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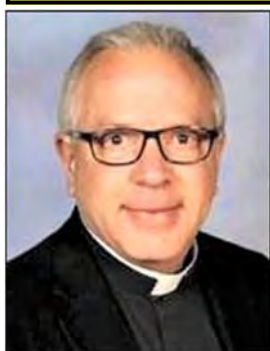
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**“Always Forward, Never Back”
– Saint Junipero Serra**

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VICAR FOR VOCATIONS, FR. MARTIN LINEBACH



Our Vicar for Vocations, Fr. Martin Linebach, KHS, was recognized as one of the 2023 Salute Honorees at the CEF Salute to

Catholic Schools Alumni Dinner. See his pictures on pages four and six of the CEF Spring 2023 newsletter [here](#).

“SERRA MEETS” WAS HELD ON JULY 10

On Saturday, July 10, we had our 31st “Serra Meets” with speaker **David Rinaldi**.

David, age 55, is originally from Connecticut and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1989 with a B.A. in Communications. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and served as a Navigator on the KC-135 aircraft for seven years, flying 436 missions around the world.

He currently serves full-time as the President of [NET Ministries](#), the 40-year-old, national, tax-exempt organization that challenges middle school and high school young Catholics, through relational

ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. David holds a Master's Degree in Theology from Ave Maria University and has 30 years of ministry experience with youth and young adults. He has given over one thousand presentations to a variety of audiences. He and his wife Linda have three teenage sons and live in South St. Paul, MN.

The title of his presentation was **“Cultivating Hearts for Vocations.”** NET stands for National Evangelization Teams. Bishop Andrew Cozzens is Chairman of the [Board for NET](#) and offers a [1.5-minute video](#) on this ministry.

David explained that when he first met a Serran, he was told we are not to be confused with the Sierra Club, which plants tree. He was told that Serra, instead, plants vocations!

He was married 21 years ago and found out that raspberries are easy to grow, but blueberries are not. Blueberries are difficult because the ph (acidity) level in the soil is so important.

Vocations, David said, are the same way; and today the environment (the right soil) is not very fertile. Young people are more isolated than in generations past, even prior to the pandemic. Youth ministry is less common now. Youth are highly connected by cell phones; so, they're less likely to hear the voice of God. Culture changes how people think of truth,

values and morality. They see parents and authority figures as too judgmental.

Then we have all the gender issues and sexual confusion. It's no longer a Christian society, David says. He also says that how we pass on the faith has to change.

NET Ministries sends teams of people (usually ages 18 to 28) to parishes and dioceses to help youth encounter the love of Jesus. They've now reached over 1.2 million youth. NET has two types of teams.

Retreat Teams of 10 people each, move around the country, usually spending two days at a time in one area giving a retreat. The purpose is not so much to teach *about* Jesus, but to help youth *meet* Jesus to have a relationship with him.

The Retreat Team spends time with youth showing interest in them, and letting them know they are loved. The NET “missionaries” share testimonies of their own relationships with Jesus. They boldly proclaim the Gospel, telling them that God made each of us and loves each one of us.

They also tell the youth that sin separates us from God. The missionaries take time for prayer with each individual. They often put on six retreats a week, and can be in a different bed each night.

One missionary told David that he found a girl who said she experienced God's love for the first time in her life at one of these retreats.

Each of the nine Retreat Teams

does about 120 retreats per year.

Discipleship Teams stay in one parish or community for nine months – all with the same group of teens. For teen groups in a large community, they go where the teens are – high schools, sporting events, and even public school’s lunchrooms, where permitted.



They teach youth how to pray, how to make moral choices, and how to live their Catholic faith. These teams stay with host families for two weeks at a time, and even influence those families. At the same time, they cultivate a culture where

vocations can thrive.

Their plan is to reach one million more youth in the next five years.

Training of missionaries involves recruiting 150 young adults annually to go through six weeks of training. Their saying is “You can’t give what you don’t have.” So, these missionaries, partly trained by priests and religious sisters, become team members. And some even become open themselves to the idea of vocations.

They teach that God is not distant, but a father, and a close one. We are sons and daughters. They help missionaries understand the immeasurable value we all have being made in God’s image and likeness.

