



Serra Club of Louisville

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

– Saint Junipero Serra

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Newsletter

MISSION:

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

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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.

Jan 6 – Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU will give us an update on Water With Blessings.

Jan 20 – Speaker yet to be determined.

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Jan 28 – 11:45 Board meeting at St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

Feb 3 – Speaker yet to be determined.

Feb 17 – Speaker yet to be determined.

DECEMBER 2 CHRISTMAS BANQUET FOR SENIOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Bob Hublar, our emcee and President of the Serra Club of Louisville, opened our luncheon by introducing Fr. Martin Linebach, the Vicar General for the Archdiocese and pastor of St. James parish in Elizabethtown. Fr. Martin took the Archbishop's place since the Archbishop was still recovering from a seven-hour surgery at the Duke Cancer Center in NC. He announced that he had spoken with the Archbishop that morning; and the doctors have now concluded the Archbishop is cancer free! Our prayers have been answered. Then Fr. Martin led us in saying a prayer of thanks before our meal.

Attending the luncheon were members of different orders, including the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Dominican Sisters, Loretta Sisters, Sisters of Provi-

dence, the Ursulines of Louisville, the Ursulines of Mount St. Joseph, and the Benedictine Sisters of Ferdinand. Two of the orders in our Archdiocese have been celebrating the 150th anniversary of their arrival in Louisville – the Sisters of Mercy and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

After lunch, Bob Hublar asked the sisters for a show of hands as to how many had been with their orders for 40 years, then 45, 50, etc. [Sister Evie Hurley, SCN](#), age 104, has been with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth for 85 years! Sister Evie, thanks for all the years of service to your community and to the Church. Counting about 70 sisters, as well as Serrans and guests, we had 97 people in attendance.

Bob then introduced Fr. Martin Linebach again to say a few more words. Fr. Martin spoke of having been taught by Ursulines and said that a sister teaching him in the sixth grade was a big influence on his decision to become a priest. He stays in touch with her to this day.

Fr. Martin also spoke about the sisters' vows, thanking them for literally giving their lives to God, and

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, Floyds Knobs, IN, 7 - 8 p.m.

their sharing of the Holy Spirit. Speaking of the impact that the sisters have on others, he talked of a book he read - [“Light over the Scaffold: Prison Letters of Jacques Fesch; and Cell 18: Unedited Letters of Jacques Fesch”](#) - a rare insight into the spiritual journey of a young man condemned and executed in France in 1957 at the age of 27. The book, by Augustin-Michel Lemmonier, tells of Fesch's spiritual conversion during his time in prison.

Fr. Anthony Chandler, Director of the Vocations Office since June, spoke briefly. He talked about the 14 seminarians we now have, and predicted we might have an additional 10 to 12 more in the Fall! He reminded us all to pray for vocations, and quoted Pope St. John Paul II as saying if we aren't willing to pray for vocations, we won't get any. He also thanked all the sisters for their years of service, and spoke of his 8th grade teacher and principal, Sr.

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Bernadine Nash, who spoke of saying “yes” to God.

Our emcee, Bob Hublar, then read from a spiritual version of “[The Night Before Christmas](#),” by Sister St. Thomas, B.N.D. de N.

We had a great meal; the Serrans also gave out bags of candies to the sisters as they left. Mary Means, a Serran who has been playing the piano for 89 years, gave us some beautiful music both before and during the dinner. The whole audience was very appreciative of her talent. Mary, thanks for entertaining us!

At the end of our luncheon we welcomed the [U of L Cardinal Singers](#) - an a cappella group of over two dozen singers wearing the traditional U of L red and black, and led by Director

[Dr. Kent Hatteberg](#). Their nine seasonal songs included some in Latin and some in English, and, of course, popular Christmas carols. As always, this award-winning choir is a fantastic part of our annual luncheon for the senior women religious.

We want to thank our President, Bob Hublar, for organizing this event. Thanks also to Jerry Gonsoski for coordinating with the University Club; to Bert Trompeter for the donation of candy for the sisters; to Ramsey Kraft for the flowers (which were presented to the sisters celebrating birthdays); to Jerry Zimmerer for taking pictures; and to all the Serrans who helped drive the sisters to and from the luncheon.

As the largest of our Serra Club events, this Christmas Luncheon is always a day of great pride, a good time with many of our women religious, and a joyful beginning to Advent. And the sisters all told us how much they appreciated it.

