

District 6 Club #723 Region 13
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans,

Thank you all for your contributions and participation in our successful traveling meeting at St Francis of Assisi. Thanks especially to our kitchen angels for coordination efforts and to Judy Heinze and Bill Fitzgerald for sharing their personal testimonies.

New members joined in response to your dedication. We are so blessed that you all shared your love for our Serra mission at our outreach meeting. Your encouragement, fellowship and prayers are irresistible to new and potential members. Thank you so much.

We’ll continue this progress with another travel meeting to St Francis on October 7th, then move on to other parishes. I believe Fr Mark’s directive to share our Serra Apostolate throughout the deanery will prove to be a very fruitful endeavor. We’re off to a great start!

Our new online payment feature, through our website has been an enormous positive step. It provides our members a simple and efficient way to pay dues, register for events and encourage donations. A special thanks to our Treasurer, Mary Ellen Thorne for carrying this project over the finish line.

This year, Affirmation gifts will be delivered on Priesthood and Deacon Sundays. We’re encouraging the clergy to enjoy a meal ‘on us’ with their favorite friends and favorite cuisine. Thank you to our VP of Vocations, Jim and Judy Heinze and all parish liaisons for delivering our gifts to the clergy.

We continue to have a busy schedule. The District Convention and Boulder Deanery Retreat are

coming up in October. Please register soon, and bring guests - they are most certainly welcome!

Jan Landers

President

“Always forward. Never Back.”

Saint Junipero Serra

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE

On Sept. 14 we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and on Sept. 15 we celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows. St. Rose of Lima said “Let all men know that grace comes after tribulation... and without the cross men can find no road to climb to heaven.” Let us ask for the grace to accept the cross which God allows in our lives and be convinced He intends to take good out of it for us.

Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2 — no meeting Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 8 — Serra Salute: Fr. Rocco Porter; [Pinehurst Country Club](#) Quincy Ave. Denver

Sept. 15 — Friday; [SHJ](#) General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting; Fr. Greg

Sept. 24 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)

Oct. 7 — [St. Francis of Assisi](#) 8:30 AM Mass; general meeting in basement; Fr. Micah Flores

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Oct. 14 — Serra District 6 Convention at [St. Thomas More](#) in Centennial

Oct. 20 — [SHJ](#) general meeting after 7AM mass; retreat with Fr. Jason Wallace

Fr. Jim Crisman

Fr. Jim Crisman, pastor at St. Francis of Assisi, spoke at our Aug 5 meeting at St. Francis of Assisi.

One hour video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLOAizJIRBc&t=1480s>

Fr. Jim was the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Denver. He was a teacher before he started seminary. He expected his brother to become a priest, and that he himself would find a wife. But the Lord said “it’s not him” (his brother got married). [When he answered the call](#), he experienced peace and joy.

Fr. Jim spoke about “supernatural vocations.” A vocation is a relationship with the Lord, the Church, and the world. You have to give up the natural vocation to enter into the supernatural vocation. Super means beyond, as in beyond the normal; it does not mean better. Supernatural vocations are not natural.

The natural vocation is marriage. We are all built for marriage. Spouses in a marriage are helping each other get to heaven.

The supernatural vocations are holy orders (Deacons, Priests, Bishops) and consecrated life (sisters, brothers, nuns, monks, consecrated virgins, consecrated widows).

Fr. Jim encourages single people to consider the consecrated life.

Those who are professed Third Order are living a supernatural vocation if they are living in holy orders or in consecrated vocations.

A transitional deacon is a deacon who is headed for the priesthood. A permanent deacon may be married or unmarried. Once an unmarried deacon is ordained, he may not get married.

Fr. Jim encourages Serrans to pray for supernatural vocations, that all those who are being called to holy orders be open to heeding the call.

Dcn. Mike Berens

Dcn. Mike Berens, deacon at St. John the Baptist, spoke at our Aug 18 meeting.

Dcn. Mike took St. John the Baptist as his confirmation name because he thought it was cool that St. John was beheaded. He says this was most providential as he is now serving at a parish with the same name.

Deacons are in Persona Christi in the life of Christ as a servant. Priests and Bishops were ordained as provisional deacons, so are also deacons. Once a man has been ordained a deacon, he is always a deacon.

Deacons are

1. Minister of the Word — they preach the good news of Jesus Christ
2. Ministers at the Altar — they serve at mass and proclaim the Gospel
3. Ministers of Charity — they bring love and knowledge of Jesus Christ to the world

He did not really hear a call to become a deacon, but for several years he thought about it. He was in Knights of Columbus, serving in Religious Education, and was on a parish council. One year he asked his wife “what do you think” and she just about fell out of her chair. After two years of formation he became discouraged but his wife encouraged him to persevere.

Dcn. Mike asks for our prayers. He says we can shorten his time in purgatory. Deacons need our support. “It’s getting tough out there.”

In the News: Deacon Day

Aug. 23 2023 article in Denver Catholic

<https://denvercatholic.org/deacons-renew-ordination-vows-for-37th-annual-deacon-day>

Read the article photos of the 37th Annual Deacon Day mass on Aug. 10, the feast of St. Lawrence, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Northglenn.

Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County September 2023

District 6 Convention

Mark your calendar and register for attending the upcoming District 6 Convention on October 14th. It is a one day convention this year, hosted by the S.E. Denver Serra Club. The venue is [St. Thomas More](#) on the west side of South Quebec St. in Centennial about 1/4 mile north of C-470.