Training of the missionaries involves “daily Mass, going through a “prayer lab,” learning how to meditate with Scriptures, how to listen to God, how to intercede for others, and how to respond to God through an act of self-gift.”

The missionaries are taught social skills, which are really lacking with younger adults, and how to talk to one another, and reconcile with one another.

Then they focus on ministry skills, how to be authentic witnesses of the love of God, how to mingle with youth, how to share the Gospel without being preachy.

NET is launching a Leadership Institute to train more missionaries, not just to be part of a NET Team but also to be leaders in their own communities.

A year learning with NET is like a greenhouse experience. The team members experience an environment of growing faith, an environment where vocations can blossom. This involves meeting with dozens of priests. Most of the missionaries, after NET, spend some time in church ministry – either as full-time evangelists or as a volunteer in their parish. Most get married and form solid families. However, out of their

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Regular meetings - We target to have most meetings the first and third Mondays of each month, at **11:30 AM**, in the **Golden Corral at Hikes Point** (4032 Taylorsville Road). The charge will be \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. Non-members wanting to attend should contact Chuck Lynch in advance.

August 4 (Fri) – Seminarian Luncheon – members only – not open to the public. Reservations required.

Aug 7 (1st Mon) – No meeting due to the Aug 4 event.

Aug 12 (2nd Sat) – 12 Noon Louisville time - “Serra Meets” - national Zoom meeting for all Ser-rans – for details, click [here](#).

Aug 14 (2nd Mon) – 7 pm - **Rosary for Vocations**, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

Aug 16 - Holy Hour for Vocations – 12:45 at St. Margaret Mary Chapel, after the Noon Mass.

Aug 21 - (3rd Mon) – **Holly McGuire**, of the Office of Priest Personnel, speaks on “Charity and the Continuing Education for Priests.”

Aug 29 (Tue) – 12:45 - **Serra Board meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

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3,000 NET alumni over 40 years, they have 11 professed brothers, 43 sisters, 77 priests, and two bishops!

They currently focus on middle school and high school students. Since youth are leaving the Church at even younger ages, they intend, in the future, to be reaching out to younger grade school youth.

They have developed a Youth Disciple website called “YDisciple” [here](#). The website is available to everyone and helps adults engage young people. “Working with youth is an uphill battle; but don’t give up,” says David.

After a NET Retreat, many teens feel a profound experience of God’s love. But what happens later? Since a majority of parishes do not have a youth ministry, how are the planted seeds to be watered? YDisciple is a digital toolbox that helps adults to keep youth in touch with the faith.

YDisciple offers training videos, small group discussion starters, Bible study ideas, short and impactful videos, and other resources to help adults engage young people. Some items are free and some require a payment or subscription.

To raise money to cover their expenses, they just started the NET Foundation. They find that many Catholics give to secular charities instead of Church

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charities. But the Church can serve so many needs. This is just one of them.

What is the feeder system for their missionaries? Some come from Newman Centers on college campuses. Some come from key Catholic colleges and universities. Steubenville conferences generate interest in NET Ministries. Sometimes priests, deacons, parishes and dioceses recommend people who become missionaries.

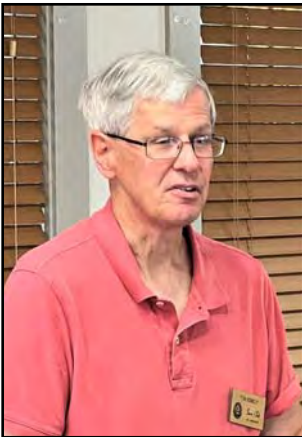
How do they differ from the Fellowship Of Catholic University Students (**FOCUS**)? While FOCUS evangelizes to *college students*, NET focuses on *high school and middle school students*; and NET is all about relationships. In some ways, David says, NET and FOCUS complement one another.

Few of us have heard much about NET Ministries. However, the ministry looks like a very valuable tool to the Catholic parishes and schools. You can also read articles about them in the [National Catholic Register](#) and [Our Sunday Visitor](#).

NEW SERRAN – TOM KENNEDY

Tom Kennedy became a member earlier this year; and during our July 17 meeting, we had him tell us a little more about himself.

