

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



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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Dear Serrans,

What an eventful summer it has been! These last months have captured some very inspiring speakers. They’ve shared testimonies, insights, and enthusiasm by reinforcing core principals of our faith and a solid commitment to our mission; such a blessing.

The high-profile NEC exploded with speakers whose insights were laser focused on the truth of the Divine Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. Then, in August, the Serran International Conference offered a new set of speakers with the impetus on the profound depth of our responsibilities as Serrans.

At the SI Conference, for example, Fr Colm Cahill, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of New Orleans, said Serrans directly respond both in prayer and in action to Jesus’ mandate stated in Matthew 9:37-38, “...[Jesus] said to his disciples, “...ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

We are specifically instructed - by Jesus - to ask our heavenly Father for our priests! This message is crystal clear. It emphasizes the priority placed on the very petitional prayer we strive to implement in each parish and school of our deanery. Fr Cahill’s talk became a striking commendation for our Serran Apostolate. It was so encouraging.

As we look toward Autumn, we have many opportunities coming up to meet and pray together. Your attendance at these events is truly a testament of your putting your Serran commitment into action.

Please share our beautiful apostolate with your family and friends; invite them to our Fall Retreat. It’s a perfect example of living out our mission to

grow in holiness, with the benefits of being local, inexpensive, with yummy food and great speakers!

Jan Landers

President

*“The world promises you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness.”*

— Pope Benedict XVI

**CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE**

We have begun with another school year. Please pray for our Catholic Schools. Children are impressionable and the formation that they receive in the years of grade school and high school will affect the rest of their lives. Our hope is that being in a Catholic environment will provide space where boys and girls will hear the call to religious life. May God bless and help Catholic Schools to be what they are called to be.

Fr. Mark

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sept. 6 — Friday; [Saint John the Baptist](#); General Meeting following 8:15 Mass; Fr. Humberto Marquez**

**Sept. 20 — Friday; Sacred Heart of Jesus; Fall Retreat Fr. Greg Ames; “Growing Old Gracefully”**

Sept. 24 — [Serra Salute](#); Denver Athletic Club; 6PM; J. Francis Cardinal Stafford, Deacon Steve Stemper

Sept. 29 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)

### **Aug. 2 Meeting**

Fr. David Hall spoke to us at St. John the Baptist. He was ordained on May 11 2024.

In 6th grade he became an altar server at St. Vincent de Paul. He remembers that when he was in 5th grade, he told his mother he wanted to be a priest. His brother remembers that when he was 3 years old he had become totally transfixed at mass during the eucharistic prayer.

When he finally embraced the idea of becoming a priest, he felt a tremendous unfolding of love and grace. He considered a religious priesthood because he was concerned that he would be lonely as diocesan priest. After he met with a diocesan priest and had a fruitful discussion, he made a decision to enter SJV in the Denver Archdiocese.

He says his life is not his own. "Come and Follow Me." The plan He has for us is infinitely greater than our own plans. He says every day of his priesthood is awesome, but he knows he is still in his honeymoon phase.

He then talked enthusiastically about the Joyful mysteries of the Rosary. The Rosary has both prescribed prayers and spontaneous prayers talking to God. While we pray the Rosary, we are meditating on our own mysteries as Christians, as if it was happening to us just as it happened to Mary.

Fr. David asks us for our prayers.

### **Carmelite Sisters Discernment Retreat**

The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart are holding a discernment retreat for single women between the ages of 18-30, on October 25-27, 2024, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Wheatridge (<https://sppscatholic.com/meet-the-sisters/>)

Register here:

<https://carmelitesistersocd.com/discernment-retreat/>

### **Aug. 16 Meeting**

Our August 16 Speaker was Jacob Lawhorn, a formator at the Bosco Project Auraria Campus.

[jacob.lawhorn@focus.org](mailto:jacob.lawhorn@focus.org)

FOCUS has partnered with the Archdiocese of Denver. It started its first St. John Bosco formation house in 2022 at the Auraria campus in Denver. Young men who are serious about becoming missionaries and discerning a vocation to the priesthood undergo spiritual direction while serving as FOCUS campus missionaries.

<https://focus.org/on-mission/september-2023/>

Jacob asks us to sponsor him as a FOCUS formator missionary:

<https://focus.org/missionaries/jacob-lawhorn/>

and to sponsor the Bosco House through our donate button:

<https://www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/>

Jacob also asks us for our prayers.

