



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.

June 4 Mtg – Installation of officers, no outside speaker.

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

July 2 Mtg - Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P. will speak on "The Theology of Vocation"

July 16 Mtg - Cathy Reynolds, Director of Campus Ministry at St. X - “The current status of high school campus 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST PRIESTS

On Saturday, May 26, we had the ordination of five new priests in our Archdiocese – **Father Robert Barnell, Father Brandon DeToma, Father David Farrell, Father Kien Nguyen, and Father Minh Vu.** Congratulations to all of them. Here are pictures of each of the new priests giving their first blessings to some of those who had just attended the Ordination Mass.



Fr. Brandon DeToma



Fr. Minh Vu



Fr. Robert Barnell



Fr. David Farrell



Fr. Kien Nguyen

FR. PAT DOLAN SPOKE AT OUR MAY 7 MEETING

Fr. Pat, Pastor at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, gave us a presentation on “Islam and the Inquisition.” He spoke specifically on the Spanish Inquisition, not to be confused with other inquisitions.

At the end of the Roman Empire, the Visigoths converted to Arians and then later slowly converted to true Christianity. This occurred from the 400’s through the 600’s. In the late 500’s, Muhammad (the founder of Islam) had visions that resulted in the mobilizing of Muslim communities and, in the year 711, the invasion of Spain. The Muslims were almost defeated; but they did end up taking over Spain. The French rallied against the Muslims. And around the year 800, King Charlemagne drove many of the Muslims south to the Ebro River in the northeast of Spain. The famed Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain was another rallying point against the Muslims.

The Muslims basically took the attitude that the people they conquered were to either convert to Islam (the religion of the Muslims) or be killed. For them, Islam was not just a religion, but also their politics. However, in Iraq, Syria, and Egypt, the Muslims sometimes allowed small Christian communities to survive without converting to Islam, thinking those communities would eventually die out.

In Spain, many Christians were able to hide out in the mountains or keep a low profile so as not to be executed. Compared to their African existence, the Muslims liked Spain and flourished there. In the 11th century, during the time of El Cid, the military leader in medieval Spain, the Crusades were going on; and the Christians, including some from England, pushed Christianity further south – thus pushing Muslim control further south in Spain.

By the mid-1200’s, Portugal had helped expand Christianity, and caused the Muslims in Spain to be moved even further south. As a result, Muslim control was limited to Granada – a small area in southern Spain. However, by this time, the population of all of Spain included Christians, Jews, and people who had been influenced by Greek ideas, as well as the Muslim minority. In addition, the various Rites of Christianity were in competition with one another.

To complicate matters further, there were cabalistic thinkers – mystics whose approach to religion depended a lot on the interpretations of numbers. To many of the uneducated, it was understood that with the right words by a priest, bread and wine could be

converted into the body and blood of Christ. This made it hard to reject the “magic” of the cabalistic thinkers.

In the 1300’s, the black plague wiped out many people, but the clergy disproportionately, since they tended the sick and administered the sacraments. Consequently, the education of seminarians by the clergy also suffered.

All of these factors contributed to confusion and a lessening of the true Catholic education of the masses of Christians.

The Roman Christians, including the states supportive of Rome, decided it was time to clean up Christianity. The Catholic Monarchs, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabela of Spain, also participated in this exercise to maintain the Roman Catholic orthodoxy in their country. The Spanish Inquisition was



established to ask questions, find the sources of errors, and get rid of the errant thinking within the Church. The problem was that people could falsely accuse others of disseminating the non-truths, sometimes resulting in torture and even the death of people accused of teaching non-truths. Oftentimes, it was the state, and not the Church, that were taking the punishments too far. The purpose of the inquisition was always and only to give the true faith the chance to be understood correctly: never to punish, only to heal.

What about today? Radical Muslims still feel that Spain belongs to them. New generations of people even in the Americas are confused by all of this. Spain has become more tolerant of Jews and Muslims. However, Spain is primarily Catholic while Morocco, just across the Mediterranean Sea in northern Africa, is primarily Muslim.

We want to thank Fr. Pat Dolan for his presentation, which was very informative.

SLATE OF PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR THE JUNE 4 ELECTION

At our June 4 regular meeting, we will elect and install officers for the coming year. The slate of proposed officers is as follows:

President - **Bob Hublar**

V-P Secretary - **Ken Peet**

V-P Membership - **Neil Manias**

V-P Treasurer - **Jerry Gonsoski**

V-P Programs - **Chuck Lynch**

Other Board Members: **John Tichenor, Theresa Fiedler, Ralph Williams, Norm Beat, and Debbie Farmer**

Fr. Joe Voor will continue to be our Chaplain; Ken Peet will continue to be our District Governor.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY

Thanks to all the members who donated. We ended up collecting \$400 to support the Clergy Appreciation Day that will be on Monday, June 18, at the Woodhaven Country Club.

