



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

July 2026



GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Summer is here and has brought hot days, green grass, flowers, and sometimes not such great weather in the form of heavy rains, hail, thunder and lightning, wildfires, wind and drought. As I was reflecting on this in preparation for writing this article, I was struck with the similarities between summer and life. Sometimes, life goes along full of sunshine and warmth and beauty, and sometimes life seems to be caught directly under the ominous, dark clouds of a torrential thunderstorm. It's easy to be joyful and optimistic when the sun is shining, but it can be challenging to do the same when you're being rained on! These past months, for me, has been living life under the rainclouds. Having open heart surgery was certainly not on my radar, and I am a bit less than two months into the long journey to recovery. When I've found myself struggling with all the things related to recovery, I remember that God saw me through this crisis, and I know he will continue to wrap his healing arms around me as I begin cardio rehab and slowly gain strength,

stamina and independence once again. I know and accept God's will, trusting that His plan is far superior to my wants and my plan.

But it is exactly when we are living our lives under a rain cloud that we most need our faith and most need to pray. It is at those times that we often turn to our Priests for help in finding peace of heart. I know that those Priests who visited me in the hospital brought great peace to me.

Imagine if we didn't have Priests to turn to, Priests to hear our spiritual pain and struggles and guide us, Priests to *in persona Christi* anoint us in times of need, absolve us of our sins when we seek Reconciliation, and encourage us as we move forward.

Think about the sacrifices of those who choose the path of Priesthood. They give up having a family of

their own, making their own decisions about where to live and work, and spend countless hours each day in prayer and in service to the Catholic Church. As we in Serra have learned, the path to the Priesthood is rigorous and lengthy. Imagine the sacrifices men make when they accept God's call and enter the seminary- years of study and spiritual development are ahead of them. Meanwhile, their contemporaries are starting careers and having families. Think of the sacrifices that Priests make every day- the hours spent in prayer on behalf of their flock, the late-night visits to the sick and dying, the emotional toll of sharing the grief, sorrow, worry, fears of their flock, and holidays spent away from their biological families in order to serve their spiritual families who lovingly call them "Father."

Whether you are currently living your life under warm, sunny skies surrounded by beauty or, like me, you are currently living under a bit of a raincloud, remember that God is in charge and look for the blessings he sends your way. And let's all of us remember to take time to pray for our Priests and Seminarians and to thank God for them answering His call to serve God and the people of the Church.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members and supporters, especially:

**Loretta Bocast; Joe DeBenedittis; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman;
Jan Zabukovic; Pat VanMatre; Tom Plush; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes;
Eva Hart; Joan Gawlik and her family; Charlene Pardo; Bishop Richard Hanifen.
Please pray for our next Bishop. We don't know who he will be, but God knows!!**

Next 1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Aug 6th

Please join us! **Serra Prayer for Vocations - Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Prayed Silently; Monthly 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!!
SERRA MONTHLY GATHERING
Our Annual Luncheon with our Seminarians!!
FOR SERRA MEMBERS ONLY!!
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 (SEE NEXT PAGE)**

We will start with Mass at **St. Paul Catholic Church** at 12noon,
followed by lunch in the **Julie Penrose Parish Hall**.

Lunch is being provided by Yvonne and Jerry Schaefer.

Come visit with our seminarians before they head out for their summer retreat!

As always, servers and a clean-up crew are required! (Set-up is covered.)

Volunteers are very much appreciated!

**Please RSVP to offer help or to attend the luncheon by
Thursday, July 9th**

To RSVP - email SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net

Or Beth Pressley: medmep@sbcglobal.net

**Congratulations to the newest Colorado Serra Club,
sponsored by the Serra Club of Colorado Springs!!!**

New Spanish Club – San Junípero Serra Apostolate

Lafayette – in – North Central Colorado

Apostolado San Junípero Serra Centro Norte Colorado

SAVE THE DATE!!