(Thanks to Jerry Zimmerer for all the pictures.)



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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. There is also a discount for the first year's dues for new members.

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

FR. PAT DOLAN SPOKE AT OUR DECEMBER 16 MEETING

This meeting was a special Christmas meeting, with Mass at noon, celebrated by Fr. Pat Dolan, whose homily at Mass, and presentation during the following lunch, were about Christmas and “Recapturing Your Christmas Traditions.”



Fr. Pat, who retired earlier this year, reminded us that although some people think many of our Christmas traditions had their origins in pagan practices, he said that really they came from long-standing human longings and a sense of wonder, awe and delight. For example, the [Holly and Ivy song](#) is

partly based on the idea that both holly and ivy are evergreens. When the landscape is dead and dormant, evergreens remind us of better times to come – with hope in the spring – as Mary and the child Jesus remind us of hope in our salvation.

With Charles Dickens’ “[A Christmas Carol](#),” the setting was in England, under the rule of the very Puritanical Cromwell, who discouraged celebrations like Christmas and Easter. In the story, ghosts reminded Scrooge that he used to rejoice and sing; and that if all you care about is money, your life will be empty; and that the future can be much better – but it depends on what we choose to make of it.

With the “Good King Wenceslas” [song](#) and [lyrics](#), we frequently hear only two of the five stanzas



Fr. Pat Dolan giving the homily at the noon Mass, St. Margaret Mary, just before our Dec. 16 luncheon.

during the Christmas season. But the whole song is worth studying for [more of its story and meaning](#). It is all about a king and his page, and how the king decides to help a peasant who lives a league (several miles) away, by walking in the snow, carrying meat and wine to the peasant.

For more on the history of some of the famous Christmas Carols, click [here](#).

We want to thank Fr. Pat Dolan for the Mass, his homily, and his presentation on Christmas traditions.

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

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



**BRYAN CAIN, SMM
YOUTH COORDINATOR,
THANKED THE SERRA CLUB**

At the December 16 meeting, we also had a brief thank you from Bryan Cain, the Youth Coordinator for St. Margaret Mary parish. He thanked us for bringing our meeting to their parish.

He reminded us that historically it has sometimes taken 100 years before the Church's changes fully take effect. For example, the [1545 – 1563 Council of Trent's](#) counter reformation, in response to the heresies of the Protestants, took about a century to be fully effective in the Church.

Likewise, he reminds us that the full implementation of the [1962 - 1965 Second Vatican Council](#) may not be fully effective until the middle of this century, with some of the priests at that time being men who are born around now.

Noticing the average age of our membership, Bryan suggested that we can actively evangelize our grandchildren by simply spending time with them and inviting them to join us at Mass.



Bryan said to “Stay joyful. Don’t despair.” The Church will always survive. We want to thank Bryan for his optimism, his talk to the club, and for representing the St. Margaret Mary parish during this event.

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VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Birthdays this month

Bill Moriarity, Jan 2 Bob Hublar, Jan 3
Ron Eades, Jan 31 Kelly McLemore, Jan 31

Pope’s Prayer Intentions for this January – For evangelization and Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Serra Rally - Ventura, CA is Jan 16-19, 2020. For more info click [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

For a look at 21st century discernment to the religious life, click [here](#).

Reaching Out to the Religiously Unaffiliated - For five paths per Bishop Robert Barron, click [here](#).

Five important dates for celebrating vocations in 2020

1) World Day for Consecrated Life (WDCL) - The Sunday coincident with or immediately following Feb 2 (the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord). The next one celebrated in parishes is **Sunday, 2/2/20.**

2) National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) - Celebrated **March 8 to 14** each year, regardless of the day of the week on which March 8 falls. This was just created in the last few years. It’s part of Women’s History Month.

3) World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDPV) - Usually observed on “Good Shephard Sunday” the fourth Sunday of the Easter season (i.e., the third Sunday *after* Easter). The next one is **Sunday, 5/10/20.**

4) Priesthood Sunday - The last Sunday of October each year. The next one is **Sunday, 10/25/20.**

5) National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) - The week beginning on the first Sunday in November each year. The next one is the week beginning on **Sunday, 11/1/20.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MAY ALL OF THE NEWBORN
SAVIOR’S BLESSINGS
BE YOURS THROUGHOUT
THE NEW YEAR!**

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