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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,

Even in our Apostolate, it is rare to be invited into the deep spiritual journey of our priests.

Fr Jonathan Dellinger at Sacred Heart of Mary offered that precious invitation. His courageous testimony, so tender yet poignant, revealed a remarkable, holy resolve in his priestly vocation. This glimpse reinforced the undeniable value of our Serran Mission and our dedication to affirming and praying for our priests!

We also heard the Ariniello Family story, with ties to our Serra Club, presenting a unique and endearing parental perspective of priestly vocations. And Fr Anthony Ariniello's missionary adventures and pilgrimages were captivating, lending a dimension of relevance to our mission.

At our retreat, Fr Jason and Fr Mark brought us into Lent with powerful messages of healing wounds, the grace of forgiveness, and continually trusting in our heavenly Father's will; trusting always, even in tragic, life altering circumstances. Our priests are truly a blessing, tirelessly ministering to us.

What an amazing gift from God we experience in these men; priests living out their vocations.

I would also like to personally thank you all for the loving gift of your presence. Your participation, encouragement and intercessory prayer is immeasurably important - to all of us. Generously sharing the gift of your time is the whisper of the Holy Spirit in action.

Jan Landers

President

*"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."  
1 Timothy 6:18*

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

On March 27 we will celebrate Holy Thursday which is the beginning of the Paschal Triduum which ends on Easter Sunday. This is the center of the liturgical year, the holiest days. We celebrate the Paschal mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will then celebrate the fifty days of Easter. Jesus has taken on our humanity and brought it into death and has resurrected conquering sin and death. He has eternal life which He shares with us: His victory is for us. Death no longer has power over us and Jesus has ushered in the Kingdom of God. Let us take advantage of these days of Lent to prepare for the joy of Easter.

God bless,

Fr. Mark

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar. 2 — [Sacred Heart of Mary Saturday](#); 8 AM Mass; Dcn. Owen Limarta**

Mar. 11-19 — [Novena to St. Joseph](#); p. 125 Serra Handbook; intention: *"for the continued supply of our spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist"*

**Mar. 15 — [SHJ](#) Friday 9AM general & 8 AM board meeting; altar server treats assembly**

Mar. 31 — Easter Sunday

**Apr. 5 — no meeting Easter Break**

**Apr. 19 — [SHJ](#) Friday 8AM general meeting after 7AM mass**

## **Fr. Jonathan Dellinger**

Fr. Jonathan spoke to us at our Feb. 3 meeting at Sacred Heart of Mary. He was accompanied by his German shepherd Abby who is two years old.

He entered seminary in 1999 and recalls receiving a lot of support at SJV from Serra. He was ordained in 2005. He appreciates receiving our cards, knowing that we are praying for him.

He says we need to understand the reality of who our priests are and what they face. "Every priest is under a microscope no matter what." In the last two years, two priests have been laicized, and one no longer has faculties. Some priests don't know they're in spiritual warfare. "Your prayers are protecting a priest."

Fr. Jonathan says "ordinations don't solve problems." He says priests have the same problems that we all have, with the temptations of various forms of addictions and spending too much money. Some new priests have never had their own money and quickly get into debt.

In Fr. Jonathan's seminary class of 12, most of the men were late vocations. Because they were older and had prior experience living on their own, they had an easier time making the transition to the full life of a parish priest.

He became a priest "kicking and screaming" and "still fights God tooth and nail." He says he "struggles in his prayer and is tempted in every way." He "must stay focused on Christ." His vocation "is not rosy but he has holy priest friends who help him out." He feels like he's a broken piece of equipment. However, he would not change his life. He says "God loves me and he wants to save me. Where else can I go?"

Fr. Jonathan asks us for our prayers. He needs our help to get to heaven.

## **Deacon Owen Limarta**

Our speaker on March 2, Dcn. Owen, is a transitional deacon ordained in 2023: <https://denvercatholic.org/meet-the-archdiocese-of-denvers-newest-transitional-deacons-ordained-feb-18/>

He is a seminarian in his last year of formation. He assists St. Francis of Assisi with weekend liturgies and OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

## **Fr. Jason Wallace**

Father Jason spoke at our Feb. 16 retreat. He celebrated 20 years since his ordination on Nov. 25, 2004.

