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“Always Forward, Never Back”
– Saint Junipero Serra

NOVEMBER, 2023
Newsletter

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) 442-9302.

CHANCELLOR BRIAN REYNOLDS SPOKE AT OUR OCT 2 MEETING

Dr. Reynolds has served as a consultant, trainer, and author in church ministry for more than 40 years. He has worked with more than 100 Catholic dioceses in the United States, Canada, and Ireland. In addition, he has served on the adjunct faculty of several colleges and universities where he has taught courses on leadership, human resources, ministry, stewardship and ethics.

He is the author and co-author of five books and more than 50 articles on church ministry, adolescence, and religious education.

Dr. Reynolds is the recipient of several awards including the Benemerenti Papal Medal from Pope Francis. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Fairfield University, a Master’s Degree from Fordham University, and a Doctorate in Leadership Education from Spalding University.

He has been married to his wife, Catherine, for 42 years. They have two children, one grandchild and another due in February.

Dr. Reynolds is currently the Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer for the Archdiocese of Louisville. He joined us to update on us on the archdiocese from his

personal perspective.

Every summer, Dr. Reynolds gets volumes of data from the 20 departments in the archdiocese. And he then summarizes it for the Priests Council. He thought he’d take this opportunity to hit the highlights of that summary.

He spoke of how much the media wants to focus on bad news, but said there is “so much good going on.” Our archdiocese, he said, is “focused on mission” and the Church itself has 2,000 years of success and survival.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Dr. Reynolds started with a few words on the Synod on Synodality, which was to start two days after our October 2 luncheon. Unlike



some synods, this one is two years long, with the bishops coming back together again in October of 2024. The concept is all about listening and journeying with one another.

With the Church becoming ever more diverse, the question is, “How do we stay in communion?”

Church attendance is down worldwide; in France, only 6% of Catholics attend Mass regularly.

For the first time, a synod is being joined by lay people, as well as representatives of other faiths.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Dr. Reynolds spoke about archdiocesan demographics. Since the U.S. completed the 2020 census, he has looked at the 24 counties in our archdiocese to see how we compare to the whole country. The population in the 24 counties of the Archdiocese is up 6% since the 2010 census.

In our diocese, the biggest growth was in the age 60-69 age group, next was the 70-79 age group. The age 40-49 group is the group shrinking the most. And children under age 5 is another group shrinking – down 5,000 in our 24 counties.

Oldham County’s population is up 12%; Spencer and Shelby Counties are up 14% each; and the population of Bullitt County is up 11%. Jefferson County population is up 6%.

He remembers, from the 1990s, when the prediction was that the growth of Jefferson county would be around the Gene Snyder Freeway. Large parishes were built close to the Gene Snyder Freeway, most with churches that can now seat 1,200 people or so, compared to earlier parishes that only seated a few hundred. The predictions came

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true, and now those parishes are thriving.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

We're in the midst of the three-year Eucharistic Revival, focusing on the centrality of the Eucharist and how to build up that focus. We had 12 Eucharistic Processions in the Archdiocese in the last year.

In the summer of 2024, there will be national processions coming from four directions in the U.S., with [one passing through Louisville](#) – all headed to a convention in Indianapolis. Each of these four processions will be carrying the precious body of Christ in the Eucharist.

Also, Archbishop Shelton Fabre was able to dedicate a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at the Interfaith Center on the grounds of U of L, something rare in U.S. public universities.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

All Catholic schools experience the economic challenge of keeping them affordable. Our Archdiocese is in the top 10% of the nation for the percentage of kids who could go to Catholic schools.

Also, a recent national report shows that the average tests scores of students in our 39 Catholic schools are greater than the national averages, in every subject, every grade, and every term.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Dr. Reynolds told us to be proud of what our Archdiocesan Catholic Charities has achieved.

With a gift from a local donor, the Archdiocese was able to purchase land in the Newburg area to extend its community gardens. The Archdiocese now sponsors 12 community gardens around the county. In those gardens, neighbors were able to grow 743,000 pounds of food – worth \$1.2 million, generating food or income for many families. And all of this was organized by one staff person working for Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities is now the Long-Term Care Ombudsman for 14 counties in our diocese, taking complaints for the facilities serving 11,623 people.

