



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.

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 Fati-

ma apparitions and other Marian Committee activities.

Oct 2 - Sally Nancy, Regional Director of the Serra Clubs in Region 5 - will speak on the Serra International Convention held in Rome this year, as well as next year's convention to be held in Nashville, TN.

AUGUST 7 WAS OUR ANNUAL SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON

Our President, Bob Hublar, did an excellent job of opening the meeting welcoming everyone and thanking a number of people, including the members of the Priest's Parents Club, who also attended this event. And Archbishop Kurtz spoke briefly before leading us in prayer before the meal. There was a good variety of foods, soft drinks, and desserts.

After the meal, Archbishop Kurtz expressed appreciation for the Vocation Office staff – Fr. Michael Wimsatt (Vocation Director), Fr. Shayne Duvall (Associate Vocation Director), Sr. Sarah Yungwirth (who has been the Associate Director for Vocations the last two years), and Kelly McLemore (recently appointed as Secretary to the Vocation Office).

Then each of the seminarians were invited to speak about their status, the ministry they took on for the summer, and the seminary they'll be attending this fall. Many of the pastors they worked with this summer were also in attendance. Here is a full list of our current 19 seminarians.

Deacon Brandon DeToma
Deacon Robert Barnell
Deacon Minh Vu
Deacon Kien Nguyen
Deacon David Farrell
Tony Cecil
Steven Reeves
Kirby Rust
Eddie Jarboe
Loi Pham
Quan Nguyen
Robert Hale
Conor Wellman
Fermin Luna
Michael Schultz
Matt Flaherty
Alan Crush
William Sellers
Evan Stone

We want to thank all the Ser-rans, the Priests' Parents Club, and

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.

spouses who helped in any way to make this event such a success. We especially wish to thank Theresa Fiedler who organized all of us. Thanks to the Vocation Office for allowing us to hold the luncheon at the Maloney Center. This luncheon is always one of the highlights of the year for the Serra Club, giving us all a chance to meet the seminarians individually and hear of their progress. And let's keep all our seminarians in our daily prayers.

For pictures of all our Seminarians, the Seminaries they are attending, and their email addresses, just click: <https://www.archlou.org/services-directory/archdiocesan-agencies-facilities/vocation-office/vocation-office-seminarians/>.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST 7 SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON



MORE PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST 7 SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON





FR. CHRIS EGGELTON, O.P. SPOKE AT OUR AUGUST 21 MEETING

Fr. Chris Eggleton, brother of Sally (Eggleton) Lynch and brother-in-law of Serran Chuck Lynch, was born in 1950 and raised here in Louisville.

He is the fourth of five children, and attended St. James parish and school, and then Sacred Heart Seminary in Cincinnati. He gave up the seminary route for a while after high school and went to the University of South Florida in Tampa, finishing his major in English Literature at Bellarmine, here in Louisville.



He worked for Pratt Whitney in Florida. After hearing a Dominican mission priest in a Florida parish, he decided to go back into the seminary at the age of 31. He took his first vows in August of 1983, and obtained his Master of Divinity, graduating from the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology in Berkley, CA, followed by his ordination in September of 1988. So, he's been a priest for 29 years.

His duties as a Dominican have included ministries in Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana; four years as a pastor in Ecuador; four years as the Provincial over the 11-state Southern Dominican Province, working out of their headquarters in New Orleans; some time as a chaplain for the 100+ Dominican women religious living in Springfield, KY; and the last two years as pastor for Holy Rosary parish in Houston, TX.

He was contacted recently by the Master of the Order for all the Dominicans (men and women world-wide) and asked to move to Rome for the next few years to be the Socius to North America

(assistant to the Master in service to North America), as well as the Dominican Order's Promoter of the Rosary. He will also be in charge of the Vicariate of Vietnam in Calgary, Alberta Canada.

His interests include writing letters the old-fashioned way, exercising, water color painting, and leading retreats using the visual arts.

