



Saint Serra

## Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

*"Always forward, never back"*



### ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER October 2024

#### President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

The last weekend in September, we celebrated Priesthood Sunday, a day set aside in the United States to celebrate and honor our Priests for answering God's call. As Serrans, part of our mission is to support those already ordained to the Priesthood. In Pope Francis' words, "This is, above all else, what a Serran is – a "special friend" whom the Lord has brought into the lives of seminarians and priests." The Pope added, "The Serra Club helps foster this beautiful vocation of being laity who are friends to priests. Friends who know how to accompany and sustain them in faith, in fidelity to prayer and apostolic commitment. Friends who share the wonder of a vocation, the courage of a definitive decision, the joy and fatigue of ministry. Friends who can offer priests support and regard their generous efforts and human failings with understanding and tender love. In this way, you are to priests like the home of Bethany, where Jesus entrusted his weariness to Martha and Mary, and, thanks to their care, was able to find rest and refreshment." We can fulfill this call through our prayers for our Priests, but also by building a relationship with them, taking the time to thank them personally, to thank them for teaching us and inspiring us to grow in our relationship to God. We should not assume they already know that we love and support them; let's remember to be intentional in expressing our love and support!

We are also called to be a friend to our seminarians, those men who are currently in a long and intense process leading to ordination. We now have twenty men in formation for our diocese. It is important that we support them in prayer daily, but we can and should also support them much like we support our sons and daughters when they leave home for college! I think we might underestimate the importance of a letter from "home," a card with a short message of support and promise of prayer, a note or text to encourage and uplift them throughout the year. These men have chosen the "less traveled path" by attending the seminary instead of the more widely traveled paths to vocations in the married or single life. It took courage for them to respond to God's call and it takes stamina, hard work, and faith to travel the difficult path leading to the Priesthood.

Support, encouragement, friendship, prayer - it's what we are called to do as Serrans!

**Jan Zabukovic**

## **Prayer List**

**Continue to pray for all our members, especially: Jan Zabukovic, Tom Plush, Linda and Joe DiBenedittis, Loretta Bocast, Rudy Legleiter, Mary Hayes, Joan Gawlik and her family, Bishop Richard Hanifen, and Fr. Jim Klein.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Prayer Hour – Oct 3**

Please join us! **Serra Prayer for Vocations -Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Monthly 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 on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.**

**Thurs, Oct 3 at NOON – Note: NEW TIME!    <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.**

### **Serra Meets – Fr. Jonathan St. Andre Monday, Oct 21 at 6:00PM MT**

Director of Vocations for Franciscan Friars Fr. Jonathan St. Andre will be speaking about the “Priest as Father.”

**Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVlhyYXNINkpkUT09>

**Passcode:** 85355

**NO October monthly Serra meeting  
due to District 6 Conference!**

**Serra District 6**  
**Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**  
**October 26, 2024**

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
2746 Fifth St.  
Castle Rock, Colorado



**Renewal and Revival**  
**Friday 10/25/24**

5:00 -7:00 pm Social Gathering & Hospitality – Holiday Inn & Suites  
---Conference Room on first floor

**Saturday 10/26/24**

8:00am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, followed by Continental Breakfast.

9:30am Speakers & Sessions:

Fr. Mark Zacker, Pastor St. Francis Castle Rock

Candace Tyrell, VP Membership, US Council

Panel discussion on Membership

Memorial for deceased Serrans of the District

Catered Lunch by Mile High Caterers

Fr. Anthony Ambuul, Ave Maria, Parker, Newly ordained 2024

Dolores Roma, President, El Paso Serra

Panel of Eucharistic Congress attendees

Best Practices by each Club in the District

4:00pm Awards and Closing Remarks

Registration fee - \$70 per person

**Accommodations**

Holiday Inn & Suites, 610 Genoa Way, Castle Rock, Colorado, 80109

@ \$139 & \$149/night plus tax.

Blocked rooms will be held until October 10<sup>th</sup> (NEW later date!).

