



Serra Club of Louisville

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

– Saint Junipero Serra

**October, 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.

Oct 7 – The presentation is "Celebration in Mallorca for Saint Junipero Serra: A First Hand Account by Fr. Mike Tobin."

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

Nov 4 - Fr. Don Halpin O.F.M. Conv., of Mt. St. Francis, IN, will talk about the retreats he runs for our Archdiocese.

OUR SPEAKERS SEPTEMBER 16 WERE FROM HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES

The CEO of **Hand in Hand Ministries** is Marla Cautilli. She was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, but raised in 11 different states due to her dad's job. Marla has a BA in Physical Education from UC Santa Barbara, and a Master's Degree from Bucknell University. She played on the U.S. women's water polo team in the early 1980's. She moved to Louisville in 2001. She has two grown children – a son and a daughter; and her mother now lives in Louisville. Previous jobs included college coach, elementary PE teacher, and development director for a non-profit.

HHM was founded 20 years ago by Fr. Joe Fowler and his

brother, Wayne Fowler. The idea began when Wayne Fowler was on a trip to Jamaica and saw tremendous poverty. He told people in Louisville about it; and the work has expanded ever since. Wayne passed away in 2016. Fr. Joe Fowler, though retired, is still deeply involved with the organization. Originally the HHM offices were in the basement of the Holy Trinity rectory. Later the offices were moved to Buechel.

About 13 years ago, they inherited one of the facilities that was used by the Christian Appalachian Project. Now there are regular visits by students from middle schools and high schools to their Appalachian facility in Auxier, KY, which includes 18 beds for the students who devote time to helping the needy in that area.

About three years ago, Marla had the idea of helping families in the Louisville West End / Portland areas. They have worked closely with Seneca High School and Fern Creek High School students in "urban immersion" projects to the Portland area. In 2017, the organi-

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 16
6 - 7 PM**

**ST. LAWRENCE
CHURCH**

**1925 LEWISTON DRIVE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40216**

Thanks to Fr. Fred Klotter for allowing us to have a Holy Hour for Vocations at Holy Spirit Church on September 23, and to **Eddie Sexton** for helping us with that hour.

zation even moved its offices to Portland. The students and adult volunteers not only do service work, but meet and interact with the residents in the communities



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

HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES **(continued from page 1)**



they service. In Portland alone, the volunteers have provided 10,000 service hours. The homeowners they work with become part of the HHM family, assisting with work, volunteering or connecting the organization with their neighbors.

There are many corporations, as well as individuals, in the Louisville community who are supporters of HHM.

They describe their mission as working hand in hand with individuals and communities to transform lives by responding to expressed needs through cultural immersion, education, housing and health care. This includes urban immersion in Louisville, as well as sending people to meet needs in Appalachia, Belize and Nicaragua. To help the cause, Fr. Joe Fowler runs a regular bingo in Jeffersontown.

Rico Morris, who has benefited from the help of HHM, and is now a regular volunteer, also spoke to our club. He's a 54-year old man, a 1955 graduate of Shawnee High School, and said he tries to be a good representative of the West End. He has a 24-year old son, and a daughter in college. He worked through Local 576 with many jobs in the construction industry before hip arthritis temporarily side-tracked him. (He'll have surgery in the very near future.) He told us "Life is about getting up and keep moving." Even with some disability, he finds time and energy to volunteer for HHM and feels part of the HHM family.

Rico says every city has its low-income households. However, he says the people in the West End are good people. Some of them simply have needs

that they can't afford to address; and HHM has helped many people with construction and repairs. He spoke of how he once mentioned a need and HHM sent dozens of people to help him. He's amazed at all the connections that the HHM organization seems to have in Louisville. Rico says HHM is "all about spirit." He was so appreciative of HHM and all the people who support this organization with their time and donations.

To volunteer at HHM, provide financial assistance, or checkout their financial report, see their website at <https://www.myhandinhand.org/>. Their headquarters are located at 518 N. 26th Street, Louisville, KY 40212.

We want to thank Marla and Rico for taking the time to update us on this great local non-profit and all the work they do.

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

SERRAN DONNA RICHARDSON HAS PASSED AWAY

Serran Donna Devereaux Richardson, 71, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2019, surrounded by family. Born on November 12, 1947 to the late Mary Elizabeth and Albert Carl Devereaux, Jr, Donna was a graduate of Angela Merici High School and a member of St. Margaret Mary Church. She had been a member of the Serra Club since 11/1/13.



Left to cherish her memory is her devoted husband Joseph Richardson, Jr; her daughters Courtney Richardson-Young (Tim) and Meredith Adams (Paul); and her beloved "Grands", Alexander and Donovan Young, and Maxwell and Sydney Adams; as well as life-long friend, Tammy Seppelfield.

Donna's funeral Mass was Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 10 am at St. Margaret Mary Church.

Donna will be missed by the Serra Club. Expressions of sympathy may be made to WHAS Crusade for Children, 520 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY 40202.



OCTOBER 6 YOUNG SERVER AWARDS

The Vocation Office is hosting the Young Server Awards, which will be presented at a prayer service (not a Mass) at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 6, at 2:00pm. This will honor both young male and female servers, with the goal of highlighting the connection between serving and lifelong commitment to service. All are welcome.

