



Saint Serra Club of Louisville VOCATION DIGEST

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Newsletter**

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

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

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AMY NALL SPOKE AT OUR FEBRUARY 5 CLUB MEETING

Amy Nall serves as the **Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS)** for the Archdiocese of Louisville. She has been a Catholic school educator and administrator for 36 years. She began her career in the Archdiocese in 1988 as a high school English teacher at Holy Rosary Academy. In 1992, she moved to Mercy Academy and served as an English teacher and English Department Chairperson. In 2002 she moved to Sacred Heart Academy where she served as the English Department Chairperson until 2004 when she became the assistant Principal.

In 2020 she transitioned into the role of Interim Principal during the year of the pandemic.

She moved into her current role as Assistant Superintendent in 2021. She has an undergraduate degree in English education and Journalism from Ball State University, a Masters in English and Teaching from the University of Louisville and an Educational Specialist Degree from the University of Louisville.

Amy was raised and educated in the rich Catholic tradition to which she has dedicated her entire professional career. She’s grateful for the sacrifices her parents made to ensure she received a Catholic educa-

tion, and she believes wholeheartedly in the value of community, particularly the importance of the Catholic school community where the partnership between parents, children and school support the holistic education and faith development of the individual.

Amy has been married for 36 years, and she and her husband live in Louisville and have three adult



children, and two grandchildren.

Amy’s topic was “Catholic Education Committed to Ensuring a Catholic Foundation for Each Student.”

Amy spoke of it being such an honor to be in the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS), led by Dr. Mary Beth Bowling.

She chose to speak of how the office supports schools in faith formation. Academic excellence is very important; but faith formation is the foundation of what they do in our schools. She wanted to talk of how the Office of Catholic Schools strategically supports the schools, working with the leaders of the schools. “Students are absolutely at the center of all we do,” Amy said.

The “The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools” (aka NSBECS) “provide a national articulation of defining characteristics and performance benchmarks” that serve as the common vision of excellence for our Catholic schools. A copy is linked [here](#):

The Standards are organized into four domains: (1) Mission and Catholic Identity, (2) Governance and Leadership, (3) Academic Excellence, and (4) Operational Vitality. It also speaks of nine defining characteristics for Catholic Schools.

The NSBECS provide the standards and benchmarks for the system accreditation through

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All parish schools, Nativity Academy, Bethlehem High School, DeSales High School and Holy Cross High School are a part of the systems accreditation. used by all our schools, their principals and their pastors.

Each school’s continuous improvement process begins with these standards and benchmarks.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND EVENTS**

Our other Catholic high schools and the three independent Catholic schools (Immaculata, Corpus Christi, and Holy Angels) operate with the express permission of the archbishop, but get accreditation independently.

Amy focused at this luncheon meeting on the first domain - Mission and Catholic Identity. Amy's handout gave parts of the four standards that apply to this first domain - Mission and Catholic Identity:

- (1) "An excellent Catholic school adhering to mission provides an exemplary academic program for religious education and catechesis in the Catholic faith, set within a total academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life."
- (2) "... embraces a Catholic identity that includes gospel values, a focus on the Eucharist, and a commitment to communal faith formation, academic excellence, missionary discipleship, and service."
- (3) "... provides opportunities both within and outside the classroom for Christ-centered student faith formation, participation in liturgical and communal prayer, and action in service of missionary discipleship and social justice."
- (4) "... provides opportunities for Christ-centered adult faith formation and action in service of mis-

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.

Mar 4 (1st Mon) – **Ken Peet and Lynn Haner** speak on the January Miami Serra Rally.

Mar 9 (2nd Sat) - **"Serra Meets"** - 12 Noon Louisville time - national Zoom meeting for all Serrans – for details, click [here](#).

Mar 11 (2nd Mon) - **Rosary for Vocations**, 7 pm, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

Mar 13 (Wed) - **Holy Hour for Vocations** - 12:45 at St. Margaret Mary Chapel, after the Noon Mass.

Mar 18 (3rd Mon) – **Fr. Tony Smith** speaks on "How Can We Better Create a Culture for Vocations." Vocation Poster and Essay Contest winners and their parents will also attend.

