



# Serra Club of Louisville

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

**– Saint Junipero Serra**

**June, 2019**  
Newsletter

## **MISSION:**

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

If you receive this through regular postal delivery, but would be willing to receive it by email, please contact Chuck Lynch, (502) 244-2752.

## **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.*

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

**June 17 Mtg** - Archbishop Kurtz – Reservations required – **see**

**page 4. Location - The Hospitality Room at St. Margaret Mary Parish.**

**July 3 Mtg** - Eddie Jarboe, seminarian in his pastoral year, will speak on "Working with your hands and not just your head."

**July 17 Mtg** – Cole McDowell, seminarian, - **topic yet to be determined.**

## **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

**8 PM**

**ST. RITA CHURCH  
8709 PRESTON HWY**

**FR. JOE RANKIN  
PRESIDING**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THREE NEW PRIESTS ORDAINED MAY 25!**



Father Tony Cecil will be associate pastor of Epiphany Church and St. Martin de Porres Church.



Father Steven Reeves will be associate pastor of St. Boniface Church and St. Patrick Church.



Father Kirby Rust will be associate pastor of St. James Church in Elizabethtown.

## SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS FOR OUR JUNE 3 SERRA CLUB ELECTION

The following have volunteered 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.

## THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR SPRING RETREAT AT MOUNT ST. FRANCIS IN MAY

We had a good turnout for our May 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Retreat – about two dozen attending, with over half being people from outside of the club. The retreat was based on the book entitled **“The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully”** by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, and led by two of the Franciscans at Mount St. Francis - Brother Randy Kin (left below) and Fr. Vincent Petersen (right below).

The retreat included two presentations, break time, and an opportunity for Confession, as well as Mass and lunch. *(Thanks to Ken Peet for the pictures.)*



## **SPRING RETREAT**

## MR. ROB TICHY SPOKE AT OUR MAY 20 MEETING

Our speaker at this meeting was Mr. Rob Tichy, a certified catechist who helps with religious education at St. John Paul II parish.

Rob was born in Louisville but grew up in Florida until he was 16. When he moved back here in 1986, he was going to St. Pius parish for a while, the Cathedral for a few years in the 90's, and then back to St. Pius later.

His mother, a great example of Catholic faith, was the Director of Religious Education at both St. Albert the Great and Holy Trinity parish. His dad worked most of his life with KFC and retired from Papa Johns.

Rob graduated from St. X in 1988. He went to Speed School at U of L, graduating in 1994. He got his MBA from Sullivan University in 2003.

Rob and his wife Linda will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August. They have four children, all here in Louisville. Rob is a computer analyst with UPS, and has worked there for 29 years.

Rob spoke on teaching catechism to eighth graders in the religious education program – students who don't attend Catholic schools but are keeping up with their faith.

In 2006, Rob had two children in grade school at public schools. Jack Clark was the religious ed coordinator at St. Pius X parish at the time. He asked Rob, who had no real teaching experience but did have some coaching experience, to assist with the religious ed program; and Rob eventually ended up helping with eighth graders. Rob always wanted to pass on his faith to his own children; and while working with public school students in the religious ed programs, Rob decided to become a certified catechist.

He learned to get youth to open up by asking questions at the beginning of the school year – questions about favorite time of year, book, music, singing group, what they thought were the world's big-



## **ROB TICHY** **(continued from page 2)**

gest problems, etc. Years ago, discussion of the September 11, 2001 terrorist bombing generated a lot of discussion.

Initially he stuck with the text books, but eventually began working into the program additional ideas from such things as Matthew Kelly's books, and Fr. Ron Knott's columns in The Record. (Fr. Ron Knott presided at the marriage of Rob and his wife.) Some of Rob's favorite books by Matthew Kelly are **"Rediscover Catholicism"** and **"The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity."**

In **"Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic,"** Matthew Kelly speaks of daily prayer, constantly learning our faith, generosity, and evangelization. Rob reminds our youth of these points and tries to practice them himself.



He speaks of Fr. Ron Knott talking about the "rich new soil" in the Church, that what is at stake is worth the effort, and that not even hell can prevail against the Church.

