



Serra Club of Louisville

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

– Saint Junipero Serra

**September, 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.

Sep 2 – Labor Day – no meeting

Sep 16 - Marla Cautilli - Exec Director of Hand-in-Hand Ministries

Oct 7 - Fr. Mike Tobin, Pastor at Church of the Annunciation in Shelbyville & St. John Chrysostom in Eminence, KY - topic to be determined

Oct 21 - Annette Turner - Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry.

AUGUST 8 WAS OUR ANNUAL SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON

Our President, Bob Hublar, did an excellent job of opening the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanking a number of people. He especially thanked Fr. Michael Wimsatt, who has been the Vocations Director since September, 2014. Bob also talked about the Serra Club and the need for all of us to pray for vocations,

Bob introduced Fr. Anthony Chandler, who became the Vocation Director in June of this year. Fr. Anthony spoke fondly of his memories of the Serra Club. He was ordained in 1989, having spent some of formation years in the seminary with Fr. Martin Linebach, who is now our Archdiocesan Vicar General for Priests.

Fr. Martin Linebach, spoke on behalf of Archbishop Kurtz, since the Archbishop is undergoing medical procedures out of town. Fr. Martin said he's talking with the

Archbishop frequently; and the Archbishop is having very few side effects from his treatments. We all send our prayers and affections to the Archbishop while undergoing procedures and recovery. Fr. Martin thanked all our seminarians and the Serra Club. From the West Point Cadet Prayer, which he frequently uses, he gave us the quote, regarding the discernment of vocations: "Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong."

Fr. Martin led the opening of the luncheon with the "Cadet Prayer" (<https://westpoint.edu/about/chaplain/cadet-prayer>), which was followed by a meal consisting of a great variety of foods, soft drinks, and desserts.

After the meal, Fr. Martin expressed appreciation for all the members of the Vocation Office – Fr. Anthony Chandler, the Vocation Director, Fr. Peter Do, the Associate Vocation Director, Sr. Sarah Yungwirth, OSB, the Associate Director, and Kelly McLemore, the Secretary.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 23**

7 - 8 PM

**HOLY SPIRIT
CHURCH**

**3345 LEXINGTON ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KY 40206**

After lunch, the seminarians were invited to speak about their status, the ministry they took on for the summer, and the seminary they'll be attending this fall. Many of the priests they worked with this summer were also in attendance.

Fr. Martin made it clear he really cares about our seminarians; and he closed our luncheon meeting with a blessing and the Serran "Prayer for Perseverance for Vocations."

Here is a full list of our current 14 seminarians, who will be attending six different seminaries this Fall.

Eddie Jarboe, Quan Nguyen, Loi Pham, Dustin Hungerford, Fermin Luna, Kenny Nauert, Cole McDowell, Michael Schultz, Evrard Muhoza, Michael Crimmins, Isaac Nord, David Vest, Yen Tran, Van Tran.

We want to thank all the Serrans and spouses who helped in any way to make this event such a

SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON **(continued from page 1)**

success. We especially wish to thank Theresa Fiedler who organized all of us. Thanks to the Vocation Office for coordinating the use of the Pastoral Center. This luncheon is always one of the highlights of the year for the Serra Club, giving us all a chance to meet the seminarians individually and hear of their progress. And let's keep all our seminarians in our daily prayers.

For pictures of all our Seminarians, the Seminaries they are attending, and their email addresses, just click

<https://www.archlou.org/services-directory/archdiocesan-agencies-facilities/vocation-office/vocation-office-seminarians/>

For the pictures taken by The Record at this luncheon, click <https://therecordnewspaper.org/serra-club-offers-support-to-seminarians/>

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

PICTURES FROM THE AUG 8 SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON



**PICTURES FROM
SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON
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LINDA GOTTBRATH SPOKE AT OUR AUG 19 MEETING

Linda is the Director of the Sitio Clothing Ministry (SCM), an outreach of St. John Vianney parish, started about seven years ago.

Linda was born and raised in Louisville, KY. She attended Our Lady of Mercy Academy on East Broadway, JCC and the University of Louisville. In March of 1996, Linda became a member of the Dominican Laity for the St Louis Bertrand Chapter. She and her husband Vance have been married for 45 years and are members of St Rita parish.

