

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



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

# President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Hard to believe that July is already here, along with the long, often hot days, the summer rainstorms, the green grass and foliage and the beautiful flowers. July feels like it is the center point between spring and fall as we realize how long it has been since the start of spring and how little time lies ahead before fall. For many, July is a time of hellos and goodbyes. I saw pictures of the new cadets being dropped off at the Air Force Academy- pictures of fond goodbyes with family and the slightly overwhelmed faces of these young men and women as they left their families behind and entered the school. It reminded me of the poignant moment when I embraced my son and then watched him walk across the quad to his Notre Dame dorm to begin his freshman year while I walked the opposite way to my parked car for the journey home to Colorado. These bittersweet moments are a part of all our lives.

These goodbyes and hellos are also happening in many parishes,

including mine. Two weeks ago, Divine Redeemer spent the weekend celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary as a parish. The joyfulness of that milestone was tempered by our celebration of Fr. Jason Keas and his six years of dedication to our parish. This past weekend was Fr. Jason's last weekend serving as our Pastor. While we must say goodbye, Holy Apostles gets to say hello to this very special priest. Similar scenarios are occurring at other parishes who will experience a change in their clergy- both Priests and Deacons.

As Divine Redeemer welcomes the Our Lady of Guadalupe community, we are all saying goodbye to how things were and hello to the exciting possibilities that lie ahead as we come together and become the first and only shrine in the Diocese of Colorado Springs. It has been a daunting task over these last months to figure out the logistics of this huge new venture- so many details to work out, so many plans to be made, so many meetings to be held by so many. Like any big change, there have been and will continue to be bumps in the road, but we are trying to be proactive and keep our eyes on the tremendous honor of becoming The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Divine Redeemer.

As the St. Serra Apostolate, we have also had to say goodbye to a few members who have resigned for different reasons plus a final goodbye slated for July 12<sup>th</sup> to our long-time member, Helene Knapp.

Helene's family is inviting all who have known her to attend her Memorial Mass and reception on July 12, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul parish, 9 El Pomar Rd. By the grace of God, we have also been able to say hello to eight new members in the recent months.

Whatever hellos and goodbyes are in our own personal lives, we can be assured of finding peace in our faith. Please continue to pray for all those already ordained, those in formation, and those discerning.

#### 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.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Prayer Hour – August 7

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.

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 at the Cathedral.

# Serra Meets - Monday, July 21 at 6PM MT

#### Serra Meets: Father Lawrence Lew, O.P.

Fr Lawrence Lew, OP is a Dominican friar, the Promotor General of the Rosary for the Order of Preachers, and the rector of the Rosary Shrine at Haverstock Hill, London. Once skeptical of all things Marian, Dominican Father Lawrence Lew now travels the world, preaching the Holy Rosary, 'Mary's gift to the entire Church.' Passcode: 85355

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

## SAVE THE DATE!! Tuesday, July 15th Serra Annual MEMBERS ONLY SEMINARIAN BRUNCH

LOCATION – St. Joseph Church and Parish Hall 1830 S Corona Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80905 Mass at 9:00am (Please be punctual!) Then our Brunch gathering is in the Parish Hall. The time for RSVPs has passed. The 2025-2026 Serra Board of Directors will be inducted after Mass.

# SERRANS, DO YOU NEED A NEW NAMETAG?

We will be ordering new nametags soon, so if you've misplaced yours, or simply would like a new one, please sign up at the meeting on July 15. Name tags are \$10.00.

# **Congratulations to Fr. Christian Vaca- Rodriguez!!**

Fr. Christian was ordained Saturday, June 7 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Serra Members recited a rosary in English and Spanish before the Ordination Mass. May Our Lord bless the Diocese's newest priest! Photos from his first Mass are below.

Den Ian White, Fr. Christian Vaca, Den Dominie

Ambuul, Sems James McCann and Vincent Smith

Frs. Will Dwayer, David Price, Christian Vaca, and Kyle Ingels.



# Treasurer's Report – July 2025

Dues: Second-half dues payments are due starting July. Checks should be payable to "Serra Club of Colorado Springs" and mailed to: Serra Apostolate 228 N Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Thank you. Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer

# **Serra International Convention 2025**

#### Held Thursday, June 26, 2025 - Sunday, June 29, 2025 Kansas City, MO.

Comments by Eleanor Gentilini:

- For the Rocky Mountain Region, we had 9 Serrans from District 6 (State of Colorado), 3 of whom were from Colorado Springs.

