



Serra Club of Louisville

September, 2020
Newsletter

MISSION:

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

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

– Saint Junipero Serra

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

Meetings for September and October will be announced directly to members when they are scheduled.

PROMOTING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest or professional religious? Why not tell them so? Your encouragement may be all s/he needs. - *Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

and Fr. Voor not being allowed to leave Nazareth Home, we were unable to celebrate in person. However, we have planted a white oak tree in his honor and put a plaque in front of the tree.

The plaque merely highlights several of our Fr. Voor's beloved areas of service to the whole Church. But, daily, Fr. Joe Voor led his flock to God using his many gifts and talents.

Since Fr. Voor was the head of the Psychology Department at Bellarmine for many years, we chose to put the tree and plaque on the grounds of Bellarmine University. Because the tree was planted in the Spring, and with the summer heat, it currently appears to be in a dormant stage. But we're assured it's going to survive or be replaced by the nursery. We recently had the plaque placed in front of the tree and thought we'd share all of this information with our readers.

Fr. Voor's tree and plaque are placed in a very visible spot just off the campus roadway. If you enter the campus from Newburg

WATCH LIVE STREAMING OF THE ORDINATION OF OUR NEW PERMANENT DEACONS ON AUGUST 29

The Diaconate Community of the Archdiocese of Louisville joyfully announces the ordination of the Deacon Class of 2020. The Conferral of Ordination and the Eucharist will be celebrated by His Excellency the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. Saturday, August, 29, 2020 at eleven o'clock in the morning at Saint Patrick Catholic Church. You are invited to participate via livestream at this [website](#).

The 18 men being ordained are:

- Earl Baker**, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Louisville
- Edward Berghausen**, Saint Francis of Assisi, Louisville
- Nicholas Dachille**, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Fairdale
- Dean Giulitto**, Saint James, Elizabethtown
- John Grant, Jr.**, Saint Patrick, Fort Knox
- Scott Hedges**, Saint Martin of Tours, Louisville
- Stephen Heil**, Basilica of Saint

- Joseph-Proto Cathedral, Bardstown
- Christopher Herbert**, Saint Peter the Apostle, Louisville
- Edward Marks**, Saint Bernard, Louisville
- David Maxwell**, Saint Lawrence, Louisville
- Mark Preischel**, Saint Albert the Great, Louisville
- Peter Rendon**, All Saints, Taylorsville
- James Richerson**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Campbellsville
- Kenneth Roberts, Jr.**, Saint Paul, Louisville
- Dean Sears**, Saint James, Elizabethtown
- James Shields**, Saint Bernadette, Prospect
- John Strain**, Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville
- Bruce Sullivan**, Saint Helen, Glasgow

Congratulations to all our new Deacons! Thanks for saying "Yes" to God.

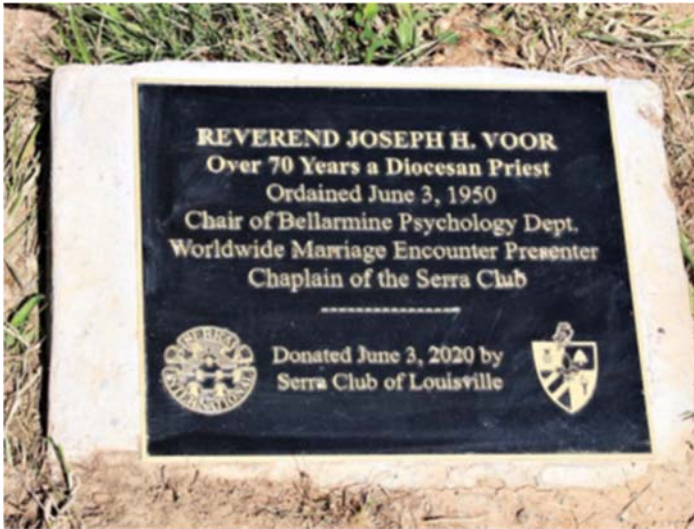
HONORING FR. VOOR WITH A PLAQUE AND A TREE

In our [May](#) and [June](#) newsletters, we mentioned how we were celebrating the 70th anniversary of our Club's Chaplain, Fr. Joe Voor. With the pandemic,

FR. VOOR
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Road, go to the top of the hill, then look to the left.

Fr. Voor, again, congratulations on 70 years a priest!



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY –
SEPTEMBER 27

We Serrans wish to say “Thank you!” to every priest in the Archdiocese of Louisville – the Archbishop, all our 132 diocesan priests, and all of the 55 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 33 years for each priest!