Rob has also taken the youth on trips to the Cathedral; talked about the lives of the saints; had the students lead prayer services; reminded the youth that we are all called to holiness; and organized All Saints Day costume parades at Mass. One year, wearing all gray, he surprised people when he announced that he was "the Rock" – i.e., Peter the Apostle.

His classes also discuss Catholic social justice, the liturgical calendar and much more. He's most proud of those students who have come back to help in later years with the religious ed program or as lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers, cantor, etc. Even his own daughter, at age 22, has become a catechist for third graders while working nights at UPS; and two of his sons are often lectors at their parish.

Rob reminds the students of the story of Matthew, who, after finally seeing the post-Resurrection Jesus, heard Christ say "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29) We don't get the opportunity to see Christ as St. Thomas did; but our faith can be just as strong.

We want to thank Rob Tichy for his time and all he does to keep the faith alive in our younger Catholics.

*(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, and Fr. Dick Sullivan.**

## **CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY**

Thanks to all the members who donated. We ended up collecting over \$1,000 to support the Clergy Appreciation Day that will be on Monday, June 17, at the Woodhaven Country Club.



**ALL OF US  
SERRANS  
ARE RE-  
CRUITERS  
FOR THE  
SERRA  
CLUB.  
EACH ONE,  
BRING ONE!**

## **TO ALL FATHERS, INCLUDING OUR PRIESTS, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

Good quotes from or about fathers:

\* "My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there." - Indira Gandhi

\* "Do your work before you play. Be honest. Respect others' property and feelings." - a father to his son, Ralph Horn, who grew up to be CEO, First Tennessee National Bank

\* "My father said to me, "If you take one step with all the knowledge you have, there is usually just enough light shining to show you the next step." " – Margaret Murie, 1901-2003, naturalist, author, adventurer, and conservationist

\* "Why should God wish to hide from us? Observe well how a devoted father when teaching his young son to walk, stands in front of him, speaks encouragingly and holds his two hands on either side of the child. The boy goes toward his father with outstretched arms, but the moment he comes close to him the father moves away a little and holds his hands farther apart. He does this over and over so that the child may learn to walk." - Jewish sage and Rabbi Baal Shem Tov

For a good article on Saintly Examples of Fatherhood, click [here](#).

How can fatherhood be a vocation? See the article [here](#).

St Vincent Madelgaire (7<sup>th</sup> century) was a great example of a husband, and a father to four children, all of whom were declared saints! Click [here](#).

## **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.

## **THANK YOU TO FR. MICHAEL WIMSATT AND TO FR. ANTHONY CHANDLER**

We want to thank Fr. Michael Wimsatt, who has been the Vocation Director since 2014 (while he has also been the administrator at the Cathedral) and thank Fr. Anthony Chandler, who has been appointed to take his place (while continuing as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in La Grange). The changes are effective mid-June.



Fr. Michael Wimsatt



Fr. Anthony Chandler

## **POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Special dates this month**

#### **Ordination Anniversaries of our Chaplain and Associate Vocation Director**

Fr. Joe Voor, ordained June 3, 1950 – 69 years!

Fr. Peter Do – ordained June 8, 2002 – 17 years

#### **Birthdays of Members**

Debbie Farmer, June 7

Paul Koprucki, Jun 27

Ramsey Kraft, June 28

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**Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month** – Evangelization - For Priests - That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

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**Fr. Pat Dolan's books** – His fourth book will be coming out soon. For more information on the first

## **POTPOURRI** **(continued from page 4)**

three, see [https://www.amazon.com/s?k=rev.+patrick+j+dolan&i=stripbooks&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=rev.+patrick+j+dolan&i=stripbooks&ref=nb_sb_noss)  
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**St. Junipero Serra** – Don't forget that his feast day is coming up – July 1.  
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**For the new assignments for priests effective this June**, see

<https://therecordnewspaper.org/new-pastors-administrators-appointed-at-19-parishes/>  
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**How 36 sisters made a big difference** -

<https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/how-36-sisters-latin-america-sparked-unstoppable-transformation-12-poor-regions-us>  
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**Best Catholic Books of All-Time** -

