



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.

Feb 5 - Art Turner, Archdiocesan Director of Faith Formation - "What is Faith Formation?"

Feb 19 - Fr. Tom Boland - "Signposts On Our Spiritual Journey"

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Mar 5 - Mark Casper, Exec Dir of St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities will speak on an "Update on St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities"

Mar 19 - Fr. Peter Do - "Update from the Archdiocesan Vocations Office"

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.

SERRA CLUB OF LOUISVILLE NEWSLETTER RECEIVES AN AWARD

We are proud to announce that at the January 11-14 national Serra Rally in Phoenix, AZ, our newsletter was chosen winner of the "2018 Region 5 Best Newsletter Award." Region Five covers the five states of KY, TN, LA, AR, and (part of) IL, and includes 16 local clubs.

Ken Peet, our District Governor, attended that meeting and accepted the award on our behalf. He presented the award to me, as editor of this newsletter, at the January 15 meeting of the Serra Club of Louisville.

As editor, I wish to thank Ken Peet and Neil Manias for submitting the application for nomination. I also want to thank everyone who has had any role, large or small, in the production of our monthly newsletters. Although I write

most of the articles, ideas have been suggested by many members. Most of the content is based on the great speakers who have volunteered to make presentations. Most all of the pictures are taken by Jerry Zimmerman. Other Serrans have also helped out with pictures or articles in the last two years, including Ken Peet, and Paul Willett. Proofing each is-

sue for spelling and grammar has been handled by Donna Richardson. Distribution of the newsletters is done by Frank Hausman.

Thanks.

Chuck Lynch, Editor



SERRAN JACK NOONING PASSED AWAY ON DEC 28, 2017



Jack Nooning, 66, a Serran since 2014, died on December 28. Jack was also a member of St. Martha Catholic Church, Local Union #669, Elks Lodge #8, and the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Spaulding Council. He retired as a Journeyman Sprinkler

Fitter.

Survivors include his loving wife of 38 years, Janine; daughters, Allison Haas and Erica Nooning; grandchildren, Presley and Leland Haas.

The family suggested that memorial donations be made to either the Wounded Warrior Project or the Serra Club of Louisville.

Jack will be missed.

SERRAN EDDIE BAUER VISITS ONE OF ST SERRA'S MISSIONS

In this picture below is the altar in the mission chapel at San Juan Capistrano in Orange County. Serran Eddie Bauer was there on Wednesday, January 17; and no, he didn't see any swallows — they don't return until St. Joseph's feast day. However, this is the only still-functioning altar in California where St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784) celebrated Mass. The picture doesn't do it justice, and that's natural light illuminating the altar. Eddie said it was beautiful.



THE JANUARY 11 - 14 SERRA RALLY IN PHOENIX, AZ

By Ken Peet, District Governor, and member of the Serra Club of Louisville

After arriving at the Phoenix Marriott around noon on Thursday, the rest of the afternoon was spent in the District Governors' Training session. We were well indoctrinated into the world of District Governorship.

Our next event was mass at the hotel. We went to mass every day and the adoration chapel was open each day. This is what set the tone for the entire Rally – Prayer. On Friday morning, our keynote speaker was introduced by Greg Schwietz, President, Serra's Council for the United States.



Greg Schwietz, President, Serra USA Council

Tom Thibodeau, Professor of Servant Leadership, Viterbo University gave us many quotes about servant leadership, including:

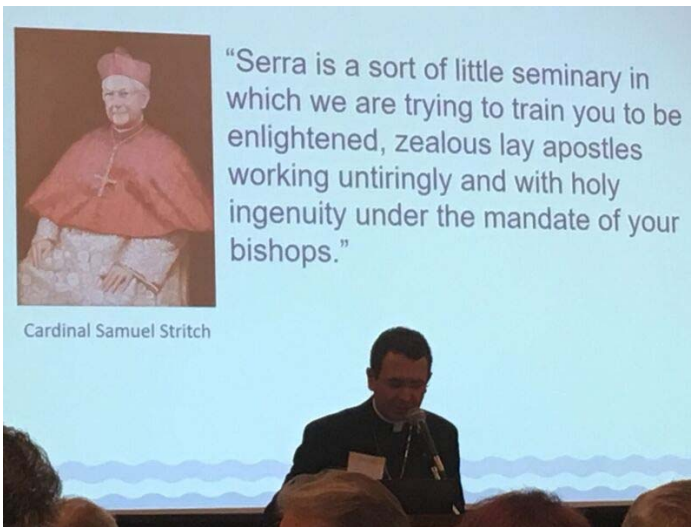
“Service is love made visible.”

