



# 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, Louisville, and are open to the public.*

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

**Oct 15 Mtg** – Karl Dolson, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults, will give us an update

from that office.

**Nov 5 Mtg** – Serran and Deacon Bill Klump will speak about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the renewal of the permanent diaconate.

**Nov 19 Mtg** - Fr. Pat Dolan will speak on "Interface of Science and Theology: Where do we go from here?"

## SERRAN FRANK HAUSMAN PASSED AWAY ON SEP 20

Serran Frank Hausman passed away September 20, after battling cancer for a couple of years. Frank graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1954 and from Bellarmine College in 1958. He was a member

of the Air National Guard and was a teacher for Jefferson County schools. He taught at Ahrens Trade School for over 20 years. He was also a member of St. James Catholic Church, The Knights of Columbus, The Serra Club of Louisville (for 15 years), and delivered for Meals on Wheels for over 30 years.

Frank is survived by his wife, Marcia G. Hausman; sons, Larry (Kathleen), David (Leslie), Mark (Leslie), Jim (Michelle), and Robert (Jennifer) Hausman; daughter, Monica A. Hausman (Edward Alexander); and grandchildren, John, Gabrielle and Jeremiah Hausman.

Frank will be missed by the Serra Club. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Boys and Girls Haven or Maryhurst.

## **PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

## 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.

## WITH FIVE NEW SEMINARIANS, WE NOW HAVE 15 PREPARING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

The Archdiocesan Vocation Office has announced five new seminarians. **Cole McDowell** and **Jeremy White** will be attending Theological College (at the National Seminary of the Catholic University of America). **Dustin Hungerford** and **Kenny Nauert** will be attending St. Meinrad. And **Ev-rard Muhoza** will be attending the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary.

Our other seminarians are **Deacon Tony Cecil** and **Deacon Steven Reeves** at St. Meinrad; **Deacon Kirby Rust**, **Robert Hale** and **Fermin Luna** at Mount St. Mary's of the West; **Eddie Jarboe**, **Loi Pham**, **Quan Nguyen** and **Conor**



## FIFTEEN SEMINARIANS (continued from page 1)

**Wellman** at St. Meinrad; and **Michael Schultz** at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary.

To see pictures and email addresses of all our seminarians, check out <https://www.archlou.org/services-directory/archdiocesan-agencies-facilities/vocation-office/vocation-office-seminarians/>.

Please keep all our seminarians in your prayers.

## THE INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

On September 7, the Archdiocese introduced some members of our Archdiocese (including several of us Serrans) to the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF), asking for our prayers and financial support. The IPF was founded in 1994 and is based in Omaha, NE. It is on the campus of Creighton University, a Catholic university founded in 1878. The purpose of the IPF is to help diocesan formation of seminarians and priests, through an intense 12-week course that includes an 8-day silent directed retreat as well as much one-on-one interaction with the institute's spiritual directors.

It was explained that, unlike priests who belong to a specific order practicing a particular charism, diocesan priests can sometimes have identity issues as well as difficulty setting aside time for a relationship with God. And, of course, we want priests who know and love God.

The presentation and introduction, including a nine-minute video (which can be found at <http://priestlyformation.org/index.php?id=1775>), was led by Father Richard Gabuzda, S.T.D., Executive Director, and Kevin Armshaw, the IPF Director of Mission Advancement.

When Fr. Jeff Shooner was our Archdiocesan Vocation Director, he looked into the IPF program. We eventually put several seminarians through the program, including Fr. Peter Bucalo, Fr. Matt Hardesty and Fr. Chris Lubecke, all of whom attended this meeting to speak of their experience with the IPF.

Archbishop Kurtz, as well as these three priests, spoke of the IPF helping seminarians to fall more deeply in love with Christ, stay in love with Christ, change the way they encounter God, get closer to the Trinity, and develop a deeper and more mature spiritual confidence. He said that even if we can't have all seminarians go through the IPF program, our objective is to get enough going through the program

that we reach a "critical mass level" of participation.