At this meeting, Fr. Chris spoke on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All Sacraments call us to mission. And in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Augustine saw two parts - admitting our faults, and praising God for his merciful forgiveness. When we confess our sins, and are drawn toward God with a contrite heart, we are "freed up" to go out of the Confessional to praise God for our freedom from the slavery to sin. "We are set free to love as God loves."

We should be reminded of the stories in the Old Testament – about the Israelites rebelling against God, but later repenting. The goal is "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Fr. Chris told us of how, when he was hearing confessions in Guatemala, people would line up and Confessions went on for six hours, because the people really appreciated the Sacrament. In his most recent parish, they had Confessions just before every Mass.

Speaking of priests hearing Confession, Pope John Paul II said they were to be merciful and kind; and the priest is to know Church doctrine. The priest is to recognize the pain and suffering that the penitent feels. The priest must use his skill of listening. Sometimes



FR. CHRIS EGGLETON, O.P.
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VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

the penitent's sin is a burden "like a sack of rocks." The feeling of release from these burdens is "palpable." The priest is to cooperate with, and ask wisdom of, the Holy Spirit in administering this Sacrament – bringing about the release from anger, resentment, and fear. We should think of God's love for the sinner in light of Christ's story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Taking back the son, the father embraces him, not judging or criticizing him.

Fr. Chris made it clear that this Sacrament is *not* psychotherapy, psychological analysis, counseling, spiritual direction, a Catechism class, a scourging, the throwing of stones, or judging. He also mentioned that he's administered the Sacrament in many places besides the church confessional – including on horseback, under trees, at an airport, in hospital rooms, on a camping trip, and in an office. And the Our Father prayer reminds us that we are forgiven "as we forgive those who trespass against us."

This Sacrament requires a lot of trust – trust that God *does* forgive us. Jesus doesn't want us carrying these burdens. Some people think they can just "confess their sins directly to God"; but by going to a priest, a real live human "in persona Christi" (in the person of Christ), then we are confessing to Christ.

Sometimes in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a penitent may want to speak of his sins as an addiction, as if he's trying to lessen his responsibility. But, as Fr. Chris explains, it's a heresy "to claim that all sins are addictions."

Fr. Joe Voor added that no one becomes addicted without a voluntary action, concluding that we *are* responsible for our own addictions. Fr. Voor also explained that Confession is not just for the forgiveness of sins; but it is also to bring about spiritual growth. Going to Confession regularly has always been recommended by the Church.

Fr. Pat Dolan added that some people carry their sins as heavy burdens even for decades. He also said that some people want to confess the sins of others (maybe to justify the penitent's sinful reactions); but he reminds the penitent that he can only forgive the sins of the penitent.

We want to thank Fr. Chris for his presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and we wish him well in his new position in Rome!

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

Serran Birthdays this month

Phil Lawver, Sep 9 Jim Williams, Sep 20
Jerry Gonsoski, Sep 21 Paul Willett, Sep 22

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

Parishes - That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

A Mass, followed by a reception, in honor of the religious men and women

serving our Archdiocese will be held at 10 am on Sunday, September 17, at Holy Family parish, 3938 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, KY. If you will be attending the reception, please RSVP to Kelly McLemore at (502) 471-2122 or kmclemore@archlou.org. For further information, please contact SR. Paula Wolff at pwolff@archlou.org or (502) 585-3291 ext 1168.

The Archbishop wrote a great article on the Serra Club of Louisville and our Seminarians. To see it, you can click here: <http://therecordnewspaper.org/hope-lord-serra-club-seminarians/>.

Serran wedding anniversaries – Congratulations to Serran **Ken Peet and wife Pat** for celebrating their 50th anniversary on August 26th; and to Serran **Tom Ransdell and wife Milly** for celebrating their 65th anniversary on August 30!

Newman Connection - Combining all names submitted by our Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office, parishes, youth groups, high schools, and the Serra Club of Louisville, over 550 names were submitted to the Newman Connection as of Aug 27.

Pope Francis spoke to the 75th Convention of Serra International – To read his address made on 6/23/17, click - https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/june/documents/papa-francesco_20170623_convention-serrainternational.html

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