He and his wife Elaine have been married 36 years, and were parishioners at St. Barnabas Parish for many years prior to its merger with St. Pius X Parish. The merged parish is now St. John Paul II. His wife recently retired from the practice of medicine; but she still volunteers one day a week as a physician at a clinic, and also works with Kids Café at St. John Paul II.



They have two children – Maria, who is a high school teacher in Kansas City, and Will who is an engineer in Lexington.

Tom is involved with the Boy Scout Troop at St. John Paul II, devotes some of his time to the Kids Café, and is a philosophy professor at Bellarmine University. He originally started out as a lawyer, but got a degree in philosophy, and has previously taught at Spalding University and IU Southeast.

Tom, welcome to the St. Serra Club of Louisville!

FR. BOB RAY SPOKE TO THE ST. SERRA CLUB ON JULY 17

Fr. Bob Ray was born on a farm in rural Meade County, Kentucky in 1943. Seminary formation took place at St. Thomas in Louisville and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. He was ordained May 17, 1969. His vocation has included campus ministry,



retreat work with high school and college youth, spiritual direction, parish ministry, and retreats for priests.

Fr. Bob served as pastor in a multi-cultural parish (Anglo, Vietnamese, African-American). He pastored two parishes through a merger process, before retiring in June of 2013.

In his retirement years, Fr. Bob continues the ministry of spiritual direction which began as an avocation, 40 years ago, while serving on the staff of St. Meinrad School of Theology. Fr. Bob is on contract as a spiritual director for St. Luke Center in Louisville, sponsored by St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Md. St. Luke offers therapy, spiritual direction, and continuing formation for the well-being of priests and religious. St. Luke also provides assessments for candidates for priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Fr. Bob joined us to talk on the topic “**Church and Vocations: Business as Usual or Something Unusual? What is the Call?**”

Fr. Bob said he loves to read about and listen to people who can stand back and look at the big picture, and look at the themes and undergirding of what we’re experiencing, in the world and in the Church. He likes to read Op-Eds by people he respects.

Discernment

One of the things he believes can be helpful to our Church is a concept used a lot in spiritual direction – something called “discernment” – in which a person, or a group, or the Church is trying to find out what is God up to; how is he trying to get our attention; and how are we responding, or not? What is God affirming us about; and how is he challenging us?

“It has to be a nonjudgmental, curious, prayerful approach to life,” he said. When he was going through the merger of two parishes, a team was developed from parishioners of both parishes. He talked about the American way of basing decision on the most votes. However, Fr. Bob said that in the Church, discernment is a better approach. It’s not about voting, but listening to what the Spirit is asking us to do.

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In one of his parishes, there was the need to drop a child care service due to lack of funds. In dropping it, there were fears and concerns among parishioners



that next would be the school, and then the parish.

Another priest advised him, “So what if all of these are closed? How do you know that’s not what God wants to happen?” Fr. Bob said he would not have thought of that question! He says that just because something is painful and upsetting does not mean that’s not what God wants. The same could be true with parish mergers.

He tries to take these ideas into other discernments, opening eyes, ears and hearts to what the Spirit is asking us to do.

Fr. Bob recalls one committee taking this approach, and on the verge of a difficult decision, deciding that they needed to pray on it some more and postpone the decision for a week. They decided not to force the decision. They needed more thought and prayer.

If we can take that spirit to enliven the Church as it is now, Fr. Bob thinks it would have an enormous change in what we can achieve. Decisions should not be made just on the basis of the most votes or the loudest voices, but listening to all the input, and then praying for God’s direction. It may be painful, and without full unity, but at least all can be heard.

The Priests We Need

Another thing Fr. Bob sees in society is the emphasis on “my rights,” “my needs,” and the individualistic approach in our culture. You hardly hear people speak about the common good. But a prayerful discernment approach means that everyone has to give something – the clergy as well as the parishioners.

But a prayerful discernment approach to Church life asks everyone, clergy and parishioner alike, to be

willing to “give and take” for the sake of the common good.

