

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



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,

June held multiple enriching experiences; truly treasures, truly the breath of the Holy Spirit.

At our First Saturday Travel Meeting, Mike Downey presented a 'national level' perspective of our apostolate including tremendous challenges and successes. He highlighted the shower of providential graces our national apostolate received over the past year. It was awesome to learn how the Holy Spirit so powerfully, yet silently breathes through our members.

The National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage visiting St Thomas Aquinas here, in our Boulder Deanery, and into our Archdiocese brought the awareness of our Catholic faith to a national, secular audience. Like a light in the darkness, again, the Holy Spirit is emanating through our members.

At our mid-June meeting, Fr Peter Srsich brought us into his provocative world of evangelizing to college students. With the energy, vibrancy and innovative outreach styles that zip through the demographic of his ministry, we almost needed seatbelts. Surely, it's signaling the wind of the Holy Spirit!

And most engaging and endearing, our Affirmation Dinner became the perfect opportunity to show our clergy how deeply we care for them. Dori and Bill Fitzgerald, with their event planning aptitudes, provided us all with an intimate and lively evening. Assuredly, the warm glow of joy was potent evidence of the Holy Spirit among us.

Our Serran Apostolate provides us with a wealth of experiences to treasure, and I am so grateful for the honor of sharing them with you all.

Jan Landers  
President

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen."*

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

Fr. Mark has been busy this month. He did not send a message.

Instead, your editor reports that the statue of Jesus has been restored and returned to its position on top of the entrance to Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 1 — [St. Junipero Serra](#) Feast Day

July 5 — No Meeting Independence Day

**July 19 — Friday SHJ General Meeting after 7 AM Mass; Memorial Service for deceased Serrans**

July 27-August 4 — [Novena to St. John Vianney](#) patron of all priests: prayer intention for priests

**Aug. 2 — Friday [Saint John the Baptist](#) Longmont General Meeting after 8:15 AM Mass**

## **Mike Downey**

Our speaker on June 1 at St. Francis of Assisi was Mike Downey, immediate past president of Serra US. He marked his first day post-presidency with us, his term having expired May 31. He was visiting Estes Park on vacation.

He joined Serra 19 years ago. He began his speech by noting that most Serrans are not aware of what is going on at the national level. Two years ago Serra US established 5 priorities:

1. Strengthen culture of vocations among Spanish speaking Catholics. Result: established [cultural outreach committee](#), started the [Serra Ambassador Program](#), and began translating Serra materials into Spanish
2. Broaden use of Serra vocations programs in parishes. Result: started the [Parish Vocation Ignite Workshop program](#) (also [here](#)).
3. Engage Bishops and Vocations Directors in annual club planning. Result: many clubs now send an annual letter to their Bishop and/or Vocations Director outlining their accomplishments for the past year and describing their agenda for the coming year
4. Encourage clubs to recruit younger members (45-55 age range). Result: Serrans are building awareness with FOCUS alumni, booth at [FOCUS SEEK](#) convention, booth at Young Catholic Professionals convention
5. Charter or restart 5 new clubs. Result: 8 new clubs

Serra US has a booth at the National Eucharistic Congress, where Serra Day will be July 19.

Serra US replaced its membership portal with Club Express, and updated its website [SerraSpark.org](#) and its [Serran magazine](#) and its [holiness handbook](#), and has continued its [Serra Meets](#) monthly webinars.

Many clubs were behind with their IRS filings and that has now been corrected, through the support of one knowledgeable and dedicated volunteer.

Remaining challenges:

1. improve attendance at club officer training sessions
2. improve Regional and District communication and collaboration
3. promote awareness of non-US Serra clubs

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>

## **Fr. Peter Srsich**

Our speaker June 14 was [Fr. Peter Srsich](#), parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas in Boulder. Fr. Peter entered seminary at St. John Vianney and was ordained in 2021.

He grew up in Golden. His father had been a fallen away Catholic, and his mother a fallen away Methodist. He remembers his first communion at [Christ the King in Evergreen](#) when he was 7 or 8.

While at Mullen High School he started thinking about the priesthood, and went on some retreats during his sophomore and junior years. The summer before his high school senior year, he was diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkins lymphoma. It was painful. He thought about Jesus saying “pick up your cross and follow me.” The cancer experience deepened his relationship with Jesus.

He spent two years at Regis, then entered seminary taking it week by week. At the end of his first year, he went on a 30 day silent retreat, asking Jesus “Do you want me to be a priest?” and Jesus said YES. He finished his seminary formation in Rome. Following his ordination he completed the [Licentiate in Biblical Theology in Rome at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross](#), which means he is qualified to teach at a seminary.

Fr. Peter started serving at St. Thomas Aquinas in July 2023. He said “St. Thom’s is a beautiful place with an incredible mission.” He remembers expecting a quiet summer, but then immediately on day 1, a Baptist student walks in to [Drogo’s](#) and asked him “Father, do you have a minute?” This student was in RCIA by the end of the week. “God moves quickly at CU.” He is constantly asked “Father, do you have a minute?”

Fr. Peter says the University offers CU students the world, and the students are recognizing that it is not enough. They are consistently told they can do whatever they want, but what they hear is that what you do does not matter. St. Thomas tells them that what they do DOES MATTER! “You matter, and what you do matters.”

Fr. Peter says the urgency of the Holy Spirit is amazing. At present at least 5 men are discerning their vocations to the priesthood, and many women are discerning the religious life. Fr. Peter asks us to pray for these men and women to have an open heart.

**Affirmation Dinner June 25**

Our Affirmation Dinner was on Tuesday June 25 at [Pinocchios](#) Incredible Italian restaurant in Longmont. Appetizers were followed by a delicious dinner featuring chicken parmesana and tiramisu for dessert.

