



Serra Club of Louisville

November, 2019
Newsletter

“To always go forward – to never turn back!”
– Saint Junipero Serra

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.

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

Nov 18 - Sr. Michele Ann Intravia

will speak on the Sister Visitor Center.

Dec 2 – Luncheon for Senior Women Religious, at the **University Club**. **Reservations required**. See article on page 6.

Dec 16 – Mass & Luncheon at **St. Margaret Mary parish**. **Reservations required** for lunch. See article on page 6.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

4 - 5 PM

**ST. ALBERT
CHURCH**

**1395 GIRARD DRIVE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222**

KEEP ARCHBISHOP KURTZ IN YOUR PRAYERS

Now that he has completed his chemo treatments, the Archbishop will undergo surgery for cancer on **Monday, November 11**, at the Duke Cancer Institute in North Carolina. Let's all keep him in our prayers.

FR. MIKE TOBIN SPOKE AT OUR OCT 7 MEETING

Fr. Mike Tobin joined us at this meeting to talk about his Fall, 2015 visit to the Island of Mallorca, Spain, which happened to be the island birthplace of St. Junipero Serra. Fr. Mike was fortunate to witness the festive Mass conducted by the bishop of Mallorca to celebrate Fr. Junipero's recent canonization in the United

States by Pope Francis. St. Junipero Serra of course is our club's patron saint.

Fr. Mike was born in Sacramento, CA, but raised in Louisville from the first grade. His family belonged to St. Albert the Great parish at that time. Fr. Mike attended Saint Xavier H.S. (Class of 1980) and the University of Louisville (1984). He obtained a graduate degree in Dogmatic Theology from Belgium's Catholic University of Louvain (1994) while attending the American College Seminary in Louvain. He was ordained August 7, 1993.

He is a former Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Hodgenville and St. Ann in Howardstown; as well as a former Pastor of St. Aloysius, Shepherdsville and St. Benedict, Lebanon Junction. He is fluent in Spanish, and created the Hispanic Ministry in Hardin County at St. James Parish while living in Hodgenville.

Since 2011, Fr. Mike has been



the Pastor of Church of Annunciation (Shelbyville) and St. John Chrysostom (Eminence). He was selected as the delegate from the archdiocese to the 5th National Encuentro, a nationwide gathering of Hispanic Catholics, held in Dallas in 2019. He's also a board member of Catholic Charities of

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

FR. MIKE TOBIN
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Louisville.

Fr. Mike is an avid marathon runner and charity fundraiser. He was chosen by the David Ortiz Children's Fund to fundraise \$10,000 to assist children needing heart surgery including those with Down Syndrome. He raised \$47,000 in 2019, and finished the Boston Marathon in 4 hours, 21 minutes. He's applying again in 2020 to fundraise and race in Boston on April 20, 2020. Every \$5,000 donated pays for a surgery when combined with funds from other sources at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children.

Fr. Mike was born in California, visited Mexico in recent years, and, in 2015, was in Mallorca, Spain – the reverse order of St. Serra's life. St. Serra was born in Mallorca, spent 18 years in Mexico, founded many of the missions on the west coast of California, and was buried in Carmel, California.

On Fr. Mike's 2015 sabbatical, he visited the Museum in Mallorca, witnessed the festival on St. Francis Day, a parade, the pageantry, and then celebrated St. Serra's canonization – all of which he said was "very moving." On this same trip, he also took in Fatima in Portugal, then the land of the mystics in Spain, Lourdes in France, the city of Barcelona, and finally Mallorca. He said it was simply a coincidence that he arrived in Mallorca when the whole town was celebrating the canonization of St. Serra. El Camino Santiago de Compostela (in Spain) was also on his agenda for that trip.

Fr. Mike said that the relatives of St. Serra had bequeathed their home to the government and then it finally ended up being owned by an organization that exists to honor St. Serra.

In telling the story of St. Serra's life, Fr. Mike reminded us that St. Serra took the name "Junipero," Spanish for Juniper, the humble assistant to St. Francis. St. Serra had a zeal from his deep prayer life, and had the motto "Always forward, never back."

While teaching at a college in Spain, Fr. Serra eventually decided that his calling was to be a missionary to North America. He arrived by ship at Vera Cruz, Mexico and then walked with a companion for the 250 miles to Mexico City. Serra's leg was infected on this journey and it caused him pain and difficulties the rest of his life. After working in Mexico and the Baja Peninsula for 18 years, he became president of the mission there.