“MISSIONARIES OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA” MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

Worldwide, our membership has dropped over 8,000 in 15 years – more than 500 members per year. Serra International has announced a competition to increase membership, with prizes for the clubs with the best membership improvement.

RULES: This competition is called the Missionaries of St. Junipero Serra, whereby we are asked to focus on four steps:

- 1) Pray more the Serran Prayers for Vocations.
- 2) Invite more Catholics to pray these prayers. (We have cards with the prayers on them.)
- 3) Invite more Catholics to visit our club meetings.
- 4) Invite more Catholics to actually become members of the club.

AWARDS: Prizes for clubs in our size category (25 or more members as of 7/1/19):

- a) The club with the largest net increase in new members will be awarded \$3,000.
- b) The club with the second largest net increase in new members will be awarded \$2,000.
- c) The club with the third largest net increase in new members will be awarded \$1,000.
- d) The club with the highest percentage increase in new members will be awarded \$1,000.
- e) All remaining clubs who show a net gain of five or more new members will receive a 10% rebate of club dues for the one-year period starting July 1, 2020.
- f) In addition, all clubs who gain five or more new members will receive one free registration to the next Serra International Convention in New Orleans (June 25-27, 2020).

Let's all do what we can to increase membership!

“The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK IS NOVEMBER 3 - 9 THIS YEAR.

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.

MOVIE ABOUT FR. JUNIPERO SERRA

The 1955 movie “Seven Cities of Gold” (1 hour, 42 minutes) is about a 1769 Spanish expedition to California to conquer the land and discover its famed gold treasures while missionaries aim to gain new converts and establish a network of Catholic missions.

A trailer for the movie can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgZPZvBL0MU>.

The stars of the movie include Richard Egan, Anthony Quinn and Michael Rennie (as Fr. Serra). (Michael Rennie is perhaps best remembered for his starring role as the space visitor Klaatu in the 1951 science fiction film “The Day the Earth Stood Still.”) It can be rented for \$3.99 through Amazon and other companies online. However, you can watch it for free on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gVZ9UJvfcc>.

Thanks to Serran Ralph Williams for telling us about this movie.

Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God.

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Birthdays this month

Fr. Joe Voor, our Chaplain, turns 94 on October 9!
Fr. Voor, thanks for all you do for the Serra Club!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for this month – Evangelization – That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the church.

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 Ken Peet.

Nuns With Down Syndrome Inspire Catholics Worldwide - <http://m.ncregister.com/blog/solenetadie/little-sisters-disciples-of-the-lamb>

10 Things Every Catholic College Freshman Needs to Know if They Don't Want to Lose Their Faith (with a little humor included) – <https://epicpew.com/10-things-every-catholic-college-freshman-needs-to-know-if-they-dont-want-to-lose-their-faith/>

Norbertines enjoy growth at St. Michael's Abbey in California - <https://www.osvnews.com/2019/08/13/norbertines-enjoy-growth-at-st-michaels-abbey-in-california/>

Why are Catholic college students leaving the Faith? - <https://www.osvnews.com/2019/08/09/why-are-catholic-college-students-leaving-the-faith/>

"Yes, there is a vocation crisis, but we have to realize student loans are a substantial inhibitor to our vocations and the people wanting to give their lives." - Norvilia Etienne, a recent 2019 graduate from Queens College in NY, addressing some religious orders' struggle to accept candidates with educational debt

Bishop Barron on whether hell is crowded or empty – 9-minute video is at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmsa0sg4Od4>

Beware the Hypocrisy of the “Spiritual but Not Religious” - <http://blog.adw.org/2019/08/beware-the-hypocrisy-of-the-spiritual-but-not-religious/>

Survey finds that encouragement is key to foster priestly vocations -

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/aleteia.org/2019/08/31/survey-finds-that-encouragement-is-key-to-foster-priestly-vocations/amp/>

Our Archdiocesan Vocation Webpage can be found at <https://www.louisville vocations.com/>.

The Vocation and Mission of the People of God: “A Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation” - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/orthodox/vocation-and-mission.cfm>

Medical Researcher Reveals Surprising Benefits of Attending Church - <https://stream.org/harold-koenig-center-duke-spirituality-theology-health/>

Letter to an Aspiring Priest - <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2019/03/letter-to-an-aspiring-priest>

On Sundays - "Do not let Sunday be taken from you. If your soul has no Sunday, it becomes an orphan." - Albert Schweitzer

What "No salvation outside of the Catholic Church" means - <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/what-no-salvation-outside-the-church-means>

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MISSIONARIES OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

1. PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
 2. ASK OTHERS TO PRAY, TOO
 3. INVITE THEM TO A CLUB MEETING
 4. INVITE THEM TO JOIN SERRA
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In the past 15 years, Serra International has lost over 8,000 members; that's over 500 members per year. **You can help reverse this trend when your club participates in our MISSIONARIES OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA CONTEST.**

Increase your membership for a chance to win*:

- Cash prizes
- Dues rebate
- Free registration for the Serra International Convention in New Orleans (June 25-27, 2020)

EVERY CLUB CAN BE WINNER.

Start your membership drive today!

**See contest rules for details.*



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