



Serra Club of Louisville

March, 2019
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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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,

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.

Mar 4 Mtg – Fr. Shibu Puthenpukkel, CMI, will talk about the Carmelite priests in India.

Mar 18 Mtg - Fr. Nick Brown, pastor of St. Bartholomew, will speak on his vocation story – Meeting to be **at Barth Hall, St.**

Bartholomew parish. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED DUE TO BEING CATERED. SEE PAGE 4.

Apr 1 Mtg – Speaker to be determined.

Apr 15 Mtg – Sr. Sarah Yungwirth, OSU, Associate Vocations Director will give us an update from the Vocation Office.

OUR FEBRUARY 4 SPEAKER WAS COLIN TRIPLETT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The topic for this meeting was “Accompanying Immigrants on Their Journey.”

Our speaker was Colin Triplett, Resettlement Director of the Migration and Refugee Services of Catholic Charities.

Colin was born and raised in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He’s a graduate of Ball State University, having majored in political science. Married for 14 years, he has two daughters. He’s also been with Catholic Charities of Louisville for 14 years. Prior to this job, Colin worked in England at a public housing corporation for one year, and then at a company which was a childcare subsidy provider.

Colin told us that his depart-



ment works primarily with refugees, all of whom are migrants. But not all migrants are refugees. Their mission is “welcoming strangers.”

Until recently, their work was not really very political, having had the support of both major political parties and federal funding as well. However, politics has begun to affect many aspects of what they do.

Speaking of illegal immigrants, Colin explained that the word

“illegal” is a bit of a misnomer. Crossing our borders illegally is only a misdemeanor, comparable to a speeding ticket. It is not a felony. Most people entering our country do so through ordinary and legal channels.

Our national and international laws require that anyone seeking refugee status for asylum purposes must be allowed to go through a specific process. President Obama made that an 11-point process, which includes review of a claim for credibility, identity checks, intelligence and security reviews, etc. Being subject to gang violence in another country is not currently an acceptable reason for asylum.

Generally speaking, a refugee is a displaced person forced to cross national boundaries and who cannot return home safely. They often live in refugee camps in a second country before being accepted as a refugee in a third

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country. Only a small number of countries accept refugees. The average time people spend in a refugee camp before being accepted in a third country is 18 years.

The U.S. government works with nine resettlement agencies throughout the country, most of which are affiliated with religious organizations willing to help in the resettlement process and provide some financial assistance to refugees. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is one of these resettlement agencies and takes about 25% of the U.S. refugees, distributing them throughout U.S. dioceses. Louisville gets the fifth largest number of refugees of those distributed through the USCCB.

In the 1980's, the U.S. took in 230,000 refugees per year. The number has been below 100,000 per year since the turn of the century.

In the U.S., the emphasis is on keeping families together and putting refugees with relatives who are already in the U.S. Catholic Charities of Louisville meets refugees when they come to town, helping with orientation, housing, food and clothing, English as a second language, seeking employment, financial assistance, case management, etc. The average refugee has full-time employment in 87 days, with an average beginning pay of around \$11 per hour. Most of the jobs are in factories and warehouses, such as Amazon.

Catholic Charities of Louisville also coordinates with the local community, government, police and other interested parties as to how to handle refugees.

The government gives the refugees an interest-free loan for the cost of travel to the U.S. – a loan which must be paid back within four years. The refugees must notify the federal government whenever they move

The Archdiocese receives some funds from the Federal government, to be applied toward the cost of resettling each refugee. The rest of the cost is covered by donations from other organizations, local and state governments, and charitable donations by companies and individuals.

For people seeking refugee status, President Trump's administration imposed a ban on travel from a number of countries, primarily ones with high Muslim populations. In the U.S., it is expected that a refugee's intent is to stay permanently and become a legal citizen within seven years – resulting in all the rights of a citizen, including the right to vote.

Louisville has resettled over 10,000 refugees in the last ten years. However, under the current federal ad-

ministration, the numbers have dropped to 167 in 2018, whereas we resettled 830 just three years ago.