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their school improvement plan. Goals range from ensuring students participate in Christian service programs, to revising the school mission statement, to increasing awareness and connection to Catholic Social teaching themes, to rebuilding and strengthening relationships with the parish school community, to rebuilding a stewardship program, to giving students more responsibilities in planning and participating in masses – being cantors, readers, servers, gift bearers, part of the choir, etc.

Each school is measuring their success against their improvement plans.

The OCS guides, supports, and advises the schools. However, the pastors and principals make the final decisions on some policy matters – e.g., whether the school will have a weekday Mass for students.

This year, OCS is implementing a new internal quality assurance process. OCS staff met with each



...sionary discipleship and social justice."

She said the schools are inviting youth to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. They want children to see themselves as a viable part of the Church and parish community.

The OCS has a theme every year. This school year's theme is "Be a Disciple of Christ. Live as a Blessing." Last year's theme was about sharing the Gospel message.

All the schools have a mission and a Catholic identity goal in



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school's leadership in the first half of the school year to provide individualized support on school improvement planning. Then they have day-long school support visits going forward, meeting with a variety of stakeholders to see if progress is being made. The stakeholders include teachers, principals, pastors, parents, and school board members. They also visit classrooms.

The OCS also administers stakeholder surveys – last year's was called "Catholic Identity, Defining Characteristics." This year's survey is called "Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness."

The OCS does not publish the school district results, but the schools use the results as data to inform their continuous improvement planning.

Eucharistic Adoration is now being promoted in some of the elementary schools, in addition to the usual preparation for the Sacraments.

Some of our elementary schools promote community service as part of our Catholic identity, helping "the least, the lost and the lowly," oftentimes with each grade taking on a different focus of service.

All of the OCS are former teachers, three are former administrators, and are closely connected to the teaching staff. They do a retreat for the principals in the summer, which many principals then use to train their teachers and staff. This year they offered a follow-up mini-retreat in November and invited pastors, too.

OCS puts on a beginning-of-the-school-year liturgy. And last month they hosted the Catholic Schools Week liturgy. They also partner with Art Turner, Director of the Faith Formation, to host professional development for school leaders about being spiritual leaders. In Catholic schools, the principal must be both the instructional leader as well as the spiritual leader.

There is also the Merton Leadership Initiative in the archdiocese – a program to promote spiritual leaders in our schools. They ask the schools that choose to participate in this three-year commitment to send a cohort of three people – usually an administrator, maybe a counselor, and a teacher-leader.

This year we also have one principal who was selected to participate in the Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program – a two-year program for principals.

The 48 schools (elementary and high) in the archdiocese serve 18,727 students, of which 25% are not Catholic. Amy said that, hopefully, we're evangelizing some of the families whose children are not Catholics.

She said we hoped we felt proud of what's happen-

ing in our Catholic schools.

We want to thank Amy Nall for updating us on the Office of Catholic Schools and their efforts to keep a Catholic Identity in our schools.

Thanks, also, to Jerry Zimmerer, who took the pictures with this article.

VOCATION POSTER & ESSAY CONTESTS

The Vocation Office and the St. Serra Club have announced the winners of the Vocation and Poster Contests.

Poster Contest

First Place: Ty Holmberg, Grade 6, St. Albert the Great School, Teacher: Ms. Mary Gates.

Second Place: Maya Abell, Grade 6, St. Albert the Great.

Third Place: Natalie Leake, Grade 6, St. Thomas School.

Essay Contest

First Place: Celina DeLeon, Grade 7, St. Dominic School, Teacher: Lisa Burkhead.

Second Place: McKenna Menold, Grade 7, St. James School, Elizabethtown.

Third Place: Gracie Crick, Grade 7, St. Stephen Martyr School.

All six winners are invited to the March 18 meeting of the St. Serra Club luncheon to receive their prizes and certificates. Their parents, teachers, principals and pastors are also being invited.

KATHLEEN BECKMAN SPOKE AT OUR "SERRA MEETS" MEETING ON FEB 10

About Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S.