Fr. Jeff said that one seminarian told him "I had never really prayed before attending" the program. Fr. Peter said "I discovered I'm a beloved son," even though "I did not feel lovable." Fr. Matt spoke of the program as a "shot in the arm" that "changed my prayer life." Fr. Chris was so impressed with the "spiritual bootcamp" as he called it, that he said the Archdiocese will get back its investment "exponentially."

In the last ten years, about 15 to 20 of our newly ordained priests were able to attend an IPF program as seminarians. Most of the time, seminarians attend the program during the summer when they're not in regular classes. This summer about 177 men from across the country were attending the program. Since the IPF was founded, there have been over 2,000 priests and seminarians who attended from 150 U.S. dioceses as well as 20 other countries.

For more information on the IPF, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please see <http://priestlyformation.org>. Consider joining the "\$20/Month Club" or even becoming a "Spiritual Mom" or "Spiritual Dad" – by which you'll be given the name of a faculty member or spiritual director to pray for each day during a summer program.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – RALPH WILLIAMS

Ralph has been married to Joann for 54 years. They've been members of Holy Trinity parish for 53 years. They have two children – a son Patrick, who passed away unexpectedly early in 2016, and a daughter Laura. Ralph still devotes part-time work to Ergo-



nomic Solutions, for which he was owner and president before selling the company in the last few years. A member of the Serra Club since 5/1/96, Ralph has been a past President and was also the District Governor for 10 years. As a youth, his family was in the Holy Cross parish. He's a member of the Flaget Alumni

Association and a Bellarmine grad of 1962.

## AT OUR 9/17 MEETING, FR. JIM MUDD SPOKE ON MINISTERING TO DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Fr. Jim Mudd was born in the West End of Louisville early in 1938. As a child, his family was in St. Benedict parish, where he attended eight years of school. He attended high school and two years of seminary at the old St. Thomas Seminary. (His class was the first one at St. Thomas.)

He had two years of college and philosophy at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, then four years of postgraduate theology and scripture studies at St. Mary's. Since he was to teach at Trinity High School, he also had two summers of education classes at what is now Spalding University. Fr. Jim was ordained 5/23/64.

While retired, he has helped out with Masses at a number of parishes, as well as two Masses a week for the Ursuline Sisters.

Fr. Jim began a ministry to divorced Catholics for the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1976 and continued to work in that ministry even after retirement. And he's worked in Marriage Encounter for five years after he retired.

He started by talking about the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8). She was condemned, judged, rejected, full of fear, and about to be stoned. But Christ responded in an opposite way – with forgiveness.

Fr. Jim asked us to consider a member of our own family in a similar situation. Who would we be to that person – like the Pharisees or like Jesus. Christ was against divorce (Matt 5:32), but he loved every person, regardless of the person's circumstances.

Fr. Jim said that divorce was the worst pain he's ever worked with; and he's even worked with families affected by murder, sex abuse, and one family that had four of its five children die from cancer. Divorce really "lays a trip on" the individuals – emotionally, mentally, psychologically, and economically – even impacting a person's self-image. As Christians, we need to maintain a good balance, as Jesus did in upholding the ideals of marriage, but also showing compassion when people fall short of the ideal. After all, how many of us live up to all of the Gospel values promoted by Christ?

We should also encourage the use of special support programs that many parishes have. Fr. Jim mentioned some parishes that sponsor these – including

St. Margaret Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph in Bardstown. He suggested that anyone needing this kind of help could contact the Family Ministry office of the Archdiocese to learn of more parishes with these programs. A divorced individual should not try to deal with this burden on his or her own. Although it takes some people two to five years to live through the end of a marriage, some never get over it.

He said that in the "New Beginnings" program and retreats, there can be a lot of crying and hugging, but also healing. Currently our Archdiocese is not offering this particular program; but the Covington diocese does.

