



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.

May 7 - Fr. Pat Dolan - "Islam and the Inquisition"

May 21 - Deacon Lucio Caruso -

"Integration of Word, Worship, and Charity."

June 4 – Installation of officers, no outside speaker.

June 18 – Fr. Jeff Hopper will give us his vocation story.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

On March 24, three of our Arch-diocesan seminarians were ordained to the transitional diaconate. They will be ordained to the priesthood in the spring of 2019. The three are Deacons Tony Cecil, Steven Reeves and Kirby Rust. Congratulations to all three!

For more on the ordination, see <http://therecordnewspaper.org/three-seminarians-ordained-transitional-deacons/>.



Deacon Steven Reeves



Deacon Tony Cecil



Deacon Kirby Rust

AT OUR APRIL 2 MEETING, SR. RUTH ANN HAUNZ WAS OUR SPEAKER

Our Speaker for this meeting was Sr. Ruth Ann Haunz, OSU – a member of the Ursuline Sisters. She spoke on "The Francis Center - A Model for Outreach." The Francis Center is an outreach program of St. John Paul II parish in the Hikes Point / Buechel area of Louisville.

Sr. Ruth Ann was born on her family's farm in Oldham County, Kentucky. She lived there until she entered the convent.

Her family was active in St. Aloysius Parish, Pewee Valley. She attended St. Aloysius Grade School, which was a small four-room school at the time.

Sr. Ruth Ann graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Spalding

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College, the University of Dayton (with a Masters in Theological Studies), and Bellarmine University (with a Masters in Spirituality). She is also a credentialed Spiritual Director.

Sr. Ruth Ann has seven siblings - three sisters in the Cincinnati area and three brothers and a sister in the Oldham County / Louisville area.

She was a high school teacher and youth retreat director (13 years), the Ursuline Vocation Director (six years), a Pastoral Associate (24 years), part of the Ursuline Sisters Leadership (six years), as well as a Retreat and Spiritual Director (while in other ministries). She's been a member of the Ursuline order for over 50 years, having joined the order in 1964 and professing her vows in 1967.

Sr. Ruth Ann's current ministry is working as the Manager of the Francis Center Kid's Café. She also assists the Francis Center's executive director with various other opportunities, as well as some publicity and communication.

When Sr. Ruth Ann was asked about other aspects of her life, she said she treasures her rural background and the values and love that her parents shared with her and her siblings. She loves to cook and share hospitality. Inviting and nurturing volunteers is one of her gifts.

The Francis Center is the result of Pope Francis' urging that parishes take care of the people in their neighborhoods and not necessarily beyond. A demographic study of the Buechel area was done by Bellarmine students that determined the need for this outreach program. The Center is partly supported by grants and donations; and it is located in the old school building on the Hikes Lane campus of St. John Paul II parish. All services are provided free of charge, focusing on health, healing, and hospitality. There are several activities designed for seniors.

Sr. Ruth Ann described the services of Kid's Café. There are 33 sites – most of them in the central West End. They are supported by the Dare to Care Program. There are five schools served by the Francis Center (about 50 children in grades 1 through 9). Goldsmith and Klondike schools have many kids needing good nutrition. The Center volunteers, 70 adults and 50 youth (including senior citizens and high school students), provide homework help. Dare to Care provides the hot meals. The Kid's Café follows the Jefferson County Public Schools' schedule. Sister coordinates the volunteers' schedules. There

are three people in the kitchen who receive the food and serve it. The Center staff also minister to the families of the kids *and* to those who volunteer. They minister to refugee and immigrant families, so there are also language differences. Sister told the story of a widow with four boys who came from Syria and the problems this family faced and how the Center staff helped them.



Sr. Ruth

Ann said there is a reward for getting involved by working with people who have problems and need help - building these relationships is contagious. Her OSU Community life fits in with her daily work; and her community supports her in her work. The Center won the Bobby Ellis Award for its food program. The Francis Center also has a 63-plot community garden, and a waiting list of people wanting to use it. They also offer marriage and individual counseling.

For more information on the Francis Center, see <https://franciscenter.org/>.

We want to thank Sister Ruth Ann for her presentation.