An evangelist, best-selling author and popular Ignatian retreat leader, Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S., has served the Church for twenty-six years in evangelization, Catholic radio, TV, writing and speaking. She's traveled to thirteen countries to share her dramatic conversion story: how Christ captured her heart through a Rosary prayer group, a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, and the murder of a family member.

For sixteen years, Kathleen has served in the Church's ministry of healing, deliverance, and exorcism at the invitation of clergy. She was on faculty for the Pope Leo XIII Institute for six years, graduated from the Association of International Exorcists Course at Rome's Pontifical Regina Apostolorum

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University in 2017. Presently she serves as her diocese's administrator of exorcism and deliverance ministry. A member of the exorcist's team, she accompanies persons seeking liberation from evil spirits.

In 2013, with encour-

agement of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Clergy, she, and Monsignor Stephen Doktorczyk, J.C.D., founded the [Foundation of Prayer for Priests \(FPP\)](#), an apostolate of spiritual motherhood and fatherhood for the holiness and protection of priests. All are invited to join this movement of prayer for priests.

Sophia Institute Press publishes her last five books including, "Praying for Priests", "God's Healing Mercy", "When Women Pray", "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare", and "Beautiful Holiness: A Spiritual Journey with Blessed Conchita to the Heart of Jesus". Each book has a Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur.

In 2002, Kathleen was invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. A wife and mother, she and her husband live in Orange, CA and are members of St. Martin De Porres Parish, Yorba Linda, CA.

Her Topic – "What the Saints Teach About Sacrificial Love for Seminarians and Priests"

Kathleen spoke a lot about intercessory prayer for seminarians and priests and the characteristics of such prayer.

She spoke of prayer that is intentional and persistent, with an emphasis on the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, being still and listening to God. We who pray for our priests and seminarians, should pray liturgically and ecclesiastically.

Speaking on the subject of sacrifice, Kathleen suggested we offer up our sufferings for these intercessory intentions. Identifying with Christ, especially by reflecting on the Scriptures was her next suggestion.

Then she spoke of devotional prayers for vocations, including Marian devotions, the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Listening to God, with our hearts, especially praying to and listening to the Sacred Heart of Christ and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is part of this intercessory prayer.

She then focused on the wisdom of the Saints, starting with St. John Vianney, who taught us that the priest is not a priest for himself. For example, he does not give himself absolution. The priest exists for others.

Speaking on praying for others, Pope St. John Paul II said (September, 1978), "Oh my God, I love you above all things with all my heart, you are infinitely good and our eternal happiness. Out of love for you I love my neighbor as myself and forgive any injustice which I have suffered, Lord. Grant that I may love you more and more." – a prayer he said he was taught by his mother.

In 2005, Pope St. John Paul II said to priests, "The people have a right to turn to priests in the hope of seeing Christ in them. Vocations will not be lacking if our manner of life is truly priestly, if we become more holy, more joyful, more impassioned in the exercise of our ministry."

Venerable Fulton Sheen said (from his book "A Priest is Not His Own"), "As the shepherd, so the sheep. As the priest, so the people. Every worldly priest hinders the growth of the Church. Every saintly priest promotes it."

Kathleen said "Holy Christians guarantee holy priests."

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The world looks to the priest because it looks to Jesus." Priests are ordinary men and have the same challenges the rest of us have, from the world, the flesh and the Devil.

Kathleen quoted another saint as saying, "If we desire holy priests, we should also mirror holiness for them."

She told us that Servant of God Fr. John Hardon said that the Devil's principal target on earth is priests. Fr. John said every Mass gives immeasurable glory to the Divine Majesty. So, the Devil does everything he can to seduce priests into his camp, so they will offer Mass less devotedly and less frequently – anything to cause people to not receive the graces from the Mass. The gift of the Eucharist is the reason the Devil attacks the priesthood.

We must let our priests see how we esteem their dignity. The Catholic priesthood needs prayer and sacrifice as never before since Calvary.

Priests need special graces from God. Praying for

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them has been a tradition of the Church since the first century. Even priests tell us they need our prayers.

Telling us about some women saints, Kathleen started with St. Monica who converted her son St. Augustine, who became a priest and wrote that his holy mother never abandoned him. He thanked his mother for always praying for him and protecting him.