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 27th 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. You may want to personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day. Send a thank you note or letter. 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. (Adjusting for pandemic times.) Send them goody baskets, balloon bouquets, or flowers. For more ideas click [here](#).

Have you lost track of your high school or college chaplain, the priest who performed your wedding, a retired priest, a former pastor? Look up all Archdiocesan priests by clicking [here](#).

AUGUST 19 SERRA CLUB
CONFERENCE CALL -
ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

We were planning on at least one meeting in August; but we were unable to get a speaker.

With the pandemic, we’ve been unable to coordinate our usual Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. However, on August 19, the Serra Club had a video conference call / Rosary for Vocations in the evening, led by Bob Hublar. The conference call was coordinated by Ken Peet.

Several of us were able to see one another on our computers, while the rest attended by phone. Different people led different decades. **The online Rosary went well; and Bob hopes to have more in the future.**

PRIESTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE
WHO ARE CELEBRATING
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES
IN SEPTEMBER

AÑOVER, REV. ALBERT C., 9-20-5, 15 YRS

HARRIS, REV. DAVID W., 9-6-8, 12 YRS

OVERTON, REV. TROY D., 9-1-89, 31 YRS

[SERRAN DUES TO THE USA COUNCIL AND TO SERRA INTERNATIONAL](#)

In the March 2020 issue of "[The Serran](#)" magazine for members, on page 16, there is an article "What Do Serrans Do?" - which tells of four projects in the last few years for which some of our national and international dues were spent --- (1) Serra SPARK online resources; (2) SPARK training for parish vocation ministry; (3) Seven Serrans Prayer Program; and (4) Serra Sponsored FOCUS Reunion. It is highly recommended you read this article, if you haven't already done so.

[POPE FRANCIS MAKES ONE OF SERRA'S MISSIONS A MINOR BASILICA](#)

"Pope Francis has elevated a California mission church founded by St. Junipero Serra to the rank of minor basilica. The San Buenaventura Mission in Ventura was granted the title by the pope in an announcement from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles" in July. For more information, click [here](#).

["THE CHOSEN"](#)

There was a review of the first season of a Christian TV series, free on YouTube, all about the life of Christ and his Apostles. The review below is very impressive. The series might be worth putting on your Pandemic To-Do List.

A thorough review by a Catholic priest is presented [here](#). The series is labeled as "the highest crowd-funded TV series of film project of all time." The episodes, each around one to two hours long, can be viewed for free on YouTube. There were eight episodes in Season 1. To watch the trailer and each of the series, click the following:

[Trailer](#) [Episode 1](#) [Episode 2](#) [Episode 3](#)
[Episode 4](#) [Episode 5](#) [Episode 6](#) [Episode 7](#)
[Episode 8](#)

Season 2 will start filming September of 2020. Hope it's worth your time.

"Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola)

[NEWMAN CONNECTION UPDATE](#)

With announcements to high schools, youth ministers, parishes, the Serra Club newsletter, and The Record, the Archdiocesan Office of Youth & Young Adults and the Serra Club of Louisville were able to help get 1,325 names (going to 140 colleges) submitted to The Newman Connection this year.

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!

Thanks for helping us collect all these names.

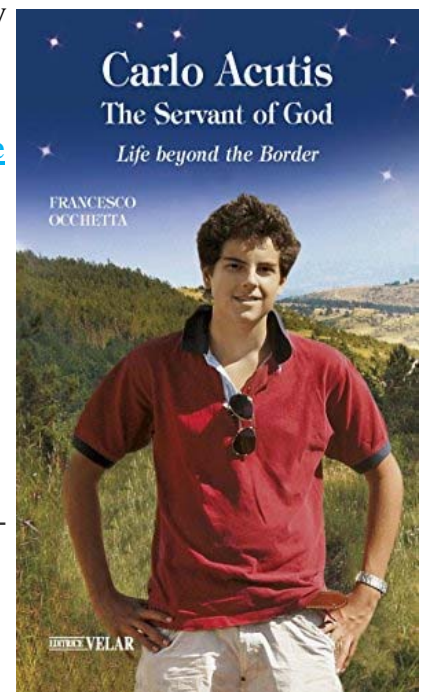
"If we don't pray for vocations, then we don't really want them." - Cardinal O'Brien

[YOUNG COMPUTER PROGRAMMER TO BE BEATIFIED IN OCT](#)

Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who died in 2006, at the age of 15, will be beatified on October 10 in Assisi, Italy. He was an active young man who had the same interests as many teenagers. But his "love for God was boundless." Carlo even created a [website](#) on Eucharistic Miracles.

