



Serra Club of Louisville

May, 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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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.

May 6 Mtg – no meeting due to **May 10 Retreat.**

Fri May 10 - Half-day Retreat – Mt. St. Francis. See page 4. Topic is “The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully.”

May 20 Mtg - Rob Tichy, Catechist, will speak on "Teaching Cat-

echism to Eighth Graders."

May 25 – Ordination of three new priests at our Cathedral, 11 am.

May 28 - Board mtg at St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center

June 3 Mtg – No speaker – Election and Installation of Officers.

June 17 – Mtg - Archbishop Kurtz – Reservations required – see page 5. Location - The Hospitality Room at St. Margaret Mary Parish.

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,

teers. Her previous roles with the order involved taking care of residents in assisted living, being a sacristan, and helping with the formation of novices.

Inside the [Archdiocesan History Center](#) (at the Patterson Education Center, across Fifth Street from our Cathedral), you can find an exhibit (through October) commemorating the 150th anniversary

SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS FOR OUR JUNE 3 SERRA CLUB ELECTION

The following have volunteered to for the Board of Directors for the Fiscal Year beginning June, 2019: **Bob Hublar** – President; **Ken Peet** - VP & Secretary; **Neil Manias** - VP for Membership; **Jerry Gonsoski** - VP & Treasurer; **Paul Willett** - VP for Programs; **Chuck Lynch** - VP for Communications; Other Trustees: **John Tichenor**, **Theresa Fiedler**, **Ralph Williams**, **Norm Beat**, **Debbie Farmer**; **Fr. Joe Voor** will continue as our Chaplain. **Ken Peet** will continue as our District Governor.

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

SR. DORA CHAN, LSP, WAS OUR SPEAKER FOR THE APRIL 1 MEETING

Our speaker for this meeting was Sr. Dora Chan, of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She joined us to recognize 2019 as the 150th anniversary of the Little Sisters first coming to Louisville. Accompanying her that day was Sr. Caroline Joan.

Sr. Dora was born and raised in Hong Kong. She entered the Little Sisters of the Poor in September of 1973, and attained a college degree. She made her final vows at the Mother house in France in September of 1981.

Sr. Dora is currently the collecting sister who goes out every day with another Little Sister to collect produce, money, material goods, etc. and to Churches on week-ends for monetary donations and volun-



SR. DORA CHAN
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of the Little Sisters of the Poor coming to Louisville.

St. Jeanne Jugan (1792-1879) was a French woman who became known for her ministry to the neediest of the elderly. Early in her life when she was approached about marriage, she told her suitor that she felt a call to dedicate her life to God. She studied to be a nurse and also taught Catechism. After getting very sick, and being nursed back to good health, she rented a flat in France and dedicated her life to prayer and the poor.

In the winter of 1839 Jeanne Jugan found an older woman who was paralyzed and blind, and out in the cold. She carried this woman on her back to her home. This was the beginning of her life-long mission – taking care of the elderly poor. One of the Brothers of St. John of God gave her a basket, which she used to start begging. The order eventually developed a great friendship with the order of St. John of God, as well as a special devotion to St. Joseph. The order became known as the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the name stuck.

They grew to need a larger building and even started a novitiate. One priest helped them spread the congregation and even helped them get to the Americas. Their first U.S. establishments were in Brooklyn, NY and New Orleans, LA.

When Sr. Jeanne Jugan died, she was buried in a crypt chapel in France.

In September of 1869, the order opened the Little Sisters of the Poor in Louisville. Bishop McCloskey (bishop from 1868 to 1909) rented to them a property on South Tenth Street for \$1 per year. After 108 years in Louisville, they had to leave due to a deteriorating building and a reduction in vocations. In 1991 they came back to Louisville; and Archbishop Kelly (Archbishop from 1981 to 2007) arranged for them to use a plot of land off of Poplar Level Road, where they now operate the St. Joseph Home for the Aged.

One of their highlights of their ministry is sending a resident home to God. In a resident's final days, the order has someone at the dying person's side around the clock, until the very end so that the resident is not afraid of death.

The home has many activities for the residents – parties, exercise, a Valentine's Day dance, three retreats per year, a Turtle Derby, and much more.

To be a resident, a person must be at least age 65 and poor. The home has over 70 apartments includ-

ing some for independent living, others for people needing some nursing help, and an infirmary that holds over 35. The home is almost always full.

The St. Joseph Home is staffed by the sisters, nurses, nurse aids, and volunteers. Doctors and therapists visit regularly and as needed.