Blessed Conchita Cabrera (1862-1937) was a housewife, a mother of nine children in Mexico, and one of the greatest mystics in the Church, as well as the mother of a priest and of a religious sister. She started two orders, one for priests and one for sisters. Jesus spoke to her and taught her also that there are priestly souls who are *not* ordained but who have a priestly mission, and they offer themselves united with Jesus. They help the Church in a powerful, spiritual way. Jesus told her he wants to come again in his priests, and he wants to renew the world through his priests.

St. Faustina (1905-1938) interceded for priests. She said, about one priest who was in immediate danger of committing a mortal sin, that she begged God to give *her* all the suffering God wished, if only this priest would be freed from this temptation. Jesus heard this prayer; St. Faustina endured what felt like a crown of thorns on her head for three hours; and the priest was saved.

St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) wrote that she could see how many holy priests she saw in Rome had weaknesses and frailties. She wrote to her sister that they should pray and suffer for the priests of the world.

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), an Italian mystic and intercessor for Pope Gregory XI, convinced the pope to return to Rome. At one point she personally knew her spiritual advisor was being tempted by the Devil. And she prayed for this priest, with intercessions through Mother Mary.

Finally, she spoke of Our Lady's intercessions for priests, and an FPP movement for related prayers, due to Mary's role in salvation history. Mariologist Fr. Email Neumair spoke of five reasons for Mary's special love for priests.

First, Mary sees in the priest a greater resemblance to the image of her Son, than in any other Christian of equal holiness.

Second, Jesus loves his priests with distinctive love; and Mary shares all the feelings of her Son.

Third, it is thanks to priests that the work of Christ is carried out in the world.

Fourth, in her union with her son, Mary foresaw especially those who would continue his mission on

earth.

Fifth, Mary needs priests. It is especially through them that she can carry out the mission of bringing Jesus to the world.

She said for us Serrans, our words must lead to actions. And that is where our prayers come into play.

In response to some questions, she spoke of how seminarians are tempted by the Devil to have a fear of failure and think they'll never measure up.

To another question, she spoke of her favorite prayers for priests being the daily Rosary, the

St. Faustina Prayer for Priests and the **St. Therese of Lisieux Prayer for Priests**.

In response to a question about praying individually for priests, as opposed to praying as part of a group for priests, she said Christ was always communal, he always invited others to join him. When a person prays on their own, they're much more vulnerable to spiritual attack. As a group, like the Serra Club, we have ecclesial prayers; and our prayers are strengthened.

Kathleen Beckman's website, including all her books, can be found [here](#). You can watch her entire presentation, as well as the business portion of the Zoom meeting [here](#).

FR. PAUL BEACH LED US IN A TOUR OF THE NEW SHRINE



On February 19 our St. Serra Club attended the noon Mass at St. Martin of Tours, and then heard a presentation by Rector Fr. Paul Beach

on the history of the parish, and its May 18, 2023 designation, by Archbishop Shelton Fabre, as a diocesan shrine.

Founded in 1853 as a parish church, at 639 S. Shelby Street, it is one of the first six parishes in Louisville. Many German immigrants settled in this part of Louisville.

There was a fear of immigrants at that time, particularly of Roman Catholics – that Catholics would overthrow the U.S. Government.

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The **Bloody Monday riots** occurred in Louisville on August 6, 1855; and much of it came to a head at St. Martin of Tours, where people feared Catholics were storing arms to overthrow the government. A number of Germans and Irish were killed and many homes and buildings were burned down.

The church was reconstructed in 1892, with some expansions on the sides. The ceiling was replaced with the new one below the original ceiling. The pipe organ came from the old **Farrand and Votey Organ Company**, out of Detroit. These experts were to organs what Stradivarius was to violins.

The organ is now being restored. It is one of the very few examples of an organ that is in its original space and never modified.

The pastor in 1892 kept requesting of Rome if any relics of martyrs could be given to the parish, to set the church apart in Louisville. After years of requests, the church was given those relics on New Years Eve in 1901.