He encourages any couples who have gone through a divorce to seek an annulment. It's very important, because not all marriages are valid. A valid marriage requires real love, self-sacrifice, an unconditional love, and the love of friendship. Many marriages fail because they did not have these elements from the beginning. Annulments in the Church are easier now than they used to be because (1) Church authorities now have a greater knowledge of psychology; (2) the paperwork has been cut back dramatically; (3) Pope Francis has simplified the process; and (4) many diocese have even eliminated the fees required for annulments. With an annulment, a divorced but remarried Catholic could receive the Sacraments and even be buried from the Catholic Church.

Fr. Pat Dolan and Fr. Joe Voor were both in attendance at this meeting; and they shared with us some of their experiences. Fr. Pat is also part of our Archdiocesan annulment tribunal. He also said that you can't go through the annulment process unless you first have a civil divorce, since the Church does not wish to be "the reason for the divorce."

Fr. Jim said that an annulment is an open case, and an open trial in which at least one party must prove that the original marriage was not valid. He also spoke of the "internal forum" solution as one way to deal with divorced and remarried individuals. (For more on the internal forum, see the articles at <https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2016/04/27/the-internal-forum-and-catholic-remarriage/> and <https://aleteia.org/2015/11/21/6-questions-and-answers-on-the-internal-forum-solution/>.)

He reminded us that divorced Catholics, who have not remarried but not gotten an annulment, can still go



**FR. JIM MUDD**  
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to Communion. Jesus gave us the Eucharist *because* we are sinners, not as a reward for those who are perfect. Fr. Jim recommended that we not get too legalistic; and he reminded us that the Church is against divorce but not against divorced individuals. He reminded us that we're not just dealing with legal and moral issues – but with flesh and blood people. Even Christ said people are more important than the law. (Matt 23:23)

Fr. Jim spoke of how working with divorced Catholics for over 40 years has deepened his own life and holiness. We want to thank Fr. Jim Mudd for his presentation and all the years he has devoted, even in retirement, to ministering to divorced Catholics.

*(Thanks to Paul Willett for the picture with this column.)*

**PRAYER TO LIVE WITH GRACE**  
**(shared by Fr. Jim Mudd)**

May we discover through pain and torment, the strength to live with grace and humor. May we discover through doubt and anguish, the strength to live with dignity and holiness. May we discover through suffering and fear, the strength to move toward healing. May it come to pass that we be restored to health and to vigor. May Life grant us wellness of body, spirit, and mind. And if this cannot be so, may we find in this transformation and passage, moments of meaning, opportunities for love and the deep and gracious calm that comes when we allow ourselves to move on.

– by Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

**CALLED BY NAME**

Do you know a faithful young man or woman who may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? We believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need your help to identify them. We're looking for high school age and older. Please feel free to submit names even if you do not have all contact information. See [www.louisvillevocations.com/called-by-name](http://www.louisvillevocations.com/called-by-name).

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

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY –**  
**OCTOBER 28**

We Serrans wish to say “Thank you!” to every priest in the Archdiocese of Louisville – the Archbishop, all our 136 diocesan priests, and all of the 50 priests who are members of various religious orders or temporarily assigned here from other dioceses. Combined, this comes to well over **6,000 years of priesthood** – an average of over 30 years for each priest! This includes five ordained in May of this year and one ordained 68 years ago!

St. John Vianney once said “The priest continues the work of redemption on earth.... If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love... The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.”

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside for Catholics to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of October (Oct. 28th this year), and has been promoted primarily by the USA Council (USAC) of Serra International (SI) and Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Some ideas for you, your family and your parish for celebrating this occasion: Pray for your priest and all priests. Personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day. Send a thank you note or letter. Invite your priest for dinner with your family or friends. Send a card or letter to a priest who used to serve at your parish. Have children make a homemade card or color a picture. Go on an outing together - a restaurant, a play, golf, concert, or a movie. Send them goody baskets, balloon bouquets, or flowers. For more ideas see <https://focusoncampus.org/content/19-ways-to-let-your-parish-priest-know-you-appreciate-them>.

Have you lost track of your high school or college chaplain, the priest who performed your wedding, a retired priest, a former pastor? Look them up at [www.ArchLou.org/directory](http://www.ArchLou.org/directory). For some related Priesthood Sunday parish planning guides, church liturgies and school activities, see [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org).

