



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

Unless noted otherwise, all lunches are at 11:45 at the Golden Corral in Hikes Point, and are open to the public.

Aug 7 – Seminarian Luncheon – **at the Maloney Center (not Holy Family Parish). Invited guests, members and spouses only.**

Aug 21 – Fr. Chris Eggleton, O.P.

– Topic is the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sep 4 - No meeting. Labor Day.

Sep 18 - Mrs. Becky Glasser, from the Marian Committee for the Archdiocese, will speak about the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and other Marian Committee activities.

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, Floyd's Knobs, IN, 7 - 8 p.m.

CHARLIE HULSMAN SPOKE AT OUR JULY 3 MEETING

Charlie Hulsman was born and raised in Louisville, at St. Philip Neri Parish, where he attended grade school until the school closed. Then he attended the first regional Catholic grade school, Pope's Paul and John Consolidated. Charlie graduated from St. Xavier High School and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Louisville. He later married at St. Philip Neri Church and remained a member there until it's closing in 1996.

Charlie has been involved in Catholic Scouting at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish for over 51 years, as a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout (including Eagle Scout), and then as an adult leader, serving Troop 17 as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Committee Member and Troop Com-

mittee Secretary. He received the Bronze Pelican, the St. George Award, the Golden Ad Altare Dei and the Silver Beaver during his tenure.

Charlie is currently the Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Louisville. He has served as Chairman for 20 years. Prior to serving as Chairman, Charlie was very involved and led the Catholic Committee on Scouting's Annual Bishop Flaget Trail for 10 years.

For the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS), Charlie was Co-Chairman of the Host Committee for the 1996 Biennial Meeting in Louisville, and the Chairman of the Catholic Committee overseeing the Host Committee for the 2008 Biennial Meeting in Louisville. Charlie served as Region V Chairman from April 2012 to April 2017. Charlie currently serves on the Advisory Board of the NCCS.

Charlie and his wife Karen will

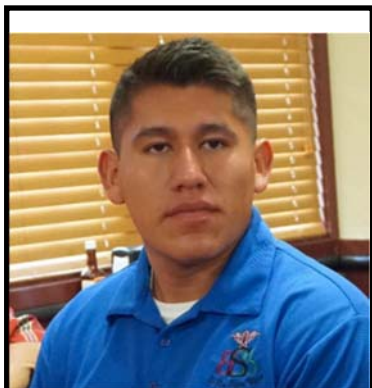
celebrate their 27th anniversary in November. They are proud Aunt and Uncle to 15 nieces and nephews, five great nephews, and two great nieces.

The topic for this meeting was "Why Scouting is Youth Ministry." Scouting prepares youth to be ethical, equipping them for a



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lifetime of decisions, enhancing their physical fitness, instilling community values, and helping them mature in so many ways. Catholic youth ministry is the responsibility of the whole Catholic community; and Catholic parishes have been longtime sponsors of the Scouts.



Seminarian Fermin Luna attended our July 3 meeting.

Archbishop Kurtz has been a longtime supporter of scouting. He wishes he could keep youth as involved in the Church as Scouting has kept them involved in Scouting programs.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting oversees Catholic activities for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and the

Troops of St. George.

Charlie spoke of three missions for the NCCS. The first is to promote the religious awards programs. For Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts this includes the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Light is Life, and Pope Pius XII Awards. Adults can earn the Saint George Award. (Charlie spoke of the fact that at least one of our Seminarians, Michael Schultz, is an Eagle Scout.)

The second mission is to promote the St. George Trek – a high adventure leadership program at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, run by the NCCS, priests and seminarians. Even the USA Council of Serra International is involved with this program.

The third mission is exemplified by the local, annual Bishop Flaget Trail – a camping trip organized by the local Catholic Committee on Scouting – involving trips to places of regional Catholic interest. These include Gethsemani, St. Meinrad, Immaculate Conception Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana, St. Thomas in Bardstown, St. Catherine College, and the Sisters of Loretto Motherhouse in Loretto, Kentucky. Fr. Jeff Shooner, also an Eagle Scout, has attended Flaget Trail events as well as the St. George Trek.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting also encourages prayer, the Sacraments, Masses even when there are weekend camping trips, prayers at meals,

etc. They also encourage adult leaders to understand their role in youth ministry, and “keeping Jesus at their core.”

For the Archdiocesan parishes and schools sponsoring Scouting units, those units come under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry, directed by Karl Dolson. This includes 36 Boy Scout units and 30 Girl Scout units.