*(Thanks to Theresa Fiedler for this article.
Thanks to Jerry Zimmerer for the pictures of Sr. Ruth Ann and Deacon Bill Klump's picture below.)*

DEACON BILL KLUMP HAS **BECOME A MEMBER OF** **THE SERRA CLUB**

Deacon Bill Klump, our newest member, introduced himself at our April 2 meeting. He was ordained on August 17, 1996. Deacon Bill and his wife Barbara have five children and four grandchildren.



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Although Deacon Bill sold his accounting firm, Klump & Blandford, PSC, he still does some part-time accounting work for that firm during tax season. He previously served as deacon at Our Lady Parish under Fr. Riley for ten years, Holy Family Parish for 2 ½ years, and is now assigned to his own parish, St. Louis Bertrand.

ON APRIL 10, THE SERRA CLUB **VISITED ST. MEINRAD SEMINARY**

We had been invited by our own Archdiocesan seminarians to join them for Mass, lunch, and a tour of the seminary. In addition, we were able to make stops at the gift shop and the recently renovated Monte Cassino Shrine, which dates back to 1870.

The tour was led by Deacons Minh Vu, Steven Reeves, and Kien Nguyen. It included Marian Hall, the Chapter Room, and the Abbey Church. In the hall where they have pictures of all the graduating classes, we saw the 1950 picture of Fr. Joe Voor's graduating class! (Fr. Voor was able to join us on this trip, too.) We were also able to spend time with seminarians Eddie Jarboe, Loi Pham, and Quan Nguyen, as well as Deacon David Farrell.



Inside the Monte Cassino Shrine



Fr. Joe Voor and his 1950 graduating class



Inside the Benedictine Chapter Room



Inside the Abbey Church



An artist's triptych story of the life of St. Meinrad

AT OUR APRIL 16 MEETING ARCHBISHOP KURTZ WAS OUR SPEAKER

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz joined us to talk on “The Gift of Religious Liberty.” He started by thanking us and saying the Ser-rans can be proud of the culture of vocations we foster in our Archdiocese. He said we can all be proud, too, that we had three new transitional deacons ordained this year and five deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood in May.

He also wanted to thank us for organizing our monthly Holy Hours for Vocations.

The Archbishop spoke of a recent letter to the editor of the Courier Journal – a letter that criticized



the Archbishop and us Catholics for many things, including our belief that marriage should only be between one man and one woman. The Archbishop talked about his response to that letter, in his April 15 Courier Journal opinion column, which can be found at

<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2018/04/13/louisville-archbishop-kurtz-gay-marriage-first-amendment/508728002/>.

Pope Francis has spoken much on religious liberty, including when he visited the U.S. in 2015. “Comments on religious liberty can easily be misunderstood,” said Archbishop Kurtz. Some of our most important freedoms are not given by the state, but by God. In the U.S. we have rights protected by the Constitution (<http://constitutionus.com/>). And our Declaration of Independence (<http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/>) says “that all men are created equal, that they are

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Not all countries have these protections of human rights. And now, even in the U.S., people want



to debate the meaning of these rights, and even the existence of the Creator referred to in the Declaration of Independence.

“**Faith is personal but not private,**” said the Archbishop. He recently reminded newly confirmed eighth graders that the choice to be confirmed is a public action.

He reminded us that “religious liberty is the cornerstone of a society that promotes human dignity.”

In 1965, when the Second Vatican Council was in session, the Church hierarchy spoke much of religious freedom, and suggested that we are not to “impose” our will on others, but “propose” our beliefs.

In “Dignitatis Humanae” (the Second Vatican Council document on religious freedom, at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_an_council/documents/vat-ii_decl_19651207_dignitatis-humanae_en.html), the Church hierarchy spoke of freedoms, with certain



limitations on governments. The Archbishop said that the test of “strict scrutiny” calls for (1) the individual’s religious beliefs to be “sincerely held” (e.g., not just a hoax to avoid taxes); (2) the need for government to have compelling reasons to limit cer-

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tain freedoms; and (3) the need for government to seek the least restrictive way to solve problems of freedom (e.g., you don't use a machine gun to get rid of a fly in the room).

Archbishop Kurtz spoke of a committee formed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that currently focuses on three areas



of national interest: (1) the Conscience Protection Act would, for example, address the cases in which nurses are given a choice to either assist with an abortion or be fired. (2) The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act would allow child welfare organizations, including adoption and foster care providers, to make placement determinations based on the provider's "religious beliefs or moral convictions." (3) The First Amendment Defense Act would prevent the federal government from discriminating against individuals or institutions based on their beliefs about marriage.

