



Serra Club of Louisville

"To always go forward – to never turn back!"

– Saint Junipero Serra

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Newsletter

MISSION:

To foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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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 3 – No meeting – due to Labor Day holiday.

Sep 17 Mtg - Fr. Jim Mudd will

speak on "How do you deal with adult children who are divorced?"

Oct 1 Mtg - Fr. Voor will speak on the "Rejoice and Be Glad" exhortation by Pope Francis.

Oct 15 Mtg – Speaker yet to be determined

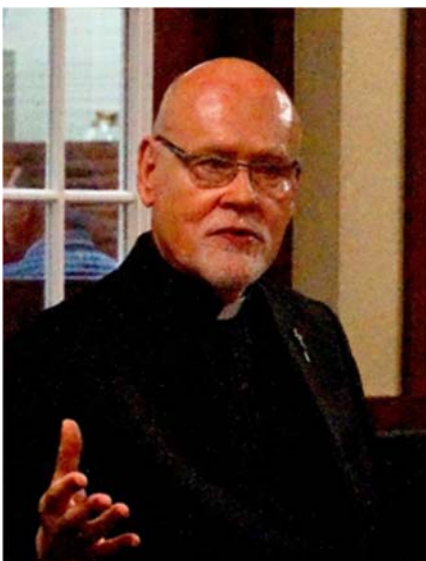
THE POPE'S NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
ALL OUR CLERGY
AND SEMINARIANS
DURING THESE
VERY TRYING
TIMES.**

FR. DAVID COCKSON SPOKE AT OUR AUGUST 6 MEETING

Fr. David Cockson, Pastor at St. Ignatius Martyr parish, joined us to talk about "The Power of the Anointing of the Sick."



Fr. David was born and raised in Nebraska. He received a Bachelor's degree in History and Education from Hastings (NE) College. He obtained a Master of Divinity

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

Mon - St. James Elizabethtown, 7 PM

Sat. - St. Louis Bertrand, 11 to 11:45 am

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH HOLY HOURS, SEE

<https://www.archlou.org/parishes/eucharistic-adoration/>

degree from The St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity, at the University of St. Thomas (MN), and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

He was ordained to the diaconate in 1992, anticipating ordination a year later, but was sidetracked from the priesthood in order to take care of his grandmother and other members of his family. He was finally ordained a priest 22 years later, here at our Cathedral on May 31, 2014, at age 63 – among the oldest men to be ordained in this Archdiocese. So, Fr. David has been a priest now for four years.

Prior to his current assignment in the Archdiocese he was the Pastoral Administrator of three parishes in Taylor County, and the Associate Pastor for two parishes in Nelson County. Fr. David is also the Priest-Chaplain at

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Saints Mary and Elizabeth Hospital.

He began by telling us that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is probably the most misunderstood of the sacraments. Verses from the book of James (Chapter 5) contain much of the language used in the sacrament. And oil, which has been used throughout the history of mankind, even in Old Testament times, is still used in this sacrament. The oil of the sick being used is blessed by the bishop at the Holy Week Chrism Mass each year. Anointing with oil is applied to the forehead, and sometimes to the hands and feet, in memory of Christ's suffering.

Peter Lombard, an Italian theologian of the 12th century, was the one who coined the term "Extreme Unction" – used by the Church as the name of this sacrament prior to Vatican II. It used to also be called the "last rites." Ever since Vatican II, the name has been the Anointing of the Sick, even though the elements of the sacrament are the same.

Historically, the sacrament was used in cases of extreme sickness or old age when a Catholic was near death. However, the sacrament is now used more frequently – in any case where there is even a small risk of death.

The sacrament can also be offered in conjunction with Reconciliation and receipt of the Eucharist. If the Eucharist might be the person's last communion, it is often called Viaticum – Latin for a provision for passage out of this life and into the next.

Fr. David also spoke about the Apostolic Pardon, which can be given in conjunction with this sacrament. The Holy See has granted permission to priests to impart this pardon – the remission of temporal punishment given to a dying person who is in the state of grace.

Of historical interest, the term "bought the farm," which was used to mean that someone had died, pertains to the custom back in the 1900's of farmers purchasing life insurance which could be used to pay off their farm mortgage in the event they died.

A Catholic can receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick even if unconscious. If a person is deceased, a priest or deacon can recite the "Prayers for the Dead."

After Vatican II, some mistakenly thought the relaxing of the rules meant you could be anointed for having a minor ailment; but the Church clarified

that there has to be some risk of death when administering the Sacrament of the sick.

Fr. Voor told us a story from the 50's in which he could not anoint a person the day before open heart surgery, but had to do so only right before the surgery was to be performed. Vatican II also clarified that it is not only an anointing of the sick, but prayers for recovery. "Healing" is no longer only interpreted as pertaining to the body, but it can also refer to the healing of relationships, psychological healing, and preparation for death.