DIVERSITY

Dr. Reynolds explains how diversity keeps increasing in our archdiocese, with Masses now said in seven languages.

He said that some of these groups are actually more active than the English-speaking Catholics in the archdiocese.

RETIREMENT HOME FOR PRIESTS

Working with Nazareth Home Clifton, we now

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.

Nov 6 (1st Mon) – No meeting due to Fall Retreat.

Nov 11 (Sat) – Fall Retreat – see ad in this newsletter.

Nov 11 (2nd Sat) – “Serra Meets” - 12 Noon Louisville time - national Zoom meeting for all Serrans – for details, click [here](#).

Nov 13 (2nd Mon) – **Rosary for Vocations**, 7 pm, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

Nov 15 (Wed) - **Holy Hour for Vocations** – 12:45 at St. Margaret Mary Chapel, after the Noon Mass.

Nov 20 - (3rd Mon) – **Fr. Jonathan Erdman** - "My Journey to Catholicism"

Nov 28 (Tue) – 12:45 - **Serra Board meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

Questions? - Contact Chuck Lynch at (502) 442-9302 or ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com.

have 11 units available to retired priests who wish to live in a senior community during retirement. We currently have four retired priests living there.

“We could not do what we do without our retired priests,” said Dr. Reynolds. And over half of our diocesan priests are now over age 70.

LAY MINISTERS ASSEMBLY

Dr. Reynolds wanted to share with us that not only do we have a Priests Assembly and a Deacons Assembly, but we now have a Lay Ministers Assembly.

He also spoke of a book “Unexpected Occasions of Grace,” written by Dr. Mike Carotta, who recently spoke at a Lay Ministry Assembly for the Louisville Archdiocese held at St. Meinrad. See the article [here](#).

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Referencing the book by Dr. Mike Carotta, Dr. Reynolds spoke of times he recently witnessed “unexpected occasions of grace.” In one parish Mass, dozens of people went forward for the Anointing of the Sick. For about a dozen of them, spouses stood behind them with a hand on the shoulder of the ones about to be anointed. With no prompting, other members of the congregation stepped up to be sure that everyone being anointed had someone standing behind them with a hand on

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their shoulder.

Dr. Reynolds gave us some homework – challenging us to look for and find other “unexpected occasions of grace” in our lives.

We want to thank Dr. Brian Reynolds for his many years of service to the Archdiocese and for taking the time to give us this update on the archdiocese.

(Thanks, too, to Serran Lincoln Lewis for the picture with this article.)

“SERRA MEETS” WAS HELD BY ZOOM ON OCTOBER 14

This was the 34th meeting of Serra Meets.

Our speaker for this Zoom meeting, **Sr. Rosann Ocken, OSB** was one of 11 children. She entered the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Norfolk, Nebraska in 1969 and made final vows in 1975. In her years at the community, she has served as a Benedictine lay spirituality director and Prioress (Superior) in International Mission for 10-1/2 years in Tanzania and Uganda. Since 2018 she has served as the Prioress for the monastery in Norfolk. She spoke on the topic **“Hope for Vocations.”**

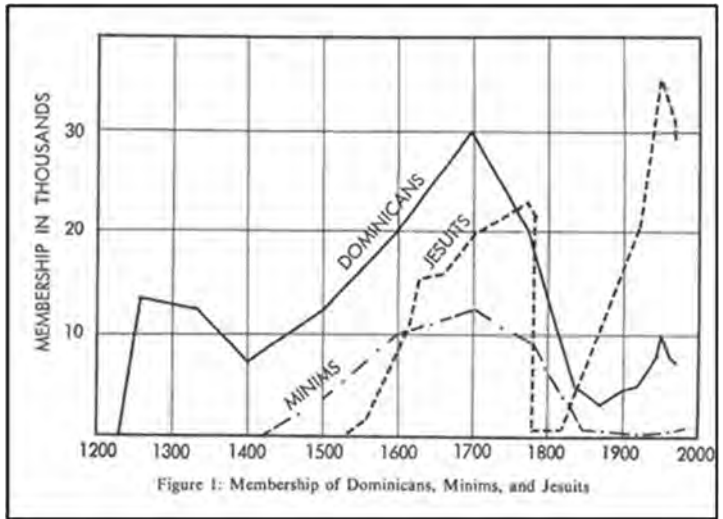
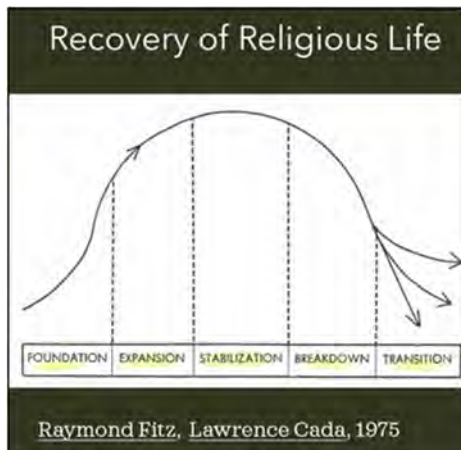
Sr. Rosann said that her theme was “Take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord!” (Ps 27:14) She stressed that Jesus said, “My Father prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase its yield.” (John 15:2)