So, what kind of future pastors do we need, given all these issues. Fr. Bob puts the emphasis on balance.” He knows priests who are over-stressed, under-exercised, over-weight, not taking enough time off. There’s not enough “cushion” in our lives – time to catch our breath. With the shortage of priests, one parish secretary said she had to make a dozen phone calls before finding a priest to help with a funeral Mass.

Regarding vocations, Fr. Bob thinks God sends the right people at the right time. But it’s a challenge. The difficulty now is that we’ve been in a major transition for 50 or 60 years. He hears that major changes don’t take place quickly. They are organic and take decades to really unfold. We’ll get to where the Church will once again find a plateau (like he thought the Church was in the 1940s and 50s).

Today’s seminarians come from a very chaotic world. They’re looking for certainty, and black and white, and the ability to navigate change, which takes a very mature person.

In politics, religion, and many other aspects of U.S.



society, the changes began in the 1960s – two Kennedys were killed, Martin Luther King was killed, there were race riots, the women’s movement was started, Playboy was published, and the Second Vatican Council was going on as Fr. Bob was in the seminary. Change was occurring so fast that his seminary professors had to hand out xerox copies of what was being taught because the book publishers couldn’t keep up with the changes.

Fr. Bob thinks we’re still dealing with all these changes. Fortunately, there is an increase in vocations to the diaconate, including *younger* men, unlike when new deacons were primarily retired men. Some of these men are so appreciative of God’s blessings that they passionately want others to know God.

When he went through the seminary, there were so many things not addressed. But now he says the formation process for seminarians includes four major

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areas outside of theology - human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral development.

Many people go through a mid-life crisis, including Fr. Bob, when he was in leadership at St. Meinrad. It can be “hell on earth,” but he says it’s necessary. During mid-life and other major transitions, clergy and religious need resources and support to navigate these periods of growth.

Responses to some questions

What can we and our priests do about fallen-away Catholics? Fr. Bob says this is our reality. He thinks about the language we use about parishioners. People speak of saying I’m a member of such-and-such church, instead of being a “disciple of Christ”?

Some parents and children think that once they’ve completed the Sacramental programs, they’re finished with faith formation and education. Life-long formation is essential, even for some seniors who agonize over where they fit in the life of the Church. This is especially true if they’re disabled or not physically able to do what they did decades ago.

Yet, many young people don’t trust *any* institutions – government, Church, education, employers, etc. And the Church sex scandal only made things worse.

Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis have both said we have to go out to others as missionary disciples.

Fr. Bob said that, unfortunately, pastors have so much paperwork in running a parish – dealing with fundraising, paying bills, maintaining facilities, preparing meeting minutes. They have difficulty finding time to visit with parishioners. He finds that even taking time to listen to people’s snippets of conversation after Mass, can tell priests a lot about their parishioners’ needs.

If the Church can help people buy into becoming missionary disciples who commit to life-long formation in the faith, this could hopefully reduce the number of people who leave the Church, and draw others to it as well.

Also, we have to think about our relationship with Jesus Christ. How do we get people to talk about that? How many people never even take the time to examine their life or their relationship with God. Sometimes people are just “going through the motions.” What causes people to catch on fire with love for God?

When people gather at political rallies, they laugh, share ideas, and seek “community.” This is what we need for people to find in their parish – a community of people with whom they can share thoughts and answers to all of the above questions. Are we just going

to Mass to consume the Eucharist and graces, or are we also building community? Are we individualists practicing consumerism or Catholics seeking community?

In American culture, we’re oftentimes simply too busy to seriously commit to a faith-filled community. Trusting in the best of our traditions, we also need to think creatively of effective ways to be community in a fast-paced lifestyle which militates against it.

We want to thank Fr. Bob for his presentation, and all he has done and still does for the Church, even as a retired priest.

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

**VOCATION CHALLENGE COINS
FOR YOUNG MEN**

We recently offered to each of our priests the option to have Challenge Coins, which can be given to young men who might make good candidates to consider the priesthood. *We’re now offering them to deacons in our Archdiocese.* If



any priest or deacon is interested, please contact Chuck Lynch at ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com. Thanks to all priests who are participating in this promotion of the priesthood.

