Peter Tran</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	Spirituality Year
Matthew Zimmer St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434	College Spirituality Year

# 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.

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminar
4 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> 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 Seminary
11 Msgr. Robert Jaeger	12 <u>Christian Vaca-</u> Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Mark Rocco Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Fr. Carlos Gallardo- Morales	15 Fr. Patrick Battiato, 5/15/76, Retired	16 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	17 Fr. Kirk Slattery, 5/17/08
<b>18</b> <u>Ian White</u> 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	22 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 Spintuality 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 † Noet Rev. Michael Sheridan, 5/29/71, 2*4 Bishop of Diocese Fr. Timothy Corbley, IV DEL, 5/29/83 Fr. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap, 5/28/81 Fr. David Price, 5/29/10	30 Fr. Gregory Biethaum, 5/30/15 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer, 5/30/20 Fr. Gregory Golyzniak, 5/30/98 Fr. Dennia Gordon, FSSP, 5/30/08 Fr. Dennia Grabrian, 5/30/70,Ref Fr. Nathaniel Hinda, 5/30/15 Fr. Tomoty O'Connell, 5/30/20 Fr. Timoty O'Connell, 5/30/20 Fr. Roytan Recio Mirabent, 5/30/15 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera, 5/30/98	31 Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary

June 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fr. David Boroff, 6/1/13 Fr. Jason Keas, 6/1/13 Fr. Allen Stahl, 6/1/75, Retired	2 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	3 Fr. Alejandro Diaz, OFM Cap, 6/3/23 Most Rev. James Golka, 6/3/94	4 Fr. Warren Broussard, SJ, 6/4/88 Fr. Marek Krol, 6/4/95 Fr. Brian Mohan, 6/4/05	5 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Long Hai Do, 6/5/10	6 Most Rev. Richard C. Hanifen, 6/6/59, Retired, 1st Bishop of Diocese	7 Priestly Ordination Day Fr. Dan Ayera, 6/7/97, Ret Fr. Stephen Parlet, 6/7/97 Fr. William Oulvey, SJ, 6/7/85 Fr. Lawrence Solan, 6/7/80, Ret Fr. John Steams, 6/7/14
8 Fr. Anthony Ambuul, 6/8/24 Fr. Patrick DiLoreto, 6/8/24 Fr. Sean O'Connor, 6/8/24 Fr. David Voelker, 6/8/74, Ret	9 <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	10 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Thomas Pressley, 6/10/23	11 Fr. William Dwayer, 8/11/22 Fr. Matthew Kane, 8/11/22	12 Kevin Ward Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Dominic Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Don Brownetein, 6/13/81, Retired	<b>14</b> <u>Peter Tran</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
15 W. Trevor Keene Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Mark Zacker, 6/15/96	16 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Vincent Mary Carrasco, OFM Cap, 8/16/24 Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico, 8/16/07	17 Michael Pokorny Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Jamee Baron, 618/11 Fr. Don Billiard, OFM, 618/83 Fr. C. Joseph Dygert, 618/13 Fr. Carloe Galtardo-Moralee, 61/8/11 Fr. Erin Kochivar, 61/8/16 Fr. Sean McCann, 61/8/16 Fr. Bian Rocealer, 61/8/16	19 Matthew Zimmer Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	20 Mark Rocco Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Joseph Vu, 8/21/80, Ret
22 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Alfredo "Luis" Garcia- Chavez, 6/22/02, Retired	23 James McCann Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Michael Holmquist, 8/24/17	25 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	28 Christopher Oram Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Michael Buckley, 6/28/14, Retired
29 Most Rev. James Golka, Episcopal Ordination 6/29/21 Fr. James Klein, 6/29/02, Retired	30 lan White Theology III Mt. St. Mary's 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