

District 6, Club #723
Region 13 Chartered

Initiated September 29, 1990

President: Stan Peterson
Secretary: Martha Leyva
V.P. Vocations: Rita Roberts
V.P. Programs: Jan Landers
V.P. Affirmation: Bill Fitzgerald
Club Trustee: Peggy Morrow, Jerome Higgins

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V.P. Communications: Steve Sparough
Parish Liaison: Rita Roberts



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Serrans,

I am happy and full of gratitude to have been asked to become President of our Saint Serra Apostolate. I can identify with David and his sins; St Peter and his infidelity; St Francis with his wild youth and even Moses, for like Moses said, *"Why Lord would you chose me?"*

- I'm the last of five children. My mother basically raised *"one wild ass of a man"*.
- I've had many personal crashes and broken over 20 bones, not counting digits and noses.
- I flew in the military, was shot down in Viet Nam, completed a 33 yr career, flying for Continental Airlines, and I've experienced several crashes and forced landings with private airplanes, yet I still have a perfect flying record - -> having never left anyone up there!
- My Guardian Angel watching me live my life has been like someone yelling at a squirrel, that is about to get squashed by a car, *to get out of the road!*

So, much like Moses, God chooses based on availability not necessarily qualifications!

As Pope Francis and Leo have said before me, *please pray for me, pray that I am able to successfully lead our Apostolate during the upcoming year.*

I will be praying for you!

Yours truly,
Stan Peterson
President

INTERVIEW WITH CHAPLAIN

Q: How were you called to the priesthood?

R: My father had been encouraging me to consider a vocation. Following missionary service in Indonesia, work with the homeless and after a pilgrimage to Medjugorje I felt a calling to enter the seminary. While in Medjugorje I witnessed the rare "miracle of the sun" where the sun was surrounded by a gold ring. As I reflect back, those all contributed to my calling.

Q: How did you choose between a Diocesan or a Redemptoris Mater priest?

R: It was a natural decision following my missionary service to enter the Redemptoris Mater seminary.

Q: How has your priesthood been influenced by the Serrans?

R: Knowing the Serrans are praying for me, my fellow priests and the seminarians is reassuring.

Q: What are your objectives for the Serrans for 2025

R: Pope Francis has said that we are not in "an era of change" but rather "the change of an era". It's critical that Serrans pray for and support vocations. Also to pray that we discern God's will to prevail during these turbulent times. Saint John Bosco had said that 70% of boys in catholic school feel a call to vocations, It's important that, that is nourished by Serrans.

Q: How would you recommend we measure our impact?

R: The number of vocations coming from the Boulder Deanery to begin.

INTERVIEW WITH SHJ PRINCIPAL

(Elizabeth Crisofulli)

Q: How long have you been Principal at SHJ

R: This is my 1st year as Principal. Prior to this role I was Vice-Principal for 2 years and before that I taught at the grade school for 3 years.

Q: How can the Serra Club facilitate a spark of vocations at SHJ?

R: I have noticed that early on students have an interest in vocations, some as soon as kindergarten. At SHJ we have a program entitled *Catechesis of the Good Shepard*. During it, students learn about the mass and how to set up the altar. I noticed soon after, my kindergarten son wanted to set up an altar at our home. Anything Serra can do to facilitate the desire to learn more about the church and vocations (men and women) would be helpful.

I love the idea of "pen pals with a seminarian", i.e. encouraging the seminarians to come to the school to speak about their journey to seminary would be helpful.

I also like the idea of a basketball game between our students and the seminarians to show the kids the seminarians are just like them. It would be fun!

One other possibility could be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit at the school cafeteria and having Deacon David or someone else explain the exhibit to the children.

Last, there are many students wanting to come to SHJ that can't afford it or are at SHJ and can't afford catholic HS. To the extent Serra can support scholarships it would be appreciated.

Q: How should we measure success?

R: This year almost 80% (20/26) 8th graders will be attending Holy Family. If we can continue that rate of progression to catholic high school or improve on that, that would be wonderful.

You're Invited!



Saint Serra Apostolate
of Boulder County

Shroud of Turin Presentation

St. John the Baptist
Benedict Hall

Friday June 6
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
following 8:15 AM mass

Speaker: Rudolph Dichtl
Continental Breakfast Provided

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org>
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May 16, Meeting Summary

Officers were installed; new members initiated. Upcoming meetings and events were discussed.

June 6, Meeting Preview

Mass at 8:15 am followed by a presentation on the Shroud of Turin by Rudy Dichtl at St John the Baptist.

<About the Shroud of Turin Presentation>

Rudy was a member of the 1978 Shroud of Turin Research Project that analyzed the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin as the burial cloth of Christ, to discuss their findings.