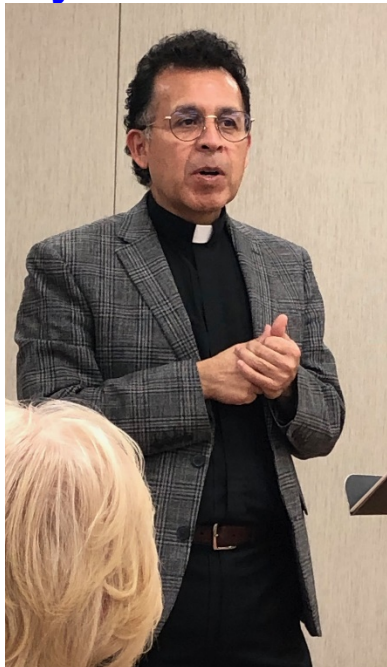
The rooms are reserved under Serra District Six. Call 303-688-0888

## **New Members are always welcome!**

Our new members as of Sept 19 –

**Susan Curtis** -Holy Apostles; **Maria Augusto** -St Mary's Cathedral; **Maruquel Reich** -Sacred Heart  
We're so glad to have you help us in our mission to promote and support vocations!

## **Very Rev. Jaimes Ponce, J.C.D. - September 19 Speaker**



We began with adoration at the Cathedral, followed by Mass at 12:10pm. We then met in the Cathedral Center for lunch from Panera Bread, followed by our speaker, Very Rev. Jaimes Ponce, J.C.D., Cathedral Rector and Diocesan Judicial Vicar. Fr. Ponce gave a moving talk about his vocation process as he followed the Lord and attended seminary, with some challenges along the way.

## **PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS!**

**October 18, 2024 – Day of Prayer for Health and Wellness of Priests and Religious.** All Serrans are being asked through prayer this day to provide spiritual support to those who tirelessly serve the Church and the people of God. The day is being hosted by St. John Vianney Center, the only behavioral health and addictions treatment and resource center providing holistic care and support exclusively for Clergy and religious worldwide. A Mass will be live streamed at 11 am Eastern.

Link: [www.sjvcenter.org/dayofprayer](http://www.sjvcenter.org/dayofprayer)



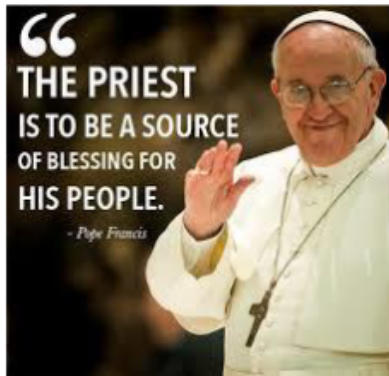
The Serra Club  
of Colorado Springs  
Presents



# Priesthood Appreciation Contest!!

In celebration of Priesthood Sunday

September 29, 2024



**Theme: Imagine yourself as a Priest or Religious Sister or Brother ...**

**Create an essay, encouraging letter, poem, artwork, video or thank you card**

**Submissions Due: October 25<sup>th</sup>**, "virtually" submit to:  
[serracosprings@gmail.com](mailto:serracosprings@gmail.com) or via QR Code above

**Winners:** There will be 3 winners for each of the following (4) groups:  
(1) Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (2) Grades 2-4 (3) Grades 5-8 (4) Grades 9-12

The winners will be announced during National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 3-9)

<https://serraus.org/>

Questions? Call 719-302-5722

[serracosprings@gmail.com](mailto:serracosprings@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:JRZabukovic@comcast.net).

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



## 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!!

**FOLLOW OUR COLORADO SPRINGS SEMINARIANS ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE: [Colorado Springs Priest Vocations | Facebook](#)**

### Priest Birthdays

Rev. Kirk Slattery	3-Nov
Rev. Jarrod M. Waugh, CSC	5-Nov
Rev. Joseph Vu	11-Nov
Rev. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI	23-Nov
Rev. John Toepfer, OFM, Cap.	26-Nov
Rev. Jaimes Ponce	29-Nov
Rev. Amlesom G. Gawed, OFM Cap	1-Dec
Rev. Tomasz Jamka	3-Dec

### Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Gene Emrisek, OFM Cap	10/19/68
Rev. August Stewart	11/5/94

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

### Please help fill the calendar!!

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](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net) to be added to this roster. **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. Mary Helen Miller
8. Nell Smith
9. Kathy Bull
10. Pat Van Matre

#### DAY of the Month. Name

11. Laura Jean Hawley
12. Benjamin Beckner
13. Helene Knapp
- 14.
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
17. Patty Townley & Sr Marietta Spenner OSF
- 18.
19. Charlene Pardo
20. Beth Pressley
21. Jerry Schaefer

#### DAY of the Month. Name

22. Sue Harman
23. Patty O'Connell
24. Robert Applegate
25. Eleanor Gentilini
- 26.
- 27.
- 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](mailto:medmep@sbcglobal.net)

Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: [SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net)

## Message from our Vocations Director

Dear Serrans,

Blessings to all of you, and thank you for the thoughtful Priesthood Sunday gift! I have missed seeing you, but I look forward to our November gathering. Please continue to pray for me, our seminarians, and everyone who is discerning!