To raise funds, the sisters not only beg from individuals, businesses and parishes; but they have a Turtle Derby, Golf Scramble, and Annual Festival and Chicken Dinner, as well as a special Gala this year for the 150th anniversary. Check out all the details at their [website](#). They can always use volunteers, too.

The 150th anniversary exhibit is at the Patterson Center until October. The Center is open Sundays from 10:30 am until 2 pm. Group tours can be scheduled by calling the Cathedral parish office at (502) 582-2971.

There are some young people coming into the order. However, there is a shortage of sisters and the order has needed to close some homes across the country.

We want to thank Sr. Dora Chan, lsp, for taking time to be with us; and we congratulate the Little Sisters of the Poor on the 150th anniversary of their arrival in Louisville.

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

DONATIONS TO THE SERRA CLUB
ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Both your dues paid to the Serra Club of Louisville, as well as any other donations to the club, are **tax deductible**. We always welcome donations and continue to spend our funds on activities for priests, sisters, deacons, and seminarians. We also pay member dues to the USA Council and Serra International to support related activities throughout the U.S. and the world.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY

Thanks to everyone who helped the Serra Club of Louisville raise \$800 to go to the support of the 61st annual Clergy Appreciation Day to be held Monday, June 17. We hope many of our 188 priests and 128 permanent deacons will enjoy their day of fun and relaxation.

**How many people did you
introduce to Jesus in the last 12 months?**

THE MISSION OF THE SERRA CLUB

Don't forget the objectives and purpose of our club are threefold:

- (1) to foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry;
- (2) to encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church; and
- (3) to assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

SR. SARAH YUNGWIRTH, OSB, SPOKE AT OUR APRIL 15 LUNCHEON

Sr. Sarah Yungwirth has been the Associate Director for Vocations for our Archdiocese since 2015. She joined us at this luncheon to give us an update from the Vocation Office.

Sr. Sarah grew up in Hagerstown, MD – one hour west of Baltimore. She went to Catholic grade school and high school, and graduated from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, with a degree in Elementary education in 1998. Then she joined the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, IN.

After formation with the Benedictine order, she has had several ministries in the Louisville area. She taught at St. Raphael for 11 years, and was also their special needs coordinator. She later had similar roles at St. Patrick School. It was at this time that she earned a Master's degree in learning and behavior disorders from Spalding University.

Sr. Sarah's presentation included a long list of vocation-related activities from the last year, as well as events planned in the near future.

Last August there was a three-day provincial gathering of all the seminarians and vocation directors for the six dioceses in our province.

The "Called by Name" Campaign began last Fall, encouraging pastors, directors of religious education and others to turn in the names of people who might be good candidates for an invitation to small meetings discussing religious vocations. Several names were turned in; and the vocation office reached out to those individuals with meetings, information and resources.

The Archdiocese used to organize "St. Andrew Dinners" to which young men were invited to discuss the priesthood. They've changed the

format and now call these "Vianney Gatherings" – to learn of the priesthood in small, informal settings with more one-on-one interaction. One gathering was in November and another was done around Mardi Gras.

The "Marian Dinners" are gatherings for young women to learn of the various women's orders in our Archdiocese. This included the Sisters of Mercy, the Ursulines of Mount St. Joseph, the Benedictines of Ferdinand, and others. The attendees gathered at the U of L Interfaith Center.

The Vocation Office also sponsors the Planting Seeds Committee – quarterly meetings of representatives from each of the men's and women's orders in our Archdiocese. The Serra Club also has a liaison on this committee – **Ken Peet**. This committee has organized a number of events, including visits to Bellarmine University and U of L (in conjunction with each campus's Sunday student Masses).

This year, the Vocation Office is also encouraging our Catholic high schools to allow the Vocation Office to make "Vocare Visits" to the schools. (Vocare is Latin for "to call.") These are gatherings that get into more depth than grade school discussions of vocation, and also include St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body as part of the curriculum.

The Vocation Essay and Poster Contests were well received this school year. There were a record 430 entries from grades four through eight! Sr. Sarah says that one of the favorite parts of her job is sitting down around Christmas time to review all the entries. To



[SR. SARAH YUNGWIRTH](#) [\(continued from page 3\)](#)

view the winning essays and posters, click [here](#). One of the winners this year even came from a home schooled student.

We currently have [14 seminarians](#) – seven at St. Meinrad, two at the Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis, three at Mt. St. Mary's of the West in Cincinnati, one in the Theological College in DC, and one in a pastoral year at St. Peter the Apostle parish.

On Saturday, May 25 (11 am at the Cathedral), three men of our Archdiocese will be ordained to the priesthood – **Deacons Tony Cecil, Steven Reeves, and Kirby Rust**. And the night before, there will be a Holy Hour of Thanksgiving at 6 pm at Holy Family Church.

