



Serra Club of Louisville

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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

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

FR. PAT DOLAN SPOKE AT OUR SEP. 14 MEETING

This was a “hybrid” meeting, with most of the attendees participating in person (practicing social distancing) and several more participating by way of an online audio / video arrangement.

Because this was the Feast of the Holy Cross, Fr. Pat suggested talking on “Eastern Catholic Church liturgies: a rich history and new developments.” This feast day is particularly important in the Eastern Catholic Churches. “It is the positive effect of Good Friday,” he said.

He spoke heavily on one of the Catholic Eastern churches, also called the Maronite Rite, as differing from our own Latin (or Western) Rite in various ways. It was called the Maronite Rite be-



cause the Maronites, originally centered in Lebanon and Syria, stemmed from the monastery of St. Maron where they escaped from the Moslem invasions.

However, Fr. Pat first gave us some history of the whole church.

In the first few centuries of the early Church, the Gospel was spread in all directions. St. Thomas went to India. Other early Church Catholics went to Carthage and Rome; some went to Ethiopia (Africa); others went to Asia Minor. St. James allegedly went to Spain. Matthew’s Gospel was primarily aimed at the Jews (and thus to the mid-eastern, Egyptian, and Mesopotamian people); Mark’s was to the Romans; and Luke wrote to the Greeks. Alexander the Great was responsible for spreading the Greek culture very broadly. So, Luke’s Gospel was read by many people in that culture. The Roman empire, with its many roadways and bridges, and freedom for its people to practice the religion of their choice, is also credited indirectly with the spread of Catholicism.

THE 31 CLUB: PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

One of the many things Serrans do is organize prayers for vocations. And one of our programs is called “The 31 Club” – getting members of a parish (or any group) to each take a day of the month (for a period of 12 months) to pray for religious vocations to the Catholic Church. Some information can be found [here](#).

For more information, contact Chuck Lynch at (502) 442-9302 or ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com.

Charlemagne played a big role in unifying, and standardizing, the Roman / Latin Rite liturgy in the Church in the late eighth and early ninth centuries A.D.



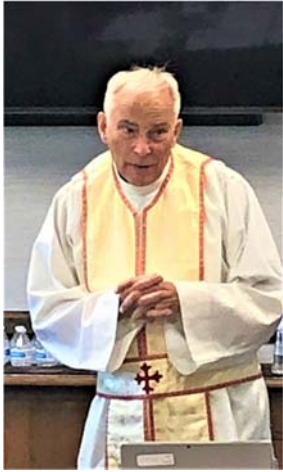
Fr. Pat noted that all the *Catholic* and *Orthodox* churches recognize the same seven Sacraments and have the same major parts to the Mass, even though the Eastern churches puts some of these Mass parts in a different order. For example, their exchange of peace is toward the

beginning of the Mass; and their penitential rite is just prior to Communion. Attending an Eastern Church Mass, you could also see a difference in the emphasis on various parts of the Mass. In the recent past, after Vatican II, some of the Rites have been sim-

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plified and “reawakened” within the Church.

The different Rites are still practiced in different ways around the world. For example, in Spain, there is the option to use either the Western Roman Rite or the Mozarabic Rite. In the last 25 years, there has



even been the development of a new Rite for southern Africa – the Zairian Rite, for which the liturgies include African dancing. But all these Rites are Catholic and recognize the Pope.

Also, in the Eastern Catholic churches, married men can become priests, as well as deacons. However, in the 1850s the U.S. Bishops did not allow married men to be ordained into the Eastern Catholic Rite when practiced in the U.S., despite their having permission in writing from the Pope to do so. [Many Carpathians broke away from Catholicism in the U.S. at that time and formed the Eastern Orthodox Church of the U.S.] Fr. Pat said this is beginning to change, which will be more consistent with the U.S. Bishops’ permitting married male ministers from other faiths to become Catholic priests. In both the Eastern and Western Rites, only unmarried men are made bishops.

Unlike in the U.S., there is no movement pushing for women priests in the Eastern Churches; and those churches have been comfortable with married priests for centuries.

To clarify the terminology, Fr. Pat explained that the Eastern “Orthodox” Church broke with the Roman Catholic Church in the eleventh century. They do not answer to our Pope, and are very distinct from the Eastern Catholic Church.

Vestments in the Eastern Rite also differ some from the Western Rite Catholic Church. In the Eastern Rite, the stole is joined together in front, and the cincture is bigger (more of a belt instead of a cord), and they wear a cope (of different styles) rather than a chasuble. Fr. Pat even demonstrated some of these vestments during the presentation.