**PASSIONIST FR. CHRIS GIBSON, CP,
CELEBRATES HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY!**

On July 17th, Fr. Chris Gibson, CP, turned 75 and the St. Agnes Church and School celebrated the event at their 9:30 Mass the day before his birthday. Fr. Chris was ordained Dec. 20, 1975. So, in two years, he’ll also celebrate 50 years as a priest. To share with his friends and parishioners, he compiled a collection of videos and snapshots of his life, which you can view [here](#).

Fr. Chris says, “When I was almost 15, I remember once noticing that many of my companions at school just didn’t look happy. Immediately inside of me a question arose: ‘Why not become a priest and help young people find happiness?’ This question, however, came as an interference – I had other plans for myself including a career, marriage and children. So, I told myself: ‘Why you? Let others do that.’ But then I thought, ‘if all were to react in this way there would be no priests.’ So, I opened my heart, accepted and immediately I was filled with an immense

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which promotes religious vocations in the Catholic Church,
as well as the faith formation of its members. <https://www.ArchLou.org/Serra/>

EVENT

Speaker - Fr. John Baptist Hoang, OP (of St. Louis Bertrand Parish)

Topic - "Holiness - Living Life to the Full"

Date - Saturday, Nov 11

Location – St. Margaret Mary Hospitality Room, 7813 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40222

Time - 8:15 am Mass (with parishioners in the church); 9:00 am Registration, coffee & donuts; 9:30 for the start of presentations; lunch included; final session ends around 1 pm.

Attendance fee - \$40 per attendee - same as that of the Spring 2022 Retreat.

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Deadline: September 1, 2023

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DEACONS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Congratulations to our Deacons celebrating ordination anniversaries this month. The asterisk (*) indicates Retired; (^) indicates Senior Deacon. The names of the wives of deacons are in parentheses.

