



# Serra Club of Louisville

August, 2018  
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, Louisville, and are open to the public.*

**Aug 6 Mtg** - Fr. David Cockson will speak on "The Power of the Anointing of the Sick."

**Aug 27** - Holy Hour for Vocations - St. James parish in E-town. See

note to the right.

**Aug 20 Mtg** - Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU will speak about the *Water With Blessings* organization.

**Sep 3** – No meeting – due to Labor Day holiday.

**Sep 17 Mtg** - Fr. Jim Mudd will speak on “How Do You Deal With Divorced Children?”

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

A Holy Hour for Vocations will be **Monday, August 27 – St. James parish in E-Town.**

307 W Dixie Ave, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

6:30 – 7:00 Mass, with special intentions for vocations

7:00 – 8:00 Confessions

7:00 – 8:45 Silent Eucharistic Adoration

8:45 – 9:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00 – 9:15 Night prayers (from the Liturgy of the Hours)

## REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE

From June 27 through July 1, Serra International (SI) had its annual convention; and this year, it was in Nashville. Our District Governor, Ken Peet, and former District Governor, Ralph Williams, along with their wives, attended the convention. At our July 2 meeting they gave us an update from the meeting.

Ken said that Daniel Jones, the new President of SI, spoke of how worldwide membership is in decline; and he challenged all of us members to bring in a new member in 2018, and then do the same in 2019. He also challenged all Districts to create a new club in their districts. Our club’s board of directors has been talking about how to do that.

Ken also said that there has been a re-organization of some Districts. The Kentucky and Evansville District is changing. We will now be a part of the Region consisting of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Ken also said that other people attending from Kentucky were Fr. Michael Flanigan from the Lexington Club and Ernie Taliaferro, President of the Owensboro Club.

Ralph also gave a report, saying they all had a good time in Nashville and that the speakers were “incredible.” He spoke with Bishop Mark Spalding, formerly of the Louisville Archdiocese, who apparently “fits like a glove in Nashville.” Ralph also spoke of the closing cere-

monies -- a major Mass, and a big banquet, with some people in tuxedos! Speakers included Bishop Alexander Sample (Archdiocese of Portland, OR), and Cardinal Thomas Collins (Archdiocese of Toronto). Additionally, Ralph said that Nashville has a very creative Vocation Director, who really emphasized prayer. Finally, Ralph reported that the USA Council (USAC) is promoting the SPARK program to promote a



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culture of vocations in our communities, for which details can be found at <https://www.serraspark.org/index.html>.

Ralph bragged that our very own District Governor Ken Peet was even mentioned in the program!

Thanks to Ken and Ralph for representing us at this year's annual international convention.

## FR. GREGORY PINE, O.P. WAS OUR SPEAKER FOR JULY 2

Fr. Gregory was our speaker at the July 2 meeting; and he spoke on "The Theology of Vocation."

He was born and raised in Newtown, PA, at St. Andrew's parish. His parents still live there in Pennsylvania, where he also has three siblings. Fr. Gregory was educated in public schools and then went to college at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. He joined the Dominicans on 7/25/10 and was ordained 5/21/16.



He has been the Associate Pastor at St. Louis Bertrand. The Dominican order is moving him to the District of Columbia this summer.

When Fr. Gregory was introduced to Fr. Joe Voor at this meeting, he was told that Fr. Voor is the oldest priest in the Archdiocese of Louisville. When it was time for Fr. Gregory to speak, he said he happens to be the youngest priest in the Archdiocese.

He spoke of the influence his childhood upbringing had on his vocation. His parents were devout Catholics; his dad blessed the house, and everyone in it, daily; his parents were daily communicants and taught the children Catechism. Fr. Gregory spoke of his dad going to monthly confession. He told us of how influential each parent was to their children, but in very different ways. He told us that

85% of children, when they grow up, end up going to church, or not going to church, based on what they experienced of their father's church attendance.

His parents also ran a Catholic store and coordinated pilgrimages to Medjugorje, Lourdes and Fatima once or twice each year. He spoke of the five recommendations of Our Lady of Medjugorje – prayer, fasting, Scriptures, Confession, and the Eucharist.

It was interesting how Fr. Gregory had no thoughts of a religious vocation while he was in high school. He even had an interest in a girl at one point. However, when he went to the Franciscan College in Steubenville (which his two older sisters had attended), it was suggested to freshman that they not date that year but, instead, make many good friends. He found that to be good advice.

One of his philosophy professors really intrigued him with a course entitled "Aquinas on natural love." Fr. Gregory found it full of clarity and precision. He was impressed by the book "Quiet Light" (by Louis De Wohl) as well as the Lives of the Saints. After study much of Aquinas, he decided he wanted to become a Dominican priest.