Like all of us, these refugees simply want to earn a living and see that their children succeed. Colin explained that going through the process of becoming an accepted refugee is more complicated than doing our U.S. tax returns, for which most of us get the help of others or at least sophisticated software.

There are various ways we can help Catholic Charities in this process. You can mail a check to them (see their website at <https://cclou.org/>), volunteer at the Family Learning Program at St. Ignatius Parish, call them to pick up furniture you'd like to donate, or see their volunteer website at <http://www.stignatiusmartyr.com/>.

We want to thank Colin Triplett for his very informative presentation, and for all he does for refugees through Catholic Charities of Louisville.

(Thanks to Ken Peet for the picture with this article.)

FIVE SPEAKERS AT OUR FEBRUARY 18 MEETING!



Pictured above are, from left to right, Joe Hemmelgarn, Jessica Wade, Fr. Martin Martiny, O.P., Madison Ulmer and David Koch.

FOCUS stands for the "**Fellowship Of Catholic University Students**." These are college grads who have come back to campuses around the country to help Catholic students stay in touch with their faith. They call themselves "missionaries"; and for our February 18 meeting, we had the four missionaries from the U of L FOCUS Team join us to tell us about their ministry and what exactly they do on the U of L campus. Their names are **Jessica Wade** (Team Director, **David Koch**, **Joe Hemmelgarn** and **Madison Ulmer**. In addition, we also had the Campus Catholic Chaplain join us – **Fr. Martin Martiny, O.P.** All five of these people started their ministry at U of L in the Fall of 2018.

Fr. Martin spoke first and told us how important

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our prayers are. He reminded us that many vocations are the result of prayers. He lives with other Dominicans at St. Louis Bertrand parish and currently devotes most all his time to campus ministry. After ordination in the late 90's, Fr. Martiny spent 14 years ministering in East Africa. He's been in Louisville for the last four years.

Jessica is a fourth-year missionary from Lafayette, IN. She graduated from Indiana University, and is currently pursuing her Master's in Theology. She has served as a missionary at Wright State University and the Digital Campus in Denver.

David Koch is a second-year missionary from Sioux Falls, SD. He graduated from the University of South Dakota after one year in the seminary. He served as a missionary at Wright State University last year, and was recently married.

Joe Hemmelgarn is a first-year missionary from Saint Henry, OH. He graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, IN; and he spent a year working in sales in the corporate world prior to joining FOCUS.

Madison Ulmer is a first-year missionary from Houston, TX. She graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.



The **U of L FOCUS** Team members spoke of bringing Christ to the campus, as a real person. They offer the students the opportunity to be friends and to make a friend of Christ. Jessica quoted from Matthew 28 where Christ said “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ...” She explained that Christ could have gone out to evangelize the world, but he asked us to do it. So, they see their mission as doing just that.

Joe explained to us that FOCUS has been around for about 20 years. It now operates on 150 U.S. campuses with about 750 missionaries, as well as in a number of other countries. He also explained that their organization chooses to minister on college campuses because 80% of people who leave their Catholic faith

do so by age 23, during their college years.

David spoke of the emphasis on genuine friendships, authentic friendships, recognizing that college students are no longer forced to live their faith, but are deeply influenced by their peers. FOCUS offers activities and opportunities to stay in touch with Christ, Catholic friends and the Catholic faith. Like Aristotle, they promote “virtuous friendships.”

Madison spoke of how they indirectly lead people to Christ, sometimes without the students even knowing it. Across the country, FOCUS specifically encourages the virtues of Chastity, Sobriety and Excellence, as they help students move closer to Christ. She spoke of how they are intentionally mentoring relationships and encouraging students to also become disciples themselves. They remind people that “you may be the only person through whom a student encounters Christ.”

They start each school year with the Fall Outreach, inviting students to activities on campus, building trust, having fun and making friends. Most of their activities are on campus. In addition to fun activities, the Catholic life includes daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration at the **Interfaith Center**, mission trips, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Bible study groups, annual conferences, and much more.