The Spaniards heard that Russia was invading North America from Alaska; so, the Spanish ordered an expedition to beat Russia to the western territories (what now includes California), and took Franciscans along with them to help convert the Native Americans.

In 1769 the Spanish military and the Franciscans arrived in San Diego. It was 1776 when Fr. Junipero Serra founded the Mission San Juan Capistrano. This was the seventh of the nine missions established during Serra's journeys in California. The Franciscans and Spanish military established 12 more after Fr. Serra's death in 1784.

Fr. Serra once made a long trip to Mexico City to settle great differences with the Spanish military commander in California. The outcome was what he wanted and regulations were created to protect the Indians and the missions. These became the basis for the first significant legislation in California, a "Bill of Rights" for Native Americans.

Fr. Serra baptized over 6,000 people and confirmed 5,000 during his missionary years. He protected Indians from harsh abuse by the secular Spanish authorities. He died on August 28, 1784, was beatified in 1988, and canonized on September 23, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

We want to thank Fr. Mike for his presentation and slide show.

MRS. ANNETTE
MANDLEY-TURNER SPOKE AT
OUR OCTOBER 21 MEETING

Mrs. M. Annette Mandley-Turner is the Executive Director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry (OMM, formerly the Office of Black Catholic Ministries), a position she has held since 1984. As executive director, she oversees the many functions of this department, which exists to give direction and leadership to the full and holistic development of the growing and diverse Catholic communities within the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Annette has served as the Regional Coordinator of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) for the last 15 years. She is the founder of the African American Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry Network, founder and convener of the Interregional African American Catholic Evangelization Conference (IAACEC), and the founder of the Catholic Multicultural Network.

In order to advance the archdiocesan priorities of

MRS. ANNETTE MANDLEY-TURNER
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education and leadership within the African American community, Annette created one of the first leadership awards banquets for African American Catholics and developed it into a resounding success. On March 2, 2019, the banquet will celebrate its 32nd year. This organization has raised money and given out many scholarships to local African American students over the years.



Annette has authored and co-authored several books and is a nationally sought-after speaker who has presented in over thirty states in addition to the continents of Africa and Europe.

Having graduated from U of L and the University of Maryland, Annette holds an associate

of science degree in Pan African Studies, a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education Psychology and Counseling, a Master of Science degree in Leadership and a Master of Science degree in Human Resources. She currently is working on a PhD in the area of Leadership with a focus on Diversity. Her husband is Deacon James Turner, currently assigned to St. Martin de Porres parish.

One of the things Annette made clear to us is that our Archdiocese has so many different cultures and sub-cultures – all of which are to be included in every aspect of the Church. These include African Americans, the Hispanic community, people from Africa, Belize, Haiti, the Koreas, China, urban and rural communities, Asian and Pacific Island Catholics (the API group is the largest in our Archdiocese), India, people in the military, people of interracial marriages, Puerto Ricans, and many more.

Her department addresses the question – How do we provide ministry to this diverse population and make sure all feel welcome? Annette spoke highly of the involvement in this ministry’s leadership by both Archbishop Kelly and Archbishop Kurtz.

The OMM has programs to bring together people from different geographic parts of Louisville, affirming all gifts of all persons – making sure “that there

are no victims or victimizers with those we serve.” They’ve also been involved with an intergenerational family convocation.

Annette spoke of ministry opportunities under the umbrella of OMM such as of the Catholic Enrichment Center (CEC). CEC is viewed as a community hub, responding to the needs of families in need. CEC takes great pride in enhancing the lives of many, from after school programs, Lunch and Learn Community Outreach, Senior Computer Classes, Fathers Raising Their Children network, Bible Study, sacred movement class, Health Awareness Programs, and many more.

OMM has provided scholarships to help West End students get into Catholic schools in other parts of the county since the West End no longer has any Catholic schools. The OMM and the CEC, through the annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards Dinner, has also worked hard to give recognition to African Americans in the local community

Over the last 20 years, OMM's staff of 11 committed individuals has provided many programs for the Archdiocese such as, best practices for priests, teaching children of all cultures about our Catholic faith, organizing Multicultural Days of Reflection, City-Wide Kwanzaa, Single Parent Program, Pan-African Festival, Interracial Family Forum, an Ecumenical Choir Fest, APIs Celebrations, Haitian Support Group, Culture of Violence Prayer Day, Annual Day of Reflection for African American Catholics, Hispanic and Filipinos, Convocations, and much more. It interacts with the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) in its tuition assistance for West End students. And, for the last 37 years, it has sponsored an Awards Scholarship Dinner to promote Catholic Education for 8th graders and High School Seniors. We also now have Masses in the Archdiocese said in at least seven languages, including Swahili. Finally, the OMM also interacts with many regional and national organizations on meetings and topics of diversity and multicultural ministry.