He was also impressed with praying with the Scriptures, telling us all about his understanding of John, Chapter 1, where, in response to Christ's question "What do you seek?" some said "Rabbi, where are you staying?" After Christ responded "Come and see," Andrew told Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Fr. Gregory strongly recommends Lectio Divina. (See <http://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/what-lectio-divina> for a good explanation.)

After college he went to a seminary in D.C. and felt that the seminary "unriddled" some of life's puzzles. He says "I've been a priest for two years; and it's good." He speaks of the religious vocation as one "worthy of pursuit." Although discernment and vocation can be very mysterious, he said it offers the "possibility for infinite growth."

His theology of vocation calls for recognizing that God, in his triune life, enjoys life and love, and needs for nothing. We were created out of God's overflow of love. God has a secret (which is love) that is too good to keep. We are here to sing a song of praise to God Most High. God is simple, not complex – like white light. No one word suffices in describing God or his love.

Fr. Gregory elaborated on all of this by saying we learn from many things – e.g., a mother's tender love, looking at the Grand Canyon, and our own

**FR. GREGORY PINE, O.P.**  
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lives. We were made by God, with intention, for a specific purpose. We have desires to manifest God's glory. If we attend Mass, pray, confess our sins, and read the Scriptures, then our desires can be more trusted. "Without love, we'd be inert." We all have virtues; but with a religious vocation, some virtues come to the fore. He said the virtues of devotion, religion, and magnanimity ("great souledness" as he called it) were very important to a real religious vocation. The individual must be willing to lose a life in the service of God. The religious vocation is for a person who "wants heaven without going through the back door of Purgatory."

Fr. Gregory spoke of Lumen Gentium (only 21 pages long, not counting the footnotes - see [http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_const\\_19641121\\_lumen-gentium\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html) for the full text and <https://diocesan.com/brief-look-lumen-gentium/> for a summary) and its universal call to holiness, as well as the Holy Spirit's calling each of us to unity and perfection. (He reminded us that the Church has canonized many lay saints in the last century.) While God gives virtues and graces to everyone, only some are called to the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. "All are called to heroic sanctity," he said.

He spoke of most people being satisfied to think of heaven as something we'll experience after death, while those with a religious vocation often "want to live heaven now."

We want to thank Fr. Gregory Pine for his presentation; and we wish him well in his move to Washington, D.C.

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

**CATHY REYNOLDS,**  
**OF ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL,**  
**WAS THE SPEAKER AT OUR**  
**JULY 16 MEETING**

Cathy Reynolds, a teacher of psychology at St. Xavier High School since 1996, has also been their Director of Campus Ministry since 2004. She joined us to speak on the current status of high school campus ministry.

Prior to her time at Saint X, she worked in various ministry positions – Pastoral Associate, Director

of Religious Education, Youth Minister, and Director of Music here in Louisville, in Connecticut, and in New Jersey, where she is originally from.

Cathy shares her leadership within the Xaverian Brothers community by serving on various committees with the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools office, as well as sharing her music as a cantor at Xaverian Brothers funerals and functions.



On a national level, Cathy is a co-leader for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Network and has been a workshop presenter at the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry for several years.

She is married to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Brian Reynolds. They have two children - Kevin, who is married and lives in

Independence, Kentucky, and Colleen, who lives in Cincinnati.

Cathy began by saying how much she appreciated what the Serra Club does in prayers and support for vocations. In her 22 years at St. X, she has seen a number of young men who went on to choose a religious vocation. She taught two men ordained in the last few years – Fr. Adam Carrico and Fr. Robert Barnell. She also spoke of one St. X grad who has worked for years with the Teach for America program (<https://www.teachforamerica.org/>).

She speaks of having begun her youth ministry at the end of her high school years, when she struggled with her own purpose in life, and identity, as many teenagers do. She attended a "Search" retreat at which she decided she had an "aha moment" in November of 1976. At that retreat she also experienced her first face-to-face sacrament of Reconciliation, with a priest she knew – one who spoke to her own search for identity. Feeling God's grace and deciding to turn it over to God, she eventually came to the conclusion that her calling was to get involved with parish youth ministry.

Cathy also figured that if a retreat could be this meaningful to her, then maybe she could do something to help similar experiences happen to other youth. After college, she got a Masters in Religious Education.

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In 1990, she was in youth ministry at St. Pius parish with Fr. Dale Cieslik. When an opening was available at St. X, she jumped at the opportunity and has been there ever since. Now her job is primarily campus ministry, teaching only two classes. Also, she is one of four people at St. X who devote time to campus ministry, although she speaks of every teacher playing some role in this ministry. In fact, all nine of our Archdiocesan high schools have at least one campus minister.

At St. X they look to “impart the faith in whatever way we can” she said – inside and outside of the classroom. As you can imagine, the youth ministers in the area meet regularly to network and share ideas. For St. X, she says their campus ministry consists of several components.