"But he developed a devotion to Jesus very young, such that he wanted to enter every church we walked in front of," his mother said. His short life is a fascinating and exemplary story for all young people. To read more about this young man, click [here](#).

After you read this, ask yourself if you know a young man or woman who may be motivated by the inspiring story. If so, please share the link with him or her.



VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Save the date - Seminarians Quan Nguyen and Loi Pham's ordination to the transitional diaconate was moved to November 28, 2020. Save the date. And even if we're not allowed to attend in person due to the pandemic, we will be allowed to view a live streaming of the event online.

Seminarian Evrard Muhoza becomes a U.S. Citizen – Read the article [here](#).

New Dominican chaplain at U of L – Read the article [here](#).

Sister Mary Schmuck celebrates 60 years as a Sister of Mercy – Read the whole story [here](#).

Seminarians soldier on toward ordination – To read the articles click [here](#) and [here](#).

Father and son serve God together, one as a Deacon and one as a Priest – To read the article click [here](#).

One priest's multifaceted ministry – To read the article click [here](#).

Women and the ministerial priesthood – To read the article click [here](#).

How the First Native American Saint Led Me to the Priesthood – To read the article click [here](#).

BOOK REVIEW – “33 DAYS TO GREATER GLORY”

As Serrans, we're always working to increase our faith formation – one of the three missions of all Serra Clubs. (“to assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.”) A dear friend gave me this book because he was so impressed by it. Now that I've read it, I feel the same way.

As a “cradle Catholic,” I feel I've read a good number of books about the Bible. Many of us would

like to feel it's hard to find a book about the Bible that isn't mainly telling you things you've already heard. But “[33 Days to Greater Glory](#)” by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC (of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception) simply blew me away!

It is a 33-day retreat based on the Gospel of John. It's easy to read and is a great book to read if you're spending more time at home during the pandemic. Fr. Gaitley says that many Bible scholars don't like to write much on this Gospel because John was something of a mystic and some scholars are often uncomfortable with the writings of mystics.

However, Fr. Gaitley helps us read between the lines; he ties this Gospel into the rest of the Bible, as well as the Catholic Catechism; he explains a lot about the characters in this Gospel; points out that Martha and Mary may have been single in order to take care of Lazarus, who was also single; elaborates on each person in the Trinity; points out why he thinks it's the most important book in the whole Bible; tells us which verse he thinks is the most important verse in the whole Bible; and much more. I now look at Christ's use of any sentence beginning “I am ...” in a different light.

I've often wanted to dwell on the difference between the three persons in the one Trinity. This book helps with that analysis of Scriptures.

At times I wanted to read more than one day's worth at a time; however, I decided to stick with it as a true 33-day retreat. Fr. Gaitley focuses on how and why Christ constantly points us to the Father. I should mention that Fr. Gaitley has also written about 10 books, some of which are available in digital form.

In the back of his book, he includes the whole Gospel of John. So, you can just refer to it while you read the book, instead of needing a separate copy of the Bible. Some of his endnotes are so informative that I think he should have included them in the main part of the book. If you're one who doesn't usually read endnotes in a book, make an exception with this book.

I heartily recommend this book. Great spiritual reading! It would also make a great gift.

Review by Chuck Lynch

PANDEMIC PONDERINGS

The Coronavirus and the Will of God by Ross Douthat – Read the article [here](#).

Pandemic prayers - One author recommends these Psalms – [4](#), [33](#), [63](#), [91](#).

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA'S SERVANT LEADERSHIP TRAITS

The following was in a recent copy of "The Serran" and is worth reading again.

- **Servant** – I'll commit to know myself deeply so I can serve others by focusing on the purpose / mission greater than myself.
- **Engaging** – I'll live in the present moment while seizing the opportunity to advance our mission and vision by fostering accountability, collaboration, team building and solidarity.
- **Resilient** – I'll embrace St. Junipero Serra's motto – "Always forward, never back" by initiating and driving positive change that is worthy of our mission and values with hope, optimism and enthusiasm. And when I fall, I'll fall forward by learning from my mistake.
- **Reflective** – I'll sit still for daily reflection to express praise and thanksgiving for the opportunities and challenges of the day; and to check my compass convictions, attitudes and habits are Christ centered.
- **Apostolic** – I'll take responsibility of my leadership vocation with apostolic fervor and spirit of urgency to build the future today by identifying, grooming, and setting up future Serra's leadership for success.

by Morie Ratuiste

VIRTUAL VOCATION RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite women ages 18 – 45 who are discerning a call to religious life to a virtual discernment retreat on Sept. 11-13. It will be conducted on the Zoom video conference platform. According to an announcement from the community, "You will have time for quiet personal prayer and reflection, and there will be presentations on the discernment process and about the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Also, you will be matched up with a sister companion to speak with one-to-one for spiritual guidance and help in discerning your vocation in life." For information or to register, contact Dominican Sister Bea Tiboldi at btiboldi@oppeace.org or 614-400-1255 or click [here](#).

