



Serra Club of Boulder County

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

November, 2019

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: Bill Fitzgerald

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fifteen of our club members were able to attend the District 6 convention on 10/14 & 10/15. We were treated to a keynote address by Archbishop Aquila on Monday evening and inspiring talks by six additional speakers on Tuesday. The two primary "takeaways" I had from all the talks were: Prayers work and seminarians as well as our priests all need support...both by family and parishioners! Perhaps we can increase our efforts in both of these areas. The BIGGEST and

brightest moment of the convention for our Boulder Club was at the awards when our own Sue Husler was awarded Serran of the Year!!! I cannot imagine anyone else in any of the District 6 clubs being any more deserving of this award than Sue. CONGRATULATIONS SUE!!

Bill Fitzgerald

Recent Past Events

The Boulder County Serra Club has been having a run of good fortune with the caliber of our incredible speakers.

October 4 – Club Meeting

At the Friday meeting of October 4, we experienced the dedication and awe-

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inspiring faith in their mission by our two speakers, Senite Sahlezghi, LPC, program director of Marisol Health, Lafayette and Michelle Gallegos, community engagement specialist, also for Marisol Health, Lafayette.

Senite's parents emigrated from Eritrea, and she is the first of her family to graduate college. She has a masters' degree in counseling.

Senite was active with the homeless population, Samaritan House and Christ in the City, a Catholic program dedicated to forming young adults, volunteers and lifelong missionaries.

Senite will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Rome in October.

Michelle is a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Broomfield. Her past endeavors include working with children with special needs.

Michelle had prayed long and hard to find a place where she could bring light to those needing help with crisis pregnancies and caring for the children. Michelle knew "God heard her heart's desire" when she learned about Marisol while listening to the religious radio channel. She could not believe such an organization existed in Denver. Michelle knew the Lord had answered her prayers and opened this door for her. She called Marisol and asked for a job. They hired her!

In 2012, Catholic Charities joined with Bella Natural Women's Care offering medical and social services. Three years later, they took over Free Choices, another clinic offering women's services and, finally, in 2016, they became the medical center known as Marisol Health in Lafayette and Denver.

Marisol Health provides a full range of women's health and family support services. The centers now experience over 12,000 visits per year. The center employees and volunteers consider themselves pro-women, pro-men and pro-family. Their mission is to offer care and support during pregnancy and after the arrival of the child. As Senite says, "we believe in the dignity of human life".

Michelle agrees that they want every man or woman who comes to the center with a pregnancy crisis to experience "not a single obstacle to see their pregnancy through". She further expressed that they "intend to walk side by side with those in need".

All of the Serrans present were so impressed with the obvious devotion conveyed by Senite and Michelle that they asked how they could help. Marisol Health is partially funded by Catholic Charities and the assistance of many area churches. However, the center is also very dependent on donations. They will be having a "High Tea" in April, 2020 as their major fund-raising event. I believe many of the Serra ladies are already planning what hat they will be wearing for the affair.



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October 18 – Club Meeting

A former Marine in service during the Korean War, our own fellow Serran, Bob Brockish, did “double duty” this month with his introduction of our sterling speakers, Senite and Michelle, as well as his presentation to the Boulder County Serrans regarding U. S. military chaplains.

Bob began by asking “What is a chaplain in the U. S. military?” U. S. military chaplains hold positions in the armed forces of the United States and are charged with conducting religious services and providing counseling.

The historical beginnings of military chaplains is stated in Deuteronomy which says “when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people”.

The English word “chaplain” evolved from the Latin word “cappella” meaning little cloak. It took on a religious significance from a saint’s relic, the cloak of St. Martin of Tours (316 – 397). Martin was conscripted into the Roman army. On his way to France, he came upon a naked beggar, whipped off his military cloak, sliced it into two pieces and gave half to the beggar. From a big cloak, it became a little cloak. That little cloak was preserved and considered to be so holy that it was referred to as a “relic”. The priest who traveled with the army to look after the relic and to tend to the spiritual needs of the men was called a *cappellani* which evolved into *chaplain*.

During the crusades (religious wars), religious men, mostly monks, served as soldiers, not chaplains.

In 1587, a group of Jesuit priests and brothers went with the military to serve.

In 1636, the first American chaplain to serve came from the original American colonies and did service during the Pequot War between the English and Native Americans.

George Washington then established the Continental Army’s Chaplain Corps (1775) during the American Revolutionary War.

During the American – Mexican War in 1846, two Catholic chaplains accompanied the American army into Mexico.

The role of regular and volunteer chaplains changed as did the number of chaplains needed to maintain the moral and religious condition of the men serving in the military through the various wars: the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War and both WWI and WWII.