Fr. David also spoke of one case in which he administered the Anointing of the Sick to a young person who had become unconscious, was put on a ventilator and IV's, and was in danger of death. The patient later opened his eyes, sat up, and felt fine. The doctor called it a miracle. He's even seen cases in which some people are resigned to the idea that they are about to die, but then after they receive the sacrament they actually recover.

We were also reminded that a person need not receive the Anointing of the Sick in order to go to heaven. But, as the priests at our meeting explained, we should never let a person die without this sacrament, if at all possible.

We were told that priests have seen cases in which the sacrament was turned down because the sick person "was not ready for death." But after the sacrament is explained, then many people do accept it. Some even survive and feel their lives have been turned around. Fr. David, reminding us that oftentimes the hearing is the last thing to go, has seen cases in which a person thought to be unconscious actually started praying when someone began praying the "Our Father."

We want to thank Fr. David for all his ministries and for taking the time to speak to us on this very valuable Sacrament.

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

SR. LARRAINE LAUTER, OSU, WAS
OUR SPEAKER ON AUG 20.

Our speaker for this meeting was Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, with the Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline community out of Maple Mount, Kentucky. She is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Water With Blessings; and she joined us to speak on the mission and current status of WWB, which is headquartered in Middletown.

Sr. Lorraine grew up in Florida and Kentucky.

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She has a BA in Fine Arts and Elementary Education, and a Masters in Theology from St. Meinrad School of Theology. In close to forty years of ministry, she has been involved in art and music teaching, pastoral ministry, choir directing, ministry with immigrants, nonprofit leadership, and currently also devotes time to worship music at St. John Chrysostom parish in Eminence, Kentucky. Along the way, she has been immersed in matters of justice, environmental protection, art, and most importantly, the contemplative life.

Ten years ago, Sr. Larraine had no warning that she would soon be immersed in the cause of God's children who thirst for clean water. Together with friends Arnold LeMay and Jim Burris, she began to comprehend the immeasurable impact of clean water for the health of children and their communities worldwide. Their first Water Woman 2008 project to equip Honduran mothers with water filters to share with their communities yielded unanticipated outcomes and insight. This eventually resulted in the establishment of Water With Blessings in 2011, a nonprofit recognized by the Pan American Health Organization Foundation with a 2014 Award of Excellence.



Around the world, a child dies every eight seconds; and 90% of those deaths are due to dirty water. While we think of e coli as something out of the past in the U.S., it is a present-day issue in developing countries, where many mothers are on their own to raise their children. E coli can kill overnight. In some African countries, some families don't even name their children until they reach the age of two, since many don't live that long. Of the 1.3 million refugees in northern Uganda, 98% are women and

children.

WWB trains women in the use of its water filters, to be shared with others in their community. At present count, there are over 74,000 "water women" in 45 countries, supported by a great host of collaborators and volunteers.

Sr. Larraine spoke of once meeting a man in the Honduras who asked if it's true that in the U.S. we actually flush our toilets and wash our cars with drinking water. To them, good drinking water is rare and expensive. She reminded us to "look with appreciation at every drop of water we use."

She then spoke a lot about Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world. Although the country advertises its cheap labor, she said the country is full of the poor, the needy, and work camps – while the country is very dependent upon foreign aid. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, billions of dollars were raised around the world, but 90% of U.S. aid never got to Haiti, due to waste, bureaucracy, and mismanagement. There were actually more deaths from dirty water than from the earthquake itself. Peacekeepers came to the country and actually brought disease.

WWB delivers water filters across Haiti in order to eradicate cholera, a water-borne disease. They recruit water women who each use the filters for her own home and agree to also filter the water for three other households. So, the WWB filters, which cost \$60 each and are powered by gravity, can end up helping on average 16 people each and are guaranteed for a lifetime, with proper care, cleaning and back-flushing. WWB is training 1,500 women per month on how to do all this. In one seven-month period, cholera was wiped out in one Haitian county due to the use of these filters.

With clean water, people live much longer and children can go to school without the distractions of sickness and deaths in their homes. There are now 12,000 women in Haiti who have the filters.

As Sr. Larraine puts it, "we have a tremendous historical debt of justice to Haitians" for all the ways we have historically taken advantage of this poor country. Supporting the WWB water filter project is an extremely well-designed and efficient way to



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make great use of our donations. For more information on WWB, check out their website at <http://www.waterwithblessings.org/>.

Two days after our meeting, it was announced that Sr. Larraine is being given the 2018 Muhammad Ali Kentucky Humanitarian Award. Sr. Larraine, congratulations!

We want to thank Sr. Larraine for taking the time to meet with us and to thank her for all that she does for others and in the name of the Catholic Church.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

This year, most of our local Catholic schools started on the feast of the Assumption. Here's a picture of three of our priests right after saying morning Mass for the students at John Paul II Academy.



Included in the picture are the principal Ms. Lynn Wilt, a parent and three students, and (from left to right) Fr. Nick Brown (pastor at St. Bartholomew parish), Fr. Robert Barnell (associate pastor at St. Bartholomew) and Fr. Bill Burks (pastor at St. John Paul II parish).

GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE

In cases you're not aware of it, there are dozens of Catholic organizations participating (along with over 500 other charities) in this year's "Give for Good Louisville" campaign. This is a one-day (September 13 this year) fund-raiser, done online with a credit card, organized by the Community Foundation of Louisville (CFL). The CFL has recruited a number of local philanthropists to donate matching funds to

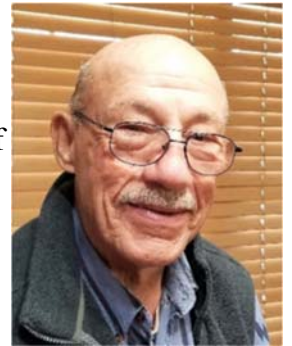
those organizations (broken down into small, medium and large non-profits) which have the most support – either in number of donors or in amount of donations. However, in order to keep all local charities interested, there are also some funds given out to charities through random drawings.

Last year, over 500 charities participated and around 70 received prizes. (Be aware there are fees charged against your donation for the use of the website and for the use of a credit card. But these all come out of your donation, unless you choose to gross up the donation to cover fees.) For more information, check it out on

<https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/>.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - **NORM BEAT**

Norm Beat retired from the Louisville police force many years ago. He has been a member of the Serra Club for 21 years. He has previously served as Treasurer of the club, and is currently on our board of directors. He is a member of St. Margaret Mary parish, as well as the Knights of Columbus. His wife Barbra passed away in 2013.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - **NEIL MANIAS**

Neil grew up in Canada, moved to the U.S., served in the military, became a U.S. citizen, and converted to the Catholic faith. He and his wife Dianne are members of St. Edward parish. He has been a member of the Serra Club since 2004. He retired from Dine Company, The Restaurant Store, a company that he and his wife built. Two of his three sons now own the company. Neil does various things helping out at his parish, and is the V.P. of Membership for the Serra Club.



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

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Member Birthdays this month:

Phil Lawver, Sep 9 Deacon Bill Klump, Sep 10
Jim Williams, Sep 20 Jerry Gonsoski, Sep 21
Paul Willett, Sep 22

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Synod on Youth – For updates on the synod, which will run Oct 3-28, see

<http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/synod-of-bishops/synod-2018/index.cfm>.

Priesthood Sunday is Oct 28 this year – For activity ideas, see <http://priestsunday.org/>.

Promoting vocations - Consider asking good young men "Have you ever considered being a priest?"

On sorrow and death - "Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us." - Gaudium Et Spes, par. 22 (one of the documents of the Vatican Council)

Death penalty – For Catholic commentary on the recent revisions to the Catechism -

<https://therecordnewspaper.org/pope-revises-catechism-death-penalty-is-inadmissible/>

September 23, 2018 is the third anniversary of the canonization of St. Junipero Serra.

75 years this year - Catholic Relief Services has been serving the poor worldwide for 75 years this year. See <https://www.nwcatholic.org/news/local/catholic-relief-services-celebrates-75-years-of-helping-poorest-of-the-poor.html>. Established by the USCCB, this charity helps people in over 100 countries.

On suffering – "Grains of wheat, when ground in the mill, turn in to flour. With this flour we make the wafer of the holy Eucharist. Grapes, when crushed in the wine press, yield their juice. This juice turns into wine.

Similarly, suffering so crushes us that we turn into better human beings." - Saint Alphonsa (1910-1946) to her novices, feast day July 28 each year.

Indulgences for those in Purgatory - See the Catechism of the Catholic Church - paragraphs 1471-1479 and 1498. Paragraph 1498 says "Through indulgences the faithful can obtain the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin for themselves and also for the souls in Purgatory."

On faith – "Those who danced were thought to be quite insane by those who could not hear the music." – sometimes attributed to Angela Monet

On Surrendering to God - "The day you learn to surrender yourself totally to God, you will discover a new world, just as I am experiencing. You will enjoy a peace and a calm unknown, surpassing even the happiest days of your life." - Saint Jaime Hilario (1898-1937)

How to contact your elected officials to give them suggestions and input -

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Another good prayer - "O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for thy name's sake. (Prayer of William Barclay, 20th century)

On love of the Church - "To love the Church is to love Jesus Christ, and vice versa." - Saint Eugene de Mazenod (1782 - 1861) Feast day May 21

On vocation - "...the Christian vocation consists of making heroic verse out of the prose of each day." - from "Passionately Loving the World" - a homily by St. Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975)

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WHO? ME? BECOME A SISTER?

Come & See Weekend



PRAY with our Sisters.

Share with other women of **FAITH**.

Discover God's **PURPOSE** for your life.

Enjoy a behind the scenes experience of **COMMUNITY LIFE**.

Explore **RELIGIOUS LIFE** lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace.

WHO'S INVITED:

Single Catholic Women
Ages 18-45

SEPTEMBER 7-9,
2018

St. Catharine, KY



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