

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



Saint Serra

ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER January 2025

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

Happy New Year to all of you! The beginning of a new calendar year is a time to reflect on our lives, both spiritually and in the physical world. The New Year is also 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. Many of you might have made New Year's Resolutions, ways in which you hope to grow both in your earthly lives as well as spiritually. One of my resolutions for this new year is to participate in the new Ascension Press program, Rosary in a Year. I've already completed the first couple of days and am really enjoying learning how to be more intentional and engaged in praying the Rosary. This free podcast, which is about 15 minutes long each day, is available on YouTube at the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/@TheRosaryinaYear.

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 providing 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 there to enjoy the day. What a special gift it was to share this day with Bishop Golka, Fr. Kyle and our seminarians.

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 have the opportunity to truly be a friend to our Priests and other religious and to our seminarians. What a gift! 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.

May this new year of 2025 be one of peace, love and happiness for you and your families.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members and supporters, especially: Joe DeBenedittis; Sandy Lehnertz; Michael Lehnertz; Damian Cruz Garduno, 2-month old nephew of Fr. Jason Keas, died in Dec, please pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort for his family; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman; Jan Zabukovic; Tom Plush; Loretta Bocast; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes; Joan Gawlik and her family; Bishop Richard Hanifen

James Klein Obituary - Colorado Springs, CO

Fr. James J. Klein, age 66 passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

A rosary and vigil for James will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral, 22 W Kiowa St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. A funeral mass will occur Wednesday, January 29, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 22 W Kiowa St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. A graveside service will occur Wednesday, January 29, 2025 from 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery, 1005 Hancock Expy, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour - Jan 2

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.

The Rosary and Chaplet are also available <u>on-line</u> by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thurs, Jan 2 at <u>NOON</u>. 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 – Monday, Jan 20, at 6pm MT

Serra Meets Rosemary Sullivan, Executive Director of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocations Directors. She will speak on "The impact and future of Serra's sponsorship of the National Eucharistic Congress": Mon, Jan. 20, 2025 at 6pm Mountain Link: https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVlKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09

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Jan 16, 2025 Membership Gathering Learn our "new" Club Express System like a Pro!!

We will start our morning as we do each month with Adoration and prays for vocations at the Cathedral at 11:00am, followed by Mass at 12:10pm, for anyone able to attend at that time. After Mass, we'll head downstairs to the Cathedral Center where our VP for Programs, Robert Applegate, will give a presentation on the Serra ClubExpress!

Please bring your own **Brown Bag** lunch and drink!

SAVE THE DATE!! Thurs, Feb 20 Membership Lunch with Bishop James Golka

Serrans: Our Membership Recruitment Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Saint Mary's Cathedral. There will be 11:00AM Adoration and 12:10 Mass, followed by lunch. Please join us with Bishop Golka as we welcome new and potential members!

Serrans: Please help our Ministry grow! More prayers and supporters are always needed and welcome! Please provide 2 or more names of people you know who would be interested in joining Serra. Email the following info to wagnerkt5@gmail.com for each interested party: Name, Full Mailing Address, Phone, Email address, and Parish. We need this contact information by **Friday, January 24** for timely mailing of invitations.

Serra Volunteers needed to distribute Brochures!

Updated Serra Brochures will soon be ready. We will need Serrans to be liaisons for a particular parish to contact or visit the Parish to ask the Pastor or his representative for permission to display the brochure. Then the liaison will deliver 10 copies of the brochure to the Parish and ask them to make the brochures available in a pamphlet rack or other prominent place. You will also be responsible for periodically checking the display to see how many brochures have been taken and resupply as needed (when down to 1 or 2). We also need 10 volunteers to do the same thing for out-of-town Diocesan Parishes. This will include contacting the parish, then mailing or delivering the brochures after receiving permission. You will also need to follow-up and offer more brochures as needed, then deliver them in-person or by mail.

If you signed up to do this 2 years ago and want to continue, or if you would like to begin with the new brochures, please let us know by email SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net, or call Beth Pressley at 806-789-9002.

We expect the brochures to be available at the January gathering.

Treasurer's Report - Jan 2025

Dear Serra Members,

I am trying the use of email in an effort to save about \$40 in postage stamps as well as paper and envelopes. The annual dues for our Colorado Springs Serra Apostolate are due. The annual amount is \$120 per person, or \$180 per couple (50% discount for spouses). Paying the annual amount is the most expedient way of handling the payment. However, you may also pay half (\$60 per person, \$90 per couple) now, and the same amount again in July.

Finally, if absolutely necessary, you may pay \$10 per month (\$15 per couple) each month, although this creates significantly extra work for both you and the treasurer.

Please make checks payable to "Serra Club of Colorado Springs"

You may give your payment to me at the next meeting, or mail a check to:

Serra Apostolate 228 N Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Thank you and best wishes for a Blessed New Year.

Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer

PS – a few of you have outstanding balances from 2024 in addition to the 2025 dues. I have sent specialized letters to you via US Mail which you should receive in a couple of days, as well as the couple of members that do not have email addresses.

Message from Our Chaplain:

Dear Serrans,

Happy New Year! Thank you for a wonderful Christmas luncheon and for the thoughtful and generous gift to me from the Board. I also appreciate all of your kind notes and gifts. Please know I have been praying for all of you, especially at Christmas.

Please continue to pray for me too! Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Kyle Ingels

Vicar General and Director of Vocations



Bob Applegate, Fr. Kyle, Jan Zabukovic Photo by Laura Jean Hawley

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, March 22 Lenten Day of Reflection

Join Fr. Kyle and the Serra Club as we draw closer to God during this penitential season. Coffee and light food will be served. March 22, from 9am – 11:30am St. Mary's Cathedral

Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, Dec 19

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. All photos by Charlene Pardo.



