



Serra Club of Louisville

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Newsletter

MISSION:

To foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"To always go forward – to never turn back!"
– Saint Junipero Serra

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 1 - Fr. Stuart Priddy will speak on his vocation story
May 15 – (at St. Bartholomew’s parish, Barth Hall) Archbishop Joseph Kurtz will speak on "Where is Catholicism in the Unit-

ed States and in the rest of the world?" **Reservations required.**
June 5 - Officer installation.
June 19 - Deacon Denny Nash will speak on Prison Ministry

PUBLIC PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:

Each Mon. - Holy Spirit Church, Lexington Road, Mondays at 7 pm.

Each Tue. - Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Holy Hour for Vocations - 9 to 11 am.

Each Wed. - St. Patrick Church, 7:30 am.

Each Wed. - St. Thomas Church, Bardstown, KY - 6 to 7:30 pm.

2nd Mon. - Mount St. Francis, Floyds Knobs, IN, 7 - 8 p.m.

SISTER PAT RENO, O.P. OF CENTRO LATINO SPOKE AT OUR APRIL 3 MEETING

Our guest speaker for this meeting was **Sr. Patricia Reno**, a member of the Dominicans, and the Executive Director of Centro Latino. She came to speak with us about the mission and ministry of this organization.

In 1956 she entered the Adrian Dominican Congregation in Adrian, Michigan, taking her final vows in 1962. Sr. Pat has worked for different orders and Catholic schools in roles which include teacher, business manager, provincial administrator, finance director, and more. These included ministries in Mississippi, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. Over the years, she has served on many non-profit and for-profit boards of directors. In 2010, Sr. Pat was inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame for leadership in civil and human rights.

She has been Executive Direc-

tor of Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Inc. since 2008, spending significant time with the Latino community and has come to appreciate their strong faith in God and their family-oriented culture.

These days are very difficult ones for the Latino community. Many came to escape the violence, gangs, drugs, and unemployment which are prevalent in many places in Central America. Sr. Pat finds that the Latinos can do well by their families if they can just get into the U.S. and find work. Very few of the immigrants are from Mexico; most are from Central America. Those who are undocumented are very fearful of being picked up by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and deported, leaving their children and spouses to fend for themselves. Centro Latino helps many in the Latino community as well as those in the African American and Caucasian communities who are without jobs, homeless, the elderly poor, and many others who are impoverished for various

reasons.

Serving people in Shelby, Spencer, Oldham, Trimble and Henry Counties, this organization works closely with the Church of the Annunciation in Shelbyville. Two thirds of the people they help are in the Latino community, especially the immigrants in that community. Most of these people



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are willing to do work that many others in the U.S. won't do. They face many struggles – the long process of becoming U.S. citizens, overcoming the language barrier, seeking employment, raising children, trying to help children with homework when the parents themselves are uneducated and knowing little English.

The services provided by Centro Latino include helping people get groceries and fresh produce (much of it from farmers in the Shelbyville area); helping with rent and utilities; operating a clothes closet; running monthly meetings for women; offering a place for day workers to be approached by local employers seeking help; teaching English as a second language; collecting furniture, clothes, and appliances that can be used by the poor; offering summer camp and classes in reading and math for at-risk youth; organizing teen Spring break programs; providing students with books and school supplies; distributing Kroger cards; helping immigrants keep their court dates (usually spread over several years) as they move toward citizenship; collecting and distributing day-old bread from Panera; etc. In the most recent fiscal year, they gave out 18,500 units of food and helped 3,000 people get clothes.

Sr. Pat says that Centro Latino has great volunteers, including 10 lawyers, who deal with advocacy programs, legal problems, spouse and child abuse, translations, fundraisers, and just about any problems that arise. The citizens of Shelbyville have been great in helping Centro Latino.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Joe Voor, has been to Guatemala, and says “we have no idea of the people’s distrust of authority,” due to the abuses they’ve experienced at the hands of their own police, the military, and government officials. As he reminds us that “these immigrants are our brothers and sisters,” Fr. Voor says that the press makes it sound like the rate of crime by immigrants is very high when, in fact, very few immigrants are involved in crime. He says this is the reason that the U.S. Bishops are often at odds with many politicians and U.S. citizens when it comes to the treatment of immigrants.

Centro Latino is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, for which donations are tax deductible. It relies solely on individual contributions and grants. To learn more of their organization, click http://centro-latino.org/In_English.html.

We want to thank Sr. Pat for her time in updating us on the ministry of Centro Latino.

(Thanks to Jerry Zimmerer for the picture with this article.)

MS. EMILY CASH, OF THE ST. LUKE CENTER, WAS OUR SPEAKER ON APRIL 17

Our speaker for this meeting was **Ms. Emily Cash**, Psy.D., Director of the Saint Luke Center, a Catholic organization here in Louisville. The Saint Luke Center is affiliated with the Saint Luke Institute – which is headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland, just outside of D.C. The Institute has nearly 40 years of experience, four U.S. locations, a center in the United Kingdom, and staff in South Africa.

Emily was born in Louisville but raised in Princeton, Kentucky – a small, rural farming town in Western Kentucky. She attended Centre College, where she majored in religion, and then she obtained her doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Spalding University. She started with the Saint Luke Institute in Maryland in 2006, right out of graduate school. When she and her husband were ready to move back to Kentucky six years ago, she was asked to start the Saint Luke Center in Louisville, and has been there ever since.