<https://brandonvogt.com/best-catholic-books-of-all-time/>  
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**Vacationing near a Catholic Shrine?** – Wherever you go in the United States, you're never very far from a Catholic shrine. Checkout this list of U.S. shrines, organized by state -

<http://www.catholicshrines.net/>.  
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**Get Plenary Indulgences This Summer** -

<http://m.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/plenty-of-penary-indulgences-of-summer1>  
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**What Is Wrong With Socialism?** -

<http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/what-is-wrong-with-socialism>  
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**Can the Supreme Court reverse an earlier decision?** - Worst Supreme Court decisions ever -

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.courier-journal.com/amp/26502417>  
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**The Church's Answer to Cultural Woes** -

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/george-weigel-on-fragility-of-order-and-the-churchs-answer-to-cultural-woes>  
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**A fast growing order of nuns chose the Hill Country for expansion** because 'Texans just get it' – See the article by clicking [here](#).  
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**Why Youth Leave The Church** –

<https://www.ucatholic.com/holdsworth/why-youth-leave-the-church/>  
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**This Rapidly Growing Order Of Priests Just Launched An Incredible Digital Library** –

<https://catholic-link.org/this-rapidly-growing-order-of-priests-just-launched-an-incredible-digital-library/>  
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**Bearing our crosses** - “Although it is true that the cross is never absent from an authentically Christian life, it is equally true that the God who meets us on that cross is the same God who created the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the mountains, laughter, sunlight, and every earthly delight.” (Fr. John Bartunek, LC, "The Better Part" p. 365)  
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**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 your name's sake." (Prayer of William Barclay, 1907-1978)  
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**Quote on Virtue** – “Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.” - Pope Saint Leo the Great  
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**Cheap grace or costly grace?** - Dieterich Bonhoeffer, a pastor and theologian in Germany who died for his faith under Hitler's Nazi rule, contrasted "cheap grace" and "costly grace." - "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves ... the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance ... grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate ... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."  
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**What is Catholic Mysticism?** – See

<https://dowym.com/discover/what-is-catholic-mysticism/>  
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**Serra Club website** - [www.ArchLou.org/Serra](http://www.ArchLou.org/Serra)

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# The NEWMAN CONNECTION



*The Serra Club of Louisville*  
and the  
*Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults*  
have teamed up to promote  
*The Newman Connection*  
for all of our high school graduates!



## THE FACTS:

- An estimated **80%** of Catholic students leave the Church ***before they turn 23!***
- ***Only 15%*** of U.S. Catholic college students take the time and effort to locate the Catholic ministry on their college campus!
- A study completed for the U.S. Bishops confirmed that those who are active in Campus Ministry also attend Mass more often, donate more to their parishes, become leaders in their parishes, and are likely to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life!
- Conclusion: **Increasing student's participation in Catholic campus ministry activities greatly benefits the individual and the Church in many ways!**

By informing the local Catholic ministry leaders on or near any of over **2,000 public and Catholic campuses nationwide** through *The Newman Connection*, the college student will be found and contacted, and will then *know* there is a place for them in the Church, meet Catholic friends, and grow in their faith!

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

*(If someone other than the student or their parent would like to submit a name, please courteously ask permission of the student or their parent first!)*

- 1) **Tell every high school graduate, parent or grandparent of a graduate you know!** Encourage them to go to [www.newmanconnection.com/connect](http://www.newmanconnection.com/connect) and sign up!
- 2) **Provide names directly to us!** *(See contacts below.)*  
All that is needed for each students is:
  - First and last name,
  - The college this student plans to attend (*exact name since some college names are similar*), and
  - The city and state of the college
- 3) **Enter names yourself directly into the Newman Connection website!** Register as a "Volunteer" at [www.newmanconnection.com/volunteer](http://www.newmanconnection.com/volunteer) and start your own list of young people you wish to get connected!

## GET YOUR PARISH, YOUTH MINISTRY, AND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVED!

- Parish offices can help find your parish's high school graduates, create bulletin announcements, and post flyers!
- Youth Ministers often have a good idea who your parish's public high school graduates are!
- Catholic High Schools have their list of current graduates and their intended colleges, too!
- **Share this flyer!** Pastors, Principals, Youth Ministers, Scout Leaders, Coaches, Teachers, Parents, Grandparents!

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