A THEORY ABOUT THE RISE AND DECLINE OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

Sr. Rosann spoke of a theory of systems that rise and fall, just like the Roman Empire. She said the same happens to the Church and to religious vocations and to religious orders.

She explained how there can be aggravating factors, such as instability in cultures and society’s values. It’s precisely this instability and chaos that shows there are critical unmet needs, which calls for a response and revitalization.

Vocations go through expansion, stabilization, breakdown, and transition. (See the first chart.) A



religious community can even die out completely, or continue at a minimal level. However, it can survive by reclaiming its purpose and applying it to the current times. History shows this with the second chart, which shows the history of some religious orders.

VOICES OF OUR DAY TALKING ABOUT WHAT IS BEFORE US

Sr. Patricia Murray, IBVM, is Executive Director of the International Union of Superiors General in Rome. Sr. Murray speaks of changes in culture which test the meaning and purpose of the consecrated lives and the commitments of the various women religious orders.

Sr. Murray said that society’s changes also test religious orders’ solidarity with the poor, our planet, and the excluded. She says challenging times call religious orders to authenticity, and to be who they say they are.

Fr. Timothy Radcliff, OP, says to ask what the crises are before us, and whether we will respond. Sr. Rosann quotes him as saying, “When we stop being preoccupied principally by ourselves and see the crisis of our society and our people, we will flourish.”

Jon Saucy, a youth quoted in the [“Adoremus Bulletin,”](#) says, “We are a generation which feels unloved and aimless in a world caught up in sex, money and power ...” He says that youth have inherited the hopelessness, the pain, and the darkness that came with the sexual revolution and the Me Generation. He says these are serious questions, and that youth are looking for serious answers. He feels the only one who can answer these questions is God and the Church. Additionally, he says that the most effective way God communicates His love and His grace is through the Sacraments.

Jon adds, “The truth is, we want Church to be strikingly different from the world; we need to know the Other and to have Mass draw us into the world of the Other, of His love and healing.”

Sr. Rosann sees these ideas as saying youth are

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starving for the holy presence of God in the midst of incredible chaos, instability and secularism.

Sr. Rosann spoke of the 2019 Seminarian Survey by the [NCDVD](#) (National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors), which found that over 1/3 of U.S. seminarians say that [FOCUS](#) (Fellowship of

Catholic University Students) had an impact on their discernment!

The Omaha Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Scott Schilmoeller, says we must ask ourselves - what is the critical unmet need of our day? He says people want a personal relationship with Jesus.

Sr. Rosann says that *the Serran charism, promoting and affirming vocations while growing in holiness, is needed now more than ever before.*

SIGNS OF HOPE IN PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS FOR OUR TIMES

Next, Sr. Rosann spoke of the [NRVC](#) (National Religious Vocation Conference) and its [2020 Study on Recent Vocations to Religious Life](#).

She said, “The rate of those entering formation has remained consistent over the past decade compared to the decline at the end of the prior century.” The survey indicated that new entrants were supported in their consideration to enter religious life primarily by diocesan priests, religious, friends and parishioners.

Key characteristics of recent entrants to religious life were that they were young (average age 28); culturally diversified (significantly different from 2009); raised Catholic; and educated in Catholic schools.