DEACON LUCIO CARUSO SPOKE AT OUR MAY 21 MEETING

Deacon Lucio Caruso joined us to speak on the topic "Integration of Word, Worship, and Charity." Deacon Lucio works with Catholic Charities and is also assigned to Epiphany parish.

He was born in Italy, an only child, and came to the United States when he was a year and a half old. He grew up in Jackson, Michigan, earning his B.A. in Theology and Social Science at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids Michigan. In the diocese of Grand Rapids, he served for 32 years, in parishes and in many other capacities - including education, pastoral ministry, and social service.

He earned a Masters in Pastoral Theology from



Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terra Haute, Indiana. Lucio has been married for over 30 years. He and his wife, Therese, have two grown sons, and three grandchildren.

Deacon Lucio has been here in Louisville and with Catholic Charities for the last 10 years. He currently serves as Director of Mission for Catholic Charities and previously served as director of its local social service programs. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese on Aug 21 of 2010 and was assigned to Epiphany Catholic Church.

Deacon Lucio, age 63, spoke first of his life journey and growth into the diaconate. He loves life and love itself; and he reminded us that the Scriptures tell us "God is love."



He reminded us that Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical "God is Love" (http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est.html) said "love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her (*the Church*) as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word." Caring for each other, practicing love and charity, are essential to our beliefs and to the life of the Church.

Deacon Lucio said that love and charity are so important to who we are that they are "sacramentalized" in our service to others.

He told us the story of how the revival of the diaconate within the Church came from discussions among priest prisoners in the concentration camps at Dachau during the Holocaust. (In addition to six million Jews killed in the Holocaust, another five million non-Jews were killed. In 1940, the Priest Barracks of the Dachau Concentration Camp was established. Of 2,720 clergy imprisoned at Da-

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chau, 95% were Catholic.) These prisoners asked themselves how their faith allowed society to get to the point where the Holocaust could occur. A German theologian and Jesuit priest, Fr. Karl Rahner, also wrote about these discussions, as well as the diaconate, and was instrumental in the Second Vatican Council's restoration of the diaconate, even for married men.

Deacon Lucio spoke of the deacon's "love of neighbor and the altar." Even when a bishop is the main celebrant, it is the deacon who proclaims the Gospel and sends us forth at the end of the Mass – some of the same functions early Church deacons performed.

Deacons are to be a driving force in the life of the Catholic community. They are to "cheerlead, animate, and excite people" to live the good life in love and service. They are to help us see the intersection of the Sacraments, the Word, the Eucharist, and living out our lives of love and service. Deacon Lucio said some deacons speak of the Mass as having three parts – the liturgy of the Word, the liturgy of the Eucharist, and the liturgy of the World (the dismissal into the world).

Human needs are great and can even be overwhelming. We could easily despair. But the Church helps us to be rooted back into the Scriptures and the Sacraments each weekend, reminding us of Church teaching and that we are part of a community that exists to help one another. The "parish community is where we get loved" he said.

Deacon Lucio also spoke of his work with Catholic Charities, which is part of Catholic Charities, USA, which is part of Caritas International. Through the connection of all these organizations, the Church can respond to service the needs on every continent.

We want to thank Deacon Lucio Caruso for his love of the Church; his enthusiasm for love, charity, and service; and for his time in speaking to the Serra Club of Louisville.

(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.

Although the **hotel rooms at the Inn at Opryland are sold out**, we have heard you can contact the International office (at (312) 419-7411) and get the names of nearby hotels, if you're still interested in attending the meetings. You can also pre-register for the meetings and guided tours of Nashville. For more details on the conference and registration, see <https://nspire.serrainternational.org/2018-serra-international-convention>.

[TO ALL FATHERS, INCLUDING OUR PRIESTS, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!](#)

Good quotes from or about fathers:

"My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there." - Indira Gandhi

"Do your work before you play. Be honest. Respect others' property and feelings." - a father to his son, Ralph Horn, who grew up to be CEO, First Tennessee National Bank

"My father said to me, "If you take one step with all the knowledge you have, there is usually just enough light shining to show you the next step." - Margaret Murie, 1901-2003, naturalist, author, adventurer, and conservationist

"Why should God wish to hide from us? Observe well how a devoted father when teaching his young son to walk, stands in front of him, speaks encouragingly and holds his two hands on either side of the child. The boy goes toward his father with outstretched arms, but the moment he comes close to him the father moves away a little and holds his hands farther apart. He does this over and over so that the child may learn to walk." - Jewish sage and Rabbi Baal Shem Tov

For a good article on Sainly Examples of Fatherhood, see <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/devoted-dads-saintly-examples-of-fatherhood>

How can fatherhood be a vocation? See <http://catholicphilly.com/2017/06/catholic-spirituality/how-can-fatherhood-possibly-be-a-vocation/>

St Vincent Madelgaire (7th century) was a great

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example of a husband, and a father to four children, all of whom were declared saints!
<http://www.newmanconnection.com/faith/saint/saint-vincent-madelgarus>

THE POPE'S NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "REJOICE AND BE GLAD"

Earlier this year, the Pope, and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued an apostolic exhortation entitled "Rejoice and Be Glad."