Christopher Oram, Beth P, Yunior Gonzales



Miki F, Shirley P, Ian White, Matthew Zimmer



Jan Z, Vincent Staverosky, Sue H, Trevor Keene, Fr. Tom Pressley, Laura Jean H, Dcn Christian Vaca-Rodriguez



Jan & Dennis P, Vincent Smith, Michael Pokorny, Susan C



Photo: RoseMarie S, Dominic Ambuul, James McCann

SAVE THE DATE!!
Thursday, March 20
Serra Monthly Gathering
St. Mary's Cathedral
Guest Speaker
Fr. Sean O'Connor
(Ordained June 8, 2024)

SAVE THE DATE!!

Monday, April 28

Annual Serra Anniversary

Dinner and Silent Auction!!

St. Paul Parish

Julie Penrose Hall

Members may invite one Priest or Sister to join them at a discount price.

More info to come!

(This will take the place of the April Thursday Member Meeting)



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!!



First Mass and Holy Hour was held Jan 4. Twelve people attended including 5 Serrans.

Fr. Will Dwayer celebrated Mass, assisted by Seminarian Peter Tran.

Join us First Saturday, February 1 at 9:00am at St. Patrick

to pray for Vocations!



USA Serrans unite!

https://serraclub.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=4175 32&item_id=2296813 (Click link or copy and paste)

Now is a great time to sign up for the 2025 Serra US Rally! Retreat to sunny, warm Miami this winter! Serrans from around the country gather to pray, learn, and be inspired to promote vocations in new ways.

- Make new connections with other Serrans
- Get new ideas to create a culture of vocations
- Experience Miami's culture and beautiful weather
- Special event with the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, one of the fastest growing religious communities in the US.

Check the Serra website for Registration and hotel reservation or contact SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net for more information.

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

Rev. James Williams	6-Jan
Rev. Stephen Parlet	21-Jan
Rev. James M. Baron	4-Feb

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Abraham Kannampalackal, CMI 1/2/1994
Fr. Rajesh "Tom" Pallyill 1/2/2001
Fr. Suresh Mathew, OSB, 1/6/2001
Fr. Francisco Quezada 1/9/1988

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 20, 28 & 29)!!! Can we add YOUR name?!

	31 CLUB ROSTER	
DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name	DAY of the Month. Name
 Rose Marie Stimpfl 	12. Benjamin Beckner	22. Sue Harman
Mary Ellen Castillo	13. Helene Knapp	23. Patty O'Connell
3. Dennis and Jan	14. Maria Augusto and	24. Robert Applegate
Palsgrove	Shirley Plush	25. Eleanor Gentilini
4. Ray Gentilini	15. Joel Kostyrka	26. Gail Donnelly
5. Bill McNamara	16. Karen Wagner	27. Margarita Treviño-
6. Marty Broestl and	17.Patty Townley &	Waters
Loretta Bocast	Sr Marietta Spenner OSF	28.
7. Mary Helen Miller	18. Angie Stattman and	29.
8. Nell Smith	Maruquel Reich	30. Jon and Claudine
9. Kathy Bull	19. Charlene Pardo	Duncan
10. Pat Van Matre	20.	31. Connie Pratt
11. Laura Jean Hawley	21. Jerry Schaefer	

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 – TBD

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

Contact Beth to be added to our Newsletter email list at: medmep@sbcglobal.net
Contact Serra Club of Colorado Springs: SerraCOSprings@dioCS.net

Newsletter Editor – Beth Pressley



"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/.

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS!

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 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.

USCCB Webpage

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
	Dominic Ambuul Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727- 7797	d.j.ambuul@email.msmary.edu Theology III

Stephen Ambuul St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Rd. Seward, NE 68434	College I
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Yunior Gonzalez Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology 7335 S. Hwy 100, Hales Corners, WI 53130-042	Theology III
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Trevor Keene St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434	College Spirituality Year
Andrew McFadden 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
Peter Tran 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

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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" Pallyill, 1/2/01	3 Fr. Joseph Pedersen, CSC	4 lan White Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
5 Fr. Sean O'Connor	6 Fr. Suresh Mathew, OSB, 1/6/01	7 Fr. James Williams	8 Fr. Jacob Anil D'Sa, SDB	9 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Fr. Francisco Quezada, 1/9/88	10 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 Evan Morgan Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
12 Fr. Vincent Mary Carrasco, OFM Cap	13 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 Christopher Oram Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 Fr. C. Joseph Dygert	16 James McCann Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	Michael Pokorny Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Dominic Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
19 Jonathan <u>DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	Mark Rocco Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	22 Fr. Stephen Parlet	23 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	24 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	25 W. Trevor Keene Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
26 Matthew Zimmer Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 Peter Tran Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	29 Vincent Smith Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	30 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	31 Kevin Ward Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	

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						1 Fr. Amelsom Gawed, OFM Cap
2 Michael Pokorny Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	3 Vincent Staverosky Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	4 Fr. James Baron	5 Stephen Ambuul College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	6 Matthew Zimmer Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	7 Jonathan DeCock Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	8 James McCann Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 Joseph Hourigan College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	10 Fr. Brian Roeseler	11 lan White Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	Andrew McFadden Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	13 Yunior Gonzalez Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap, 2/13/63, Retired	14 Joshua Wojcik Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 W. Trevor Keene Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
16 Peter Tran Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 Kevin Ward Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Dennis Gordon, FSSP	19 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	20 Dominic Ambuul Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera	Mark Rocco Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
23 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap	24 Christopher Oram Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Christian Vaca- Rodriguez Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Fr. Long Hai Do	27 Vincent Smith Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	28 Evan Morgan 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