That study found that most newer members prefer living with members of different cultures and are more racially and ethnically diverse than professed members. Many newer members see community life as what is distinctive and most attractive about religious life.

The USCCB’s Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV) issued a [Survey on Ordinands to the Priesthood](#) in April, 2023 on the recently professed and ordained. It found, “Surveys show that families and encouragement from the par-

ish priests, alongside Catholic schools, provide optimal environments for a vocational call to grow.”

For the 2023 ordination class, 32% of respondents indicated they first considered priesthood during elementary school, while 26% first considered it during high school. Of all the respondents 63% cited their parish priests as an encouraging influence on their vocation.

LESSONS SR. ROSANN LEARNED FROM AFRICA

Ministering in Africa for over ten years, Sr. Rosann learned much on management – of a ministry, people, vocations, and life in general. She says this can be applied to all sorts of problems, as well as managing growth in vocations in the Church. Her suggestions for us Serrans:

- * Don’t be overwhelmed.
- * You have to manage your resources and your personnel.
- * Respond to what is before you.
- * Have a vision bigger than yourself and take risks as the Spirit calls.
- * Don’t despair and don’t give up hope.
- * Share the challenges.
- * Absorb the vision and the compassion of God.
- * Recognize that it is time for conversion and conversion (not criticism, polarization or superiority); it is time for transformation and openness (not self-righteousness or closed-mindedness); it is time for revitalization and depth (not superficial changes, but moving with the Spirit).
- * Pray to God to determine what he’s asking you to do.
- * What do we have to let go of in order to go forth?
- * We don’t need to be the whole loaf, but how are we called to be yeast?
- * Begin with what’s before you today.
- * There’s an African proverb which says, “If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven’t spent the night with a mosquito.”
- * Take courage to be stout-hearted and trust in the Lord.

You can watch the entire presentation, plus the business part of the meeting, at this [link](#).

BARRY MUDD, ASSOC. DIR. OF THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP, SPOKE AT OUR OCT 16 MTG.

Barry Mudd is the Associate Director of the Office of Worship. He has been with the office of worship since 1997. Prior to his work in the Office of Worship he served as the Director of Worship at the Cathedral, Director of Worship and Music Ministries

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at Saint Albert the Great Parish and Director of Music at Saint Clement. He has assisted in worship and music at many parishes throughout the archdiocese.

His topic for this meeting was **“Offering Ourselves in the Celebration of the Eucharist,”** speaking some about the Eucharistic Revival, but also about our participation in the liturgy. And he promised that throughout his presentation he would include connections with Pope Francis, Vatican II, and the impact of the Covid epidemic. Most importantly, he wanted to talk about the Baptismal priesthood of all Catholics.

Barry spoke of the Mass and referenced several paragraphs from the [Constitution of Sacred Liturgy](#) of Vatican II. This document was finished 60 years ago this December 4th. He reminded us that during the Mass, God is present to us in four special ways (paragraph 7 of the Constitution). First is Christ present in the person of the priest. Second is our hearing the Word of God in the Scripture readings of the Mass. Third is Christ present in the consecrated Eucharist. Finally, Christ is present in the people, since he promised "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt. 18:20).

Part of the reason for the Eucharistic Revival is that we only focus on Christ in the consecrated Eucharist, and have lost the appreciation of the other elements of how Christ is present in the Mass.

The Scriptures were written 2,000 to 3,000 years ago; but God still speaks to us today through these words. The Scriptures are a proclamation of God's word, and the Mass is about us receiving God in the Scriptures.

In the waters of Baptism, we come out being a part of the body of Christ. Some members are eventually called into the ministerial priesthood, which we Serans promote. However, each one of us also has a role in the Baptismal priesthood of all baptized Catholics.

Our Catechism tells us that when we gather for liturgy, Christ is the head of our body. The priest acts as the person of Christ, while the rest of us are the body of Christ.

Barry said, "The privileged place to encounter Christ is in the liturgy itself." Pope Francis' [Pastoral Letter on Liturgical Formation](#) was issued in 2022, in which he says that in Christian faith, the liturgy is the place where we encounter Christ alive.

Before Vatican II, the laity's participation in Mass was passive and disconnected. Since Vatican II, (according to paragraph 14), "Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the litur-

gy, and to which the Christian people, "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people" (1 Pet. 2:9, 4-5) have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism."