In the Maronite Rite, the altar is considered a “participant” in the Mass, because, if the congregation were attacked and all wiped out in an invasion, the altar is all that would be left. Peace is received

“from the altar” and passed on to everyone, in much the same way that in the Latin Rite we pass on the lighting of Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil light from candle to candle.

The Eastern Rite also has a strong emphasis on the Holy Spirit in the Mass.

For a good chart on the Eastern Catholic Churches, formal names, dates established, population, numbers of bishops, etc., click [here](#).

Fr. Pat concluded his presentation with an Eastern Rite prayer said by the priest at the end of every Divine Liturgy: Maronite Prayer of Farewell to the Altar – “Remain in peace, O holy altar of God. I hope to return to you in peace. May the offering I have received from you forgive my sins and prepare me to stand blameless before the throne of Christ. I know not whether I will be able to return to you again to offer sacrifice. Guard me, O Lord, and protect your holy Church, that she may be the way to salvation and the light of the world. Amen.”

We want to thank Fr. Pat Dolan for his time preparing and delivering a very informative presentation.

(Thanks to Paul Willett for the pictures with this article, and to Ken Peet for help with the recording of the presentation.)

NEWMAN CONNECTION UPDATE

Across the country, there were about 70,000 new names given to the Newman Connection of Catholic college freshmen. These people are then contacted by Catholic campus ministers or nearby parishes to make them aware of Catholic community activities on or near the college campus.

CALLED BY NAME

Do you know a faithful young man or woman who may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? We believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need your help to identify them. We’re looking for high school age and older. Please feel free to submit names even if you do not have all contact information. Just click [here](#).

ANNUAL VOCATION POSTER AND ESSAY CONTESTS

Schools, parishes and youth leaders are being notified in October of the annual Vocation Essay and Poster Contests sponsored by the Vocation Office

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and the Serra Club of Louisville. The Contest starts with the National Vocation Awareness Week (the week beginning November 1 this year); and entries must be received in the Vocation Office by January 8. The Serra Club will provide cash prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each contest – the Essay Contest *and* the Poster Contest.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 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.

Click [here](#) 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.

Click [here](#) for Holy Hour ideas (with and without a priest).

Click [here](#) for some great infographics, particularly valuable in the classroom.

FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (FOCUS)

In the last ten years, we've had several missionaries of FOCUS who spoke at our Serra Club meetings. These "missionaries" are usually college graduates who have decided to go back into college campuses to evangelize for the Church. They typically stay with that program for several years, much like some young people do with the Peace Corps.

According to their website, FOCUS is a "Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same." FOCUS (founded in 1998 at Benedictine College) has over 800 missionaries on 171 college campuses across the U.S. At their conference late last year in Phoenix, they had 17,000 college students in attendance! Over 2,500 college students have gone on FOCUS-sponsored mission trips to foreign

lands. **And over 700 former FOCUS missionaries have gone on to pursue religious vocations!**

Fr. John Pozhathuparambil, OFM, (a campus minister at Bellarmine University) introduced me to **Angelica Bauer**, attended St. Patrick Parish and graduated from Meredith-Dunn School, Assumption High School and Bellarmine University. She had a summer intern job with FOCUS and was later invited to become a full-time missionary at the headquarters of FOCUS, just outside of Denver. Angelica has known Fr. Tom Boland, Sr. Sarah Yungwirth, OSB, Fr. Martin Linebach, and Fr. Jeff Shooner during her years of Catholic education.

Angelica said her particular job is not working with college students, but "working to assist my team members in building relationships and engaging with benefactors outside of college aged students. An example of this is that we are planning a day of prayer for all benefactors to come together virtually to say a Rosary together for all of the first-year missionaries on campus as they are sent off to do God's work, stepping out of the boat and trusting in Him." Her title is Philanthropy Engagement Program Assistant.

Angelica welcomes any prayers or financial assistance you may wish to provide. Like all FOCUS missionaries, she must raise a 100% of her salary. She can be reached at her email angelica.bauer@focus.org. If you send a tax-deductible donation to FOCUS, please note her name on your check as well as her Missionary ID # 46543. You can also find more information on FOCUS [here](#) and more information on Angelica and her online support options [here](#). For a good write-up on the organization check out this [article](#) in the National Catholic Reporter.

