

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: Dori Fitzgerald
V.P. Vocations: Jim and Judy Heinze
V.P. Programs: Sharon Stetson
V.P. Affirmation: Ed Theiss
Club Trustees: Sue Husler, Bill Fitzgerald

President-Elect: Jerome Higgins
Treasurer: Ed Husler
V.P. Membership: Stan Peterson, Mary Ellen Thorne
V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis
Parish Liaison: vacant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Serrans – May is the month to celebrate both our spiritual mother Mary and our earthly mothers. The information from Serra US indicates that both play a MAJOR role in forming vocations to the ordained, religious, and lay ministry. As we honor mothers this month, let us give thanks for our mothers, pray for all mothers and especially those that are helping to form vocations, and reflect on how Mary has called us and encouraged us in our mission.

This month also provides several opportunities to help with the Apostolate's mission including: serving on either the setup/decorating or cleanup committees for the June 7th Affirmation dinner; purchasing tickets to attend the dinner; offering your time to serve as the President Elect or VP of Affirmations for the next year; or working with your parish to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 8th.

Special thanks and congratulations for our new slate of officers which includes: Peggy Morrow – President, Jim and Judy Heinze – VP Vocations, Sharon Stetson – VP Programs, Amy Michaelis – VP Communications and VP Parish Liaison, Mary Ellen Thorne – VP membership, Ed Husler – Treasurer, Sue Husler – Trustee and Secretary.

Please take a moment to thank them also for their service for this upcoming year, and please also thank those that have served in the past. We could not function without their time, talents, and support. Finally, a special thank you to Ed Theiss for coordinating the Affirmations Dinner beyond his term of service!

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

In Christ, Peggy

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

In May we honor Mary. God the Father created the perfect mother for Jesus. Jesus spent 30 years of His life with Mary in which she was being prepared to be the mother of each one of us. God has given us the perfect mother in Mary. Mary, help each one of us to fulfill the mission which God has for us.

God bless, Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 – general and board meeting: Julie Maderis, [Seven Sisters Apostolate https://sevensistersapostolate.org](https://sevensistersapostolate.org)

May 20 – general meeting: Fr. Terry Ryan

April Meeting and General News

- On April 1 District Governor Ralph Hooyboer, District Governor (Serra District 6) installed the incoming officers for 2022-23. They will begin serving their terms June 1.
- The October District Conference planning has started. Jerome is a co-chair on the planning committee. The Conference is at Queen of Peace in Aurora, which is finishing construction of its [new parish hall](#).
- This year’s Serra Salute honored Bishop Jorge Rodriguez. The Serra Salute was on April 21 at St. Thomas Moore.
- Ramon Jesch will be our Serra Foundation representative.

2022 Serra District Conference

Please consider representing our Apostolate to help plan the October District Conference at Queen of Peace in Aurora.

Most meetings are expected to be on zoom.

Contact Jerome to volunteer for one of the following committees:

- Awards - count votes and present awards
- Facilities - all things to do with the venue
- Hospitality - lodging, food
- Liturgy - liturgical activities
- Programs - speakers
- Publicity - get the word out
- Registration - sign up
- Workshops - coordinate speakers

Serra International Foundation

Founded in 1951

Purposes:

- To give financial aid to programs that foster and promote vocations to ministerial priesthood.
- To give financial aid to programs of formation for men and women in consecrated religious life.
- To enhance the recognition of SI as the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church.

Serra International (SI) is increasing its effort to grow the Foundation and has established a framework to do that. It now has a Director of Development, Tim Bobillo, to lead the effort and wants each club to have an appointed representative to interact with the membership to promote fundraising efforts. SI will have an annual appeal to solicit donations usually in November. The goal is to have 100% participation even if the donations are small.

SI and the Foundation are legally separate so that the funds are only used for grants. The Foundation is governed by a 12 member Board of Trustees that control the investments and grants. Since 2005 the Foundation has given over 3 million dollars. Each year it receives far more requests for money than it can grant. Many grants are given to international religious organizations and seminaries that have very little money and many men and women seeking a religious vocation.

SI recognizes both individual and club levels of giving and these are published in the December issue of the Serran magazine. To donate make checks to: The Serra International Foundation. Its address is

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Chicago, IL 60606.

St. Rita of Cascia May 22

b. 1381, d 1457 Augustinian

*from The Daybook Of Saints by Terry Matz

Rita objected to her arranged marriage to Paolo Ferninando, but his charms soon won her over. Then the nightmare began. Paolo would come home drunk and beat her. He would apologize but then lose his temper again. For 18 years she withstood the abuse and worried as her two sons grew more like their father. Then one night she confronted him about his behaviour. Paolo seemed to be sincere about trying to change but he was murdered soon after this. Rita's childhood longing to be a nun returned and she applied to the Augustinians. They refused her because she wasn't a virgin, but she patiently persisted and was finally admitted two years later. She lived a life of mystical contemplation expressed in service to the sick and spiritual direction.

June 7 Religious Appreciation Dinner

On April 17, Ed sent Evite invitations to our Religious Appreciation Dinner. **Our deadline with the caterer is May 25, so if you haven't already, please [RSVP](#) and write in the comment section your choice of chicken, salmon, or rigatoni.**

The evening at SHJ starts with social hour at 5PM and dinner at 6PM. Contact [Ed Theiss](#) for more details.

