



Saint Serra

## Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

*"Always forward, never back"*



### ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

August 2024

#### President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

It is hard to believe that it is already August! Before we know it, school will be back in session, leaves will begin to turn, and it will finally be cooler after the dog days of summer! On July 16, we enjoyed a wonderful day with our seminarians. Our luncheon was the kick-off to their annual retreat in the mountains. It was great to see all the returning men and to meet our new seminarians! We began as we always do, with Mass, followed by officer installation and then lunch. The seminarians attended Mass with us, and it was just beautiful to hear their voices in song and in prayer and to join our voices with theirs. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Events such as this luncheon do not happen without the hard work of our members, so I want to thank everybody who pitched in to help with setup, serving, cooking and cleanup. Special

thanks to Jerry and Yvonne for planning, organizing, and preparing the food!

Please be thinking of "adopting" one of the seminarians. My seminarian is Mark Rocco, and it has been a joy to support him on his journey since he entered the seminary. If there is a seminarian you would like to "adopt" please let me know at our upcoming gathering and I will pass that information on to Laura Jean Hawley, who maintains the list of seminarians and their Serrans. Our goal is that each seminarian has at least one Serran who adopts them, building a personal relationship with them and keeping them in prayer daily.

**Let's remember to pray daily for those discerning, for our Priests and seminarians and for Bishop Golka! Let's also pray for each other as we all continue our journeys to become the saints God created us to be!**

**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, in person and ZOOM Cancelled for August

This usually would have been Aug 1 (1st Thursday) but was cancelled due to our monthly luncheon being moved to that date. We'll be back at noon on September 5<sup>th</sup>!

## Serra Meets – SI President Kurt Metyko – Saturday, August 10

August 10, 2024, 10 am MT: **SI President Kurt Metyko** will be speaking about the “State of Serra International” live from the New Orleans SI Convention.

[Click to Join the Webinar](#)

Passcode: 853558

## August monthly meeting was – THURSDAY, August 1

Serra held its annual celebration for religious women and consecrated virgins of our Diocese on August 1, with Mass at the Cathedral followed by lunch in the Cathedral Center! Over 20 very special women joined us for the happy event, including consecrated virgin Joyce Stolberg, who recently finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> book in a series titled, “Formation for Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World, Phase II.” Also attending was Sister Marietta from Mt. St. Francis. When asked to tell us a highlight of her ministry, she told us that every day is a highlight! Her order was founded 161 years ago. They have been dealing with COVID, and sadly, three sisters have passed away in the last two weeks.

Please pray for ALL our consecrated and religious women!

They are such a joy to be with, and they spend their lives serving the Lord!

## Next Monthly Meeting Thursday, September 19!!

We will start with adoration at the Cathedral at 11:30am, followed by Mass at 12:10pm.

Then we will meet in the Cathedral Center with a speaker TBD.

Lunch will be served; donations for lunch will be accepted.

Please RSVP by Friday Sept 13 to [SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net](mailto:SerraCOsprings@DioCS.net)

**June 8: Priestly Ordinations of Anthony Ambuul, Patrick DiLoreto, and Sean O'Connor!! Congratulations to our newest Priests!!**



Fr. Anthony Ambuul, Fr. Patrick DiLoreto, Fr. Sean O'Connor, with Bishop James Golka to the right.



Fr. Anthony Ambuul during the Liturgy with Msgr. Jaeger. Frs. Patrick DiLoreto and Sean O'Connor are in the background.



Fr. Patrick DiLoreto  
distributing Holy  
Communion.



Fr. Sean O'Connor with  
Msgr. Jaeger during the  
Liturgy.  
Frs. Anthony Ambuul  
and Patrick DiLoreto  
are in the background.

**“All Photos courtesy of The Colorado Catholic Herald”**

## **August 17 - Discernment Retreat for boys ages 11-15**

Vocations Director Fr. Kyle Ingels and Fr. Matt Kane from Our Lady of the Pines will join the Serra VP for Vocations as they hold a mini retreat for boys ages 11-15. The retreat will be **Saturday, August 17 from 1PM to 5:30PM at Our Lady of the Pines, 11020 Teachout Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80908.**

There will be two presentations, Q & A, Adoration, Confession, and Rosary, and the retreat will culminate with Mass.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mike Lehnertz, VP for Vocations, at [mlehnertz@icloud.com](mailto:mlehnertz@icloud.com).

## **SAVE THE DATE – October 25-26, 2024!! District 6 Regional Conference**

Join us at St. Francis of Assisi in Castle Rock for our Annual Serra District 6 Regional Conference!

Speakers include Fr. Mark Zacker, Pastor of St. Francis and Fr. Anthony Ambuul, from Ave Maria Parish in Parker!

Registration will be \$70.

Look for more information next month!

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

### **Prayer for Priests - St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.

For Your temped priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priests who baptized me, (name); the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus keep them all close to Your heart,  
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

## 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!!

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## Priest Birthdays

Rev. Carlos Gallardo-Morales	2-Aug
Rev. Michael P. Buckley	3-Aug
Rev. William Kraus, OFM Cap	3-Aug
Rev. Kenneth Przybyla	6-Aug
Rev. Gregory Golyzniak	12-Aug
Rev. John "Jack" Fitzpatrick	13-Aug
Rev. Ricardo Rosales	19-Aug
Rev. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	21-Aug
Rev. Edward Kinerk, SJ	30-Aug
Rev. Lawrence Solan	30-Aug
Rev. Frank Grinko, OFM Cap	2-Sep

## Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. James Williams	8/02/97
Rev. Stephen Akujobi	8/15/98
Rev. Jaimes Ponce	8/25/01
Rev. William Kraus OFM Cap	8/25/73
Rev. Joseph Pedersen, CSC	9/05/20

## 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

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## Message from our Vocations Director

Dear Serrans,

It has been a quick summer, and soon all of our men will be returning to school. We have 20 seminarians studying this year. Please pray for them!

I recently took a few men who are discerning to the Shrine of Blessed Stanley Rother, along with Seminarian, Vincent Smith. It was a beautiful time. If you do not know about Blessed Stanley, you should look into him. We had a recent presentation at Serra about his inspiring story.

Please continue to pray for more seminarians! Thank you for all you do.

In Christ, Fr Kyle













### **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>

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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 I</p>
	<p><b>Yunior Gonzalez</b></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>
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<p>New Seminarians:   Trevor Keene   Andrew McFadden   Christopher Oram   Peter Tran   Matthew Zimmer</p>	<p>Please pray for them!</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>	