



Saint Serra

Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

"Always forward, never back"



ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER February 2025

President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

It's hard to believe that we are now already a month into the new year! January went out with freezing temperatures and snow! Just going out to get the paper required a warm coat, a hat, and gloves! I have been thinking about how blessed I am to have warm clothes and a warm and safe home, and thinking about all those people and animals who were not as fortunate. Many do not have warm clothes, a warm and safe home, clean water, healthy food, and love. Sometimes, it is easy to forget about those who are living a marginalized life and struggling to make ends meet to provide for themselves and their families. I think about the discussions we had during my Biblical School classes about our call to love and care for the poor and needy, and to be good caretakers of our earthly home and the creatures that inhabit it with us. February is a month that focuses on love since Valentine's Day will be here soon. It is easy to show love to those we already know and

love. It is harder to show love to those we do not know or do not particularly like or feel connected to. But Jesus called us all to first love him and then to love our neighbor. Does our love extend to those we don't know, those in need, those who don't look like us, those who have different opinions than we do? Do we take seriously our responsibility to care for all of God's creation with compassion and mercy? Perhaps February, with its focus on love, is a great time to think about how we love and how our actions reflect our call to love.

Our St. Serra Apostolate has once again entered a contest sponsored by Serra International/ Serra USA that is directed at increasing Serra membership around the world. We will be holding our Bishop's Membership Luncheon in just a few weeks. I hope most if not all of you submitted names to Karen Wagner, our Membership VP, so that we will have many prospective members come to the luncheon and learn more about our Serra Apostolate. If you have not yet submitted names but know of people who might be interested, please contact Karen as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of all of us to work to grow our ministry- there can't be too many people who are praying and working to support Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Remember to pray for our Priests, for Deacons and other religious, and for our seminarians. Remember to pray for an increase in the number of men and women who are beginning to hear the call from God to dedicate their life to serving as a Priest or other religious that they might quiet their mind to hear that call and have the courage to say yes.

Jan Zabukovic

Prayer List

Continue to pray for all our members and supporters, especially: **Joe DeBenedittis; Sandy Lehnertz; Michael Lehnertz; Marlene Kondrup; Miki Feldman; Jan Zabukovic; Tom Plush; Loretta Bocast; Rudy Legleiter; Mary Hayes; Joan Gawlik and her family; Bishop Richard Hanifen**
Pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Stolberg, a consecrated virgin in our Diocese (died Feb 2); the soul of Fr. Jim Klein (died Jan. 7); and for Damian Cruz Garduno, 2-month old nephew of Fr. Jason Keas, who died in Dec.

1st Thursday Prayer Hour – Feb 6

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 on-line by zoom for those who cannot come in-person. The link to the zoom meeting is below.

Thurs, Feb 6 at NOON. <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, Feb 17, at 6pm MT



Serra Meets Fr. Jack Wall, President of Catholic Extension:

Motivated by the Gospel call to serve the poor, Father Jack Wall invites the nation's Catholics to walk in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the poorest areas of our country. As a papal society, the president of Catholic Extension is appointed by the Pope himself. Father Jack Wall was appointed by the Holy See as president in 2007. Prior to leading Catholic Extension Society, Father Wall served 24 years as pastor of Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. Under his stewardship, the

struggling urban church grew from four to 4,000 households, making it one of the most vibrant faith communities in Chicago today.

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVlKVlhyYXNlNkpkUT09>

Passcode: 85355

SAVE THE DATE!! Thurs, Feb 20

Membership Lunch with Bishop James Golka

An "**Introduction to Serra**" Luncheon with **Bishop Golka** will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Saint Mary's Cathedral. There will be silent Adoration from 11:00AM and Mass at 12:10PM, followed by a complimentary lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center. **Serra** invites everyone to join our mission to foster and affirm vocations to the ordained priesthood and consecrated life. Members, please bring a friend who might be interested in our mission and join us as we welcome new and potential members!

**RSVP for lunch is required by noon Thursday, Feb 13,
or you will need to bring your own lunch.**

Contact Beth Pressley at 806-789-9002 or medmep@sbcglobal.net.

Serra Volunteers needed to distribute Brochures!

Updated Serra Brochures are ready. We 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.

To sign up, please check with us at the Feb 20 lunch gathering or
Contact Beth Pressley at 806-789-9002 or medmep@sbcglobal.net.

Treasurer's Report – Feb 2025

Our account balances:

\$4398.82 in checking; \$2500.00 in savings

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).

We have 56 members; 25 have paid dues; 31 have not.

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

You may bring your payment to the Feb 20th meeting, or mail a check to:

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

Thank you.

Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer

SAVE THE DATE!!

Thursday, March 20

Serra Monthly Gathering at St. Mary's Cathedral

Guest Speaker - Fr. Sean O'Connor, Parochial Vicar at St. Gabriel's

More information will be available in the next newsletter. Please make plans to join us!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, March 22

Lenten Day of Reflection at St. Mary's Cathedral

Join Fr. Kyle and the Serra Club

as we draw closer to God during this penitential season.

Members only, who may bring one guest, if desired.

Mass at 9am, followed by a light breakfast, then a short presentation by Fr. Kyle.