The Vocation Office also schedules a high school young men's trip to Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis – two this year.

New this year are book marks for each of our 14 seminarians. The Serra Club still has a few sets to give out.

Sr. Sarah said the new seminarians for this Fall have not yet been finalized; but there will be more than two.

Trinity High School has a club for young men who want to learn more about living the Catholic life more authentically. Also, Trinity High School, as well as several of our grade schools, are using the Serra Club Traveling Chalice program for prayers for vocations.

Sr. Sarah said that some of the young men attending meetings of the Louisville Young Catholics are considering the seminary.

On Sunday, October 6, there will be a prayer service, recognition ceremony, and reception for servers. The Vocation Office has asked each parish to submit the names of two servers to be recognized at this event.

For the order priests and sisters in the last year, Sr. was aware of several people from our area being ordained or professing final vows - one sister took final vows with the Order of St. Benedictine; one priest was ordained for the Fathers of Mercy; and one priest was ordained for the Marian Priests of the Immaculate Conception.

Finally, it was announced that **Fr. Anthony Chandler** will be taking over as the new Director of Vocations in the next few months. He will be replac-

ing **Fr. Michael Wimsatt**, who has been the Director since September 1, 2014.

We want to thank Sr. Sarah for all the great news coming out of our Vocation Office.

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

[CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO THE SIX PRIESTS RETIRING IN JUNE!](#)

We want to thank the following priests for their many years of priesthood (231 years combined) and service to the Church, and to wish them well in the next part of their vocation journey – **Fr. Isaac McDaniel, Fr. Pat Dolan, Fr. Pepper Elliott, Fr. Anthony Smith, Fr. Bob Stuempel, Fr. Dick Sullivan**.



Four of our Serrans who manned the Serra Club exhibit table at the Men's Conference on April 6 – Bob Hublar, Neil Manias, Ken Peet, and Chuck Lynch

[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. Location is Mt. St. Francis.**

The retreat will be on **Friday, May 10, 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.**

SPRING RETREAT
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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 mail it to Chuck Lynch at 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.

ARCHBISHOP KURTZ WILL BE THE SPEAKER AT OUR JUNE 17 MEETING.

Archbishop Kurtz will speak on "The Church's Pastoral Response to the Scandal of Sexual Abuse of Children and Youth." The meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 7813 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40222. We will gather at 11:30, say grace at 11:45, and then help ourselves to a buffet catered by Goose Creek Diners.

Reservations are required no later than June 12. The cost is \$15 if MAILED by June 10 and \$20 if received after June 12. (We have to give the caterer the final headcount on June 13.)

Mail your checks (payable to the Serra Club of Louisville) to Chuck Lynch, 10305 Falling Tree Way, Louisville 40223. If you mail your check AFTER Monday, June 10, call Chuck at (502) 244-2752.

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Special dates this month

May 27 - **Fr. Pat Dolan**, friend to all of us Serrans, celebrates the 41st anniversary of his ordination.

May 29 - **Fr. Michael Wimsatt**, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese, celebrates the 9th anniversary of his ordination.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month – Evangelization – Church in Africa - That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDPV)

The fourth Sunday in the Easter season each year – aka Good Shephard Sunday – is on Sunday, May 19 this year. For more information and suggestions, see <https://serraus.org/event/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations-2019/>.

The ordination of three of our seminarian / deacons to the priesthood will be 11 am, Saturday, May 25, at the Cathedral, with a reception to follow.

For the new assignments for priests effective this June, see <https://therecordnewspaper.org/new-pastors-administrators-appointed-at-19-parishes/>

How Priests are Formed in the Seminary - Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz - April 2019 - Segment 1 is at <https://www.archlou.org/about-the-archdiocese/publications-media/conversations/>.

Old Article - Scientific Studies Show that Prayer Works - <https://www.nytimes.com/1993/12/19/weekinreview/conversations-larry-dossey-md-doctor-looks-science-for-proof-spiritual-realm.html>

On the Vocation of Motherhood - <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/motherhood-and-the-call-to-holiness1>

The Third Annual Religious Brothers Day is May 1 this year. Learn more about it at <https://nrvc.net/292/publication/5311/article/13029-religious-brothers-day-may-1-2018>

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Newsletter questions, comments, or submissions? Contact Chuck Lynch at (502) 244-2752.