A "cross is something you don't like that you have to deal with." One of Fr. Jason's crosses is a bad back. In a bicycle accident he lost control of his bike and hit an SUV. Always competitive, he was going downhill too fast. He broke his pelvis, back, and some ribs, and tore three muscles in his rotator cuff. Some sort of spike, a twig maybe, speared through him and hit his tailbone. He lost a lot of blood.

Everything went in slow motion. He remembers praying. A voice told him "you're going to be ok, you're not going to die, and you're going to recover." He thought he was in hell, but he reasoned that he had hope, so he must be in purgatory. Later he learned that the helicopter that rescued him was one of only eight in the country that carried blood, which he received. He was also given ketamine for the pain, which gave him the sense that he was in a dark black circle that he could not get out of. Later he learned that this dissociative sensation is called K-hole

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-hole>

Through his treatment and recovery he prayed constantly, offering it up, uniting himself to Jesus.

He was in the hospital for 35 days. He had to learn how to walk again. He went through painful post-op treatments when he got out of the hospital. Months later he had shoulder surgery to repair the rotator cuff. He spent 2+ years in physical therapy for all his injuries.

Now he has to keep up with his exercise routine to keep his back functional.

Fr. Jason says "Don't waste your cross. Instead, offer it up."

*Mt. 10:38 .. He who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

*Mt. 16:24 .. If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

How do you carry your cross? Do you complain? Do you let it tear you apart? Our Lord gives us different things to work on.

## **Nancy and Alex Arinello**

Nancy and Alex Arinello spoke to us on Feb. 3. They were parishioners at Sacred Heart of Mary. Their son is Fr. Anthony. They described what it was like raising a son who became a priest.

They call their son Tony, who was named after his grandfather. Tony was born in Boulder and went to SHJ school and Fairview while attending mass at SHM. When they returned from his high school graduation, there was a message to Tony on their answering machine from Arch. Chaput. Tony asked "Mom, what would you say if I wanted to be a Priest?" Fr. Anthony became a member of the community of the Beatitudes and was ordained as a priest with the community in 2012.

Read his story "Bro. Anthony of the Transfiguration" here: <https://beatitudes.org/en/who-we-are/consecrated-brothers-and-priests/>

## **Fr. Mark: Healing the Whole Person**

Fr. Mark spoke to us on Feb. 16. The handout was from the John Paul II Healing Center "Healing the Whole Person."

<https://jpiihealingcenter.org/product/healing-the-whole-person/>

Fr. Mark said "we are created by love for love. The devil tells us lies about God, ourselves, other people, and about our identity. The devil does not have a good intention. Our wounds stem from deep roots. To heal, focus on the wound. Acknowledge it, forgive. Let God judge. Remember that God loves us.



## **July Eucharistic Congress**

Kathy K. has volunteered to work at the Eucharistic Congress July 17-21 in Indianapolis. It is a five day conference with revival sessions, popular speakers, exhibits, and tables and displays at the Expo Hall.

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>

Contact Kathy if you are interested in volunteering with her.

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<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

## **In the News**

1. Two transitional deacons ordained Feb. 10: Blaise Buches and Jose Delgado <https://denvercatholic.org/meet-the-archdioceses-newest-transitional-deacons-ordained-feb-10/>  
  
<https://denvercatholic.org/archbishop-to-new-deacons-always-remember-to-exercise-the-charity-of-christ/>
2. National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage Junipero Serra Route  
<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-junipero-serra-route>  
June 6 & 7: St. Thomas Aquinas (Boulder)  
June 7: Joan of Arc  
June 7: Light of the World  
June 8: Holy Protection of the Mother of God Byzantine  
June 9: Cathedral Basilica  
June 9: Holy Ghost
3. St. Benedict's Monastery  
This is news from 2023. St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass has announced it has closed its Retreat House and Bookstore. The Cistercians are discerning their next steps.  
<http://snowmassmonks.com/>  
<https://www.aspentimes.com/news/st-benedicts-monastery-in-old-snowmass-signals-it-will-close-process-to-begin-this-summer/>  
<https://www.trappists.org/st-benedicts-abbey/>

