



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

January 2026

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Happy New Year to all of you! Beginning a new calendar year holds great opportunities for all of us. It is a time to reflect on our lives, both spiritually and in the physical world. Many of you might have made New Year's Resolutions, ways in which you hope to grow perhaps both in your earthly lives as well as spiritually. Through God's merciful love and forgiveness, we are afforded another opportunity for renewal. Reflecting on the past year is not always an easy thing to do. Sometimes painful memories are brought to the surface, sometimes we feel guilty about lost opportunities or sorrow over mistakes we have made. But I hope that we also reflect on the good and celebrate growth in our relationship to God, in listening to what God is calling each of us to do, and in putting aside our personal agendas and truly giving ourselves over to the service of God. The New Year is a time to thank and praise God for the gifts of the year gone by and to ask him to help us be his humble and obedient servants in the year to come.

I want to thank each of you who helped to make our Christmas luncheon such a wonderful event! Thanks to those who helped set up, decorate, serve food, and clean up. Special thanks to Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer for preparing delicious food and to Eleanor Gentilini for creating and sending personal invitations to the seminarians. It was nice to see so many of our members present to enjoy the day. What a special gift it was to share this day with Bishop Golka, Fr. Kyle, Fr. Dwyer, and our seminarians.

As this new year begins, I would ask each of us to spend some time reflecting on our call to be Serrans. How can we grow in our call to fulfill the three objectives of being a Serran? Please take time to consider how you might offer your time and talent in one of the four ministry areas in the year to come. Working together, we can be more effective and fruitful!

In this season of joy, let's remember to be thankful for the many gifts which God has given to each of us—material necessities, friends, family, the gift of life, and perhaps our most precious gift, that of our faith. Through our membership in Serra, we also have the opportunity to truly be a friend to our Priests and other religious and to our seminarians. What a gift! I think it is important that we take some quiet time as we bid farewell to the old year and usher in the new year to reflect on our blessings and to be intentional in our thanks to God.

Please remember to pray for our seminarians who are preparing themselves for the Priesthood, and for our Priests who are fulfilling their vocations in service to God and to us, the Body of the Church. Remember that without our Priests, there would be no Mass, no Eucharist, and no sacraments! Also remember the Deacons, religious Brothers and Sisters in your prayers as they, too, serve our Catholic Church. Let's also pray for one another- for our physical and spiritual health and well-being in this hopeful new year.

May this new year of 2026 be one of peace, love and happiness for you and your families, and may there be peace in the world and abundant generosity and love for the vulnerable and those in need at home and abroad.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members and supporters, especially: **Joe DeBenedittis; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman; Jan Zabukovic; Tom Plush; Loretta Bocast; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes; Joan Gawlik and her family; Bishop Richard Hanifen.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Golka, mother of Bishop Golka.

<https://www.diocs.org/Herald/patricia-golka-mother-of-bishop-james-golka-dies-jan-5-at-age-86-1>

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – February 5th

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, January 15th

Join us for our Monthly Gathering!

The new theme for the year is The Year of Grace. This is in alignment with the Church's Year of Grace 2026, the liturgical year that *follows* the Jubilee, beginning with Advent 2025 (November 30, 2025), continuing the focus on grace but as the standard liturgical cycle (Year A for Sundays) after the special Jubilee concludes. ***This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. The January gathering will be a talk by VP for Programs, Bob Applegate, about the life and legacy of St. Francis.***

We will start with adoration at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11:00am, then Mass at 12:10pm, followed by lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center.

Please bring a **brown-bag lunch**. Drinks available will include water, iced tea, lemonade and coffee. Please make plans to join us!

There is no charge for the lunch, but we'd like a head-count.

Please RSVP by Jan 14th.

Serrans, we'll need help with set-up and clean-up.

For more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP:

SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net, or call/ text Beth at 806-789-9002

Serra Meets – Monday, Jan 19 at 6pm MT

Serra Meets – Msgr James Shea of the University of Mary

Monsignor James Shea has served as the sixth president of the university since 2009.

He is a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Bismarck, North Dakota.

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09>

ZOOM: 6pm Mountain time

Passcode: 85355

FYI – The next World Day of Prayer for Vocations is April 26, 2026!!

St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month. Join us First Saturday, February 7 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations! 6455 Brook Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918



Treasurer's Report – January 2026

We have 56 members. Dues payments are due again in January.

\$120 per member, \$180 per couple, \$60 for age 90 and above.

Please consider paying full amount in one payment, if possible, to lessen the bookkeeping and paperwork. Bring check (payable to Serra Club of CO Springs) to meeting, or mail to Diocese of Colorado Springs/ SERRA; 228 N Cascade Ave; Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Thank you!! **Treasurer Jerry Schaefer**

Thursday, December 18 Annual Seminarian Christmas Lunch!

Once again, we welcomed home our Diocesan Seminarians!! Chefs Jerry and Yvonne Schaefer prepared a fantastic meal including dessert to celebrate our time with the seminarians and their sponsors. Most photos by Charlene Pardo.



