Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

April 2023

District 6 Club #723 Region 13 Chartered September 29, 1990 *Chaplain: Fr. Mark Kovacik*

Club Meeting Times: 1st Friday and 3rd Friday of each month following the 7:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ. Selected member chefs bring breakfast for those present. Bring a friend and encourage them to join our club.



President: Peggy Morrow Secretary: Sue Husler

V.P. Vocations: Jim and Judy Heinze V.P. Programs: Sharon Stetson V.P. Affirmation: vacant

Club Trustee: Sue Husler

President-Elect: vacant Treasurer: Ed Husler

V.P. Membership: Mary Ellen Thorne *V.P. Communications*: Amy Michaelis

Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans -

Thank you for your role in helping the apostolate to accomplish the following since the beginning of the year! Highlights of accomplishments include:

- Membership 1 new member completed an application, and a few perspective members have attended meetings. Investigating changing dues, and are currently participating in the Missionaries of St. Serra contest.
- Vocations Donated several bikes to seminarians, provided information to celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life to local parishes.
- 3. Communications designed and created a new brochure and distributed it to parishes, published the award-winning monthly newsletter, updated the parish website to include information for World Day of Consecrated Life.
- 4. Parish Liaisons visited the Northern Colorado Club to observe an altar-server appreciation party, assembled and coordinated the delivery of altar server Easter bags. Provided grant money to a parish to pilot the purchase of new cassocks and to organize an event for seminarians and youth servers.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

After 40 days of Lent, we celebrate 50 days of Easter from the Sunday of the Resurrection until Pentecost Sunday. Jesus Christ has taken on human flesh and has entered into death. He took upon Himself the consequences of our sins. With the resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are reconciled to God. Jesus has conquered sin and death for us, and He shares His divine Spirit with us through the Church. He is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Happy Easter,

Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 7 — No Meeting GOOD FRIDAY

Apr. 21 — <u>SHJ</u> Boulder; 11 AM General Meeting Jubilee Hall: Sr. Rose Ann Barmann, OSB

In May we return to the summer schedule with first Friday meetings at 8AM at SHJ after the 7AM mass

May 5 — SHJ Boulder; 8 AM General Meeting Jubilee Hall; Dcn. Jim Mackin; Board Meeting to follow

May 20 — <u>Immaculate Conception</u>: 4:00 mass; General Meeting to follow

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- 5. Affirmations sent anniversary and birthday cards to seminarians
- Programs Filmed 5 more vocation story videos and added them to the Doors to Vocations series. Held two 2nd meeting of the month meetings at parishes. Hosted the Serra US President at a general meeting, prayed an apostolate rosary for vocations
- 7. President Elect vacant
- 8. Secretary recorded the minutes for each month, tracked anniversaries and birthdays for members, priests, and seminarians.
- Treasurer produced a monthly report indicating the status of finances, managed dues collection, and membership registration on the SI portal.
- 10.Trustees provided advice and support
- 11.President Completed the strategic plan and "Count on Me" member survey.Conducted 5 general meetings and 3 board meetings.

In addition to the above, several officers attended Serra US meetings and reported their findings at Board meetings. To learn more, go to www.serraclubbouldercounty.org, click on "About Us," click on members only.

I hope that God blesses you and your family this Easter!

Saint Junipero and Mary Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

In Christ through Mary,

Peggy

Sr. Rose Ann Barmann, OSB

Sr. Rose Ann Barmann, OSB, of Benet Hill Monastery https://benethillmonastery.org will be speaking at our April 21 meeting about human trafficking and Bakhita House

https://www.bakhitahouse.org.

St. Bakhita, kidnapped by slave traders at age 9, converted in 1890 and took her religious vows in 1896 in Italy as a Canossian Sister. She was canonized in 2000.

Read this article in CPR News about Sr. Rose Ann Barmann and Bakhita Mountain Home:

https://www.cpr.org/2022/02/22/a-coloradosprings-safe-home-where-sex-traffickingsurvivors-decide-what-help-they-need

St. Thomas Aguinas in the News

Read "What's the St. Tom's secret to forming missionary disciples? 'It's Boulder.'" https://denvercatholic.org/whats-the-st-toms-secret-to-forming-missionary-disciples-its-boulder

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BIKES

Please consider donating your old bike to Sacred Heart of Jesus seminarians through the St. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County. Members will lubricate, tune and restore the bikes, providing our seminarians with more mobility. To learn more, contact Stan at 720.334.2320.

Bicycles for Seminarians

Stan posted a notice (see above) in the SHJ bulletin requesting bicycle donations. He received 6 bicycles and fixed them up.

