

Serra Club of Boulder County

September 2021

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 – Get ready to celebrate Priesthood Sunday beginning with the vigil mass on September 25th and continuing through all the masses on September 26th, 2021. Our priests daily bring us the immeasurable gift of the sacraments, so it is with great joy that we celebrate their service!

Other club news, at the Officer Training this past Spring, one of the suggestions was to develop a club strategic plan. The Duluth Minnesota Club's plan was given as an example. The Board has examined their plan and decided that it would be beneficial for our club to build a plan. To this end, Board members are currently developing goals for their respective areas based upon our mission and the District Awards criteria. Once this task is finished members will be surveyed and asked to indicate their ideas and support for meeting the goals.

Both the Duluth plan and their member surveys are available on [the Serra US Website](#) under "Serra Leadership," "Club Officer and District Governor Resources," "2021 Club Officer Training Session #2," "Support Docs." Please refer to slides 14 through 28.

I look forward to working with you as we move "always forward, never back!" Saint Junipero Serra and Mary the Mother of Vocations Pray for us!

In Christ, Peggy Morrow

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Someone recently commented to a contemplative nun that he thought it was impressive that she sacrificed having a family and so many other things to enter religious life. Her response was that once God entered her life there was not room for anything else. She is relating a great truth. The religious has found the pearl of great price. Once one discovers the presence and love of God, the good things of the earth simply pale in comparison. Let us pray that more people discover the True Love they are seeking.

God bless, Fr. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 3 - Club Meeting cancelled (see page 3)

Sept. 11 - Serra Meets Webinar, 10 AM.
<https://serraus.org/serra-meets>

Sept. 17 - Club Meeting followed by Board Meeting

Sept. 26 – [Priesthood Appreciation Sunday](#)

Oct. 1 - St. Therese dinner - FOCUS
<https://focus.org/ewst> 5:30-9:00 PM
Sacred Heart of Mary

On Friday August 6th we were blessed with not one but two guests: Dick Arians, president of Serra US, and Fr. Jose Andere, former priest at SHJ (2004-2007) visiting from Cuernavaca Mexico.

Dick Arians met with us virtually. He said he was watching us before the meeting started, and that it was good to see us greeting each other. "It is good to see Serrans get together. Serrans have a certain joyfulness."

He encouraged us to attend the October convention in Colorado Springs, as well as the Serra Meets webinars and the International Convention in Chicago.



Richard Arians



Lilian, Fr. Jose, Nick, Ed, and Peggy

Fr. Jose spoke to us about how COVID has affected Mexico and his diocese in Cuernavaca. He said that 264 priests have died of COVID in Mexico, four in his diocese. Just before holy week in 2020, masses were shut down for two and a half months. Also, just before Christmas 2020, masses were shut down until February 2021.

He said that the seminary in his state of Morelos has at present 90 seminarians. Last year 7 priests were ordained, and this year 10 priests were ordained.

He talked to us about contemplative prayer, for which we need silence, solitude, and an openness (a simplicity) of heart. He said that when his church was shut down he had more time for contemplative prayer.

On Friday August 20 we viewed Fr. Greg Ames' vocation story, filmed by the Serra Club of Northwest Denver. It has been posted on our website: <https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/doorstovocations>.

Fr. Ames started this club in 1989 as described on our website's history page.

Fr. Ames went to school in Longmont and worked at the school doing maintenance. He observed the two priests there and had a good impression.

His grandmother was influential, telling him he had a special calling from God.

He went to [Conception Seminary College](#) in Missouri. He chose the diocesan priesthood rather than joining the Benedictines at Conception Abbey.



District 6 Convention

The District 6 Annual Convention will be held Friday evening, **October 22, and Saturday, October 23** at new Newman Center in Colorado Springs. The theme is "A Call to Holiness, Transcends Generations." The keynote speaker will be our US Council President, Richard Arians.

Annual Retreat

Our annual retreat is on November 19 at St. Francis of Assisi in west Longmont with Fr. Greg Ames. It will be from 9 AM to 3 PM, with mass optional at 8 AM.

September 3 Meeting Cancellation

Tiki Theiss passed away Friday, August 27. Her funeral will be Friday, September 3 at 10AM at Sacred Heart of Jesus, with burial at Sacred Heart of Mary (SHM) immediately afterward followed by a reception at SHM. Rosary is at 9:15.

Our general meeting and board meeting on Sept. 3 has been cancelled. Instead, Serrans are encouraged to attend Tiki's funeral mass and pray for the repose of her soul, and for support of Ed and the Theiss family.

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

Sept. 8 – Sharon & Wayne Stetson (1962)

September Member Anniversaries

Sept. 2 – Dcn Seth Hostetler (diocese of Wyoming)
 Sept. 28 – Carlos O. Mejia (2nd Theo)

September Religious Anniversaries

Sept. 25 – Fr. Emmanuel Osigwe (2004) St. Martin de Porres, SHM

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, Jeannie Myers, Ron Myers, Mary Safranek.

Please pray also for Jonathan Padrnos in seminary at Gonzaga.

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Oct 7-10 - [Serra International Convention Chicago, IL](#)

Oct. 22-23 - District 6 Convention Colorado Springs

Nov. 7-13 – [National Vocations Awareness Week](#)

Nov. 19 — Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi, Longmont

Dec. 4 - 1:30-4PM 🎄 Christmas Party, SHJ Parish Center

Jan 13-16, 2022 - Serra Rally Dallas/Ft. Worth

Feb 2, 2022 (5-6) - [World Day for Consecrated Life](#)

May 8, 2022 - [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

July 2022 - Serra International 79th Convention *Toronto Canada*