Although they work with all students, they deeply invest time in a few select students who they think may want to continue the discipleship ministry. They find they can actually reach more students this way.

To maintain their own wellbeing, they have the support of each other, their Chaplain Fr. Martiny, Deacon Andy Heinsohn (another campus minister), out-of-town FOCUS mentors, a spiritual director, daily Mass, a daily Holy Hour, and monthly confession. As a result, about 700 of their missionaries have gone on to pursue religious vocations.

To provide financial support to the U of L FOCUS program, checks can be made out to FOCUS, with #33159 written in the memo line, and mailed to: FOCUS, P.O. Box 17408, Denver, CO 80217.

We want to thank Fr. Martiny and the FOCUS Team for updating us on all their activities on the U of L campus.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18 SPECIAL MEETING

Please note that the March 18 meeting is not at our usual location; and you need to make reservations if you wish to attend this special meeting. **In addition to having Fr. Nick Brown as our speaker, telling us of his vocation journey, we will also present the First Place prizes for the Vocation Poster Contest and the Vocation Essay Contest.**

Due to the larger crowd, we'll have this meeting at **Barth Hall, on the grounds of St. Bartholomew parish, 2042 Buechel Bank Road, Louisville, KY 40218.**

TIME: We'll say grace around 11:45 and then help ourselves to the buffet being catered by Goose Creek Diner.

For a list of all the winners and their entries, click [here](#). Each First Place Winner will receive a \$100 check; and the teachers of the First Place Winners will each receive a \$50 check.

The cost to attend is \$12 for members of the Serra Club and \$15 for all others.

RESERVATIONS: Since the luncheon is catered, please make your reservation and payment to Chuck Lynch **no later than Monday, March 11**. If you mail a check, make the check payable to "Serra Club of Louisville" and mail it to Chuck Lynch, 10305 Falling Tree Way, Louisville, KY 40223. If you have any questions, please call Chuck at (502) 442-9302.

HALF-DAY SPRING RETREAT IS FRIDAY, MAY 10

This Spring Retreat will be in lieu of what would have been our regular Monday, May 6 meeting. **Open to the public.**

The retreat will run from **9:30 AM to 1:45 PM** - including two presentations, break time, optional Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and a lunch. (Mt. St. Francis is on the same time zone as Louisville)

Title of the Retreat: "The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully"

Cost is **\$25 per person** – to cover the meeting room, a hot lunch, and the two Franciscans who will be leading the retreat and Mass.

The leaders of the Retreat will be Franciscan Friars: **Brother Randy Kin, OFM Conv and Father Vincent Petersen, OFM Conv.**

It will be held at **Mount St. Francis** – 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mt. St. Francis, IN 47146. The facilities are handicapped accessible. Directions from downtown Louisville, by way of I-64 through New Albany:

I-64 West (across Sherman Minton Bridge).

Continue on I-64 West (4 miles) to Hwy. 150 West (Greenville-Paoli) Exit 119.

Hwy 150 West (2 miles, 3rd stop light), Mount Saint Francis is on the left.

From downtown Louisville allow 20 minutes driving time. Note: GPS, MapQuest, Google Maps and other electronic directions are often inaccurate according to the [retreat center website](#).

If you are going to attend, we must have your **reservation and payment by Thursday, May 2**. Make checks payable to "Serra Club of Louisville." You can give it to Chuck Lynch at a meeting or mail it to his home – 10305 Falling Tree Way, Louisville, KY 40223.

This will be a great opportunity to invite a spouse or guest – especially someone you think may be interested in joining our club.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MARIE HECKEL

Marie Heckel was born in Louisville in 1926, to parents who immigrated from Vienna, Austria. As a child, she learned both German and English. At age 92, Marie has had a very interesting life. She grew up in the Beechmont area of Louisville, attending Holy Name school with her two brothers (now deceased), both of whom went on to become brothers in the Society of the Divine Word.

One was a missionary in Africa while the other worked in the worldwide headquarters of the order in Rome.