On Friday March 10 he delivered them to Fr. William Clemence of Redemptoris Mater Seminary. Fr. William thanks our Apostolate for these bicycles.

In December Stan delivered 2 bicycles.

March 3 Meeting

We prayed a rosary for vocations in our deanery to start our meeting. We prayed the sorrowful mysteries.

Peggy showed us a new book "The Holy Mass: On Earth as it is in Heaven" https://sophiainstitute.com/product/holy-mass, by Kevin and Mary O'Neill, which is a comic book for kids featuring Lego photographs. It would make a great gift for any Lego fan. On page 7 is a lovely poem "The Beautiful Hands of a Priest".

We viewed a vocation video of **RM** seminarian Paolo which was recorded in December.

https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/doorstovocations

He is from Cremona, south of Milan in Italy. He first received the call when he was 15 at the World Youth Day in Madrid. As soon as he entered the seminary he experienced a happiness he had never experienced before.

He says in our days the persecution will come; the church is the first one to be persecuted because it announces the truth.

His most memorable moment of being a seminarian is his candidacy ceremony, which is the point at which a seminarian dresses in black and receives his collar.

He expects to go on mission this coming summer.

He says that following our own will, it is impossible to be happy. Instead, following the will of the Lord is going to give you happiness. When the Lord is calling people, He is looking for people to share an adventure with, an adventure full of grace and miracles.



March 17 Meeting

Starting at 10AM about two dozen Serrans assembled 175+ youth altar server Easter treat bags. By 10:40 we were all done and were able to enjoy our potluck breakfast before our general meeting at 11:00.

They were distributed to the following parishes:

<u>number</u>	<u>parish</u>
12	Guardian Angels
30	Immaculate Conception
25	Sacred Heart of Jesus
25	St. Francis of Assisi
30	St. John the Baptist
15	St. Louis
1	St. Rita
2	St. Scholastica
35	St. Theresa

During the general meeting we watched a video of St. Patrick on Formed

https://formed.org

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Members Birthdays

Apr. 5 — Connie Christoff

Apr. 14 — Ramon Jesch

Apr. 18 — Sue Husler

Apr. 22 — Bob Serafin

Apr. 24 — Dick Padrnos

Apr. 24 — Mike Taylor

Apr. 29 — Betsye Feauto

April Seminarians Birthdays

Apr. 3 — Juan Gordillo

Apr. 5 — Jayro Pina

Apr. 13 — Eric Eccleston

Apr. 16 — Jhan Pierre Sainea Reyes

Apr. 19 — Carlos Bautista

May 3 — Daniele Arienzo

April Members Anniversaries

Apr. 14 — Keith & Rosemary Ames

April Religious Anniversaries

Apr. 21 — Very Rev. Michael Carvill (1990)

May 1 — Dcn. Ronald Darchewski (1979)

Apr. 7 — Good Friday no meeting

Apr. 7 — start Divine Mercy Novena

Apr. 9 — Easter Sunday

Apr. 21 — SHJ Boulder; general meeting 11 AM Jubilee Hall: Sister Rose Ann Barmann, OSB "Bakhita House and Human Trafficking"

Apr. 21 — St. Louis Angel Gala; school fundraiser: Omni Interlocken https://stlp.ejoinme.org/gala-2023

Apr. 30 — World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In May we return to the summer schedule with first Friday meetings at 8AM at SHJ after the 7AM mass

May 1 — Religious Brothers Day

May 5 — SHJ Boulder: 8 AM General Meeting; officer installation and new member induction; Dcn. Jim Mackin Vocation Story; Board Meeting to follow

May 5 — <u>Sacred Heart of Jesus</u> Mayfair: Hearts & Horseshoes; school fundraiser mayfair@shjboulder.org

May 20 — Immaculate Conception: 4:00 mass; limited in-person capacity general meeting in library to follow, Zoom available.

May 26 — Redemptoris Mater Friends of the Seminary Dinner fundraiser 6:30 PM

May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

June 22-25 — Serra Convention, Thailand

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

> Fr. Greg Ames Rosemary Ames Bill Bowe

Teresa Christoff Lorna Christoff

Chase Curfman Bill Eck

Betsye Feauto Judy Heinze

Matthew Hibl Pauline Higgins Ramon Jesch Jane Kryska Audrey Kenney Fr. Cliff McMillan George Morzinski Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)

Stan Peterson Helga Riedl Mary Safranek and for the repose of the souls of

> Jeanette Denfeld Betty Jancosek Omar Aguirre Salazar

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.