ABELL, JAMES H.^* (MARY JO), 8/28/93, **30 yrs** / AGE, STEPHEN A. (SHANNON), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / AUFFREY, TODD C. (ELIZABETH), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / AYERS, TIMOTHY B.^*, 8/26/06, 17 yrs / BABIN, JEREMIAH S.^* (SUSIE), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / BAKER, EARL (ELLEN), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / BARNES, DERRICK A. (MISTIANNA), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / BARTLEY, RALPH E.^* (JANE), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / BEAVIN, GREGORY A.^ (SHIRLEY), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / BECKMANN, CHARLES B.^*, 8/28/99, 24 yrs / BELL, KENNETH, 8/28/99, 24 yrs / BENT, CHARLES "CHUCK" (CYNDI), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / BERGHAUSEN, IV, EDWARD J. "NED" (KATHERINE BULINSKI), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / BISIG, SR., DANIEL G. (MARY RITA), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / BLAND, JOSEPH E.^* (VIRGINIA), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / BOWLING, T. STEPHEN (SUSAN), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / BROWN, ANTHONY T. (NAOMI MARIE), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / BROWN, CHARLES K.* (FRANCES), 8/17/96, 27 yrs / BRYANT, ROBERT C.^*, 8/17/96, 27 yrs / BUEHNER, JEROME L.^ (CONNIE), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / BURCHETT, K. MICHAEL^* (CAROL), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / BUSH, R. BRYAN (JENNIFER), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / CALVERT, JOSEPH D. (BERTA), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / CARNEY, E. PERRY^* (BETTY), 8/20/77, 46 yrs / CARTER, KENNETH J.^ (LINDA), 8/28/99, 24 yrs / CARUSO, LUCIO A. (THERESE), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / CARUSO, ROBERT R.^ (KIM), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / CECIL, JAMES A.^ (PEGGY), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / CHURCHILL, JOHN R.^* (GENEVIEVE), 8/18/90, 33 yrs / CLARK, WILLIAM V.^ (NICKI), 8/17/96, 27 yrs / COOPER, ERNEST A.^* (JOANN), 8/22/87, 36 yrs / COTTRELL, FRANK E.* (ELLY), 8/24/02, 21 yrs / COULTER, WILLIAM DONALD, 8/21/10, 13 yrs / DACHILLE, NICHOLAS G. (CAROLYN), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / DALTON, DAVID L.^* (KAYE), 8/17/96, 27 yrs / DANT, JOSEPH R. (LINDA), 8/18/90, 33 yrs / DAPONTE, STEPHEN J.^ (LYNDA), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / DIEMER, DARRYL J. (SUSAN), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / DOWNS, WILLIAM ARNOLD^* (LINDA), 8/17/96, 27 yrs / DRERUP, KARL A. (PAT), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / DUGAN, LOUIS B.^* (JOANN), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / EDWARDS, MICHAEL L.^ (JOYCE), 8/28/82, 41 yrs / FAGAN, RICHARD J. (JULIE), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / FAHRINGER, CARL A.^, 8/25/12, 11 yrs / FELLONNEAU, JOHN M. (KELLY), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / FITZMAYER, MICHAEL J., 8/20/16, 7 yrs / FOWLER, GARY W.^ (KATHY), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / FROEHLICH, JOHN G. (HELEN), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / GITSCHIER, GREGORY M. (TRACY), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / GIULITTO, DEAN R.^ (MAY), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / GRANT, JR., JOHN A. (KIM), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / HALL, ROBERT C.^* (CHERI), 8/28/99, 24 yrs / HANER, SCOTT R. (JOANN), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / HART, ROBERT J.^ (KATHY), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / HASSON, ANTHONY P. (TONY)^* (JUDY), 8/20/77, 46 yrs / HEDGES, SCOTT T. (BETH), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / HEIL, STEPHEN A. "STEVE" (SUSAN), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / HEINSOHN, J. ANDREW (JOAN), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / HERBERT, CHRISTOPHER J. "CHRIS" (LESLIE), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / HETTICH, PHILIP L.^* (THERESA), 8/28/99, 24 yrs / JOHNSON, W. 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(CATHY), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / MCNALLY, THOMAS M.^ (MARYSUE), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / MITCHELL, KENNETH J.^ (JAN), 8/28/93, **30 yrs** / MOBLEY, III, JOSEPH V. "TREY" (KAREN SHEETS-MOBLEY), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / MOORE, JOSEPH F. (SANDY), 8/21/10, 13 yrs / MURPHY, MICHAEL J. (BETH), 8/28/99, 24 yrs / NASH, DENNIS M. "DENNY" (TERESA), 8/25/12, 11 yrs / NIEMEIER, WILLIAM H.^* (BEV), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / NITZKEN, SYLVESTER J.^ (JOAN), 8/28/93, **30 yrs** / NOLTEMEYER, PHILLIP L. (ALICE), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / OLRICH, JAMES C.^* (BEV), 8/21/76, 47 yrs / PREISCHEL, MARK A. (HOLLY), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / PUGA, AURELIO A. (WANDA), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / RAIBERT, JOSEPH A.^* (CISSY), 8/19/78, **45 yrs** / RENDON, PETER "PETE" (CARMEN), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / RICHERSON, JAMES D. "JIMMY" (THERESE), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / ROBERTS, JR., KENNETH E. "KEN" (TERRY), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / ROTH, THOMAS L. (BECKY), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / ROUGEUX, MARK J., D. MIN.^ (KIM), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / RYAN, MICHAEL A. (GINA), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / SEARS, DEAN W. (SUSAN), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / SHIELDS, JAMES F. "JIM" (LISA), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / SHUMWAY, MICHAEL M. (CHARLOTTE), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / SIMPSON, JOHN L.^*, 8/18/90, 33 yrs / SMITH, DAVID U. (THERESA), 8/26/06, 17 yrs / SMITH, STEPHEN J. (JAN), 8/24/02, 21 yrs / SOWERS, MICHAEL S. (TONI), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / STEWART, TIMOTHY E. (TOMMIE), 8/23/08, 15 yrs / STRAIN, JOHN P. (DEVON), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / SULLIVAN, BRUCE A. (GLORIA), 8/29/20, 3 yrs / TOLBERT, MICHAEL A.^* (BONNIE), 8/29/81, 42 yrs / TOMES, DAVID R.^* (DAYNA), 8/25/84, 39 yrs / TRIBBEY, OFS, WILLIAM P. (MARTHA), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / TURNER, JAMES R.^ (ANNETTE), 8/29/81, 42 yrs / TURNER, SCOTT R. (WANDA), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / VESSELS, MICHAEL J.^* (BETTY), 8/28/82, 41 yrs / VILLALOBOS, FRANCISCO "FRANK" (MONIKA), 8/23/08, **15 yrs** / WALSH, RICHARD J.^* (JUDY), 8/28/93, **30 yrs** / WARREN, BRUCE J. (LAURIE), 8/20/16, 7 yrs / WRIGHT, JOSEPH P.^ (SANDY), 8/18/90, 33 yrs / ZOLDAK, RICHARD P. (CHERIE), 8/21/10, 13 yrs