Article by Chuck Lynch

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES OF DEACON ORDINATIONS

Stephen W. Marks was ordained on October 14, 2000. His wife is Marcia; and he now serves at St. Albert Parish. Steve, congratulations on 20 years as a deacon!

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, usually at the same restaurant each month), with speakers at almost all our meetings. (Our meeting location and schedule have changed a lot during the pandemic; and we've even done some of our

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meetings via online video conferencing.) 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 the Church on or 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 at www.ArchLou.org/Serra.

MEMBERSHIP DEDICATION

One way to define dedication is to use each letter of the word in "Serra" and develop the concept:

Sacrifice your time to support the organization as much as possible. This can further be broken down to live Serra in your daily lives to promote vocations.

Enthusiasm: Volunteer to help on the various committees with a TRUE desire to help without any reservations.

Responsibility: Make a commitment to help the club promote vocations.

Respond: Participate either individually or as a team to accomplish the tasks and goals set by the club to promote vocations.

Action: Provide the attitude to make things happen. Another way to put this in proper perspective is the formula: Action + Delivery = The Goal. You can promote a lot, but without delivering / communicating the action needed to accomplish the goal, the effort generated is usually wasted. We must think positive!
**by Lou Levi, a Serran in 2001
published in "The Serran" Magazine, March, 2001**

After doing a self-examination of the above definitions, do you meet all the criteria outlined above?

**KEN PEET WILL NOW BE OUR
LIAISON WITH THE SERRA
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Ken Peet has become our liaison with the Serra International Foundation, which is based in Chicago. The Foundation provides monetary aid to seminaries, houses of religious formation, and other institutions that promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated religious life. For more information on the Foundation click [here](#) or contact Ken Peet, our District Governor, as well as a member of the Serra Club of Louisville.

VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Moms group prays for vocations from among their families – Read the article [here](#).

E-town native professes final vows – Read the article [here](#).

Catholics urged to pray for vocations – Read the article [here](#).

Eighteen men prepare for ordination – Read the article [here](#).

Seminarian Michael Schultz was interviewed in the September 17 issue of The Record. Read the article [here](#).

A Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight talks about Junipero Serra – Read the article [here](#).

Why Priests Don't Endorse Candidates – Read the article [here](#).

Religious Liberty in the Armed Forces – Read the article [here](#).

Active older Catholics, including two of our priests, are among Optimal Aging Award Honorees - Read the article [here](#).

Twin brothers, almost aborted 40 years ago, become priests – Read the article [here](#).

Sister Plautilla Nelli, the Forgotten Woman Painter of the Renaissance – Read the article [here](#).

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

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Owensboro blind man goes to St. Meinrad, becomes a priest, and lives in a caboose - Read the article [here](#).

ON SPIRITUALITY

"Spirituality can be defined as paying attention to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life." - Fr. Martin Linebach, of the Archdiocese of Louisville

"Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!" - Pope Saint John Paul II, in "Redemptoris Missio"

"The shortest distance between a problem & a solution is the distance between your knees & the floor. For the one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything! Amen." - Rev. Allen in "God's Minute"

"Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer a day, except when we are busy - then we need an hour." - St. Francis de Sales

"Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God." - author unknown

If you feel rushed, remember the acronym ASAP stands for Always Say A Prayer.

"Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess you have given me. I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace - with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more." (Prayer of Ignatius Loyola, 1491-1556)

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - St. Francis of Assisi

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers." - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

"You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him." - St. Teresa of Avila

"Hope in the Lord; wait for the Lord; trust in the Lord; he will triumph." - Archbishop Kurtz

"Catholic faith is my life vocation." - Blessed Ivan Merz (1896-1928)

"There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer." - Pope Francis

The seven steps for progress in the spiritual life, according to Blessed Jan Adalbert Balicki (1869-1948):

- 1) serious approach to life
- 2) readiness to be critical of self
- 3) unshakable confidence in prayer
- 4) joy of spirit
- 5) love for suffering
- 6) praise of divine mercy
- 7) continuous self amendment

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VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Birthdays this Month:

Fr. Joe Voor, our Chaplain – October 9

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September – For evangelization - The Laity's Mission in the Church - We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

October 2 is the feast day of Guardian Angels.

Learn more about them by clicking [here](#).

The Library of Catholic Christian Classics can be found [here](#).

A Guide to Catholic Podcasts can be found [here](#).

For a Wealth of Catholic Links – click [here](#).

All Catholic Seminaries in the U.S. can be found [here](#).

Serra events, national presentations, Rally meetings speakers, etc. – The videos can be found [here](#).

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