Paragraph 11 of the Constitution says something more is required of us as participants in the liturgy. We must offer our very selves. We not only listen to the word, but we have to respond and take it with us, out into the world. In James 1:22, we are told to "Be doers of the word and not hearers only ..."

One way we offer ourselves in the Mass is in the collection, with funds that support the Church and all its ministries. Another way we offer ourselves is through the unique offering of the bread and the wine. Symbolically, it's important to understand that wheat and grapes come as a gift from God. We process them and return them as a gift of bread and wine to God. We participate in this sacrifice, symbolically laying ourselves on the altar as well.

The priest uses one of the ten Eucharistic prayers, and also prays for a change in us, as well as a change in the bread and wine. Then God gives us his very Son, so that we might be saved and have eternal life. St. Augustine said we receive what we become.

We receive the body of Christ so that we may become the body of Christ, and we take the body of Christ to the body of Christ. It's not enough to receive the gift, but we must share it. We are told at the end of Mass to go out and share what we have become.

Covid took this away from us. We were able to pray and watch Mass remotely. But we lacked receipt of the Eucharist and we lacked the communal presence of the liturgy with one another.

When Covid hit, most of us were livestreaming Mass. Priests were given permission from the Pope to celebrate a Mass, even if there was no one else present when they did so. Fortunately, the worst of Covid is now behind us.

We want to thank Barry Mudd for his presentation.

(We also thank Jerry Zimmerer for the picture with this article.)



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ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH, 7813 SHELBYVILLE ROAD 40222
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9:00 (in the Hospitality Room): sign-in, coffee, juice and
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Registration and \$40 payment required by
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For more information or to register, contact Bob Hublar at
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FRIENDS OF SERRA

The Friends of Serra program was instituted in 2020. It exists for non-members who wish to support the mission of Serra financially. For more on this program, click [here](#).

The following people in the Archdiocese have recently made donations to the St. Serra Club of Louisville:

New Friends of Serra – **Judy Spanyer**

We thank all Friends of Serra and we keep them in our prayers.

FRANCISCAN COME AND SEE RETREAT

The Franciscan Friars Conventual will be hosting a retreat for men (18 to 40 years of age) who are discerning a religious vocation to the brotherhood or priesthood. Dates: November 3 – 5 in Chicago. Visit: www.franciscans.org or email: FriarMarrioSerrano@gmail.com.

**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.

**DEACONS CELEBRATING
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

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.

HAMILTON, JOHN B.^ (ANN), 11/3/84, 39 years
A list of all our deacons, their wives, ordination anniversaries and parishes can be found [here](#).

**SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**

Happy Birthday to two of our seminarians this month:

Michael Wolf, Nov 1

Matthew Millay, Nov 4

You can get more information on all our seminarians, as well as their email addresses by clicking [here](#).

**FEAST OF ALL SOULS - LET'S PRAY
FOR OUR DECEASED SERRANS**

Here are some who died in the last 16 years.

David Schoen 3/25/07 at age 77

Chet Pierce 1/26/09 at age 87

Kenneth Aschbacher 8/8/10 at age 84

Henry Zena 11/7/10 at age 91

George Goetz 12/21/10 at age 99

Emmett Ratterman 5/14/11 at age 92

John Werkman 3/5/12 at age 96

John "Tom" Nelson 5/19/12 at age 72

Joe Capalbo 11/3/12 at age 84

Thelma Hausman Dunlevy 12/13/12 at age 82

Bob McAdams 10/07/13 at age 94

Frank Scinta 1/27/16 at age 81

Joe Herrmann 3/25/16 at age 95

Al Carr 1/09/17 at age 84

Ray Schlader 1/11/17 at age 89

Ed Stivers 3/17/17 at age 93

Al Graves 5/10/17 at age 88

Jack Noonung 12/28/17 at age 66

Frank Hausman 9/20/18 at age 82

Tom Ransdell 1/07/19 at age 94

Bill Lippy 3/2019 at age 93

Carl "Bud" Kamer 3/22/19 at age 94

Paul Schlich 6/26/19 at age 91

Rosemary Barth 7/30/19 at age 97

Donna Richardson 9/21/19 at age 71

Marie Heckel 12/26/19 at age 94

James Dougherty 1/13/21 at age 83

Lou Straub 1/31/21 at age 92

Dan Fusting 8/2/21 at age 84

Bert Trompeter 5/14/22 at age 93

Ron Mazzoli 11/1/22 at age 89

Fr. Joe Voor, Chaplain, 11/6/22 at age 97

John Tichenor 11/15/22 at age 90

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS
WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY NOV 5 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.

PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY IDEAS

Serran Lincoln Lewis, one of our Parish Vocation Ministry mentors, thought it might be a good idea to tell new parish vocation committees about the 7/10/21 [Serra Meets presentation](#) by Rose Sullivan, who was then the Executive Director of the National Catholic Diocesan Vocation Directors. She did an excellent job in her presentation. Also, see page 4 of our [August 2021 newsletter](#) for an article on that presentation.

Finally, don't forget to check out the collection of ideas on our website [here](#).

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING! -
LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR GOD,
FRIENDS, LOVED ONES, AND
SO MUCH MORE!**



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SISTER (25 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE), SEND YOUR
THOUGHTS TO CHUCKLYNCH4782@GMAIL.COM BY NOV. 25.**



VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

"Two-thirds of the Catholics today are in Africa, Asia and Latin America, but just slightly over one-third of the Catholic priests." (Source – [Crux Magazine](#))

"At the moment, there is one Catholic priest in the United States for every 1,300 Catholics, and in Europe it's one for every 1,700 Catholics. In Africa, the ratio is one priest to more than 5,000 believers." (Source – [Crux Magazine](#))

From atheist to priest – Read the article [here](#).

Catholic sister helps Appalachian women gain self-confidence and a new foothold on life– Read the article [here](#).

Catholic communities are a lifeline to the 'poorest of the poor' in eastern Kentucky – Read the article [here](#).

How a grilled cheese sandwich led this man to the seminary – Read the article [here](#).

Near-death experiences paves way to the priesthood – Read the article [here](#).

'Give Your Life to Jesus': How a World Youth Day Put a Young Man on the Path to Priesthood – Read the article [here](#).

'God was with us on the stairwell': A hero of 9/11 finds his vocation – Read the article [here](#).

Proud mom in India now has two sons who are bishops – Read the article [here](#).

Sister Miriam Ann Walter Finds Purpose and Joy in a Stamp Ministry – Read the article [here](#). You can mail used stamps to her at Sister Miriam Ann Walter, Nazareth Stamp Ministry, P.O. Box 3000, Nazareth, KY 40048.

ADVENT IS COMING SOON!

It's always good to pick out some spiritual reading for Advent, especially since we get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and decorating this time of year. See if you can find something to read that is not only spiritual, but pertains to the reason for the season.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY EVENTS PLANNED AT THE MARIAN CENTER

The Marian Center, 165 Sears Ave., will present "Consecration to Jesus through Mary," from 8:30 to 9:30 am, on consecutive Saturdays Nov. 4 through Dec. 3.

Bryan Cain will lead the events using the book "[33 Days to Morning Glory](#)" or participants can choose their own method, according to an announcement from the center.

Individuals renewing their consecration are welcome.

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/33days23 or contact Bryan Cain at bdcain@gmail.com.

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month:

Don Buckler, Nov 18

Jerry Zimmerer, Nov 27

Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of

NOVEMBER: For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Save the date – The next Serra Rally will be in Miami January 18-21, 2024. For more details, click [here](#).

Patron of Seminarians - November 4 is the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of all Seminarians. He lived from 1538 to 1584, dealt with a speech impediment, became a civil and canon lawyer at age 21, and was made a cardinal at age 22! For more on this great saint, click [here](#).

Thanks to **Paul Willett** for maintaining our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SerraLouisville.

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Newsletter questions, comments, or submissions? Contact Chuck Lynch, Editor, at (502) 442-9302.