We will finish up by 11:30am.

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 Gathering.)

Donations of religious or other items for the AUCTION are very much appreciated!

You can bring them to our monthly gathering,
or contact Beth Pressley 806-789-9002 for other arrangements.



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!!



Mass for Vocations

Starting January 2025, First Saturdays
 9:00am Mass followed by a Holy Hour
 St. Patrick Catholic Church
 6455 Brook Park Dr.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80918
 All are welcome! Come and pray for vocations!

Join us First Saturday, March 1 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations!



SERRA RALLY
MIAMI
 JANUARY 23-26, 2025

One of our many speakers will be Mother Adela Galindo, who gave the amazing final keynote address at the National Eucharistic Congress. Come be inspired!!!

The annual Serra USA Rally was held in Miami, Jan 23-26. As usual, there were some really good speakers. Among them were Archbishop Wenski of Miami, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Bishop Thomas Daly, the Rector of the local Seminary, the Diocesan Vocations Director who was just ordained in May of 2024, and Sister Adela, who was a speaker at the Eucharistic Congress that everyone raved about. We went to their convent and had Mass there, and they gave us each a small loaf of Mango or Guava bread.



They also had training sessions for all five ministries (including Cultural Outreach) for the entire assembly, rather than making them breakout sessions, where attendees could only go to two of them. Since there were only 88 attendees and they had contracted for 110 or 120, we had plenty of food and the wine and drinks were free!

Starting next year, we will be holding the Rally in a more reasonable venue, so perhaps more will be able to attend. The 2026 Rally will be held at the Augustine Inst in St. Louis, MO. Next on the agenda is the SI convention in Kansas City, June 26 - 29, 2025. It may be possible to drive to this one, for those who enjoy road trips.

Photos and article submitted by Eleanor Gentilini

Cardinal Thomas Collins



Rocky Mtn Region Attendees:

--Rose Marie Stimpfl (CS Club); --Karen Guyette (formerly Fort Collins);--Dolores Romo (Pres, El Paso Club); --Barbara and John Burgess (Pres, Phoenix Club); --Eleanor Gentilini (Regional Director); --Marnie and Dave Maza (District Governor, AZ)



Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

SAVE THE DATE!!

2025 Serra International Convention

Thursday, June 26, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM - Sunday, June 29, 2025

While much detail is pending, the 2025 Serra International Convention is slated to be held in downtown **Kansas City, MO**, in June 2025. Dates of the event are June 26 - 29, 2025; the venue will be the Downtown Marriott Hotel, near Bartle Hall and the Convention Center.

Local Serra leaders are already well into planning the event and will be reaching to club members asking for assistance in putting together a top-notch convention.

What an exciting time for Serra in the Kansas City area!

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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 Baron Feb 4
Rev. Brian Roeseler Feb 10
Rev. Dennis Grabrian Feb 17

Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap, Ret 2/13/1963
Fr. Paul Williams 03/04/1995

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

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
11. Laura Jean Hawley

DAY of the Month. Name

12. Benjamin Beckner
13. Helene Knapp
14. Maria Augusto and Shirley Plush
15. Joel Kostyrka
16. Karen Wagner
17. Patty Townley & Sr Marietta Spenner OSF
18. Angie Stattman and Maruquel Reich
19. Charlene Pardo
- 20.
21. Jerry Schaefer

DAY of the Month. Name

22. Sue Harman
23. Patty O'Connell
24. Robert Applegate
25. Eleanor Gentilini
26. Gail Donnelly
27. Margarita Treviño-Waters
- 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

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/>.

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

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

	<p>Joshua Wojcik Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu</p> <p>Theology II</p>
	<p>Trevor Keene St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Andrew McFadden St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Christopher Oram Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Peter Tran Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
	<p>Matthew Zimmer St. Gregory the Great College Seminary 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434</p>	<p>College Spirituality Year</p>

February 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fr. Amelsom Gawed, OFM Cap
2 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-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 I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	6 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year 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 II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	10 Fr. Brian Roeseler	11 <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	13 <u>Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, OFM Cap, 2/13/63, Retired	14 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	15 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
16 <u>Peter Tran</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	17 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Dennis Gordon, FSSP	19 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	20 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bogdan Siewiera	22 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
23 Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap	24 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	26 Fr. Long Hai Do	27 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II 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

March 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fr. David Boroff
2 <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	3 †Most Rev. Michael Sheridan, 2nd Bishop of Diocese	4 Fr. Paul Williams, 3/4/95	5 <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	6 Fr. William Oulvey	7 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	8 <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
9 <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	10 <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	11 <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	12 <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	13 <u>Dominic Ambuul</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	14 <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	15 Fr. Urumees 'Rajeev' Palliathra, OSB
16 <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	17 <u>Christopher Oram</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	18 Fr. Thomas Pressley	19 <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	20 <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	21 Fr. Bradford Noonan	22 Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer
23 <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	24 <u>Christian Vaca- Rodriguez</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	25 Fr. William Dwyer	26 <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	27 Fr. Mark Zacker	28 <u>Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology III Sacred Heart Seminary	29 <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
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