“Make the invisible, visible. To recognize the presence of God in each of us.”

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“If service is beneath you, leadership is beyond you.”
“Eucharist is breaking bread with broken bodies.” – Dorothy Day
“Parents are the ultimate servant leaders.”
“We cannot lead people past where we are. Must personally advance and develop.”

At lunch on Friday. Bishop Cozzens spoke to us about the value of being a member of a small group. Bishop Cozzens mother, Judy Cozzens, will be the USA Council President come this June.



Bishop Cozzens, Episcopal Adviser to the USA Council

On Friday afternoon, mass and a reception were held at the All Saints Newman Center, on the Campus of Arizona State University. Bishop Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, Arizona was the celebrant. Serra USA Council has made a great effort to be part of the Newman Connection. The Newman Connection collects the names of graduating seniors through our High School Outreach Program. This information is immediately forwarded to the respective Campus Ministers. 70,000 students were connected in 2017.

SPARK – Serra Promotion And Resource Kit

On Saturday morning, Judy Cozzens presented the website, www.SerraSPARK.org that has taken Serra USA Council the last year to develop. It is a free resource available to all. It was especially written for vocation directors. Since 30% of vocation directors are new each year, these resources will help the new ones to get started. This can be a valuable asset to our parishes, catholic grade schools and catholic high

schools.

Another resource that was brought to our attention by Father Ralph O'Donnell from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - www.USCCB.org/priestlyformation. This site contains a lot of valuable statistics about priests, parishes, permanent deacons, etc. Data goes back in some cases to 1965.

Our friend Bob Rudman (who spoke to our club last year) will be heading up the International Meeting to be held in Nashville in late June this year. There will only be 400 registrations available. The hotel will be \$155/night and registration will be \$250. The room erupted when Bob said that wine, beer and soda is included for the whole event.

All meals at the Rally are eaten together and we are encouraged to move around the dining room to eat with different people. They were all very nice people and were quite willing to share the good and bad about their clubs. The event was closed by a Mass concelebrated by all of the Club Chaplains that attended.



The Rally's Closing Mass
(Thanks to Ken Peet for attending the Rally and writing this article.)

JAN 15 MEETING - CHAPLAIN JIM LAEMMLE SPOKE

Our speaker for this meeting was Chaplain Jim Laemmle, age 69, who came to tell us all about Catholic Chaplaincy. He is not a priest or a Deacon, but, instead, a certified Catholic Chaplain.

Jim was born in Louisville and lived in Saint Stephen Martyr parish for most of his youth. He currently belongs to Our Mother of Sorrows parish, frequently

CHAPLAIN JIM LAEMMLE (continued from page 3)

attending Mass at Saint John Paul II parish, where he is the Pastoral Care Chaplain for that parish.

Jim went to Trinity High School, and also to Belarmine University, where he got his Bachelors in Accounting and a Masters in Spirituality.

Jim is a retired CPA; and his last position prior to retirement from Accounting was as Executive Director of the South Louisville Community Ministries.

Jim is probably one of the few, if not the only, retired CPA who is certified in Catholic Chaplaincy. He says that even many priests are not aware of the certified chaplain program, which is run through the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (www.nacc.org). Women are also chaplains through this organization.

Having had two brain surgeries in the last 15 years, Jim said he learned a lot about pain, humility, being around people who were dying, and coming close to death himself. It made him reflect a lot on why he was here, why he survived his two surgeries, and what blessings were coming from all of these health issues. He became certified in the Befriender Program led by Fr. Paul Scaglione.

It was also recommended that he go back to school, get a masters in any one of four areas, get 2,000 hours in Clinical Pastoral Education, go before a Catholic board, and become a certified Catholic Chaplain. He spent about five years doing all of this and is now one of only a handful of Catholic Chaplains in the Archdiocese of Louisville. His studies included counseling, how to handle people in grief, trauma room assignments, etc.

One of his early assignments involved helping the families for seven active traumas going on in one six-hour period in the University Hospital!

He spoke of all the grief he deals with – lonely or dying people in nursing homes, caregivers who rarely get a break for themselves, families experiencing a death, spouses going through a divorce, parents having a child go off to college, parents whose children ignore them, caregivers who must let go of a parent and put them in a nursing home, etc.