One component is prayer and worship. They give the students many such opportunities, as well as helping students understand what this is all about. Some national studies indicate some youth are coming back to the church due to high school retreats, related events for teenagers, and even partly due to national events that get students talking about faith. They frequently offer Mass for all 1,600 students; and the Archbishop is usually present for at least one all-school Mass at each of our nine high schools. St. X also invites priests to come on campus to help with Masses, retreats, and Reconciliation. Also, every class, and even lunch periods, start with a prayer.

Another big component of campus ministry is service – working with the greater Louisville community as well as regional and global service projects. The St. Joseph of Arimathea Society, (<https://www.saintx.com/student-life/clubs-activities/st-joseph-of-arimathea-society>) originating with a Catholic high school in Cleveland, and established locally by Ben Kresse, a religion teacher at St. X, helps to bury the poor and homeless, with pall bearers, funeral services, and coordinating with others in the community to have headstones made. Now a number of our local schools, and even college students, are involved with this program. The St. X students were really surprised on one occasion to find out that a person they were burying was a former St. X student.

For St. X, service has also included trips to Belize and Appalachia with Hand in Hand Ministries (<http://www.myhandinhand.org/>), and a trip to the poorest area of Jamaica to help with a grade school

and a boys’ orphanage.

A third big component of campus ministry is retreats. All nine of the local Catholic high schools now do retreats for all four years of their students’ time in high school. These are seen as opportunities for students to connect to something greater than themselves and find their way back to Church, worship and God. Many of these retreats take place at the Flaget Center, Mount St. Francis, St. Meinrad or the Crossroads Ministry Retreat Center. The school also has a senior spirituality course for the senior year – on staying connected with their faith after graduation.

Another component of campus ministry is the focus on faculty leadership, since every teacher is treated as having a role in campus ministry. So, the faculty have their own retreats and days of reflection.

Cathy explained, in response to one question, that the school uses the Internet in many ways. Its campus ministers network with other Catholic youth ministers from across the country. The students sometimes use the Busted Halo site (<https://bustedhalo.com/>), as well as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to share their faith. Through the Alumni Association, the school stays in touch with former students.

The school celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week and has prayers for vocations and uses the Serra Spark program (<https://www.serraspark.org/>) to help create a culture of vocations at the school. The school also participates in the Newman Connection (<http://www.newmanconnection.com/>), passing on the names of students transitioning to college, so they can be encouraged to stay in touch with their faith after high school.

We want to thank Cathy Reynolds for the update on high school campus ministry, as well as for all she does for youth here in Louisville.

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

**All of us Serrans are recruiters  
for the Serra Club.  
"Each one, bring one!"**

### NEWMAN CONNECTION

This year, with both the Serra Club and the Archdiocese promoting the program, there were 1,254 names of local high school graduating seniors, and the college they will be attending, submitted to the Newman Connection! This means they’ll be contacted by Newman Centers, Catholic youth ministers, or parishes close to their college about Catholic activities and how to stay in touch with their Catholic faith.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

I just finished reading a free excerpt from a book, "The Rosary, with Illustrations and Meditations," written in 1872, but with no author listed. (Amazon simply attributes it to the Catholic Church.) (<http://catholicsaints.mobi/ebooks/book-articles/rosary.htm>)

It took the better part of an hour to read the whole excerpt, but I was really impressed with the material. I don't think I've ever read something so well written on the Rosary. The article: provides a history of the Rosary and St. Dominic; gives quotes by saints and popes promoting the Rosary; addresses the opponents of the Rosary; explains why the repetitions in the Rosary are not really something just for the illiterate; lists virtues to associate with each of the 15 mysteries (since there were only 15 at the time the book was written); and speaks of the Rosary in terms of Mary's meditations on the life of Christ, with its own explanation of "meditation" (which might appeal to the many people who are now into meditation).

The paperback version of the whole book can be purchased through Amazon for \$9.95.

*Chuck Lynch, editor*

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

We continue to schedule one Holy Hour for Vocations each month – with the goal of having them in different regions of the Archdiocese, including outside of Jefferson County. The last one was on Tuesday, July 17, at St. Albert the Great parish. Thanks to Fr. Albert Anover for leading that Holy Hour.

The next one will be on **Monday, August 27, at St. James parish in Elizabethtown. See the top right announcement on page 1 of this newsletter for more details.** This Holy Hour will be led by Fr. Martin Linebach, pastor at St. James parish.

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

Earlier this year, the Pope issued an apostolic exhortation entitled *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). **Fr. Joe Voor will speak on this document at our October 1 meeting** later this year. So, you may want to read it before then. The whole document is only 41 pages long and can be found at

[https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html).

## POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

### CLUB MEMBER ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Deacon Bill Klump – ordained Aug 17, 1996

### CLUB MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Aug 18

John Tichenor, Aug 25

Theresa Fiedler, Aug 25

Ralph Williams, Aug 28

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### The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

**Universal:** The treasure of Families - That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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**Religious Liberty** – If you didn't already read the article about Religious Liberty, including Fr. Pat Dolan's comments on the subject, be sure to check out the 7/27/18 Record article at <https://therecordnewspaper.org/religious-liberty-focus-of-special-mass/>

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**Priests' Variety Show** - Friday, August 24, 2018, 7 PM, Holy Trinity Clifton Campus Theatre, 2117 Payne St. Louisville, KY 40206.

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**Water With Blessings** – This wonderful organization, headquartered in Louisville, was the subject of a recent Catholic Digest article. See <http://www.catholicdigest.com/from-the-magazine/love-your-neighbor/201701-12water-with-blessings/> **The Executive Director, Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, will speak at our Monday, August 20 meeting.**

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**Supreme Court** – "Relativism's Dictator" – A 7/18/18 National Catholic Register article on why many feel the Supreme Court erred, even legally, on abortion and same-sex marriage -

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/justice-anthony-kennedy-the-supreme-courts-swing-vote-retires>

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**August 2** is the feast day of Blessed Gustino Maria Russolillo, founder of the Vocationists (priests, brothers, and sisters), an order still in operation.

<http://www.vocationistfathers.org/blessedjustinbio/>

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**Missionary Quotes** – (1) "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only

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ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." - Albert Schweitzer, German medical missionary and theologian, 20th century. (2) "Some give by going. Some go by giving." - Maryknoll Missionary

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**Eucharistic Adoration times** in our Archdiocesan parishes -  
<https://www.archlou.org/parishes/eucharistic-adoration/>

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**On religious unity** "... the various different religious traditions, in spite of different philosophy, different traditions, all have the same message -- a message of love, compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment, and self-discipline." -- Dalai Lama

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**Another good prayer** - "If only I possessed the grace, good Jesus, to be utterly at one with you! Amidst all the variety of worldly things around me, Lord, the only thing I crave is unity with you. You are all my soul needs. Unite, dear friend of my heart, this unique little soul of mine to your perfect goodness. You are all mine; when shall I be yours? Lord Jesus, my beloved, be the magnet of my heart; clasp, press, unite me forever to your sacred heart. You have made me for yourself; make me one with you. Absorb this tiny drop of life into the ocean of goodness whence it came." (Prayer of St. Francis de Sales, 1567-1622)

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**Quote from a Saint** – "He who does not overcome his predominant passion is in great danger of being lost. He who does overcome it will easily conquer all the rest." - Saint Alphonsus

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**New Seminarians this Fall** – The Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Louisville recently said there will be five new seminarians this fall; and their names will be announced in August.

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**Quote from the Pope** - "I am thinking of what Saint Ignatius told us ... he pointed out two criteria on love. The first: Love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words. The second: There is greater love in giving than in receiving." - Pope Francis

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**Quote on the Eucharist** - "A thousand years of en-

joying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - Saint Padre Pio

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**Scripture meditations on doing God's will** - "Not my will but Yours be done." (Lk 22:42). "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Mt 6:10). "Be it done to me according to Your will." (see Lk 1:38). "To do Your will, O my God, is my delight." (Ps 40:9)

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**The Spirituality of St. Serra** -  
<https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/chinnici-Spirituality-of-St.-Serra.pdf>

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**The Archdiocesan Directory** can be found at [www.ArchLou.org/Directory](http://www.ArchLou.org/Directory) and has a wealth of information – including parishes, clergy, seminarians, deacons, religious orders of men and women serving in our Archdiocese, Catholic schools, agencies, offices, hospitals, nursing homes, and retreat centers. Check it out!

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**Pray the Rosary anytime** – To listen to the Rosary, with Archbishop Kurtz, through your personal computer, you can go to <https://www.archlou.org/about-the-archdiocese/publications-media/rosary-podcasts/>. To listen to the Rosary through your smart phone, you can download the Laudate app. There are many Catholic radio stations that carry the Rosary. In Louisville, WLCR (AM 1040) has the Rosary by Archbishop Kurtz Monday to Friday at 8 am, and on Sunday and Saturday at 5 pm. They also carry the EWTN Rosary at 7:30 am on Sunday and Saturday.

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**About Serra Clubs** – For a great 34-minute video, covering the history of St. Serra, Serra International, our purpose, how we are organized, and all about Serrans, see [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9FB\\_v9bsfJeMnZCQXFEaGRmc2R3ck5FZnpWTIN6bmhkWmM0/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9FB_v9bsfJeMnZCQXFEaGRmc2R3ck5FZnpWTIN6bmhkWmM0/view). For the related handouts, if you want a permanent copy of what is shown in the video, see <https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/SNMO.pdf>.

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