



Saint Serra

## Saint Serra Club of Colorado Springs

*"Always forward, never back"*



### ST. SERRA CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS NEWSLETTER March 2025

#### President Janet Zabukovic's Message



Dear Fellow Serrans,

We have entered the liturgical season of Lent, a time to prepare for Easter. I remember as a little girl giving up a variety of things for Lent...candy, ice cream, soda... and spending time in my Catholic school classroom learning more about Christ's Passion and Death. But as the years have piled on much too quickly, my faith has matured and I find that now, while I usually do give up some "creature comfort", my focus for Lent is focused on growing in my Catholic faith. Lent is designed for reflection and for preparation for the Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

During Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. There is a video about Lent by Fr. Mike Schmitz, who is likely familiar to most of you. Fr. Mike encouraged us to pick something in each of those three areas as our Lenten penances. He suggested we pick one prayer-related thing to do that will draw us closer to God, something like spending 15 minutes reading scripture and reflecting on what we read. For fasting, he reminded that fasting

does not have to be restricted to food or drink but can include anything in our life whose absence or smaller presence would help us to purify our life and conform us more to living as Jesus taught- something like giving up some of the time we spend on social media or watching television or movies and spending that time in a different way. Finally, for almsgiving, he talked about it not being restricted to money things but also can mean giving time and treasure to others. He talked about discipline as being a good trait that is focused on us and what we do and generosity being a good trait that is focused on others. He said that discipline doesn't expand the heart, but generosity does.

Perhaps the most thought-provoking idea he shared was that the best place to start as we identify our Lenten sacrifices was by going to God in prayer and asking this question; "God, what is it that you want me to give to you this Lent?"

I hope that many of you will participate in our Lenten Morning of Reflection to be held on March 22 at St. Mary's Cathedral. There is more information about this special event in the newsletter.

During this Lenten Season, as we prepare ourselves to focus on the Passion of Christ and then rejoice in his Resurrection, I encourage each of us to spend extra time in prayer. Imagine Lent and Easter without a Priest! That is the reality for some Catholics who do not have regular access to a priest and the Sacraments. Let's remember to add some extra prayers for an increase in vocations, for those in

formation and for those discerning. This is a very busy time for our priests so don't forget to thank them for their vocations and for shepherding us through this very special season.

**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**

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

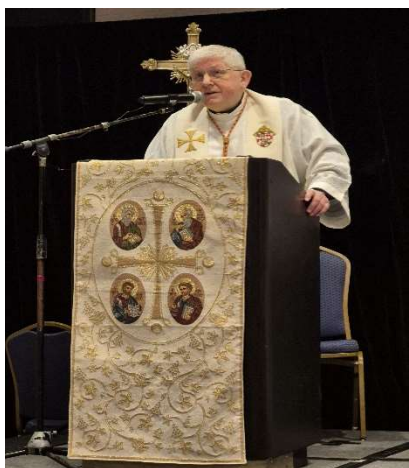
Please join us! **Serra Prayer for Vocations -Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Prayed Silently; Monthly at 11am - Noon on the first Thursday, In-person at St. Mary's Cathedral.**

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, Apr 3 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, Mar 17 at 6PM MT With Thomas Cardinal Collins**

March 17, 2025 at 6PM Mountain Time: Speaker: Thomas Cardinal Collins, Episcopal Adviser for Serra International. His Eminence will lead us in a Lenten reflection.

Passcode: 85355

<https://zoom.us/j/95992451924?pwd=RFdzZjgybDk0VVIKVIhyYXNINkpkUT09>

**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**

Adoration at 11:00, followed by Mass at 12:10pm;  
Then lunch gathering in Cathedral Center; please make plans to join us!

**RSVP for lunch is required by noon Sunday, Mar 16,**  
**or you will need to bring your own lunch.**

Please RSVP for lunch to  
Beth Pressley [medmep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:medmep@sbcglobal.net) or 806-789-9002

**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.

**RSVP** to Beth Pressley 806-789-9002 or [medmep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:medmep@sbcglobal.net) by **Mar 17**.

**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.

(There will NOT be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Member Gathering in April.)

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

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

## Treasurer's Report – Mar 2025

Our account balances:

\$5508.82 in checking; \$2508.01 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; 37 have paid dues; 19 have not.

Please make checks payable to “**Serra Club of Colorado Springs**”

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

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

Thank you.

**Treasurer – Jerry Schaefer**

## ORDINATIONS - SAVE THE DATES!!

### May 24: Ordination of Transitional Deacons

Come and celebrate the Ordination of the new Deacons for the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

May 24, at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Cathedral. Reception to follow.



**Dominic Ambuul**



**Yunior Gonzales**



**Ian White**

### June 7: Priestly Ordination

Come celebrate the Ordination of Manuel Christian Vaca- Rodriguez on Saturday, June 7 at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral. Reception to follow.