Serra Meets – Monday, July 20, 6:00pm MT

Join this online interview session featuring

Deacon Thomas Kissel of the Diocese of Covington

Deacon Kissel's topic is, "**Uniquely Blessed:**

The Journey of Walking with One's Child in Religious Vocations."

He is the founder of the Parents of Vocations Ministry.

Serra Meets Link ZOOM: Passcode: 85355

SAVE THE DATE!!

Serra District 6 Mass Celebrated by Archbishop James Golka, of Denver.

Saturday, August 29, 10am.

We hope to hold the Mass in the St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver.

Please RSVP for the Mass to SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net



St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month. Next 1st Saturday Mass – Aug 1, 2026 6455 Brook Park Dr., CO Springs, 80918

Treasurer's Report

1. Still 8 unpaid dues. Letters were sent.
2. Two people now owe for the second half of the year (\$60 each)
3. Dues bill to Serra International is due: \$2,550.00
4. Priest Suit - \$500 check # 1069 was sent on 6/11/2026 and has been cashed. Donations received from Serrans to date: \$420.

Serra's 83rd International Convention Indianapolis, IN, USA July 9-12, 2026

Serra's 83rd International Convention will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana. Indianapolis Serrans are excited to welcome you to their unique yet all-American city. Perhaps known best for the largest single-day sporting event in the world, the Indy 500, Indianapolis has so much more to offer.

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!

This is a great opportunity for members of the **Colorado Springs St Serra Apostolate** to meet other Serrans from around the world, learn more about the vocation activities of other Serra Clubs and interact with various Catholic religious leaders.

The St. Serra Apostolate of Colorado Springs is pleased to offer a scholarship to cover the \$475 full registration to the convention for any two members of the Colorado Springs Serra Club who have never attended a Serra Convention or Rally. For more information on the convention, go to Serra's 83rd International Convention - Events - Serra International

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship (does not cover transportation nor hotel, but only the \$475 registration fee), please contact the treasurer Jerry Schaefer at jerome.r.schaefer@gmail.com

Please note: Your Serra Club dues for the 2026 year must be paid in full to be considered for this scholarship.

The Serra US Council invites new and seasoned Serrans for training, workshops, and spiritual inspiration to take your mission to the next level, at the next Leadership Rally.

January 28-31, 2027

**Franciscan Renewal Center (<https://www.thecasa.org/>)
5802 E Lincoln Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85253**

Serra Members and supporters – YOUR parish can be a part of our Traveling Crucifix Program!!



Aided by the constant visual reminder of a prominently placed crucifix, a family or individual prays for vocations for a week and, if desired, writes down their personal experiences in prayer. Many times, this effort turns into a great reflection on one's own vocation. Our Serra Club has a Crucifix to be used by parishes for this purpose. The Traveling Crucifix

Program is a simple, effective way to get parishioners directly involved in supporting vocations. The parish usually keeps the crucifix for a month, giving it to a new family or individual each week. **Please read the info at the link below, and then ask your Pastor if YOUR parish could be involved!!**

Info about this ministry is available at <https://serraspark.org/tools-new/traveling-chalice-crucifix/> **Crucifix is heading to Mt. St. Francis soon.** To request the crucifix or for more information, contact Angie at SerraCOSprings@DioCS.net.

Priests Ordination Anniversaries

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

Priests Birthdays

Rev. David Volker 7/1
Rev. Dong Young (Augustine) Kim 7/5
Rev. Carlos Gallardo- Morales 8/2
Rev. William Kraus, OFM Cap 8/3
Rev. Kenneth Przybyla 8/6

Seminarian Birthdays

Evan Morgan 07/12
Joel Flinn 07/27

**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.

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 three open days (days 7, 12, 26)!!! 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

DAY of the Month. Name

23. Patty O'Connell
24. Robert Applegate & Jeanne Frey
25. Eleanor Gentilini
- 26.
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 Treviño-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!

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.

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.