### **Serra Salute**

The Serra Trust Fund now has a web site:

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

The Serra Salute is an annual fundraising banquet for the Serra Trust Fund. This year it is honoring Cardinal Stafford and Deacon Steve Stemper at the Denver Athletic Club. Parking is free in the DAC garage. See details on the web site.

If you register by September 13th, a ticket is \$95. After that it is \$110.

[Register and purchase Tickets on-line!](#)

**Serra Club Express: Member Info**

Some of our members have served a variety of roles over the years as club officers.

Club Express tip: Find out if a Serran has been a club officer.

Login from <https://serrainternational.org/>, then select Members->Club Finder, then select CO for Colorado, then select Boulder County, then select Members.

Each member is listed. Hover your mouse pointer over the member's name, then click on it. A new page will be displayed for that member. At the bottom of the page is the Achievements section. There you will see a list of club officer roles for which that member has served.

For example, your newsletter editor has been VP Communications since 2021.

**Deacon Byrne Fundraiser**

Here is a fundraiser sponsored by a parishioner at Sacred Heart of Jesus for Deacon Chris Byrne's wife Michelle. She helped [Deacon Chris](#) at the parish center at [St. Rita in Nederland](#) for many years.

<https://gofund.me/2d1b43ce>

**In The News**

<https://denvercatholic.org/official-deacon-appointments-august-16-2024/>

video (7 minutes): <https://denvercatholic.org/my-catholic-education-saved-me-father-daniel-ciuccis-journey-from-catholic-school-to-abundant-life-in-his-vocation/>

**Seminarians in Norway**

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/100-years-after-sigrid-undsets-conversion-first-vocation-norway>

**Sept. 6 Meeting**

Fr. Humberto Marquez will speak at our Sept. 6 meeting at St. John the Baptist.

<https://catholicdaughterscolorado.org/people/rev-humberto-marquez>

**Sept. 29-Oct 7 Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary**

On page 186 in the Serra Handbook is a half-page prayer to start the novena.

<https://ewtn.co.uk/prayer-our-lady-of-the-holy-rosary-novena-prayer/>

My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favor which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena....

**For the sanctification of all priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, aspirants, and Serrans.**

I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

I offer you this spiritual bouquet of roses because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

Amen

Calendar

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**September Members Birthdays**

- Sept. 7— Ed Theiss
- Sept. 8 — Joe Davis
- Sept. 16 — Dave Perkins
- Sept. 19 — Pauline Higgins
- Sept. 20 — Sharon Stetson

**September Seminarians Birthdays**

- Sept. 4 — Timothy Rodriguez

**September Member Anniversaries**

- Sept. 8 — Sharon & Wayne Stetson (1962)

**September Religious Anniversaries:**

- Sept. 25 — Fr. Emmanuel Osigwe (2004)
- Sept. 27 — Dcn. Martin Hertzal

**September Religious Birthdays**

- Sept. 10 — Msgr. Bob Amundsen

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

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Sept. 9 — 🍺 [International Buy a Priest a Beer Day](#)

Sept. 13 — Early Registration deadline for [Serra Salute](#)

Sept. 15 — [10th ANNUAL NUN RUN](#); 5k, 10k, family walk; fundraiser; Denver Sisters of Life

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Sept. 29 - [Priesthood Sunday](#)

Sept. 29 - Feast of the Archangels

Sept. 29-Oct. 7 — [Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary](#); Serra Handbook p. 186

Oct. 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct. 13 — [Deacon Sunday](#)

Oct. 18 — [Nativity of Our Lord](#) Knight of Joy 2024 Gala 5PM Omni Interlocken Hotel school fundraiser

Oct. 25-27 — Carmelite Sisters [discernment retreat](#); [Sts. Peter and Paul in Wheatridge](#)

Oct. 26 — **Serra Colorado District Conference**; [St. Francis of Assisi Castle Rock](#)

Oct. 27-Nov.4 — [Novena for Seminarians](#) St. Charles Borromeo

Nov. 3-9 — [National Vocation Awareness Week](#)

Dec. 1 — Advent

**Dec. 7 — Serra Christmas Party SHJ**