Attending lay members may bring their \$45 to the May meeting.

Help is needed to decorate, serve wine, and move tables and chairs before and after the event.

Upcoming Parish/Diocese Events

May 1 — [Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception](#): Rocky Mountain Chamber Singers "A Concert of Thanks and Praise" 3-4 PM

May 8-June 17 — [NOOL](#): (drop off in the Narthex) Respect Life baby supplies collection drive for area ministries see [May 1 bulletin](#)

May. 22 — [St. Rita](#) of Cascia Feast Day 9:30AM Mass; Nederland

May 15 — [Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception](#): the Vittoria Ensemble "In Toto Corde Meo" (With All My Heart) 3-4 PM

May 29 — [Redemptoris Mater: Gala Dinner 6PM](#)

June 13 - St. Louis: [Knights of Columbus golf tournament](#); Broadlands; for St. Louis Marshall Fire Fund

June 24 — [Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) Feast Day

June 24 — [St. John the Baptist](#) Feast Day

June 25 — [St. William of Vercelli](#) Feast Day

June 25 — [Sacred Heart of Mary](#) Feast Day

Mother Cabrini Shrine

A plenary indulgence is available to all who visit the [Mother Cabrini Shrine](#) and spend time in prayer now through Mother Cabrini's feast day on Nov. 13 2022. See <https://denvercatholic.org/partial-indulgence-for-mother-cabrinis-canonization-anniversary-elevated-to-plenary-indulgence/> for details.

You can obtain a plenary indulgence either for yourself or as a spiritual work of mercy for another person.

Calendar

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Members Birthdays

- May 14 – Rosalie Garcia
- May 16 – Ed Husler
- May 19 – Keith Ames
- May 21 – Bill Bowe
- May 25 – Rosemary Ames
- May 28 – Vern Rogowski

May Seminarians Birthdays

- May 3 – Daniele Arienzo
- June 2 – Amilcar Galdamez

May Member Anniversaries

- May 27 – Nic and Connie Christoff
- June 5 – Stan and Ann Peterson

May Religious Anniversaries

- May 1 – Dcn. Ronald Darschewski (1979)
- May 9 - Dcn. John Pontillo (1987) (IC)
- May 12 – Fr. Tim Hjelstrom (2007) (St. Louis)
- May 13 – Fr. Peter Mussett (2005) (St. Tom’s)
- May 13 – Fr. Shaun Galvin (2017) (IC)
- May 13 – Fr. Michael Freihofer (2006) (Mead)
- May 14 – Fr. Hernan Florez (2005) (St. Theresa)
- May 14 – Fr. Matthew Magee (2016) (St. Toms)
- May 14 – Fr. Humberto Marquez (2005) (St. John)
- May 14- Fr. Terry Ryan (1977) (SHJ)
- May 14 – Fr. John Dellinger (2005) (SHM & St. Martin de Porres)
- May 19 – Fr. Tomislav Tomic (2018) (SHJ)
- May 21 – Fr. Grzegorz Wojcik (2011) (St. William)
- May 21 – Fr. Jose Saenz (2004) (St. Augustine, Brighton)
- May 26 – Dcn. Oscar Del Villar (2007) (IC)
- May 26 – Dcn. John Wehrman (2007) (St. William)
- June 4 – Dcn. David Luksch (2005) (SHJ)

- May 1 - [Religious Brothers Day](#)
- May 6** - general and board meeting: Julie Maderis, [Seven Sisters Apostolate](#)
- May 5-13 – [Novena to Our Lady of Fatima](#)
- May 8** - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)
- May. 14-22 – [Novena to Saint Rita of Cascia](#)
- May 20** – general meeting; Fr. Terry Ryan
- May. 22** – [St. Rita](#) of Cascia Feast Day 9:30AM Mass Nederland
- May 28 - Global [Rosary for Vocations](#) 7AM MT
- June 3**— general meeting and board meeting: Teresa Rodriguez, The Rosary Team
- June 7** - [Religious Appreciation Dinner](#): SHJ
- June 17** – general meeting: Dcn. Dan McConville of St. Louis
- July 1** – no meeting; Independence Day
- July 15** - general meeting: Sr. Evangeline Salazar
- July 14-17** - [Serra International 79th Convention](#) Toronto Canada
- Aug. 5** – general and board meeting
- Aug. 19** – general meeting
- Sept. 2**— general and board meeting
- Sept. 5 – Labor Day
- Sept. 16** – general meeting
- Oct weekend - District Conference at [Queen of Peace](#) in Aurora
- Oct. 7 – St Theresa dinner (tentative date)
- January 2023 - Serra Rally, Texas
- July 2023 - Serra Convention, Thailand

Prayer List

Please pray for those in need of healing:
Fr. Greg Ames
Rosemary Ames

Teresa Christoff
Lorna Christoff
Chase Curfman
Jeanette Denfeld
Audrey Kenney
Helga Riedl

George Morzinski
Marcus Poulin (Annette & Chase)
Matthew Hibel
Angie McCann
Stan Peterson
Mary Safranek