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joy.”
On his current ministry, Fr. Chris says, “I’ve shared a variety of ministries in my life as a Passionist: leadership roles as local superior, director of students, novice master, administrator; assistant pastor in several parishes; preaching parish missions, novenas and retreats; composing music; youth ministry by being a chaplain in schools and directing scouts and other youth groups. At present, along with serving as

Province Vocation Director I serve as director of postulants, and on some weekends preach to raise funds on behalf of “Food for the Poor”.

You can learn more about Fr. Chris Gibson’s very full life [here](#) and [here](#).

PRIESTS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination this month. This list includes priests from religious orders and other dioceses, working in our Archdiocese. The asterisk (*) indicates “Retired.”

- BUNNELL, OFM CONV., REV. ADAM, 8/24/74, 49 yrs
- FABRE, ARCHBISHOP SHELTON, 8/5/89, 34 yrs
- HAMILTON, REV. MARK M., 8/6/94, 29 yrs
- HERNÁNDEZ, REV. PABLO A., 8/12/06, 17 yrs
- JOHNSON, REV. JOHN R., 8/27/11, 12 yrs
- JUDIE, REV. JOHN T.*, 8/1/87, 36 yrs
- MEIMAN, REV. LOUIS J., 8/1/87, 36 yrs
- MUWONGE, REV. EXPEDITO, 8/20/89, 34 yrs
- NICOLAS, REV. JEFFREY S., 8/7/93, **30 yrs**
- RANKIN, REV. JOSEPH M.*, 8/4/79, 44 yrs
- SERRANO, OFM CONV., REV MARIO, 8/6/04, 19 yrs
- SSAMBA, A.J., REV. DEOGRATIAS, 8/21/10, 13 yrs
- TOBIN, REV. T. MICHAEL, 8/7/93, **30 yrs**
- ZULU, REV. JACOB, 8/9/08, **15 yrs**

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SAVE THE DATE - FALL RETREAT

Our Fall Retreat will be held at St. Margaret Mary Parish, in their Hospitality Room. It will take place on November 11, starting with Mass at 8:15. The Retreat will include lunch and run until about 1 pm. **Fr. John Baptist Hoang, OP**, will speak on "Holiness - Living Life to the Full." Details coming.

JOIN US BY ZOOM FOR OUR MONTHLY “ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS”

Our Saint Serra Club of Louisville gathers online for our Zoom Rosary for Vocations at **7 pm**, on the **second Monday of each month**. By link, click [here](#).
By phone, call (312) 626 6799. Meeting ID is 865 4452 6535.

VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Watch a video of our own Archbishop Shelton Fabre – on his vocation story [here](#).

Strengthening Aid to Those in Need – Sisters of Charity of Nazareth – Read the article [here](#).

Advice to a Soon-to-Be Catholic Priest – Read the article [here](#).

Why a Louisville mother of 14 founded a new order of religious sisters – Read the article [here](#).

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Birthdays and Anniversaries this month – Serrans and the Vocation Office

- Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre, ordained 8/5/89
- Deacon Bill Klump - ordained 8/17/96
- Theresa Fiedler, Aug 25
- Kevin Thieneman, Aug 27
- Ralph Williams, Aug 28

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the month of AUGUST - For World Youth Day - We pray World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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