"The ultimate vocation of man is in fact one, and divine." is a quote from the Second Vatican Council, used in this exhortation.

The whole document is only 15 paragraphs long and can be found at

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20180222_placuit-deo_en.html.

A couple of good commentaries can be found at <http://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2018-03/congregation-doctrine-faith-placuit-deo-michael-sirilla.html>

and

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.catholicnewsagency.com/amp/news/commentary-placuit-deo-against-new-paradigms-18800>.

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Birthdays and anniversaries:

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Fr. Joe Voor (our Chaplain), June 3 is the 68th anniversary of his ordination.

Fr. Peter Do (Associate Vocation Director) – June 8 is the 16th anniversary of his ordination.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Farmer, June 7

Paul Koprucki, Jun 27

Ramsey Kraft, June 28

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

Universal: Social Networks - That social networks

may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Vocation quote - "... our vocation is to join God's dynamic, incarnate energy in the world and to be that presence wherever we find ourselves." - Professor Mary Beth Ingham, Sister of Saint Joseph

One of our new priests, Fr. Minh Vu, was recently quoted in a Catholic News Service article at <http://iobserve.org/2018/05/18/new-priests-begin-ministry-with-personal-gifts-from-their-experiences/>.

St. Junipero Serra – Don't forget that his feast day is coming up – July 1.

Religious Freedom - 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.

On Euthanasia - "If the elderly, sick and suffering in our population feel that euthanasia is their best option, it means we as a society and as individuals are letting them down." - Archbishop J. Michael Miller of Vancouver

On discernment - "Vocations work isn't recruiting so much as inviting young people to ask the big questions in life." - Father Gubbiotti, vocation director for the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut

Religion - "Religion, as its root re-ligio (to "re-ligament") indicates, is the task of putting our divided realities back together: human and divine, male and female, heaven and earth, sin and salvation, mistake and glory, matter and spirit. This is the task of every human life." - Fr. Richard Rohr

Motto of Blessed Clemens August von Galen (1878-1946) - "Neither praise nor threats will distance me from God."

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The NEWMAN CONNECTION



The Serra Club of Louisville

and the

Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults

have teamed up to promote

The Newman Connection

for all of our high school graduates!



THE FACTS:

- An estimated **80%** of Catholic students leave the Church **before they turn 23!**
- **Only 15%** of U.S. Catholic college students take the time and effort to locate the Catholic ministry on their college campus!
- A study completed for the U.S. Bishops confirmed that those who are active in Campus Ministry also attend Mass more often, donate more to their parishes, become leaders in their parishes, and are likely to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life!
- Conclusion: **Increasing student's participation in Catholic campus ministry activities greatly benefits the individual and the Church in many ways!**

By informing the local Catholic ministry leaders on or near any of over **2,000 public and Catholic campuses nationwide** through The Newman Connection, the college student will be found and contacted, and will then *know* there is a place for them in the Church, meet Catholic friends, and grow in their faith!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

(If someone other than the student or their parent would like to submit a name, please courteously ask permission of the student or their parent first!)

- 1) **Tell every high school graduate, parent or grandparent of a graduate you know!** Encourage them to go to www.newmanconnection.com/connect and sign up!
- 2) **Provide names directly to us!** (*See contacts below.*) All that is needed for each student is:
 - First and last name,
 - The college this student plans to attend (*exact name since some college names are similar*), and
 - The city and state of the college
- 3) **Enter names yourself directly into the Newman Connection website!** Register as a "Volunteer" at www.newmanconnection.com/volunteer and start your own list of young people you wish to get connected!

GET YOUR PARISH, YOUTH MINISTRY, AND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVED!

- Parish offices can help find your parish's high school graduates, create bulletin announcements, and post flyers!
- Youth Ministers often have a good idea who your parish's public high school graduates are!
- Catholic High Schools have their list of current graduates and their intended colleges, too!
- **Share this flyer!** Pastors, Principals, Youth Ministers, Scout Leaders, Coaches, Teachers, Parents, Grandparents!

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