Fr. Emmeran M. Bliemel (a Roman Catholic priest) was the first chaplain killed in action in any American battle.....he died during the Battle of Jonesborough, Civil War.

Fr. Francis Duffy, a Canadian American soldier and Roman Catholic priest who served as chaplain with the regiment known as the “Fighting 69th” during WWI was the most highly decorated cleric in the history of the U. S. Army. He was awarded the Distinguished Silver Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the

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Conspicuous Service Cross, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre.

During the Spanish American War, Fr. John P. Chidwick, chaplain of the Battleship Maine, was on board when it was blown up in Havana Harbor and was one of the last to leave the ship after taking part in the rescue operations.

Fr. Emil Joseph Kapaun, a U. S. Army Catholic chaplain, served during both WWII and the Korean War. He died at the age of 35 as a POW in Korea and was awarded the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Korean Service Medal and more. After he was taken as a prisoner of war, he ministered to his fellow prisoners of war. The cause for his sainthood is being promoted by the Diocese of Wichita.

Fr. Vincent Capodanno was also a Roman Catholic priest who was killed in action while serving as a Navy chaplain during the Vietnam War (1965 – 1972). He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Armed Forces Chaplain Organization (Army, Navy, Air Force) is under the office of the Secretary of Defense which is under the Dept. of Defense. Candidates wishing to become armed forces chaplains (1) must have an ecclesiastical endorsement from a faith group, (2) must be qualified spiritually, morally, intellectually and emotionally and (3) they must have a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in either theological or religious studies.

The AMS, Archdiocese for Military Services (a global diocese) was created by Pope John Paul II. Their singular goal is vocations. There are currently 275 priests

serving as chaplains and 5 auxiliary bishops.



SERRAN OF THE YEAR



We members of the Boulder County Serra Club were filled with pride (yes, a sin I know, but we just couldn't help ourselves) when our own Sue Husler was named Serran of the Year. We all personally know what outstanding contributions she has made to our Club and to the District and

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always with that ever present smile on her face. We are very aware that no one deserved it more. We're delighted that others recognized her gifts also.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, November 1, 2019
Luke Hicks, FOCUS – Topic: FOCUS Update
Chefs: Arlin (Chuck) Meis and Mary Ann Hibi

Friday, November 15, 2019
Peggy Morrow - Topic: SCBC Website
Chefs: Nancy Sorenson
Cathy and Vern Rogowski

PRIEST'S CORNER

The Chaplet of Reparation from the book *In Sinu Jesu* by a Benedictine Monk to be prayed with an ordinary rosary.

On the Our Father beads:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Precious Blood of Your Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb without blemish or spot, in reparation for my sins and for the sins of All Your priests.

On the Hail Mary beads: By Your Precious Blood, O Jesus, purify and sanctify Your priests.

In place of the Glory be to the Father: O Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, have mercy on all your priests, and wash them in the Blood of the Lamb.

As we pass through this difficult time, prayer is more necessary than ever.
Fr. Mark

GENERAL SERRA NEWS by Sue

Just want to say 'Thank you' for the honor 'Serran of the Year'. It is because of all of you who have helped make this possible; could not do it without all of you. Thank you to those who helped at the SHJ Ministry Fair, especially Vern Rogowski who set up the table and then put the items away.

Just a reminder that on Nov. 1st Luke Hicks, a FOCUS CU Missionary, will be speaking at the Club meeting. FOCUS students are now on 164 colleges and universities helping students in their faith journey.

Masses for Seminarians

The club will be setting aside monies for masses for our seminarians once a month. If any club member is planning to attend or visit another church and would like to schedule a mass for the seminarians themselves, feel free to go ahead and do so but please notify the other club members.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Members Birthdays

Nov. 20-Joe Calabria

Nov. 24-Betty Jancosek

November Members Anniversaries:

Nov. 27-Cathy & Vern Rogowski (1957)

Nov. 28-Sue & Ed Husler (1964)

November Seminarian Birthdays

Nov. 9-Teekeke Anterea

Nov. 13-Antonio Pasquinucci (1st Phil)

Nov. 14-Clayton Milla (1st Theo)

Nov. 19-Patricio Chuquimarca

Nov. 24-Jose Ruiz Medina

November Religious Anniversaries:

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Prayer list: Please pray for those in need of healing: Fr. Greg Ames, Rosemary Ames, Tiki Theiss, Teresa Christoff, Chase Curfman, Jeanette Denfeld, Luan Jesch, Audrey Kenney, Elaine Middleton, Helga Riedl, George Morzinski, Marcus Poulin-(Annette & Chase), Matthew Hibl, Bob Brockish

And for all men and women and young people discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life

Upcoming Events

November 3-9-National Vocational Awareness Week

February 2, 2020-World Day for Consecrated Life

May 3, 2020-World Day of Prayer for Vocations