Emily spoke about the Saint Luke Center’s regional support for seminaries, seminarians, and ongoing for-



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ORDINATION OF TWO NEW
PRIESTS ON SATURDAY, MAY 27

mation. Just as the Serra Club puts its emphasis on those discerning or living a religious vocation, the Saint Luke Center focuses on the same people – doing psychological and spiritual evaluations of those discerning a Catholic religious vocation and helping clergy and religious when they need psychological or spiritual counseling. In conjunction with the Institute, their programs include residential, outpatient, and continued care treatments.

Named after the patron saint of healers and physicians, the Saint Luke Center devotes 50% of its time evaluating people discerning and preparing for a religious vocation. The rest of their time is devoted to psychological and spiritual counseling of clergy and religious. The local staff includes six spiritual directors (including three priests - Fr. Tom Boland, Fr. Paul Scaglione, Fr. Bob Ray, and Sr. Clara Fehringer, OSU), several psychologists, and one psychiatrist.

When the Center was established, Archbishop Kurtz was “immensely supportive,” writing letters to every priest in the archdiocese about the newly available services. Emily originally thought their services would be used in the Louisville and Lexington dioceses only. However, their reputation has grown; and they now serve around 10 to 12 dioceses and about 20 religious orders. They now have very strong relationships with many seminaries. When putting on a conference last Fall, it quickly filled up.

We want to thank Emily Cash for taking the time to update us on the services provided by the Saint Luke Center. Their website can be found at <http://www.stlukecenter.org/>. Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Saint Luke Center, 9400 Williamsburg Plaza, Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40222.

(Thanks to Jerry Zimmerer for the pictures with this article.)

At 11 am, on Saturday, May 27, in the Cathedral of the Assumption, there will be the ordination of two new priests. **Deacons Casey Sanders and Michael Martin** will be ordained on that date. There will be a reception following. Come and experience a beautiful Mass celebrating ordination to the priesthood.

POTPOURRI - VARIOUS
ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month

Fr. Shayne Duvall, Associate Vocation Director, has a birthday on May 3.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

Christians in Africa - That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Did you know? – The Serra Club of Louisville gives every priest a card congratulating him on the anniversary of his ordination. Thanks to Sally Lynch for doing the calligraphy on each of these cards.

Fatima apparition – 2017 is the 100th anniversary

We have been informed of the following activities for the months of May and June here in our Archdiocese.

May 13, Sat. - Cathedral of the Assumption, Region V @ 10:30 AM - this will be a celebration with the Archbishop.

May 13, Sat. - Marian Center, Procession @ 3 PM, Mass @ 4PM.

June 13, Tue. - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Region III @ 7



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PM (time is tentative, check the parish bulletin)
June 13, Tue. - St. Thomas Moore parish, Region II
@ 7 PM.

For more information, contact Becky Glasser at
glasserbecky@gmail.com.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations -

is May 7 this year (Good Shepherd Sunday). To read the Pope's message regarding this occasion and also find other resources for the WDPV, check out <https://nrvc.net/publication/5311/article/10038>

Apologetics – It's a term that pertains to defending the faith. Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) recommends this website for some good information -

<http://www.biblechristiansociety.com/>.

"The Vocation of Christians in American Public Life" – a speech by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, can be read at

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/BISHOPS/chapxianpublife.HTM>

Catholic Bytes – A podcast for busy Catholics can be found at <http://catholicbytespodcast.com/>.

Vocation Quote – “But what God commands, which may seem humanly impossible, he gives us the means to carry out. That is the secret to every vocation. Every vocation changes our plans, disclosing a new one, and it is astonishing to see how much inner help God gives us.” – Pope Saint John Paul II

Prayer from a Saint - “O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day. Amen." - prayer by Saint Richard of Chichester (13th century)

Serapion's Little Rule - "The mind is purified by spiritual knowledge (or by holy meditation and prayer), the spiritual passions of the soul by charity, and the irregular appetites by abstinence and penance." - St. Serapion the Scholastic (4th century)

Soul-searching question - How do we teach the following Scripture verse to our children? - "Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." – 1 Peter 1:8-9

Women religious who evangelize while hitchhiking - check out the story at

http://www.catholicherald.com/Opinions/Columnists/Christina_Capecchi/Evangelization_by_hitchhiking/

Vocations to sainthood - It's a little hard to imagine, but there is a St. Dentlin of Soignies (7th century) who was the son of Saint Vincent Madelgarus and Saint Waldetrudis; brother of Saint Landric, Saint Madalbarta and Saint Aldetrudis; and nephew of Saint Aldegund. That's seven saints all in one family!

Vacationing this summer? See if there are any U.S. Catholic shrines, Basilicas, or holy places near your destination or along the route you will travel. For a listing by state, with website links, see <http://catholicplaces.org/home.htm>. For another good list of 83 U.S. Basilicas listed by the closest major city, see

<http://www.gcatholic.org/churches/data/basUS.htm>.

Divine Truths – “We therefore grossly deceive ourselves in not allotting more time to the study of divine truths. It is not enough barely to believe them, and let our thoughts now and then glance upon them: that knowledge which shows us heaven, will not bring us to the possession of it, and will deserve punishments, not rewards, if it remains slight, weak, and superficial. By serious and frequent meditation, it must be concocted, digested, and turned into the nourishment of our affections, before it can be powerful and operative enough to change them, and produce the necessary fruit in our lives. For this all the saints affected solitude and retreats from the noise and hurry of the world, as much as their circumstances allowed them.” - Saint Apollinaris (Bishop of Ravenna, Italy; appointed by St. Peter himself)

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