- Our International Episcopal Moderator, Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto, gave a talk on his Conclave Experience which was most interesting and informative.

- Sister Nancy Rose, a member of the first class at West Point that admitted women, later worked in banking and finance, before entering religious life in 2006.

- Other speakers included our US Serra Chaplin, Bishop Daly; Bishops of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas; Abbot of Conception Abbey; three Vocations Directors; President of Benedictine College.

- For Adoration we were fortunate to have the monstrance blessed by St. Pope John Paul II for an increase in Vocations. This monstrance is available for use in parishes and schools around the US.





Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Diocese of Kansas City, Missouri. Photos by Eleanor Gentilini



International Episcopal Moderator, Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto Photo by Susan Curtis



Archbishop Emeritus, Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann, DD Photo by Susan Curtis



St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month. Join us First Saturday, August 2 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!!

## 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**

7/1
7/5
7/16
7/25
7/28
8/2
8/3
8/3
8/6

## **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! 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

Rose Marie Stimpfl
 Mary Ellen Castillo
 Dennis and Jan
 Palsgrove
 Ray Gentilini
 Bill McNamara
 Marty Broestl and
 Loretta Bocast
 Mary Helen Miller
 Nell Smith
 Kathy Bull
 Pat Van Matre
 Laura Jean Hawley

DAY of the Month. Name 12. Benjamin Beckner 13. Helene Knapp 14. Maria Augusto and Shirley Plush 15. Joel Kostyrka 16. Karen Wagner 17.Patty Townley & Sr Marietta Spenner OSF 18. Angie Stattman and Maruquel Reich 19. Charlene Pardo 20. 21. Jerry Schaefer

DAY of the Month. Name
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, 2025 President – Jan Zabukovic Vice-President – Jon Duncan Secretary – Marty Broestl Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer VP Vocations – Angie Stattman VP Programs – Robert Applegate VP Membership – Karen Wagner VP Communications – Beth Pressley Hispanic Ambassador – Margarita Waters Trustees – Charlene Pardo, Eleanor Gentilini Serra Foundation Representative - Charlene Pardo Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley Contact Beth to be added to our Newsletter email list at: <u>medmep@sbcglobal.net</u> Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: <u>SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net</u>



"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

https://thesummitwithfatherkyleingels.podbean.com/.

#### 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
	Dcn. Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	<u>d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</u> Theology III
	<b>Stephen Ambuul</b> 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
<b>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez</b> 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
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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.

July 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	20-5 M	1 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	5 Fr. Patrick DiLoreto
6 Fr. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim	7 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Christopher Oram Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	10 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 Fr. Amelsom Gawed OFM Cap, 7/11/99	12 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
13 Fr. Warren Broussard, SJ	<b>14</b> Fr. Shijan Antony, OFM Cap	<b>15</b> <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	16 Fr. Sijo George, OSB	<b>17</b> <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>18</b> <u>Dominic Ambuu</u> l Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>19</b> <u>Peter Tran</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
20 Mark Rocco Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Jan White Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	23 Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Pallyill	24 Christian Vaca- Rodriquez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Fr. Gregory Bierbaum	26 James <u>McCann</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<b>27</b> Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	28 Msgr. Robert Jaeger, 7//28/90	29 Fr. Alejandro Diaz, OFM Cap	30 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	31 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary		

			August 2025			
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Palliathra, OSB, 8/1/07	2 Fr. James Williams, 8/2/97
3 Fr. John Vowells, SJ, 8/3/90	4 W. Trevor Keene Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	5 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Dominic Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Kevin Ward Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
10 Matthew Zimmer Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Gregory Golyzniak	13 Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	14 <u>Peter Tran</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Fr. Stephen Akujobi, 8/15/98 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap, 8/15/20	16 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
17 Michael Pokorny Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	19 Fr. Ricardo Rosales	20 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	22 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 James McCann Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
24 <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Fr. William Kraus, OFM Cap, 8/25/73 Fr. Jaimes Ponce, 8/25/01	26 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>27</b> <u>Christopher Oram</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	30 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
31 Fr. Augustine Nellary						

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