Col. Dichtl, a physicist and former scientist of the US Air Force, has had a life-long association with the Shroud. Of the 36 original members of the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STRUP), he is one of 12 living survivors.

The one-hour lecture will present the fascinating facts about the image on the cloth as well as the skepticism surrounding its credibility. It will be technical, historical, and biblical based.

Redemptoris Mater Seminary Gala

The [Gala](#) will be on Friday June 13 at 6PM. The Archbishop is available to attend that day. The honoree is Cardinal Besungu O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/documentation/cardinali_biografie/cardinali_bio_ambongo.html

SHJ 150 Year Anniversary Jubilee

June 27, mass at 4:30pm con-celebrated by the present and past priests and Deacons of SHJ. Food and entertainment to follow.

Affirmation Dinner July 17

Our 2025 Affirmation Dinner will be on Thursday July 17 from 6PM to 8 PM at [Pinocchios](#) Incredible Italian restaurant in Longmont, across from Lowes.

Monthly Committee Calls

Second Monday of each month. Calls rotate between Vocations, Programs, Membership and Communications

Connect info:

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84573765544>

Pwd: DdsMmVUVEpWIBZVU9TKzN6UGpBUT09

Call: +13092053325

Meeting ID: 845 7376 5544

Passcode: 884161

In The News

The Catholic Thing

<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2025/04/03/stronger-families-stronger-priests>

Denver Catholic

<https://www.denvercatholic.org/photos-a-blessed-and-successful-deacon-convocation-in-the-archdiocese-of-denver>

June 2025 Serran

<https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/SER-Magazine-March-2025-PRODUCTION.pdf>

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Members Birthdays

June 22 – Phil McMahon

June Seminarians Birthdays

June 2 — Amilcar Galdamez (Theo I)

June 10 - Daniel Calix Figueroa(pre-Theo II)

June Member Anniversaries

June 1 — Dick and Kathy Stadler

June 5 – Stan and Ann Peterson

June 6 – Hank and Jan Barth

June 6 – Doug and Betsy Feato

June 12 – Mike and Lynn Taylor

June 16 – David and Marie Perkins

June 20 – Bill and Dori Fitzgerald

June 23 – Jim and Judy Heinze

June 30 – Bob and Susan Gills

June Religious Anniversaries

June 4 – Dcn. David Luksch (SHJ)

June 6 – Fr Frank Maroney (SFA)

June 7 — Fr. Giovanni Capucci (Vice Rector)

June 9 – Fr Robert Wedow (St Scholastica)

Fr. James Christman (SFA)

June 10 - Dcn Steve Valero (IC)

June 12 – Fr. Jamie Valdez Vargas (IC)

Dcn Leonard Onesky (etired)

Dcn Modesto Garcia (St William)

June 14 - Dcn Mike Berens (SJB)

June 22 – Dcn Huan Nguyen (NOL)

Dcn Pedro Reyes (St William)

Dcn Tim McCann (GA)

June 24 - Dcn Steve Boselli (STA)

Dcn Christopher Hora (GA)

Dcn Raul Martinez (St Theresa)

June 26 - Dcn Daniel McConville (St L)

June 30 - Fr Clifford McMillan (St L)

Meeting Schedule

June 6 - Friday; St. John the Baptist; 8:15 Mass;
General Meeting 9:15; Rudolph Dichtl Shroud of Turin

June 13 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary Gala 6PM
honoring Cardinal Besungu; Archbishop Aquilla attending

June 20 - Friday SHJ 8AM General Meeting Dcn. Schaefer Chaplain Southwest Denver Club;
9AM Board Meeting

June 23 - 15th Annual Priest and Seminarian Appreciation Day; Ridge at Castle Pines North; variety of fun activities and silent auction (starts June 16)

June 25-29 2025 - Serra's 82nd International Convention:
Kansas City, MO

July 1 - Feast of St. Junipero Serra

July 4 - NO MEETING on Independence Day

July 17 - Affirmation Dinner:

Pinocchios

210 Ken Pratt Blvd #260,

Longmont, CO 80501

<https://www.pinocchioslongmont.com/>

July 17or 18 SHJ 8AM General Meeting

Fr Michael Sparough SJ tentatively scheduled to celebrate mass and present his insights from his recent pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Sept. 5 - Serra Salute

Sept. 13 - Serra District conference; Queen of Peace

Sept. 20-27 - Jubilee Pilgrimage Assisi & Rome with
Dcn Steve Vallero, Fr Zach Michalczyk
deacon.vallero@archden.org

Pease Remember in Your Prayers:

Our Denver Seminarians at St John Vianney

James Berg	
Cody Bliss	Michael Irlbeck
Dominic Borchers	Will Ives
Jack Brustkern	James Joseph
Rev. Mr. Blaise Buches	Joseph Machado
Thaddeus Conder	Ashton Mendoza
Enrique Cruz-Bautista	Luke Metzger
Isaac Cunnings	Thomas Myers, Jr.
Rev. Mr. Jose Delgado	David
Rev. Mr. Jason DiRito	Napierkowski
Cooper Eitel	Jeremiah Obiano
James Finders	Daniel Olivas-Rey
Rev. Mr. Jonathan	Francisco Perez
Francois	Michael Randolph
Manuel Hinojosa	Rev. Mr. Daniel
Daniel Igoe	Rivas
	Joseph Tynan
	Steven Zarian

Our Redemptoris Mater Seminarians (USA)

Michael Pitio	
Joshua Rodriguez	Antonio Barba
David Frazier	Gianluca Gomez
Daniel Rivas	Jorge Payano
Gabriela Pineda	Leonardo Pineda
Andres Losada	Paul Sanchez
Eric Eccleston	Marcus Chua
Octavio Alexis	Matthew Zumiga
Hernandez	Noah Alo
Giovanni Tolentino	Matheo Cuartas
Andres Zepeda	Joan Carlos Guevara
Javier Arambula	Lucas Cruz
Isaias Vargas	Rafael Lerma
Jeremiah Hernadez	Raphael de Jos Reyes
John Nunez	Timothy Rodriguez

Our Ailing Serra Members and Spouses

Fr. Greg Ames	Matthew Hibl	Mary Safranek
Sr. Roseann Barman	Pauline Higgins	Bob Serafin
Bill Bowe	Lisa Hodges	Dick Stadler
Fr. Bill Breslin	Ed Husler	Nancy Sorenson
Bob Brockish	Corky Jaster	Pamela Sparough
Teresa Christoff	Jane Kryska	Wayne Stetson
Lorna Christoff	Audrey Kenney	Dcn. George Thierjung
Chase Curfman	Marcus Poulin	
Bill Eck	(Annette &	
Betsy Feauto	Chase)	
Terry Gallagher	Mary Quilici	
	Woody Roberts	

For our Recently Departed Members

Rosemary Ames	Helga Riedl
Dcn. Dave Arling	Omar Salazar
Dcn. Chris Byrne	Bridget Price
Carol Brockish	Adrian Leyva
Jeanette Denfeld	George Morzinski
Bob Farrell	Patricia Warner
Gilbert J. Garcia	
Mary Ann Hibl	
Betty Jancosek	
Ramon Jesch	
Warren S. Peterson	
John Bernard Price	

United States of America Council of Serra Strategic Plan 2024-2027**Vision 2035**

Become recognized as the worldwide resource for supporting religious vocations.

Overarching Goal 2024-2027

Foster a culture of vocations to the ministerial priesthood among parishes, schools, and families.

Goal 1: Increase awareness of the work of Serra at all levels:

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- i. Expand presence in parish, diocesan and national catholic media to increase awareness of Serra's mission and work.
- ii. Inform clubs about activities and best practices to be shared via media and other means of communication.
- iii. Create an annual marketing plan in order to effectively and routinely communicate what Serra is and what is and does to support and foster vocations worldwide.
- iv. Collaborate with other religious vocations organizations to promote the work and mission of Serra to its constituents.

Goal 2: Improve Local Club engagement at the parish level:

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- i. Increase Local Club involvement in parishes by encouraging Serrans to join or start vocation committees at parishes in their area by June of 2026.
- ii. Evaluate existing local vocation activities, add one additional program per year, and include all age groups and Catholic youth organizations.
- iii. Create programs and resources in parishes that are focused on the family to equip parents to welcome and foster vocations by June of 2026.
- iv. Develop a stronger awareness of vocations in parish communities to highlight the critical need for vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life by December of 2025.
- v. Offer a monthly Holy Hour at different parishes to promote vocations.
- vi. Promote an annual Mass at the parish as a way to inform parishioners about vocation promotion committees (or to start one) and to learn of the need for more vocations.
- vii. Provide frequent notices about seminarians from the diocese to the parishes.
- viii. Promote "Adopt a Seminarian" program to parishes to encourage vocations through prayer.
- ix. Use the Traveling Chalice or Crucifix as a means to support and pray for vocations.
- x. Participate in diocesan ordinations in support of the diocese and seminarians.

Goal 3: Expand support for Serra Clubs:

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- i. Develop different possible structures and formats for Serra clubs to allow flexibility for local cultures and traditions.
- ii. Adopt "Sister Clubs" to share best practices, programs, vocation ideas and materials, and assist with club dues, when needed.