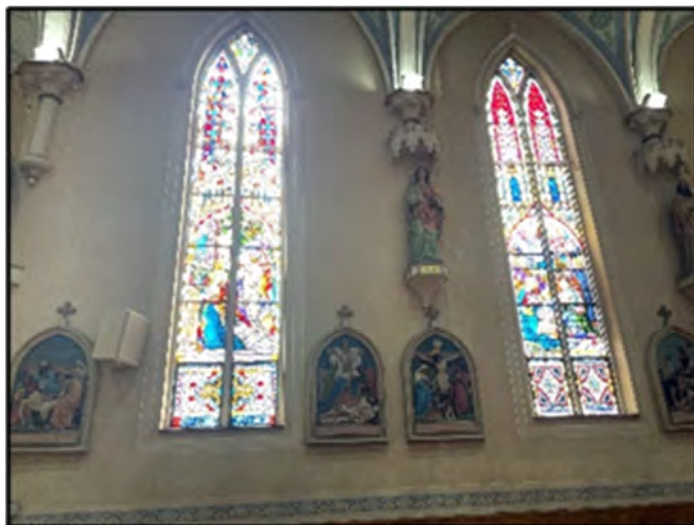
After WWII many people moved out of the downtown area. The neighborhood started to decline in the 1950s. Few Catholics were left in the area in the 1970s.



Father Robertson was assigned to the parish in 1977; and was told to expect that the parish would soon be closed down. He was creative and thought outside the box. His efforts, which included a choir and a popular restaurant in the parish's rectory, known as the "Afro-German Tea Room," helped the parish regain its footing. He also had some resources, due to an inheritance from his parents who ran a business in Louisville.

Fr. Robertson also started the Schuhmann Center (a social services outreach center), and a Montessori school. The Golden Arrow Center was opened later to help needy women and children.

Fr. Robertson hired an organist and choir members and filled the church with very popular music programs. The parish continued to grow in popularity; and closure was no longer needed. Fr. Robertson re-



tired in 1992.

There was an effort to have perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the archdiocese. At one time, the 24-hours of the day were split between St. Anthony Hospital, St. Louis Bertrand, and St. Martin of Tours. In 1995, when Fr. Cousens was pastor, perpetual Eucharistic Adoration was under review, and it began at St. Martin's in 1996. It's been going on ever since then. Being close to University Hospital, with the church spire lit up at night, people come from the emergency room to pray in the chapel.

With 24/7 adoration, the church also has 24-hour security.



The church now has about 1,800 registrants (according to The Record last year), including around 250 people attending the Latin Mass on Sundays, with attendees from all over the area. They have a lot of weddings and baptisms. Fr. Beach says the congregation is a very young one, with an average age probably in the 30s.

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The reasons the church was designated a diocesan shrine include the following.

First, the church serves people from throughout the archdiocese, not just in the immediate geographic area. For the last 50 years, the vast majority of the people attending Mass there are from areas actually assigned to other parishes.

Second, being a shrine allows this church to continue offering the Mass in the Extraordinary Form – i.e., in Latin.

Third, the church is well known for having the skeletal remains (since the early 1900s) of two third century martyrs - St. Magnus (a Roman centurion, martyred after converting to Christianity) and St. Bonosa (a young Roman virgin martyred in her early 20s).

Fourth, it has a 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

A shrine is a church established to promote acts of piety, acts of the apostolate, and pilgrimages. This parish applied to the archdiocese to be a shrine; and it was approved by Archbishop Shelton Fabre. It's no longer called a parish; and Fr. Beach's title was changed from "pastor" to "rector."

More on the history of St. Martin of Tours Church can be found [here](#).

For more on the shrine's canons – priests appointed to oversee the shrine - see this [article](#).

We want to thank Fr. Beach for his great presentation.

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

JUBILARIANS RECOGNIZED
FOR WORLD DAY FOR
CONSECRATED LIFE

The Annual Jubilarian Mass with Archbishop Shelton Fabre was held on Sunday, February 11 at St. Gregory parish in Nelson County.

The Annual Jubilarian Mass is held on a Sunday near the World Day for Consecrated Life (February 2 each year) to honor those men and women religious celebrating anniversaries of 25 to 90 years.

