



Serra Club of Southwest Denver

NEWSLETTER

November 2021

< **Calendar of Upcoming Events** >

- **Club Meetings Every First and Third Friday of each month at 7:30 AM in the St. Agnes Center at Holy Name Church**
- **November 27, 2021 at 7:00 AM – Serra International Global Rosary**
- **December 9, 2021 at 8:00 AM – Affirmation Mass at Christ on the Mountain Parish**
- **December 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM – Serra MEETS on-line video presentation**
- **December 21, 2021 at 3:30 PM – Serra Club Christmas Party at Café Jordano**
- **January 13-16, 2022 – Serra Rally in Irving (Dallas), TX**
- **February 2 & 5-6, 2021 – World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

TRAVELING CROSS:

October 29 – November 19: Henry Nieto
November 19 – December 3: Patrick Lana

December 3 – December 17: Bruce Keller
December 17 – January 7: Karen Mandolfo

ATTENDANCE & GUESTS:

October 29, 2021 (27 members and 7 guests attended the meeting). Our guests were Peggy Morrow (Boulder Serra Club), Rose Marie Stimpfl (Colorado Springs Serra Club), Renee Law (SE Denver Serra Club), Maria La Breche and Delores Wade (St. Jude Church), and our speakers, Dr. Anne Roat and Judy Cozzens (U.S. Council Serra International).

November 19, 2021 (26 members and 2 guests attended the meeting). Our guests were Maria La Breche from St. Jude and Don Marion from St. Mary (Littleton).

DEACON'S CORNER

October 29, 2021

Our chaplain, Deacon Don, could not attend this meeting, so Earl Potter referenced his book of papal facts to provide us the following bits of information: Prior to an assassination attempt, Pope John Paul II had another near-death experience when he was hit by a truck in Poland that fractured his skull. Pope Pius XII was a wine connoisseur who always drank at least one glass of wine each day. Pope John Paul

It was a very physically active pope enjoying skiing, hiking, swimming, and sports, but never used the bowling alley Pope John XIII had built in the Vatican.



November 19, 2021

Referencing this year's Annual Seminaries' Appeal, Deacon Don asked if we knew: 1) there are 118 seminarians in both seminaries, 2) the cost to educate one seminarian is \$60,000/yr., and 3) an ordained priest will serve an average of 45 years. Deacon Don then spoke about the Synod on Synodality that Pope Francis wants to convoke. This regards a new program to undertake our "great commission" to make disciples of all nations. One can find more information regarding this topic in the *Denver Catholic*. Parish pastors should be providing more information at all masses for the next five weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29, 2021

- **Ralph Hooyboer:** As Serra District 6 Governor presented the following members of our club their 2021 District Awards: Tom Scherer, for VP Programs; John Scruggs, for VP Affirmations; and Rich Pawela, for VP Vocations. Congratulations, and job well done to the three of them.
- **Henry Nieto:** recounted the District Convention was a success and congratulated the Colorado Springs Serra Club for hosting the event. He also announced the next club board meeting will be November 18.
- **Richard Schwappach:** noted our November 19 meeting will feature Stanton La Breche providing a presentation on the Our Father prayer.
- **Bruce Keller:** said the next Affirmation Mass will be on November 11 at the 8:30am Mass at Light of the World Church and reminded us Vocations Awareness Week will be November 7 - 13, 2021.
- **Ralph Hooyboer:** mentioned John Zimmer, VP Apostolic Development for FOCUS will speak at the next Serra MEETS virtual meeting on November 13 at 10:00am.
- **Newsletter:** If you wish to have information included in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to Communications VP, Bruce Keller (www.lakewoodkellers@q.com)

November 19, 2021

- **Ralph Hooyboer:** As Serra District 6 Governor presented John Scruggs his District Award for VP Affirmations. Congratulations John.
- **Henry Nieto:** announced the club will be making a \$300 donation to the Annual Seminaries' Appeal. There will be a holy hour after the next regular meeting on December 3 in the Holy Name church. Catholic Charities will be collecting donations for the Samaritan House at the December 17 club meeting. More information on appropriate items to donate to the facility that serves women will be sent to members. Donations made by check should be made to Catholic Charities.
- **Ken Krug:** stated the Serra Club Christmas Party this year will be on Tuesday, December 21 from 3:30 pm until 6:30 pm in a private room at Café Jordano. A white elephant gift exchange is planned.
- **Jim Hastert:** told us he sent a \$50 donation to the Serra Trust Fund in memory of Robert Auerbach's wife, Gerry.
- **John Scruggs:** said the next Affirmation Mass will be on December 9 at the 8:00 am Mass at Christ on the Mountain Church
- **Richard Schwappach:** mentioned Dennis and Elaine Lebar will be speaking about Serra's new program for the Christmas season at the next club meeting.