According to a Time magazine poll, for every 100 boys who join Scouting, three become Eagle Scouts, one uses his training to save a life, six join the ministry or become key persons in a church or synagogue, and 16 become adult Scout leaders. Charlie told stories of troubled youth for whom Scouting turned their lives around, many coming back to their leaders years later to say thanks. More information on the local Catholic Committee on Scouting can be found at <http://archlouccs.org>.

We want to thank Charlie for his time spent speaking with us, and for all he does for the youth of our Archdiocese!

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

FR. ANTHONY CHANDLER SPOKE **AT OUR JULY 17 MEETING**

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Fr. Anthony Chandler, who was born and raised in Louisville. He graduated from St George grade school, Bishop David High School, and St. Meinrad College. He also received degrees from the Catholic University of America and the University of Maryland at College Park.

Fr. Anthony was ordained May 27, 1989. He has been Assistant Pastor or Pastor at many parishes, including St. Martha, Holy Family, St. Bartholomew, St Martin of Tours in Flaherty, Kentucky, St. John the Apostle in Brandenburg, and is currently the Pastor at Immaculate Conception in LaGrange.

Within the Archdiocese, he has held many leader-



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ship positions, including Vice Chancellor for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Defender of the Bond on the Marriage Tribunal, and a Member of the Priests Council, the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, The Record Editorial Board, and the Catholic School Athletic Association Policy Board.

Fr. Chandler joined us to speak about his recent sabbatical in Rome (from January to April this year) and the ministerial challenges that priests face around the world. He reminded us that even Jesus took time away from the crowds – time to pray and rest. A sabbatical is what many of our priests need, just as the human person of Jesus did.



Priests can take sabbaticals every seven years; but many do not take them that often. Many attend the Institute for Continuing Theological Education in Rome, as he did this year. The four pillars of this continuing education are Pastoral, Spiritual, Intellectual, and Formation. The Intellectual part is what attracted Fr. Anthony most, with its studies in 15 areas, including apologetics, canon law, dogma, doctrine, culture and unbelief, fundamental and moral theology, the Eucharist, women doctors of the Church, mystics, and many more.

For the study of “cultures and unbelief” he spoke of comparing the U.S. Church with that of Europe or Canada. One recent study in Canada found 50% of people saw religion as judgmental, and harmful to society. For the study of “fundamental and moral theology,” he mentioned all the changes occurring around people’s views of genetics and gender identity. Sometimes the related language is changing so fast that it’s hard to keep up with the terminology. For example, some people now use the term “gender lazy.” Fr. Anthony spoke of having to “step away from it all” in order to study gender identities.

He also spoke of the ongoing formation of the clergy. While speaking recently at a hospital in Lex-

ington, a non-Catholic told him that Catholics need to quit forcing our religion on others, ignoring the fact that when the Church started that hospital, it was welcomed by all faiths as something the community needed. Fr. Anthony’s response is that “we won’t lessen the truth; we would first close the hospital” instead of caving in to the secular world.

Comparing his own parish life with that of other countries, Fr. Anthony had to admit that he has an “excellent assignment” – his parishioners pray, they bring over 300 children to CCD, they support the parish. Things are going well. And then he talked about the country of Ireland only ordaining 15 priests this year, while France only ordained 40. Fortunately, Paris is experiencing a revival in Catholicism and had 20 new priests this year. He said that what is paying off in Paris is a focus on family ministry and college students.

He spoke of a number of countries, like Ireland and Canada, which are experiencing a decrease in the percent of the population calling themselves Catholic in the recent past. Although we think that each generation should be stronger in faith than the previous generation, the Catholic percent of many countries started decreasing soon after World War I.

In one class, the priests were asked what most demoralizes them about the priesthood. Of course, some speak of the sex scandals. But some mention that when leaders fall, it’s hard for the followers to stay standing.

Then he spoke of the many foreign-born seminarians we have locally, from Korea, Vietnam, Africa, and India. Last year, 40% of the seminarians in the U.S. were foreign born. “These are great men,” he said; but we Americans have not been as welcoming to them as we could be.

It used to be that when people immigrated to the U.S., they also brought along some of their priests. But that’s no longer happening. For example, many Hispanics come to the U.S., but few priests come with these immigrants.

Also on the subject of what demoralizes priests, he said that the status of traditional marriages around the world is very tragic. Marriage is no longer as popular as it used to be. With same-sex marriages, other

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issues, and the fluidity about many beliefs, people think "I'm OK, you're OK" and "Who am I to judge?" Few people hold themselves to the standards that used to apply to virtues and morality. Priests often feel they're preaching in a vacuum.