Aaron, Christopher, Evan



Bishop Golka, Vincent Smith



Deacon Ian and guest



Joe, Angie S, Matthew, Christopher



Fr Will Deacon Junior



Jonathan Ray G



Joe Trevor



Garin



Michael

Robert



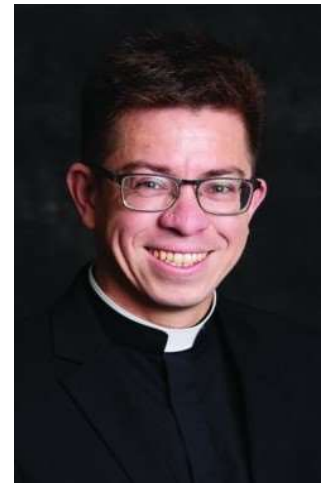
Vincent Staverosky



Joel and guest



Stephen



Kevin

Thanks, guys, for coming to our Christmas luncheon! We love catching up with you. We hope you enjoyed your time off, and we'll see you again this summer!

And speaking of Christmas...from our Vocations Director:

Dear Serrans:

Thank you for your thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts. I deeply appreciate your kindness. It was a wonderful gathering with the seminarians. I appreciate all the effort that was put into that time.

May the Lord bless you all abundantly this New Year and always!

Peace, Fr. Kyle, Vicar General and Director of Vocations

**US Serra Leadership Rally, St. Louis MO
January 22-25, 2026**

Registration must be received by Monday, January 12

Convention Location: Augustine Institute

16805 New Falls Ferry Road; Florissant, Missouri 63034

Join your fellow Serrans on the banks of the Missouri River at the Augustine Institute for the 2026 Serra Leadership Rally. The Serra US Council invites new and seasoned Serrans for training, workshops, and spiritual inspiration so your club can take its mission to the next level.

Our Event Center is large, with connected indoor spaces that may require walking between sessions and venues. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes. If you have mobility concerns or require accommodation, please let us know in advance — we're happy to assist.

Check-in begins at 4:00 PM, and check-out is at 11:00 AM. Late arrivals and late departures are available upon request but are subject to availability.

The nearest airport is Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL), located approximately 11 miles from the Augustine Institute and a 20 to 30-minute ride to the Event Center. FOR INFORMATION: <https://serrastl.org/serra-rally-2026>

**FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS
ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE:
Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook**



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 for many years. We also pray for the Vocations Director in Salt Lake City, as they do not have a Serra Club at this time. If you have not participated and would like to commit to praying for Fr. Kyle or Fr. Carlos Guzman and his work for one hour on a specific day every week, please notify Jan Zabukovic at JRZabukovic@comcast.net.

Seven Serrans praying for Fr. Kyle

Day of Week	Name
Monday	Patty O'Connell
Tuesday	Mary Ellen Castillo, Anna Maria Trupp Hughes
Wednesday	Rosemarie Stimpfl, Marty Broestl
Thursday	Charlene Pardo, Ray Gentilini
Friday	Pat Van Matre, Bob Applegate
Saturday	Jeanne Frey, Maria Augusto
Sunday	Suzy Ferguson, Rafael and Zoraida Perez

Seven Serrans praying for Salt Lake City Vocations Director, Fr. Carlos Guzman

Day of Week	Name
Monday	Rose Marie Stimpfl, Regina Applegate
Tuesday	Diane Hemstock
Wednesday	Maruquel Reich
Thursday	Rose Marie Stimpfl
Friday	Karen Wagner
Saturday	Rafael and Zoraida Perez
Sunday	Nell Smith

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

Priest Birthdays

Rev. James Williams 1/6
 Rev. Stephen Parlet 1/21
 Rev. James M. Baron 2/4

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal,
 MI, 01/02/94
 Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Palliyil,
 01/02/01
 Fr. Francisco Quezada
 01/09/88

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 SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net to be added to this roster. **Only two open days (days 7, 12)!!! Can we add YOUR name?!**

31 CLUB ROSTER

DAY of the Month. Name

1. Rose Marie Stimpfl
2. Mary Ellen Castillo
3. Dennis and Jan Palsgrove
4. Ray Gentilini
5. Bill McNamara
6. Marty Broestl and Loretta Bocast
- 7.
8. Nell Smith
9. Regina Applegate
10. Pat Van Matre
11. Carolyn Denaro

DAY of the Month. Name

- 12.
13. Maruquel Reich
14. Maria Augusto and Shirley Plush
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
17. Sr Marietta Spenner OSF
18. Patty Townley
19. Charlene Pardo
20. Angie Stattman
21. Jerry Schaefer
22. Sue Harman
23. Patty O'Connell

DAY of the Month. Name

24. Robert Applegate & Jeanne Frey
25. Eleanor Gentilini
26. Gail Donnelly
27. Margarita Treviño-Waters
28. Mike Larsen
29. Rafael and Zoraida Perez
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, 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

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

PS – Check out the videos of our Seminarians! <https://giving.diocs.org/Seminarian-Appeal>

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

<https://serraus.org/vocations-resources/#bulletin-messages>

My dear Jesus, by Your most loving Heart, I implore You to inflame with zeal for your love and glory, all the priests of the world, all women religious, all missionaries and those whose office it is to preach Your word. Inflamed with this zeal, may they snatch souls from the devil and lead them into the shelter of Your heart where they may glorify You forever. Amen.