Saying that the # 1 fear of seniors is being forgotten, he speaks of how many people in our society put their seniors on a shelf and simply forget about them. Through St. John Paul II parish, he's dealt with dozens of seniors in nursing homes in the recent years. One of that parish's programs is called "Francis Companions"

(<http://franciscenter.org/?s=francis+companions>) – named after the Francis Center (<http://franciscenter.org/>) at St. John Paul II parish. (The Francis Center itself is named after Pope Francis.) In this program, helpers are trained to be good listeners to people in nursing homes. The Francis Center also has a card-writing ministry of 35 people writing and mailing cards to lonely seniors.

Jim told one story of a Catholic man who kept hav-



ing the hospital resuscitate his clinically deceased wife, seven or eight times, feeling that to not do so would be the same as killing her. He could not stand to let her go; and the hospital could not convince him that there was really nothing more that could be done for her. Jim spoke with the man and eventually got the man to recognize what he had to do – to let her go.

Fr. Joe Voor, our Serra Club Chaplain, added some comments at the end of Jim's talk. Father said that with so many young people choosing not to marry, not to have children, and not to live in the city where they were raised, we will have an even more tremendous problem with lonely seniors down the road. Secondly, Fr. Voor pointed out that any of us lay individuals, men and women, single and married, could choose to be Catholic Chaplains.

We want to thank Chaplain Jim Laemmler for his time to explain this little-known ministry of Catholic Chaplaincy; and we want to thank him for all he does as a chaplain.

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

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS
WEEK IS MARCH 8-14**

Established in 2014, as part of Women’s History Month, the National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8 through 14 each year. According to the national office, “The NCSW mission is to honor women religious through a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus to the lives of these incredible women. We welcome events of any type, and encourage organizations to think about creative ways to celebrate sisters for the entire week.”

This is a good time for all parishes, schools, and others to choose some way to celebrate this occasion. Maybe you can simply take your favorite religious sister out for a meal.

For more information, see <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/about.php>. For FAQ’s, see http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/_resources/NCSW_FAQ.pdf. Events that some are considering include - a Mass and supper; a Sisters’ Appreciation Day; a card or letter to your favorite sisters; Vespers; a Cupcakes, Coffee, and Conversation event; a retreat; etc. To see what others are doing around the country, see <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/index.php>. To see if an event has been scheduled near your location, check out <http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org/events.php>. For some great stories about women religious, check out the SisterStory at <https://www.sisterstory.org/>.

**SERRA CLUB WILL BE A
SPONSOR OF THE ANNUAL
WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

This year’s Archdiocesan Louisville Women’s Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10, at St. Patrick’s parish (1000 North Beckley Station Rd, Louisville, KY 40245). The conference runs from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm; but pre-registration is requested. The theme this year is “Diverse Women of Faith.” In addition to Mass with **Archbishop Kurtz**, and breakout sessions, there will be two keynote speakers – **Sarah Hart** and **Sr. Eva Marie Lumas, SSS**. For more information, or to register online, go to <http://cwlouisville.net/welcome/>.

Thanks to **Donna Richardson** for proofing this newsletter.

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VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Serran Birthdays this month

Eddie Bauer, Feb 1
Fr. Pat Dolan, Feb 23
Frank Hausman, Feb 24

The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for this month

Universal: **Say “No” to Corruption** - That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Live streaming of Fr. Mark Spalding’s installation

as Bishop of Nashville – Friday, Feb 2, 2 pm – For details, go to <https://www.dioceseofnashville.com/bishop-elect-spalding-installation-information>.

Archdiocesan Eucharistic Adoration – Times and locations can be found at <https://www.archlou.org/parishes/eucharistic-adoration/>.

Twenty-three great ideas for promoting vocations -

<http://www.serraSPARK.org/tools.html>.

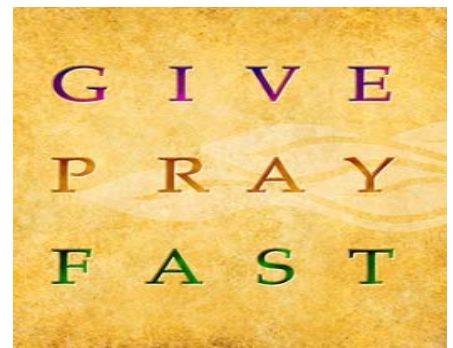
For a list of our current seminarians, with pictures, seminaries, and email addresses, go to

<https://www.archlou.org/services-directory/archdiocesan-agencies-facilities/vocation-office/vocation-office-seminarians/>

Our Sunday Visitor’s “Foundations of Faith” series of articles can be found at

<https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/Article/TabId/535/artmid/13567/articleid/21390/Default.aspx>

**Lent begins
on Ash
Wednesday,
February
14.**



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