Fr. Anthony reminded us that even Jesus found people who did not care about faith. In those cases, Jesus and his disciples would move on to another town, shaking the dust from their sandals.

He quoted Cardinal Francis George on the (now famous) statement that "I expect to die in bed; my successor will die in prison; and his successor will die a martyr ..." That's how bad it is becoming to live as a Christian leader.

While self-help programs used to encourage people to turn to a higher power, now so many people are consumed by egotism, considering themselves as agents of their own destiny. Although the active Church may be shrinking, Fr. Anthony quoted the Pope as saying, "We may be smaller, but stronger."

We want to thank Fr. Anthony for his time updating us on his recent trip to Rome, and for all he does for our Archdiocese.

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

KEN PEET WILL TAKE OVER
FROM RALPH WILLIAMS AS OUR
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We want to thank Ralph Williams for being our District Governor since 2005. He has recruited Ken Peet (a Serran since 2013) to take his place. As Dis-



Ralph Williams

Ken Peet

trict Governor, Ralph's duties included visiting clubs in Indiana and Kentucky, sharing ideas, and even starting new clubs. The clubs Ralph has worked with were in Evansville, Jasper, Henderson, Owensboro, Lexington, Northern Kentucky, and Louisville. We also want to thank Ken Peet for agreeing to take on these responsibilities in the future.

SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON
MONDAY, AUGUST 7

One of the many activities of the Serra Club of Louisville is the annual Seminarian Luncheon. We host this luncheon in August just before the Seminarians go back to school for the Fall. It is a pot-luck luncheon with members of the club each bringing different dishes. This year, we also have members of the Priests' Parents Club joining us to bring food. **Due to limited space, this is a luncheon for invited guests, members and spouses only.**

We get to meet the new seminarians (five this year), and also learn what each of the seminarians has been doing as a summer ministry.

POTPOURRI - VARIOUS
ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Aug 18

John Tichenor, Aug 25

Theresa Fiedler, Aug 25

Ralph Williams, Aug 28

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

Artists - That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Fr. Ron Knott's article on Freedom - It's really worth reading a second time, as a reminder of the freedoms many of us have. Check it out at <http://therecordnewspaper.org/encouraging-word-free/>.

Quote on God's existence - "Surely we don't feel God's presence with us all the time. But just because you don't feel your hair growing doesn't mean you're bald." - Gerald G. May

Wisdom of the Saints - "I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I

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pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

On Action – “Remember that the Christian life is one of action; not of speech and daydreams.” – St. Vincent Pallotti (1795-1850)

The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching – Here’s a great summary of our Church’s social teaching, by the U.S. Bishops - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>

The Stations of the Cross for Vocations - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/discerning-men/upload/Stations-of-the-Cross-for-Vocations.pdf>

Bishop Boyea’s article on the vocation crisis – in Marriage - <http://thepracticingcatholic.com/2011/01/11/the-vocation-of-marriage/>

For an excellent article on the new, third way to become a saint, with examples, read <http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/third-way-for-beatification-free-offering-of-a-life#.WXO2MPcDqA>

Our Lady of Fatima – For a good summary of the three secrets of Fatima, see <https://wafusa.org/the-secret-of-fatima/>

Encouraging vocations – “Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.” - Robert Louis Stevenson

Final words by a saint - "About Jesus Christ and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing, and we shouldn't complicate the matter." - Saint Joan of Arc, as recorded at her trial

God whispers (an excellent, thought-provoking 3-minute video): https://www.youtube.com/embed/zf_0jzPQ8lo?rel=0

On hardships - "With hardships, some get bitter, and some get better. It's our own choice."

Your Guide to How the Vatican Works - <http://taylormarshall.com/2017/02/vatican-101-guide-vatican-works.html>

On the Eucharist - "God in his omnipotence could not give more, in his wisdom he knew not how to give more, in his riches he had not more to give than the Eucharist." - St. Augustine (354-430 AD)

Reflection by a Saint - "Without God's Son nothing could exist; without Mary's son, nothing could be redeemed." - Saint Anselm (1033-1109)

Essential Role of the Laity – Here’s an excellent article on the vocation of the laity – <https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/cfe/documents/Disciples%20web%20pages.pdf>

On women's vocations - For a new book to help women discern their vocation, with a foreword by Cardinal Timothy Dolan – “Discerning Religious Life” by Sr. Clare Matthiass, CFR - see <https://www.vianneyvocations.com/product/discerning-religious-life/>

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas - "Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; an unconquered heart which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

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