## **Youth Altar Server Easter Treat Deliveries**

Please consider volunteering to deliver Easter treats to one or more of the following parishes after our March 15 meeting:

[St. Theresa](#) Frederick

[St. William](#) Ft. Lupton

[Nativity of Our Lord](#) Broomfield

[St. Thomas Aquinas](#) Boulder

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**March Members Birthdays**

- Mar. 2 — Stan Peterson
- Mar. 2 — Brenda Davis
- Mar. 7 — Terry Gallagher
- Mar. 15 — Lillian Price
- Mar. 26 — Hank Barth
- Apr. 5 — Connie Christoff

**March Seminarians Birthdays**

- Mar. 4 — Marcus Chua
- Mar. 25 — Daniel Viana Pereira
- Mar. 27 — Noah John-Paul Alo
- Mar. 29 — Emmanuel Velazquez
- Apr. 3 — Juan Gordillo

**March Members Anniversaries**

- Mar. 4 — Bob & +Betsy Serafin (1961)

**March Religious Anniversaries:**

None

**Uplift Your Priest**

April 8-19 is this year’s [Uplift Your Priest](https://vocationministry.com) campaign sponsored by Vocation Ministry <https://vocationministry.com>, which is partnered with Serra International. “The campaign inspires the laity to affirm and encourage their priests.”

**9 AM Winter Meetings**

Our winter meetings at Sacred Heart of Jesus will be at 9AM, from November through March.

- Mar. 2 — [Sacred Heart of Mary Saturday](#); 8 AM Mass; Dcn. Owen Limarta**
- Mar. 8 - 10 — [Colorado Catholic Retreats: Women's Journey](#); YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado
- Mar. 10 - Daylight Savings Time 🕒 “spring forward”
- Mar. 11-19 — Novena to St. Joseph; p. 125 Serra Handbook; intention: “for the continued supply of our spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist”; <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55369/novena-to-st-joseph>
- Mar. 15 — [SHJ Friday 9AM general & 8 AM board meeting](#); treat bag assembly**
- Mar. 19 — [St. Joseph](#)
- Mar. 25 — [Annunciation](#)
- Mar. 30— [Serra Global Rosary for Vocations](#) 7AM
- Mar. 31 — Easter Sunday
- Apr. 5 — no meeting Easter Break**
- Apr. 5 — [Fr. Terry](#) Talk SHJ Jubilee Hall 9-11AM
- Apr. 8-19 — [Uplift Your Priest](#)
- Apr. 12 — [St. Louis Angel Gala](#) school fundraiser; Omni Interlocken 5:30 PM Check-In
- Apr. 13 — [St. John the Baptist](#) Masquerade; school fundraiser; raffle tickets \$5
- Apr. 19 — [SHJ Friday 8AM general meeting and board meeting to follow](#)**
- Apr. 21 — [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)
- June 8 — [Beacon of Hope Gala](#); Denver Botanic Gardens; Marisol Services fundraiser
- Aug. 8-11 — [SI Convention New Orleans LA](#)

<b>Prayer List</b>	Chase Curfman	Helga Riedl	Jeanette Denfeld
Please pray for those in need of healing:	Bill Eck	Woody Roberts	Mary Ann Hibl
Fr. Greg Ames	Betsye Feauto	Mary Safranek	Betty Jancosek
Sr. Roseann Barman	Mary Ann Hibl	Larry Sorenson	Ramon Jesch
Bill Bowe	Matthew Hibl	Dick Stadler	Warren S. Peterson
Fr. Bill Breslin	Pauline Higgins	Dcn. George Thierjung	George Morzinski
Bob Brockish	Ed Husler		Omar Aguirre Salazar
Teresa Christoff	Jane Kryska	and for the repose of the souls of:	Pray also for new members for our Apostolate.
Lorna Christoff	Audrey Kenney	Rosemary Ames	
	Marcus Poulin	Dcn. Dave Arling	
	(Annette & Chase)		