Very Rev. Kyle T. Ingels  
Vicar General  
Director of Vocations


### **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.





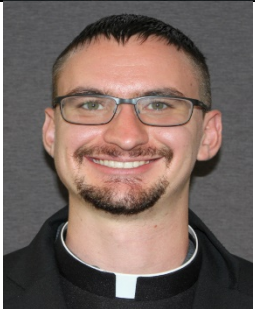

**Pray for our Seminarians** Diocesan Seminarians and electronic calendar access:





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



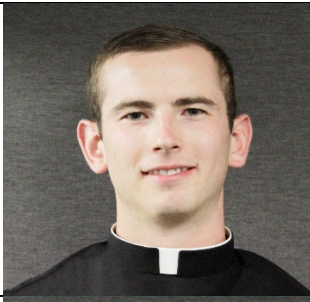


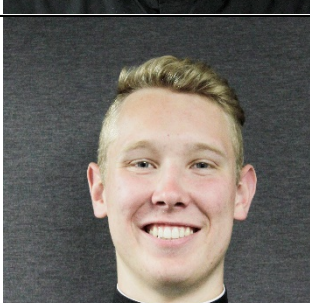
Seminarians	Name & Address	Email Address
	<b>Dominic Ambuul</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797	<a href="mailto:d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu">d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu</a>  Theology III

	<b>Stephen Ambuul</b> St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	  College I
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		<p><b>Jonathan DeCock</b>  Mt. St. Mary Seminary  16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.  Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology II</p>
		<p><b>Yunion Gonzalez</b>  Sacred Heart Seminary and  School of Theology  7335 S. Hwy 100, Hales  Corners, WI 53130-042</p>	<p>Theology III</p>
		<p><b>Joseph Hourigan</b>  St. Gregory the Great College  Seminary  800 Fletcher Rd.  Seward, NE 68434</p>	<p>College I</p>
		<p><b>James McCann</b>  Mt. St. Mary Seminary  16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.  Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Theology II</p>
		<p><b>Evan Morgan</b>  Mt. St. Mary Seminary  16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.  Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology II</p>
		<p><b>Michael Pokorny</b>  Mt. St. Mary Seminary  16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.  Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology I</p>

	<p><b>Mark Rocco</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p><a href="mailto:mark-rocco@sggs.edu">mark-rocco@sggs.edu</a></p> <p>Theology II</p>
	<p><b>Vincent Smith</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p><a href="mailto:v.f.smith@email.msmary.edu">v.f.smith@email.msmary.edu</a></p> <p>Theology II</p>
	<p><b>Vincent Staverosky</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Pre-Theology II</p>
	<p><b>Dcn. Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p><a href="mailto:m.c.vacarodriguez@email.msmary.edu">m.c.vacarodriguez@email.msmary.edu</a></p> <p>Theology IV</p>
	<p><b>Kevin Ward</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p><a href="mailto:k.h.ward@email.msmary.edu">k.h.ward@email.msmary.edu</a></p> <p>Theology II</p>
	<p><b>Ian White</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p><a href="mailto:i.j.white@email.msmary.edu">i.j.white@email.msmary.edu</a></p> <p>Theology III</p>

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	<p><b>Trevor Keene</b> St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>
	<p><b>Andrew McFadden</b> St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>
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<b>6</b> Fr. Rafael Torres-Rico	<b>7</b> <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>8</b> <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>9</b> Fr. Timothy Corbley, IV DEI	<b>10</b> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>11</b> <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>12</b> <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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<b>20</b> Fr. James Gordon, FSSP	<b>21</b> <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>22</b> <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>23</b> <u>Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	<b>24</b> <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>25</b> <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>26</b> <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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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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