The website for the OMM can be found at <https://www.archlou.org/services-directory/archdiocesan-agencies-facilities/multicultural-ministry/>. On that same page you can scroll down to read the most recent “Culture Update” (Issue 51) for the Spring of 2019.

We want to thank Annette for taking the time to update us on the Office of Multicultural Ministry.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE SERRA CLUB OF LOUISVILLE

We want everyone to know that the Serra Club of Louisville is always open to new members. We usually meet twice a month (first and third Mondays for lunch, at the Golden Corral in the Hikes Point area of Louisville), with speakers at almost all our meetings. We often have speakers and representatives of organizations we've never heard of, as well as the opportunities and services they provide to our Archdiocese.

Dues help cover the cost of the many things we do, including a Christmas luncheon for senior women religious; a send-off luncheon for our seminarians in August of each year; sponsorship of the annual men's and women's Archdiocesan conferences; coordination with the Vocation Office for the annual poster and essay Vocation Contests; promotion of the Newman Connection, which keeps college students in touch with parishes near their college; and much more. The club also pays dues to help support Serra International and the USA Council of Serra International.

A discount for the first year's dues applies to all new members.

For more information, contact Neil Manias at (502) 267-5011 and see our website www.ArchLou.org/Serra.

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.

SERRA DISTRICT GOVERNOR KEN PEET SPOKE TO ARCHDIOCESAN DEACONS ON SEPTEMBER 28.

Each year the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of Louisville gather to socialize, get updated on archdiocesan affairs and go through some training. The most recent assembly was on September 28, at St. Gabriel Parish. At this year's Assembly, Ken Peet, our District Governor for the Serra Clubs, was invited to update the Deacons on the latest from the Serra Club. He spoke on Serra International, the www.SerraSpark.org program, Parish Vocation Ministries, and Satellite Clubs.



Ken explained the organization of Serra from Serra International, to the Councils, the Regions, the Districts and the local Clubs. He discussed the History of Serra beginning in Seattle, Washington in 1934. Then he spoke of the Serra Spark program, including such tools as the 31 Club, the Traveling Chalice program, and involving the homebound in prayers for vocations.

Parish Vocation Ministries was next. Ken spent a lot of time on this topic, telling the Deacons how Serra Spark would be the basis of the Parish Vocation Ministry; how Serra will send a team of trainers to each diocese at no cost, to help them set up the program. This is a way of participating in the Mission of Serra without paying dues.



A Satellite Club in the Archdiocese would be a branch of the Serra Club of Louisville. The members would be required to pay full dues as do members of a regular Serra Club. They could come to the Serra Club of Louisville or participate via Skype. They could also have their own meetings.

Ken distributed his contact information and handouts, including our Serra Club brochure *How the Homebound Can Help Save the World*.

We hope and pray for further participation by the Diaconate.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE 2019 YOUNG SERVER
AWARD WINNERS**

John Teagan Adams, Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral
Lucas Alcorn, All Saints
Shelby Alcorn, All Saints
Brianna Ash, Incarnation
Alice Beatty, St. Francis of Assisi
Annie Bentley, Most Blessed Sacrament
Noah Blankman, St. Gabriel
Samuel Cambron, St. Francis of Assisi, Loretto
Elizabeth Carter, St. Aloysius
Ryan Clements, St. John Paul II
Theodore Copperwhite, St. Louis Bertrand
Kacie Crowe, Good Shepherd, Louisville
Ella Crumpton, St. James, Louisville
Jared Cruthird, Sts. Simon & Jude
Bernard Dawson, St. James, Elizabethtown
Zoe Eckhart, St. John Paul II
Ethan Eichberger, St. Martha
Sara Beth Filiatreau, Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral
Brogan Fitzgerald, St. Martha
Adam Fox, St. Gabriel
Nathan Gambrell, Mary Queen of Peace
Jared Gilbert, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Amelia Hammond, St. Margaret Mary
Grayson Hardesty, St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi
Emily Hinton, Incarnation
Joell Jacobs, St. Ignatius Martyr
Daniel Jaso, St. Francis of Assisi
Miles Johnson, St. Bernadette
Nolan Johnson, St. Bernadette