We enjoyed the attendance of twelve priests and deacons.

Many thanks to Dori and Bill for organizing this event!

**July Memorial Service**

We will have a prayer ceremony for our deceased Serrans July 19. You can find them on our web site under About Us -> Members Only:

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/in-memoriam>

Ask an officer for the password if you forgot it. Do not send the password in an email.

**Immaculate Conception**

Fr. Shaun is quoted in this June 13 article in the Denver Catholic:

<https://denvercatholic.org/immaculate-conception-catholic-church-supports-affordable-housing-project-in-lafayette/>

**Mission San Gabriel Arcángel 1771**

Here is a brief story about the painting of *Mater Dolorosa* that quelled an Indian uprising at the founding of [Mission San Gabriel Arcángel](#) in Los Angeles:

[https://www.traditioninaction.org/religious/h260\\_OL.htm](https://www.traditioninaction.org/religious/h260_OL.htm)

**Novena to St. John Vianney**

Take the opportunity to distribute novenas at your parish before mass on Sunday July 21, or earlier that week, preceding the July 27-August 4 nine day [Novena to St. John Vianney](#), patron of all priests. There is a .pdf available which has two novenas on one page, landscape style, ready for you to print out and cut in half. Parishioners are less intimidated by a half sheet of paper.

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/novena-for-priests>



**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Stopped In Boulder June 6-7**

The [Serra Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage](#) came to St. Thomas Aquinas on June 6 and 7. Serrans were there to meet the pilgrims. See the photos here: <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/photoalbum>

Read about their visit to the chapel at St. Malo: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/post/road-journal-week-4-following-jesus>

Read about their visit to Littleton: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/post/nothing-will-be-impossible-for-god>

Final destination: the 10th [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana July 17-21. Serra US is a Premium Sponsor of this event.

**St. Serra's Expedition in Monterey 1770**

Here is a brief story about how the native Americans in Monterey reacted to a large cross the Expedition planted on the beach:

The Shining Cross Prepares the Indians to Accept the Gospel

[https://www.traditioninaction.org/religious/h259\\_Cro.htm](https://www.traditioninaction.org/religious/h259_Cro.htm)

Calendar

July 1 — [St. Junipero Serra](#) Feast Day  
 July 1 — St. Louis Knights [Charity Golf Tournament](#)  
 Broadlands Broomfield  
 July 5 - SHJ Friday 7AM mass: prayer intention for  
 Dcn. Chris Byrne  
**July 5 — No Meeting: Independence Day weekend**  
 July 9 — [Nativity of Our Lord](#): 7 PM funeral vigil  
 and rosary for Dcn. Chris Byrne  
 July 10 — [Nativity of Our Lord](#): mass of Christian  
 Burial for Dcn. Chris Byrne 11 AM; celebrant Bishop  
 Jorge Rodriguez; reception following mass  
 July 13 — Serra Meets 10AM; Fr. Tom Gibbons;  
 Paulist Productions documentary [Junipero Serra:  
 Statute of Limitations](#)  
 July 17-21 — [National Eucharistic Congress](#)  
**July 19 — Friday SHJ General Meeting after 7 AM  
 Mass; Memorial Service for deceased Serrans**  
 July 23 — SHJ Tuesday 7AM mass: prayer intention  
 for Dcn. Chris Byrne  
 July 27-August 4 — [Novena to St. John Vianney](#)  
 patron of all priests: prayer intention for priests  
 August 2-August 10 — [Novena to St. Lawrence](#)  
 patron saint of permanent deacons: prayer intention  
 for deacons  
**Aug. 2 — Friday [Saint John the Baptist](#) Longmont  
 General Meeting after 8:15 AM Mass**  
 Aug. 3 — Knights #10691 Charity Golf Tournament:  
 Eagle Trace, Broomfield  
 Aug. 8-11 — [SI Convention New Orleans LA](#)  
 Aug. 15 — (Thursday) Assumption  
**Aug. 16 — Friday SHJ General Meeting after 7 AM  
 Mass**  
 Sept. 9 — [International Buy a Priest a Beer Day](#) 🍺  
 Sept. 24 — Serra Salute 6PM: Card. Stafford and  
 Dcn. Steve Stemper; [Denver Athletic Club](#)  
 Sept. 29 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)

**Serra Salute**

The Serra Salute will be honoring His Eminence J. Francis Cardinal Stafford (Archdiocese of Denver, retired) and Deacon Steven Stemper of St. Thomas Moore parish and current CEO and President of The Catholic Foundation. The Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 24th, at the [Denver Athletic Club](#) (DAC), starting at 6pm. Tickets are anticipated to be \$95 per person. Save the Date cards will be mailed out in a couple of weeks.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**July Members Birthdays**

July 9 — Doug Feauto  
 July 14 — Bob Brockish  
 July 25 — Nohemi Scott  
 Aug. 1 — Elena Nieczkoski  
 Aug. 5 — Peggy Morrow

**July Seminararians Birthdays**

July 7 — Tenanai Louis Tebaoti  
 July 13 — Gabriel J. Pineda Mendoza  
 July 21 — Sile Wilfried Kone  
 July 24 — Adrian Ibarra Quiroz

**July Members Anniversaries**

July 13 — Jeannine & Ronald Myers (1963)  
 July 23 — Pauline & Jerome Higgins (1960)  
 July 23 — Dona & Dick Padrnos (1956)  
 July 24 — Mary Ellen & Jonathan Thorne

**July Religious Anniversaries:**

Aug. 2 — Fr. Greg Ames (1986)

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