**Manuel Christian Vaca- Rodriguez**

## **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 Mar 20 lunch gathering or Contact Beth Pressley at 806-789-9002 or [medmep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:medmep@sbcglobal.net).

**Thurs, Feb 20**

## **Membership Lunch with Bishop James Golka**

An **"Introduction to Serra"** Luncheon with **Bishop Golka** was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Saint Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Golka and Fr. Kyle Ingels co-celebrated Mass for us after silent adoration. Then we enjoyed lunch downstairs in the Cathedral Center. We had at least nine visitors at the lunch, and we hope some will be joining our group. Members, we can never have too many people praying for vocations!! Please invite a friend who might be interested in our mission to our monthly gatherings and lunch! The next one is Thursday, March 20!



**St. Patrick holds a Mass followed by a Holy Hour for Vocations every First Saturday of the month.**

**Join us First Saturday, April 5 at 9:00am at St. Patrick to pray for Vocations!  
6455 Brook Park Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918**



## 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!!

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### 2025 Serra International Convention

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

The 2025 Serra International Convention is slated to be held in downtown **Kansas City, MO**. Venue - Downtown Marriott Hotel, near Bartle Hall and the Convention Center. 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!

[82nd Serra International Convention | Kansas City, MO](#)

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

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

## Priest Birthdays

Rev. Patrick Battiato	3/17
Rev. Terrence Gordon, FSSP	3/17
Rev. Thomas Pressley	3/18
Rev. Brad Noonan	3/21
Rev. C. Chance Billmeyer	3/22
Rev. William Dwyer	3/25
Rev. John Stearns	4/03

## Priest Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Paul Williams                      03/04/95

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:medmep@sbcglobal.net)

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

### *Prayer to St. Junipero Serra for vocations.*



O God, Who will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.







### **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

		<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>Yunior 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>

	<p><b>Joshua Wojcik</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p><a href="mailto:joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu">joshua-wojcik@sggs.edu</a></p> <p>Theology II</p>
	<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>Christopher Oram</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
	<p><b>Peter Tran</b> Mt. St. Mary Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd. Emmitsburg, MD 21727-7797</p>	<p>Spirituality Year</p>
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						<b>1</b> Fr. David Boroff
<b>2</b> <u>Joseph Hourigan</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>3</b> † <u>Most Rev. Michael Sheridan</u> , 2nd Bishop of Diocese	<b>4</b> <u>Fr. Paul Williams</u> , 3/4/95	<b>5</b> <u>Joshua Wojcik</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>6</b> Fr. William Oulvey	<b>7</b> Permanent Deacons in the Diocese	<b>8</b> <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
<b>9</b> <u>Kevin Ward</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>10</b> <u>Vincent Staverosky</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>11</b> <u>Mark Rocco</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>12</b> <u>Vincent Smith</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>13</b> <b><u>Dominic Ambuul</u></b> <b>Theology III</b> <b>Mt. St. Mary's Seminary</b>	<b>14</b> <u>W. Trevor Keene</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>15</b> Fr. Urumees "Rajeev" Palliathra, OSB
<b>16</b> <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>17</b> <u>Christopher Oram</u> Spirituality Year Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>18</b> Fr. Thomas Pressley	<b>19</b> <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>20</b> <u>Michael Pokorny</u> Pre-Theology I Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>21</b> Fr. Bradford Noonan	<b>22</b> Fr. C. Chance Billmeyer
<b>23</b> <b><u>Jonathan DeCock</u></b> <b>Pre-Theology II</b> <b>Mt. St. Mary's Seminary</b>	<b>24</b> <u>Christian Vaca-Rodriguez</u> Theology IV Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>25</b> Fr. William Dwyer	<b>26</b> <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>27</b> Fr. Mark Zacker	<b>28</b> <b><u>Yunior Gonzalez</u></b> <b>Theology III</b> <b>Sacred Heart Seminary</b>	<b>29</b> <u>Andrew McFadden</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary
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<b>6</b> Fr. Jarrod Waugh, CSC, 4/16/13	<b>7</b> <b><u>W. Trevor Keene</u></b> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>8</b> <u>Ian White</u> Theology III Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>9</b> Fr. <u>Jeffrey Cooper</u> , CSC, 4/9/94	<b>10</b> <u>James McCann</u> Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>11</b> <u>Matthew Zimmer</u> Spirituality Year St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>12</b> Fr. Erin Kochivar
<b>13</b> Fr. Jason Keas	<b>14</b> Fr. <u>Vijay Kumar Bonajiri</u> , 4/14/08	<b>15</b> <u>Evan Morgan</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>16</b> <u>Jonathan DeCock</u> Pre-Theology II Mt. St. Mary's Seminary	<b>17</b> Fr. Francisco Quezada	<b>18</b> <u>Stephen Ambuul</u> College I St. Gregory the Great College Seminary	<b>19</b> <u>Yunior Gonzalez</u> Theology III Sacred Heart 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