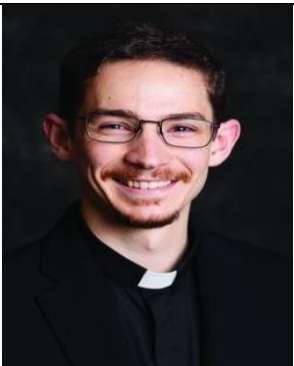
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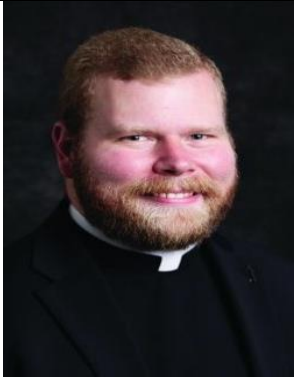



<https://www.diocs.org/Offices/Office-of-Vocations/Priestly-Vocations/Seminarians>

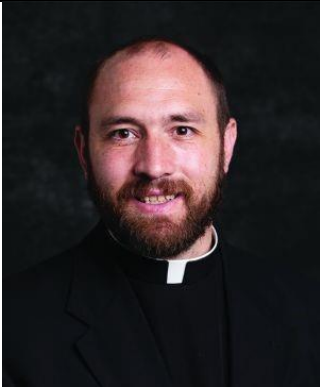
Pray for our Seminarians Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:

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

This table will be updated in next month's newsletter!!

Seminarians	Name & Address	Status
	<p>James McCann Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>4th Theology</p>
	<p>Mark Rocco Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>4th Theology</p>

	<p>Vincent Smith Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	4 th Theology
	<p>Kevin Ward 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>	4 th Theology
	<p>Joel Flinn Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	



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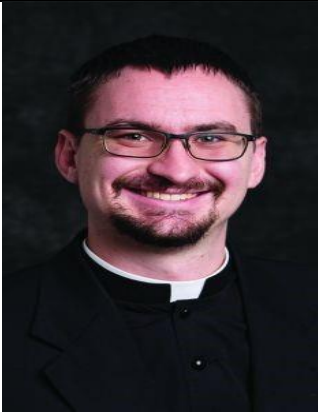
Joseph Hourigan
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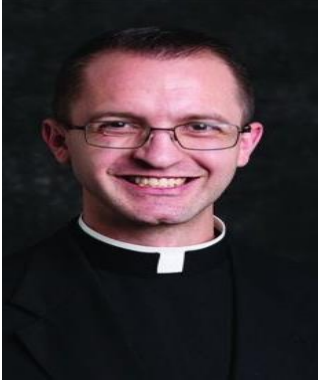
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			1 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	2 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
5 Fr. Patrick DiLoreto	6 Fr. Daniel White, SJ	7 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	9 <u>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	10 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 Fr. Amelsom Giam Gawed OFM, 7/11/99
12 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	14 Fr. Shijan Antony, OFM Cap	15 Fr. Jacob Anil D'Sa, SDB	16 <u>Garin Tretter</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	17 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 <u>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
19 Robert Ancona Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 Mark Rocco Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 <u>Dcn. Ian White</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	23 Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Palliyil	24 Aaron Doyle College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	25 Fr. Gregory Bierbaum
26 <u>James McCann</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>Msgr. Robert Jaeger,</u> 7/28/90	29 Fr. Don Billiard, OFM	30 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	31 <u>Vincent Smith</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.

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						1 Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Palliathra, OSB, 8/1/07
2 Fr. James Williams, 8/2/97	3 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	5 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 <u>Dcn. Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> College II St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	11 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 Fr. Gregory Golyzniak	13 Fr. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	14 <u>Joel Flinn</u> Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Fr. Stephen Akujobi, 8/15/98 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap, 8/15/20
16 Robert Ancona Propaedeutic Stage Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 <u>Dcn. Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology IV Sacred Heart Seminary	19 <u>Garin Tretter</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary Fr. Ricardo Rosales	20 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap	21 Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	22 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
23 <u>James McCann</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 <u>Dcn. Ian White</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Fr. James Ponce, 8/25/01	26 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	27 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 <u>Aaron Doyle</u> College Propaedeutic St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese
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