Will Kaminski, Holy Cross, Loretto
Henry Cayman Kelting, Holy Spirit, Louisville
Craig Kubac, St. Rita
Nolan Luther, St. James, Louisville
Luke McGuire, Immaculate Conception, LaGrange
Tate McLaren, St. Albert the Great
Nicholas Mercer, St. Theresa of Avila
Devin Moses, St. Stephen Martyr
Samuel Mulume, Mary Queen of Peace
Yvonne Ndoricimpa, St. Ignatius Martyr
Chetien Nishimwe, St. Bartholomew
Joe Charles O'Bryan, Holy Trinity, Fredericktown
Carson Osborne, St. Charles
Antonio Pascual, Christ the King, Tompkinsville
Gerardo Pascual, Christ the King, Tompkinsville
Owen Phillips, Good Shepherd, Louisville
Gabriella Portillo, St. Albert the Great
Katelyn Ritchey, St. Stephen Martyr
Jacob Schurfranz, St. Athanasius
Abigail Simpson, St. Gabriel
Shawn Spalding, Holy Trinity, Fredericktown
Mark Stromberg, Immaculate Conception, LaGrange
Carrick Swearingen, St. Rita
Meredith Tanner, Most Blessed Sacrament
Christopher Trapp, St. James, Elizabethtown.
Jackson Tripp, St. Bartholomew
Anthony Vowels, Sts. Simon & Jude
Mollie Weissaupt, St. Brigid, Vine Grove
Grant Wilson, St. Margaret Mary
Cal Yates, St. Brigid, Vine Grove

MONDAY, DEC 2 IS OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR SENIOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Annually the Serra Club sponsors a Christmas Luncheon for Senior Women Religious. The luncheon is also open to the public. The purpose is to honor and thank the many women religious who have devoted their lives to various ministries, including, for many of them, the teaching profession.

The luncheon will be at 12 noon on Monday, December 2, at the University Club on the U of L campus. The cost is \$25. (No charge for senior women religious!) Parking is free. Fr. Martin Linebach, Vicar General for the Archdiocese, will be our guest speaker; and we will be entertained by the Cardinal Singers, as well as Serran Mary Means, pianist.

Reservations must be made by Monday, November 25, with payment to our Treasurer by Wednesday, November 27. For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Serra Club Treasurer, Jerry Gonsoski, at 245-5392.

CALIFORNIA RALLY AND MISSION PILGRIMAGE

In January, you can attend the Serra Rally and/or the Pilgrimage Tour of the old missions founded by St. Serra and the Franciscans – missions located between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

For Rally information and agenda, click <https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2020/> and <https://files.constantcontact.com/c2cd08cd001/c45bd189-4320-47c5-b122-812b4ece158f.pdf>. For Rally registration, click <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/SerraInternational1/2020-rally.html>

For Hotel registration, click <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1560203801557&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

And for the Mission pilgrimage, click <https://canterburypilgrimages.com/current-pilgrimages/serra-international/>.

KNOW, LIVE, AND SHARE THE FAITH!

MONDAY, DEC 16 MEETING - MASS AND LUNCH

In lieu of a regular meeting at the Golden Corral, we will meet at **St. Margaret Mary for Mass, followed by lunch in their Hospitality Room.** The lunch will be catered by Goose Creek Diner. Fr. Pat Dolan will celebrate Mass and also give us a Christmas season presentation. Members \$12. Others \$15.

Reservations must be made by Monday, December 9, with payment to our Treasurer by Wednesday, December 11. For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Serra Club Treasurer, Jerry Gonsoski, at 245-5392.

POTPOURRI - VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Member birthdays this month

Ron Mazzoli, Nov 2, Don Buckler, Nov 18
Jerry Zimmerer, Nov 27

Congratulations to Serran John Tichenor, who has been a member of the Serra Club of Louisville for 60 years as of 11/1/19! John, thanks for all you do for the Serra Club of Louisville!

Thanks to Serran Deacon Bill Klump, CPA, for helping with our annual Form 990 that must be filed with the Federal Government each year.

Thanks to Fr. Bill Burks for allowing us to have a Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Lawrence Church on October 16, and to **Deacon Dave Dalton** for helping us with that Holy Hour.

Vocation Poster and Essay Contests for grade schoolers – Schools, parishes and youth leaders have been notified of the annual Vocation Essay and Poster Contests sponsored by the Vocation Office and the Serra Club. The Contest starts now; and entries must be received in the Vocation Office by January 10. The Serra Club will provide cash prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Thanks to **Mary Means** and **Paul Willett** for proofing this newsletter.

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