Adoration Prayers For Priesthood and Religious Vocations; Sponsored by St. Serra Club of Des Moines; For more information go to dmserra.com.






Sponsors and those communicating with the newest seminarians:

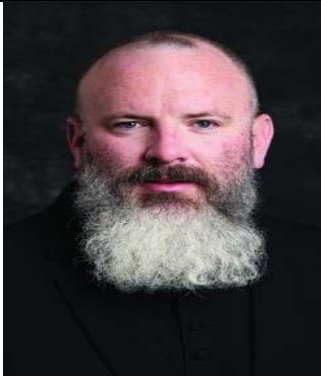
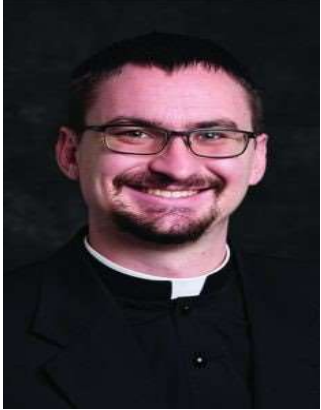

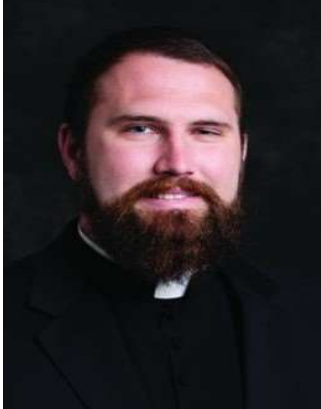
Four of our new men are in the spirituality year at Seminary, which means their ability to communicate is limited. They are fasting from technology to enhance inward reflection. They have limited access to social media and phones, and extended periods of silence and retreat. Please don't be concerned 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:



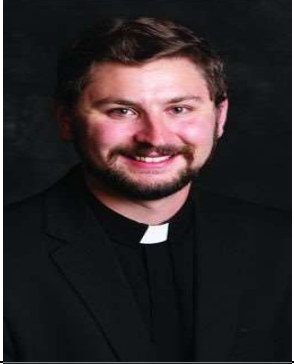

<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Vocations-Prayer-Calendar>

Seminarians	Name & Address	Status
	<p>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>4th Theology</p>
	<p>Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>2nd College</p>
	<p>Robert Ancona Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Propaedeutic Stage</p>
	<p>Jonathan DeCock Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>2nd year of Pre-Theology</p>

	<p>Aaron Doyle St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	College Propaedeutic Stage
	<p>Joel Flinn Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	Propaedeutic Stage
	<p>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology 7335 S. Hwy 100, Hales Corners, WI 53130-042</p>	4 th Theology
	<p>Joseph Hourigan St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434</p>	2 nd College
	<p>Trevor Keene St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	2 nd College

	<p>James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	3 rd Theology
	<p>Evan Morgan Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	2 nd year of Pre-Theology
	<p>Christopher Oram Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	1st year of Pre-Theology
	<p>Michael Pokorny Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	1 st Theology

		Mark Rocco Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3 rd Theology
		Vincent Smith Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	3 rd Theology
		Vincent Staverosky Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	2 nd year of Pre-Theology
		Garin Tretter St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College Propaedeutic Stage

	<p>Kevin Ward Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	3 rd Theology
	<p>Dcn. Ian White Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	4 th Theology
	<p>Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	3 rd Theology
	<p>Matthew Zimmer St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	2 nd College

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All the Seminaries of the world	2 Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI, 1/2/94 Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Palliyil, 1/2/01	3 Fr. Stephen Akujobi
4 <u>Dcn. Ian White</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	5 Fr. Sean O'Connor	6 Fr. James Williams	7 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 Fr. Hanh Pham, SJ	9 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Francisco Quezada, 1/9/88	10 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
11 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Robert Ancona</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 <u>Garin Tretter</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	14 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Fr. C. Joseph Dygert	16 <u>James McCann</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
18 <u>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	19 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	21 Fr. Stephen Parlet	22 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 <u>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	24 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
25 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	26 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 <u>Aaron Doyle</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	28 Fr. Jang Ethan Seongkeun	29 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	31 <u>Kevin Ward</u> 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

February 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fr. Joseph Laramie, SJ	2 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Fr. James Baron	5 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	6 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
8 <u>James McCann</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 Fr. Long Hai Do	10 Fr. Brian Roeseler	11 Dcn. Ian White Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap, 2/13/63, Retired	14 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
15 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	16 <u>Robert Ancona</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Kevin Ward Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 <u>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	19 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	20 <u>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 <u>Garin Tretter</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
22 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	23 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera	24 Christopher Oram Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 <u>Aaron Doyle</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	26 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II 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