ON SPIRITUALITY

Overcome evil with good – to read the article click [here](#).

A spiritual master's advice on overcoming sadness – to read the article click [here](#).

Master your mind in prayer – to read the article click [here](#).

Loving the Lord in the midst of distractions – to read the article click [here](#).

Life Changing Marian Apparitions Every Catholic Should Know – To read the article click [here](#).

How the saints faced anxiety – To read the article click [here](#).

Satan is in the news, 24 hours a day – To read the article click [here](#).

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – To read the article click [here](#).

Timeless words from the saints – To read the article click [here](#).

How small groups can transform large parishes – To read the article click [here](#).

POTPOURRI – VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran birthdays 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 September - Respect for the Planet's Resources - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

"Speak truth to power." We hear this phrase frequently. Did you know it was coined by St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)?

Restoration of St. Serra's Mission San Juan Capistrano - A Sickly Priest in the early 20th century was the 'Great Restorer' of Mission San Juan Capistrano. Read the whole story [here](#).

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Newsletter questions, comments, or submissions?
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WLCR AM 1040 PROGRAM-SEPTEMBER 2020

Eastern	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00AM	Begin Broadcast Day						
7:30AM	EWTN Rosary	Morning Glory					EWTN Rosary
8:00AM	Sunday Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz					Holy Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live)
8:15AM		Divine Mercy Chaplet	Sunday's Homily Fr. Matt Hardesty	Divine Mercy Chaplet			
8:30AM		Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel	Catholic Cafe Dc.J. Drzycimski & T. Dorian	CatholicCatechism Archbishop Fulton Sheen	Living Stones Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers	Divine Intimacy Dan Burke & Melissa Elson	
9:00AM	StoriesFromTheHeart	Fr. Spitzer's Universe	Journey Home Marcus Grodi	Best of The Journey Home Marcus Grodi			The Great Adventure Jeff Cavins
9:30AM	EWTN Bookmark Doug Keck						
10:00AM	EWTN Pro-Life Weekly Catherine Hadro	Christ Is The Answer Fr. John Riccardo					Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa
10:30AM	Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron						
11:00AM	Register Radio Jeanette DeMelo	EWTN Live(E) Fr. Mitch Pacwa	The Great Adventure Jeff Cavins	Celtic Connections Kathy Sinnott	Right to Life Margie Montgomery	Conversations withConsequences Dr. Grazie Christie	Doctor, Doctor
11:30AM	Light of the East Fr. Thomas Loya				Word on Fire BishopRobertBarron		
12:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz						
12:15PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet						
12:30PM	Where God Weeps Mark Riedemann	Liturgy of the Word (starts about 12:28 PM)					Vatican Insider Joan Lewis
1:00PM	Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa	Doctor Is In 1-877-573-7825 Dr. Ray Guarendi					The Church Alive
2:00PM	Best of Called to Communion	Called to Communion 1-800-585-9396 Dr. David Anders					The Good Fight 877-573-7825 Barbara McGuigan
3:00PM	The World Over (Encore)	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 John Martignoni	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Fr Wade Menezes	Open Line (Live) 1-800-585-9396 Fr. Mitch Pacwa	MotherAngelica Live Classics	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Colin Donovan	
4:00PM	Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron	Kresta in the Afternoon 877-573-7825					Catholic Cafe Dc.J. Drzycimski & T. Dorian
4:30PM	Right to Life (E) Margie Montgomery						EWTN Bookmark Doug Keck
5:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Kurtz	Kresta in the Afternoon 877-573-7825					Rosary with Archbishop Kurtz
5:15PM	DivineMercyChaplet						DivineMercyChaplet
5:30PM	Family Theater						CatholicCatechism Archbishop Fulton Sheen
6:00PM	Best of Catholic Answers	Catholic Answers Live 888-318-7884					The Bear Woznick Adventure
7:00PM	Best of Catholic Answers	Catholic Answers Live 888-318-7884					Register Radio Jeanette DeMelo
7:30PM							Radio Replies
7:45PM	End Broadcast Day						
BOLD: Local Programs		Conversations with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz 9/3 8:30am & 9/6 11:00am					