**ON SPIRITUALITY**

“There are 4 elements of Catholic / Christian Spirituality: It's **Christ-ocentric** rooted and focused on the life, teachings, death and resurrection of the person of Jesus Christ. It's **Trinitarian** – Jesus came to show us the way to God. The God who is Father-Son-Spirit.

**ON SPIRITUALITY**  
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Its **Biblically Rooted**. Christian tradition is rooted in the sacred text of the Old and New Testaments. Its **Ecclesial**. Christian spirituality is lived in the context of community that spills out into the world.” - Deacon Frank Dunleavy, speaking in the Diocese of Camden, NJ.

“In the Catholic sense, religion may be thought of as the structured belief system of our faith -- its theology, organized practices and doctrines on an almost corporate level. Spirituality is the way those beliefs are lived personally, daily and privately.” - by Wood-eene Koenig-Bricker, in Our Sunday Visitor (3/18/09)

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK (NVAW) IS NOV. 4 - 10, 2018**

This is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the U.S. dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering a religious vocation.

See <https://vocationnetwork.org/en/articles/show/421-new-dates-for-national-vocation-awareness-week> for prayers and homily ideas; info for DREs, teachers, catechists, parents and youth ministers; fact sheets; vocation terms; things to do; parish resources; answers to questions; find your spirituality type; and more.

See <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm> for Holy Hour ideas (with and without a priest).

See <https://www.catholicextension.org/national-vocations-awareness-week> for some great infographics, particularly valuable in the classroom.

**POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Member Birthdays this month:**

Tom Ransdell, Oct 8                      Fr. Joe Voor, Oct 9  
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**The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for this month**

Evangelization: The Mission of Religious - That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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**Suffering** - "If things always went wrong, no one could endure it; if things always went well, everyone would become arrogant." - Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

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**Monastic vocations** - “We don’t come to the monastery to get away from suffering; we come to hold the suffering of all the world.” - Thomas Merton

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**For a good gift idea for youth**, consider the book "Ablaze: Stories of Daring Teen Saints" by Colleen Swaim

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**Digital Discernment** - Religious Orders use Social Media to Draw Millennials to Vocation - <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/religious-orders-use-social-media-to-draw-millennials-to-vocations>

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**Heaven** - "No one will have any other desire in heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God." - Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109), Opera Omnis, Letter 112

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**Science and religion** - “Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 159).

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**Christian unity** – “You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother.... God is one and Christ is one, and his Church is one; one is the faith, and one is the people cemented together by harmony into the strong unity of a body.... If we are the heirs of Christ, let us abide in the peace of Christ; if we are the sons of God, let us be lovers of peace.” - Saint Cyprian (210-258 AD), from The Unity of the Catholic Church

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**Catholic Encyclopedia** – For a wealth of information on everything “Catholic” see <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>.

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# CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

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Charism, charity, evangelization, Examen, example, grace, gratitude, meaning of life, planting seeds, pray and work, prayers of supplication, teaching, what is really important?, acceptance, Sacraments, Eucharistic Adoration, Lectio Divina, vocation, examination of conscience, social justice, accepting, forgiveness, meditation, piety, preaching, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, offering it up, reflection, being vs doing, faith & good works, pain and suffering, WWJD?, spiritual reading, Spiritual Works of Mercy, holiness, self-discipline, solitude, volunteering, alms, convent, community, humility and confidence, growth, time, talent and treasure, centering prayer, contemplation and action, mendicant spirituality, mindfulness, monastery, monasticism, penance, virtue, sanctity, self-mortification, good works, repent and believe, Corporal Works of Mercy, forgiving, Marian devotion, martyrdom, perseverance, Desert Fathers & Mothers, discernment, fasting, mysticism, Rosary, detachment, intercessory prayer, letting go, Liturgy of the Hours, maturity, patience, retreats, tithing, witness, education, devotions, Fruits of the Holy Spirit, haves and the have nots, lives of the saints, living our Baptismal promises, living with intention and mindfulness