Eastern	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12:00AM	BWTN Live	Fathers of Mercy Hour	Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie				
1:00AM	The Journey Home (B)	Best of The Journey Home (B)					The Wisdom of Father Groeschel
1:30AM							BWTN Bookmark
2:00AM	Mother Angelica Live Classics						
3:00AM	Scripture and Tradition	The Miracle Hunter	Women of Grace with Johnette Williams				
4:00AM	Fathers of Mercy Hour	Fathers Know Best					The World Over
5:00AM	The Catholic Cafe	Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Fire on the Earth					Vatican Insider
5:30AM	Rosary with Mother Angelica						
6:00AM	Vatican Insider	The Sun Rise Morning Show					Scripture and Tradition
6:30AM	Divine Intimacy Radio						Scripture and Tradition
7:00AM	Word on Fire						Light of the East
7:30AM	BWTN Rosary						BWTN Rosary
8:30AM	From November 1st - November 5th Begin Daytime Power						
7:30AM	From November 5th - November 30th Begin Daytime Power						
8:00AM	Rosary with Archbishop Shelton Fabre						
8:15AM	Sunday Mass from BWTN Chapel (Live)	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Sunday's Herald Fr. Hartsley	Divine Mercy Chaplet			Holy Mass from BWTN Chapel (Live)
8:30AM		Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel	BWTN Bookmark Doug Keck	Catholic Catechism Archbishop Fulton Sheen	Living Stones Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers	Divine Intimacy Dawn and Stephanie Burke	
9:00AM	Stories From The Heart	Fr. Spitzer's Universe (B)	Journey Home (B) Marcus Grodi	Best of Journey Home (B) Marcus Grodi			Fathers of Mercy Hour
9:30AM	BWTN Bookmark						
10:00AM	BWTN Pro-Life Weekly	Christ is The Answer Fr. John Riccardo					Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa
10:30AM	Catholic Cafe						
11:00AM	Register Radio Janetta DeMalo	BWTN Live Fr. Mitch Pacwa	Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa	The Scripps & The Phoenix (Live) Fr. Jeffrey Legg	BWTN Pro-Life Weekly	Conversations with Consequences Dr. Christie	Doctor, Doctor
11:30AM	Light of the East Fr. Thomas Loy		Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron				
12:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Shelton Fabre						
12:15PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet						
12:30PM	Beloved & Blessed Kimberly Hahn	Liturgy of the Word (starts about 12:28PM)					Vatican Insider Joan Lewis
1:00PM	Scripture and Tradition Fr. Mitch Pacwa	Doctor Is In (Live) 1-877-573-7825 Dr. Ray Guarendi					The Miracle Hunter Michael O'Neill
2:00PM	Mother Angelica: Answering the Call	Called to Communion (Live) 1-800-585-9396 Dr. David Anders					Best of Called to Communion
2:30PM	The Catholic Sphere						
3:00PM	The World Over Raymond Arroyo	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Fr. John Trigilio	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Fr. Wade Muzzes	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Fr. Mitch Pacwa	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Fr. Brian Mullady	OpenLine(Live) 1-800-585-9396 Colin Donovan	BWTN Live Fr. Mitch Pacwa
4:00PM	Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron	Krusa in the Afternoon (Live) 877-573-7825					Register Radio Janetta DeMalo
4:30PM	Vatican Insider Joan Lewis						BWTN Bookmark Doug Keck
5:00PM	Rosary with Archbishop Fabre						Rosary with Archbishop Fabre
5:15PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet						Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30PM	Family Theater						Catholic Catechism Archbishop Fulton Sheen
6:30PM	From November 1st - November 5th End Daytime Power						
5:30PM	From November 5th - November 30th End Daytime Power						
6:00PM	The Best of Catholic Answers Live (B)	Catholic Answers Live (Live)					The Bear Wozniak Adventure
7:00PM							The Miracle Hunter
8:00PM	Mother Angelica Answering the Call BWTN	The Journey Home	Mother Angelica Classics	BWTN Live	The World Over	BWTN News in Depth	Beyond Damascus
8:30PM	Pro-Life Weekly						
9:00PM	Beloved and Blessed	BWTN News Nightly					Vatican Insider
9:30PM	The Rosary is a Place						
10:00PM	BWTN Live	Open Line					The World Over
11:00PM	Divine Intimacy	Called to Communion					Fr. Spitzer's Universe
11:30PM	Family Theater						

BOLD: Local Programs (B): Encore/Pre-recorded

AM Daytime Power: 8:30AM - 6:30PM (November 1-5)

AM Daytime Power: 7:30AM - 5:30PM (November 5-30)