Linda has, for the past 22 years, coordinated Divine Mercy Sunday at St Athanasius parish; and she's been a member of the St Vincent DePaul Society



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since 2010.

They had one child, a son who took his own life at the age of 24 in 2002. After that event, Linda felt like she had been “put out to pasture” – no longer needed as a mother. After a very difficult grieving period, she eventually realized “we all have to die.” And she began a devotion to the Heart of Jesus. She felt “God always has a plan,” and she simply felt “Let me help others.”

The Sitio Clothing Ministry was founded in her basement in 2013 and moved to St John Vianney in 2015. Linda says that what she is doing is in honor of her deceased son. Their clients come from all over the Louisville and southern Indiana area, for free, gently used clothes donated by others in the area. “Sitio” means “I thirst.” The non-profit organization is now located at 4831 Southside Drive, Louisville, KY 40214. Their website can be found at www.sitioministry.org.

Year-to-date they have helped 2,769 people. Donated items can be dropped off from 10 am to noon, and 1 to 3 pm - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - or by calling Linda’s cell phone at (502) 969-018. You can also reach Linda at her email asimplepath@sitioministry.org.

They operate on a very small budget, with expenses for the space they rent, a P.O. box, a website, postage, and a computer. There is no one on payroll.

Sitio Clothing Ministry can always use more volunteers, as well as donations of clothes, shoes, toys, blankets, and money. They are always in need of men’s clothes, especially in small sizes. All donations are deductible since SCM is a 501(c)(9) organization.



We want to thank Linda Gottbrath for updating us on the Sitio Clothing Ministry.

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

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

We Serrans wish to say “Thank you!” to every priest in the Archdiocese of Louisville – the Archbishop, all our 134 diocesan priests, and all of the 58 priests who are members of various religious orders or temporarily assigned here from other dioceses. Combined, this comes to over **6,100 years of priesthood** – an average of over 31 years for each priest! This includes three ordained in May of this year and one (Fr. Joe Voor, the Chaplain of the Serra Club of Louisville) ordained 69 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 September each year (Sep 29th 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.

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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. For some related Priesthood Sunday parish planning guides, church liturgies and school activities, see www.priestsunday.org.

KEEPING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN TOUCH WITH THEIR FAITH

As some of our youth go away to college for the first time this Fall, you can submit the student's name and college to the Newman Connection online. This will enable the college's local Catholic community to contact the student about Catholic social functions as well as the time and location of weekend Masses. If interested, you can do this at <http://www.newmanconnection.com/connect> or you can contact Chuck Lynch of the Serra Club of Louisville, at (502) 442-9302 or ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com.

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Birthdays of Members this month

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

Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month – That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Former Serran Rosemary Barth passed away on July 30 this year, at the age of 97. You can review

her obituary at <https://www.ratterman.com/m/obituaries/Rosemary-Barth-2/Memories>

Thanks to Fr. Brandon DeToma, who led our Holy Half Hour for Vocations at St. Bernadette parish on August 19, in conjunction with their 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration.

September 23, 2019 is the fourth anniversary of the canonization of St. Junipero Serra.

Prayer Brochures for the Homebound – The Serra Club of Louisville has produced brochures to be given to the homebound, talking about prayers and offering up our sufferings, as well as including a prayer for vocations. For copies, see Chuck Lynch or Ken Peet.

Priesthood Sunday - is the last Sunday each September - 9/29 this year - For activity

ideas, see <http://priestsunday.org/>.

Dominican Sisters of Peace will be hosting a "Come and See" Retreat in St. Catharine, Kentucky, on September 13-15, at their Motherhouse, for single, Catholic women ages 18-45. For details, see

<https://37371.thankyou4caring.org/file/vocations/Come--See-Sept-2019-7.pdf?bblinkid=167203123&bbemailid=14605683&bbejrid=1110748843>.

Fr. John Judie told us we can follow his travels and ministry activity in Africa at

<http://www.facebook.com/fatherjohnjudie>.

Quote from a monk – "Happiness is not what makes us grateful. It is gratefulness that makes us happy." - David Steindl-Rast, OSB

Quote from a saint - "Humility, simplicity, charity, but above all charity." – dying words of social worker Blessed Emilie Gamelin (1800-1851)

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