The theme is This is My Body and goes hand in hand with the U.S. Bishops decree of a [Eucharistic Revival](#) in 2023.

The Keynote speaker [Kevin Wells](#) is a nationally known Catholic author and speaker. Also speaking are President of Serra U.S. [Mike Downey](#), former District Governor [Fr. Ron Cattany](#), CEO of The Catholic Foundation [Dcn. Steve Stemper](#), and Transitional Deacon [Zach Michalcyck](#).

Please don't wait. Register now! Cost this year is \$70.00 per person.

Mass on Saturday at [St. Thomas More](#) will be at 7:30 AM with breakfast to follow. A catered lunch is included with registration.

You may give your registration form and check to Bill F., or Jan or mail it to the address shown on the form.

[Contact Bill F. if you have any questions.](#)

For those that would prefer not to make the drive early on Saturday morning, a group rate is arranged for \$149 for Friday night at the [Doubletree Inn Denver Tech Center](#) which is just 3 miles from St. Thomas More. Serrans will have an opportunity to meet and visit with both [Mike Downey](#) and [Kevin Wells](#) in a Hospitality Room at the DoubleTree on Friday evening.

Serra Website On-line Payments

Our treasurer Mary Ellen and our president Jan have set up on-line payment for our Apostolate. Our website now has a Payment Portal tab at the top right side.

<https://serraclubbouldercounty.org>

Serrans can now pay membership dues and retreat registration fees by credit or debit card, or e-banking.

The Payment Portal can also accept donations to our apostolate.

This Payment Portal is an additional way to pay. Payment by cash and check are still very much appreciated.

October Annual Retreat

Our annual retreat is next month. The theme is "Prayer: The Eucharist". It will be lead by Fr. Jason Wallace, current Vocations Director for our Archdiocese. Also speaking will be Fr. Mark Kovacic.

Date: Friday Oct. 20
Time: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Lunch: Noon - 1:00 PM
Place: SHJ Jubilee Hall
Fee: \$25 includes meals

Please make every effort to **register by September 30**. Register using our new online payment portal (see article above),

- click on Payment Portal (top right)
- select: Annual Serra Retreat
- press: Donate Now

or write a check payable to:

Serra Apostolate of Boulder County
1200 Venice Street, Longmont, CO 80501

You can also register for the retreat at our Sept. 15 meeting.

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Members Birthdays

- Sept. 7 — Ed Theiss
- Sept. 8 — Joe Davis
- Sept. 10 — Msgr. Bob Amundsen
- Sept. 16 — Dave Perkins
- Sept. 19 — Pauline Higgins
- Sept. 20 — Sharon Stetson

September Seminarians Birthdays

- Oct. 6 — Aime G. Izoneza

September Member Anniversaries

- Sept. 8 — Sharon & Wayne Stetson (1962)

September Religious Anniversaries:

- Sept. 25 — Fr. Emmanuel Osigwe (2004)
- Sept. 27 — Dcn Martin Hertzell

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Donate to

Maria Lanakila Catholic Church
712 Waine'e Street
Lahaina, HI 96761

<https://www.marialanakila.org>
info@marialanakila.org

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Sept. 8 — Serra Salute: Fr. Rocco Porter;
[Pinehurst Country Club](#) Quincy Ave. Denver

Sept. 9 — [International Buy a Priest a Beer Day](#)

Sept. 10 — [Deacon Discernment Retreat](#) Denver

Sept. 11 — Catholic Charities [Team Samaritan Golf Fundraiser](#); Arrowhead Golf Club

Sept. 15 — SHJ General meeting after 7AM mass; board meeting; Fr. Greg Ames

Sept. 16 — Catholic Charities [Sam's Supper](#)

Sept. 24 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)

Sept. 29-Oct. 7 — [Our Lady of the Rosary Novena](#) (Handbook for Serrans p. 186)

Oct. 6-8 — Shroud of Turn exhibit [SFA](#)

Oct. 7 — St. Francis of Assisi 8:30 AM Mass; general meeting in basement; Fr. Micah Flores

Oct. 7 — [Brown Robe Benefit](#) - Denver Sheraton

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Oct. 20-22 — [Denver Marian Conference](#)

Oct. 27-Nov.4 — [St. Charles Borromeo novena for seminarians](#) (Handbook for Serrans p. 187)

Nov. 5-11 — [Vocations Awareness Week](#)

Nov. 4 — Sacred Heart of Mary, general meeting after 8AM Mass

Nov. 17 — SHJ, General Meeting, Board Meeting; Christmas Party planning

December - no meetings

Dec. 2 - Christmas Party SHJ Jubilee Hall

Jan. 18-21 2024 — Serra Rally Miami

July 2024 — [SI Convention New Orleans LA](#)

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Fr. Greg Ames
Bill Bowe
Bob Brockish
Teresa Christoff
Lorna Christoff
Chase Curfman
Bill Eck

Betsye Feauto
Judy Heinze
Matthew Hibl
Pauline Higgins
Jane Kryska
Audrey Kenney
Fr. Cliff McMillan
George Morzinski
Marcus Poulin
(Annette & Chase)
Stan Peterson

Helga Riedl
Woody Roberts
Mary Safranek
Larry Sorenson
Jonathan Thorne

and for the repose of the souls of

Rosemary Ames
Jeanette Denfeld
Betty Jancosek

Ramon Jesch
Omar Aguirre
Salazar

Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.