

SAINT SERRA APOSTOLATE

"The fostering of vocations cannot be considered a marginal activity. It must be incorporated fully into the Life and Activity of the Community."

Saint John Paul II



Serra International - Pontifical Work:

Serra International is the only lay organization aggregated to a primary pontifical work.

A pontifical work is an organization instituted by the Vatican to advance a specific goal of the Catholic Church.

Our Current Advocate: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and Episcopal Adviser of Serra International.

In 1941, Pope Pius XII created The Pontifical Work of Priestly Vocations (*Pontificium Opus Vocationum Sacerdotalium*) to encourage and coordinate efforts to promote vocations to the sacred priesthood of the Catholic Church.

Aggregation, or affiliation to this pontifical work reflects not only specific support from the Vatican, but also confers special spiritual benefits on all Serrans.

*from the booklet "Pope Pius XII and Serra International"

OUR MISSION

Foster Vocations:

To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and all religious vocations of the Roman Catholic Church.

Spiritual Growth:

To enrich our Catholic faith by encouraging spiritual growth, service, education and fellowship in our personal vocations.

Clergy Liaison:

To establish and maintain liaison with the Roman Catholic clergy and other local Catholic organizations promoting vocations within the deanery.

Serra Program Examples

These are just some of the programs initiated, promoted and supported by Serra International. Implementation tools are made available to Serrans to ignite the vocations spark in parishes of our deanery.

- Adopt a Seminarian
- Called By Name
- Altar Server Awards
- Traveling Chalice/Crucifix
- Vocations Field Trips
- Involving the Homebound
- Parish Vocation Ministry
- Rosaries for Vocations
- The 31 Prayer Club
- Quo Vadis Days Summer Camp
- Visiting the Seminarians

OUR HISTORY

Serra in Seattle:

Serra USA began in 1935 in Seattle by a small group of Catholic laymen who saw the need to foster vocations to religious life. They chose Father Junípero Serra as their patron, an 18th Century Spanish Franciscan missionary. Fr Serra established 19 missions in Mexico and California.

Serra Growth Worldwide:

Over 1,100 Serra Clubs have been chartered in 46 countries around the world, made strong by over 20,000 members and is known as Serra International.

Serra in Colorado:

The Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County is one of nine clubs in Colorado. It was chartered on September 29, 1990 and currently serves the Boulder Deanery and the Redemptoris Mater Seminary. This includes all priests, deacons, and sisters in 14 parishes and 30 seminarians.

Serra Members:

Serrans are lay Catholics from all walks of life; business people, lawyers, doctors, clerks, nurses, stay at home workers, and retirees, all dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life within our parishes.

We invite you to join us!



OUR ACTIVITIES

"Serra Clubs work with their Bishops, Dioceses and Religious Vocation Directors to encourage and support vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life."

Serra Group Activities:

Our activities include attending ordination Masses, Altar Server Awards Ceremonies local District Conferences, Deanery Club meetings, Spiritual Retreats and various events that focus on vocation awareness. The frequent Deanery Club meetings feature speakers focusing on topics of importance for Catholics and on vocations.

Serra Individual Activities:

In addition to participating in many group activities, Serra members do noteworthy work on their own time, affirming and supporting seminarians, priests and consecrated religious.

Serra Prayer Life:

Serrans are dedicated Catholics who pray for the increase and perseverance of vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life on a daily basis.

Serrans also encourage others to pray for vocations during various parish or diocesan activities. For example, one of these activities is called the "31 Prayer Club". It is a volunteer sign-up calendar where every day of the month, a different member volunteers to pray a rosary or attend an extra Mass to promote vocations awareness in our parish deanery.

*Always Forward,
Never Back!*
Saint Junipero Serra

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MEMBER MEETING AND DUES

We meet twice a month locally for about one hour.

First Saturday 'Travel' Meetings:

Please check website for current meeting details.
www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/events

Location: various parishes - Boulder Deanery

Time: Following First Saturday Mass

Third Friday Meetings:

Location: Jubilee Hall, Sacred Heart of Jesus
318 Mapleton Ave., Boulder CO 80304

Time: Following 7am Mass; @ 8am- 9am

Agenda: (about one hour duration)

Food and Fellowship: light breakfast / coffee

Guest Speaker: Clergy / Laity, check website
www.serraclubbouldercounty.org/events

Business: General Business / Announcements

Annual Dues:

Member: \$100 due in Jan. or upon registration

Network: As an international organization, a plethora of district, regional, national and international meetings are available to members.



Help promote vocations

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

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HELP PROMOTE VOCATIONS

to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Join

SAINT SERRA APOSTOLATE of Boulder County



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Our Patron: Saint Junípero Serra

Canonized: September 23, 2015

Feast Day: July 1