WLCR AM 1040 PROGRAM-May 2019

Eastern	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30AM	Begin Broadcast Day						
6:30AM	Divine Intimacy	Son Rise Morning Show					Vatican Insider
7:00AM	<u>Living Stones</u> Deacon Burke-Sivers	Morning Glory					Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel
7:30AM	EWTN Rosary						EWTN Rosary
8:00AM	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz						
8:15AM	Sunday Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)	<u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>	<u>Sunday's Homily</u> Fr. Matt Hardesty	<u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>			Holy Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)
8:30AM		Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel	<u>Catholic Cafe</u> De. J. Drzycimski & T. Dorian	<u>CatholicCatechism</u> Archbishop Fulton Sheen	<u>Living Stones</u> Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers	<u>Divine Intimacy</u> Dan Burke & Melissa Elson	
9:00AM	<u>StoriesFromTheHeart</u>	Fr. Spitzer's <u>Universe</u>	<u>Journey Home</u> Marcus Grodi	Best of <u>The Journey Home</u> Marcus Grodi			<u>The World Over (E)</u> Raymond Arroyo
9:30AM	<u>EWTN Bookmark</u> Doug Keck						
10:00AM	<u>EWTN Pro-Life Weekly</u> Catherine Hadro	Christ Is The Answer Fr. John Riccardo					<u>Scripture and Tradition</u> Fr. Mitch Pacwa
10:30AM	<u>Word on Fire</u> Bishop Robert Barron						
11:00AM	<u>Register Radio</u> Jeanette DeMelo	EWTN <u>Live(E)</u> Fr. Mitch Pacwa	<u>The Great Adventure</u> Jeff Cavins	<u>Celtic Connections</u> Kathy Sinnot	<u>Right to Life</u> Margie Montgomery	<u>Vocation Boom</u> Jerry Usher	Mother Angelica Live Classics
11:30AM	<u>Light of the East</u> Fr. Thomas Loya				<u>Word on Fire</u> BishopRobertBarron		
12:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz						
12:15PM	<u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>						
12:30PM	<u>Where God Weeps</u> Mark Riedemann	<u>Liturgy of the Word</u> (starts about 12:28 PM)					<u>Vatican Insider</u> Joan Lewis
1:00PM	<u>Scripture and Tradition</u> Fr. Mitch Pacwa	Doctor Is In 1-877-573-7825 Dr. Ray Guarendi					The Church Alive
:30PM							
2:00PM	<u>Best of Called to Communion</u>	<u>Called to Communion</u> 1-800-585-9396 Dr. David Anders					<u>The Good Fight</u> 877-573-7825 Barbara McGuigan
3:00PM	<u>Best of Happy Hour (E)</u> with Mike and Vince	<u>OpenLine(Live)</u> 1-800-585-9396 John Martignoni	<u>OpenLine(Live)</u> 1-800-585-9396 Fr Wade Menezes	<u>Open Line (Live)</u> 1-800-585-9396 Fr. Mitch Pacwa	MotherAngelica Live Classics	<u>OpenLine(Live)</u> 1-800-585-9396 Colin Donovan	
4:00PM	<u>Word on Fire</u> Bishop Robert Barron	Kresta in the Afternoon 877-573-7825					<u>Catholic Cafe</u> De. J. Drzycimski & T. Dorian
4:30PM	<u>Right to Life (E)</u> Margie Montgomery						<u>EWTN Bookmark</u> Doug Keck
5:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Kurtz	<u>Kresta in the Afternoon</u> 877-573-7825	Happy Hour with Mike & Vince 502-451-1040	<u>Kresta in the Afternoon</u> 877-573-7825	Happy Hour with Mike & Vince 502-451-1040	<u>Kresta in the Afternoon</u> 877-573-7825	Rosary with Archbishop Kurtz
5:15PM	<u>DivineMercyChaplet</u>						<u>DivineMercyChaplet</u>
5:30PM	Family Theater						<u>CatholicCatechism</u> Archbishop Fulton Sheen
6:00PM	<u>Best of Catholic Answers</u>	Catholic Answers Live					<u>The Bear Woznick Adventure</u>
7:00PM	<u>Best of Catholic Answers</u>	Catholic Answers Live					<u>Register Radio</u> Jeanette DeMelo
7:30PM							<u>Blessed to Play</u>
8:00PM	Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel	<u>Divine Intimacy</u> Dan Burke & Melissa Elson	<u>EWTN Bookmark</u> Doug Keck	<u>Word on Fire</u> BishopRobertBarron	<u>Catholic Cafe</u> De. J. Drzycimski & T. Dorian	<u>Light of the East</u> Fr. Thomas Loya	Family Theater
8:30PM	<u>Radio Replies</u>	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz					<u>Radio Replies</u>
8:45PM	End Broadcast Day						
BOLD: Local Programs							