District Governor Ralph Hooyboer presents John Scruggs the 2021 Serra District 6 Award for Best Affirmations Program Vice President

PROGRAMS

October 29, 2021

Our speakers today were Judy Cozzens, Past President of U.S. Council, Serra International and Dr. Anne Roat, VP Vocations for U.S. Council, Serra International. Ms. Cozzens is a former member of our club. She reminded us being a Serran is a blessing and we should share that opportunity with others. She noted we are all on a journey to heaven. Working in Serra clubs was a good way to help get to heaven, but we need to decide how to serve and how we can bring others with us to heaven. She mentioned we all share a concern for the declining number of vocations in the Catholic Church and then questioned what we are doing about that concern. She encouraged us to not only invite others to join Serra but mentor them as club members to be more effective in achieving the goals of our organization. We should remember priests are needed for Mass and Holy Eucharist and are important to the future of our children and grandchildren. She then noted the programs Serra International provides include: the Serra SPARK toolkit for vocation directors and parish vocation committees, the new Parish Vocation Ministry training program, the partnering with FOCUS campus ministries, and the Seven Serrans program that supports vocation directors with daily prayers. Ms. Cozzens also urged us to help educate people on the beauty of the faith. Dr. Anne Roat listed some of the many ways she and U.S. Council supports Serra club's vocation programs intended to foster and affirm vocations, including maintaining the 28-tool Serra SPARK website, hosting bi-monthly nationwide virtual meetings of Serra club vocation VPs, offering a manual for vocation programs, and individual support for club vocation VPs. Dr. Roat then reviewed the new Parish Vocation Ministry Workshop (IGNITE) training program that she and Ms. Cozzens would be presenting to nine parishes in the Colorado Springs diocese the next day. The goal of the program is to "teach people in the pews" how to develop and maintain a parish vocations program. Involving families and parish ministries in the fostering of vocations at the parish level is a large part of the program. The support of Serrans to parish vocation programs can be significant.



Judy Cozzens



Dr. Anne Roat



Stanton La Breche

November 19, 2021

Stanton La Breche presented an in-depth discussion of the Lord’s Prayer, the “Our Father”. The prayer is referenced in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11. He noted the prayer is nuanced and in essence is a summary of the Gospel. The prayer is a central part of the sacramental celebration of Mass. It is a “jubilee” prayer because it is about forgiveness of our debts (sins). The prayer contains three “Thy” petitions and four “us” petitions. It begins by addressing God as father and in heaven.

The first petition is that God’s name be hallowed: i.e. the faithful will glorify God, sinners and unbelievers may be converted, God may be thanked for his favors, the proliferation of the Church, and the conquering of death by His sacrifice.

Thy kingdom come: a request that God live in us, that we prize the kingdom above all else, a recognition we are exiles seeking return to God.

Thy will be done: we fulfill what God desires in us, perfect in us God’s will, take away our mistaken requests, concede our will is inferior and can be mistaken, and appreciate and seek to do God’s will.

Give us this day our daily bread: note the “us” vs. “me”, provide us appropriate needed temporal gifts, especially Holy Eucharist.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: we ask to be freed from evils of soul and body, we acknowledge sins and ask for mercy in exchange for mercy.

Lead us not into temptation: we recognize our failure is certain without God’s grace and we need to trust God instead of self, we ask not for exemption from trials, rather we ask for God’s divine assistance.

Deliver us from evil: we place our hope for deliverance in God, not in man, we ask for deliverance from sin and both physical and spiritual evil.

Stanton summarized by noting God wants to be our father.

2021 SERRA DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION

On Friday and Saturday, October 22-23, approximately 80 members of the nine Serra Clubs in District 6 encompassing the state of Colorado gathered at the newly constructed St. John Henry Newman Chapel/Center in Colorado Springs for the Annual District 6 Convention. After Friday evening’s dinner, Richard Arians, Serra U.S. Council President, gave a keynote address. On Saturday, attendees followed morning mass with a breakfast and a series of informative encouraging speakers interrupted by lunch-hour. The theme for this year’s convention was, “God’s Call to Holiness Transcends Generations”.



District Convention Emcee Dixie Schulte,
Serra Club of Southwest Denver



Convention Keynote Speaker Richard Arians,
Serra International U.S. Council President

PRIEST/ DEACON ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Rev	Rick Nakvasil	December 24, 2005	All Souls
Rev	Jose Noriega DCJM	December 15, 1990	Saint Mary
Rev	Javier O'Connor, DCJM	December 15, 1990	Saint Mary



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