At Holy Name parish she was taught by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. At Holy Rosary Academy she was taught by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Kentucky. Marie also took typing and shorthand in high school, which paid off nicely in all her later jobs.

She worked as an assistant secretary for the Com-



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manding General in the Quartermaster Depot. Then she worked at Morton Frozen Foods. Joining the Courier Journal in the mid-50's, she devoted the next 32 years to the newspaper. With two engineers, she researched machinery to modernize printing, upgrading from the old linotype machines. The CJ even sent her to NY to check out equipment; and then she helped re-train the Louisville linotype operators. In the 60's she worked for an executive vice president, sometimes using her German for translations. In the 70's and 80's she devoted time to the CJ's advertising and marketing departments, also preparing general analysis for business reports to upper management.

Before retiring in 1987, when the Bingham's sold the CJ, she also spent some time in adult learning at U of L, Spalding University and Bellarmine University. In fact, she was one of the founding directors of the **Veritas** program at Bellarmine, where senior citizens can, for a nominal fee, attend classes administered and taught by volunteers while not needing to earn credits or take tests.

Marie also used her typing skills to produce a 50-year history of St. Leonard parish for its 2003 anniversary. She's been a parishioner there throughout most all of her adult life, until moving into Nazareth Home in December of 2017.

Marie eventually became a member of the Serra Club in 1994. So, Marie has been a Serran for 25 years effective March 1 of this year! As a Serran, she also served as one of our Trustees and Treasurer; and, in the last few years, she also helped judge the Vocation Essay Contests.

Marie now gets around by wheelchair, and has been unable to attend regular Serra meetings. However, we're proud to have her as one of our Associate members. Marie, thanks for all your service and for 25 years of being a Serran!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month

Ken Peet - Mar 3, Norm Beat - Mar 21

Archbishop Kurtz's ordination anniversary – He was ordained March 18, 1972. Archbishop Kurtz, thanks for 47 years of service to the Church!

Thanks to Fr. Peter Bucalo for leading our February 22 Holy Hour for Vocations at the Mary Queen of Peace parish.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month - Evangelization – Christian Communities - That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Clergy Appreciation Day is June 17. The deadline for Serrans to turn in checks to the "Serra Club of Louisville," for supporting this event, is April 30. Please give checks to Chuck Lynch.

Everything I Know About Feminism I Learned From Nuns – See the article **here**.

On the uneducated - "St. Bonaventure (1218-1274, declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588) wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise." - from the lives of the saints

Another good prayer - "O Lord, our God, grant us, we beseech you, patience in troubles, humility in comforts, constancy in temptations, and victory over all our spiritual foes. Grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for your benefits, fear of your judgment, love of your mercies, and mindfulness of your presence; now and forever." (Prayer by John Cosin, 1594-1672)

March 8-14 is National Catholic Sisters Week – find more information **here**.

Quote from a saint - Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) describes Jesus double precept to give and forgive as two essential wings of prayer: "Forgive and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed, and give to the person in need. ... Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil." - (Sermon 205.3)

For a Wealth of Catholic Links – check out this **website**.

Catholic Men's Conference

Allowing Jesus to Find Me

Saturday, April 6, 2019

8:15 am to 1:00 pm

Check-in and Breakfast 6:00 am - 8:00 am

St. Michael Church

3705 Stone Lakes Drive

Louisville, KY 40299

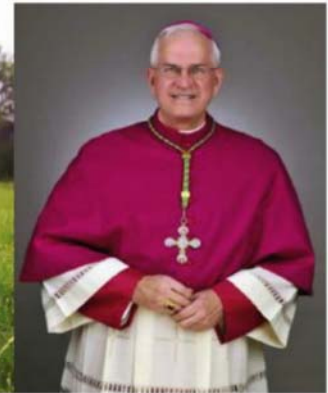
Pre-register: Adults \$30/Students \$15

Walk-ins at the door: Adults \$40/Students \$25

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Keynote Speakers:

Mr. Steve Angrisano

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D. D.



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