In our present culture, if one person disagrees with us, we are tempted to be quiet. But, "we can't be apologetic about our religious freedoms," said the Archbishop. Too often we are only "shouting at each other, not using logic," he said.

He also said that, this year, the Fortnight for Freedom will be replaced by the Week of Religious Freedom, running from June 22 through June 29, with a number of local discussions and videos on related topics. The Archbishop also reminded us that, like parents raising children, we are long-distance runners, working hard now for the fruits to be harvested down the road.

We want to thank Archbishop Kurtz for his wonderful presentation.

Thanks also to St. Bartholomew parish, and Fr. Paul Eve, for letting us use Barth Hall for this meeting.

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

THE SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE IN NASHVILLE THIS YEAR!

The international conference this year will be in Nashville, from June 27 to July 1. Speakers include His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, and Most Reverend Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle. The conference will be at the Inn at Opryland – located near the Grand Ole Opry. Stay a few extra days to do some sight-seeing and shopping.

You can also pre-register for guided tours of Nashville. For more details on the conference and registration, see

<https://nspire.serrainternational.org/2018-serra-international-convention>.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Serra Club of Louisville is working with a number of parishes in an attempt to have regular, monthly Holy Hours for Vocations, including Eucharistic Adoration and benediction. We will send out announcements when we have details. Also, check the Record for these announcements.

FIVE SEMINARIANS TO BE ORDAINED PRIESTS ON MAY 26

There will be a Holy Hour held on **Friday, May 25** from 6 to 7 pm (the evening before five of our seminarians are ordained to the priesthood) at Holy Family Church, 3926 Poplar Level Road. The five to be ordained, as well as other seminarians, priests, etc., will be there.

And then on **Saturday, May 26**, 11 am, at the Cathedral downtown, the ordination Mass will be held. The seminarians to be ordained are **Deacon Robert Barnell, Deacon Brandon DeToma, Deacon David Farrell, Deacon Kien Nguyen, and Deacon Minh Vu.**

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Birthdays and anniversaries:

Fr. Pat Dolan was ordained May 27, 1978.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity - That the

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lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

On the Vocation of Motherhood - <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/motherhood-and-the-call-to-holiness1>

The Pope's new exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" - Another article on the new publication can be found at

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-issues-exhortation-praising-the-middle-class-of-holiness-98724>. The whole 44-page exhortation itself can be found at https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html.

Pictures for our Directory – At our regular club meetings in May and June we will be taking pictures of members so that we can include them in our membership directory.

Why Am I Here? – “To Become A Saint” – Read the article at <https://diocesan.com/why-am-i-here/>.

On the vocation of becoming an adult - "The Vanishing American Adult" - see <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/nebraska-senator-warns-of-peter-pan-epidemic-should-catholics-worry>.

The Eucharist explained in a great cartoon - <https://churchpop.com/2014/11/24/the-eucharist-explained-in-this-great-cartoon/>.

Building a Culture of Vocations – Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Save the date – Friday, August 24, 2018 – Priests' Variety Show, location yet to be determined.

Common sense reflections by Mother Theodore Guerin (1798-1856) - <https://newthingspringingforth.wordpress.com/2014/07/17/common-sense/>

Learning from the sages of other religions - "The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice." - Mahatma Gandhi

The second annual Religious Brothers Day is May 1 each year. Learn more about it at

<https://nrvc.net/292/publication/5311/article/13029-religious-brothers-day-may-1-2018>

Quote from a saint – “Let us bear our cross and leave it to God to determine the length and the weight.” - St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852)

Vacationing near a Catholic Shrine? – Wherever you go in the United States, you're never very far from a Catholic shrine. Checkout this list of U.S. shrines, organized by state - <http://www.catholicshrines.net/>.

On Spirituality - “Let each one remember that he will make progress in all spiritual things only insofar as he rids himself of self-love, self-will, and self-interest.” - Saint Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556, founder of the Jesuits)

Scripture verse of the month – “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” - Philippians 4:13

**PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WITH
A RELIGIOUS VOCATION**

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