The Record had a great article on the event including a list of all the women and men religious who were being honored. See it [here](#).

ALL OF US SERRANS ARE RECRUITERS
FOR THE SERRA CLUB.
"EACH ONE, BRING ONE."

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS
WEEK IS MARCH 8 – 14

Established in 2014, as part of Women's History Month, the National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8 through 14 each year, regardless of the day of the week that period begins. According to the national office, "The NCSW mission is to honor women religious through a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus to the lives of these incredible women. We welcome events of any type, and encourage organizations to think about creative ways to celebrate sisters for the entire week."

This is a good time for all parishes, schools, and others to choose some way to celebrate this occasion.

Maybe you can simply take your favorite religious sister out for a meal. For more information, click [here](#).

Events that some are considering include - a Mass and supper; a Sisters' Appreciation Day; a card or letter to your favorite sisters; Vespers; a Cupcakes, Coffee, and Conversation event; a retreat; etc. To see what others are doing around the country, click [here](#).

PRIESTS CELEBRATING
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination this month. We always include here any priests, from religious orders and other dioceses, who are working in our Archdiocese. The asterisk (*) indicates "Retired."

REV. JAMES E. FLYNN *, 3/26/55, 69 years
ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS JOSEPH E. KURTZ *, 3/18/72, 52 years

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to three of our seminarians this month:

Van Tran - March 11
Trenton Thieneman - March 12
Tung Ho - March 19

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

One of the joys of getting older is
looking back and connecting the
dots of events that in fact were
God working in our lives.

VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Seven children joined the Dominican Order from this one family – Read the article [here](#).

Tragic loss leads to the priesthood – Read the article [here](#).

Catholic priests from Africa are coming to the U.S. as missionaries – Read the article [here](#).

Leadership from 12 new cardinals. Read the article [here](#).

Ninety-two-year-old has given 69 years to priestly ministry. Read the article [here](#).

Eighty-seven-year-old priest witnesses son's diac-nate ordination – Read the article [here](#).

The Dominican Friars have stepped up their game on YouTube – Read the article [here](#).

Regarding 132 Priests and religious killed or kid-napped in 2023 – Read the article [here](#).

Forbes: Religious sister is one of most influential women – Read the article [here](#).

It's now time to talk about the future of our seminar-ies – Read the article [here](#).

Three Tips for forming good priests, from Pope Fran-cis – Read the article [here](#).

Ethics Ratings of Nearly All Professions Down in U.S. – Read the article [here](#).

Catholic by the Numbers: New Religious Brothers and Sisters Have a Lot in Common – Read the article [here](#).

**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 874 8155 6033.

**SAVE THE DATE – FOR THE 2024
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL SUMMIT**

The Great Lakes Region includes the St. Serra Club of Louisville. We will have a Regional Summit Friday and Saturday, April 12-13, at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Questions? – Contact Anne at (319) 321-3966 or AnneMallampalli@comcast.net.

Details have been provided to all St. Serra Club members, and can also be found [here](#).

**SAVE THE DATES – EXPECTED
ORDINATIONS THIS YEAR!**

On Saturday, April 20, at 10 am Seminarian **Cole McDowell** is to be ordained a transitional deacon at the Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown.

On Saturday, June 1, at 10 am, at St. Michaels parish, five transitional deacons will be ordained to the priesthood – **Deacons Matt Millay, Kenny Nauert, Michael Schultz, Van Tran, and Yen Tran**.

On Saturday, August 24, at 11 am in the Cathedral of the Assumption, there will be the **ordination of 10 men to the Permanent Diaconate**. (A new cohort of 18 men began studying last summer for the next class of Permanent Deacons.)

Let’s keep all of these men in our prayers!

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month:

Ken Peet, Mar 3 Richard Spalding, Mar 14
Patty Archer, Mar 16 Norman Beat, Mar 21

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the month of MARCH: For New Martyrs - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Pray for Vocations - To pray daily for our local priests, seminarians, and Vocation Office personnel, see the Vocation Office Prayer Calendar [here](#).

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