



# Saint Serra Club of Louisville VOCATION DIGEST

APRIL, 2024  
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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## SERRANS KEN PEET AND LYNN HANER SPOKE ABOUT THE NATIONAL RALLY

At our March 4 meeting, Serrans Ken Peet (Regional Director and Club Rep with the Serra International Foundation) and Lynn Haner (VP of Membership) spoke about the Serra Rally held mid-January in Miami, Florida.

Ken has now attended a number of these rallies; and this was Lynn’s second one.

Ken said that we now have about



1,000 Serrans in our Great Lakes Region (lower Michigan, plus Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky), and 12,500 Serrans in the whole U.S.A.

Council of Serra (sometimes referred to as USAC). Over 135 people attended the Rally in Miami. It was announced that Anne Roat will become our new USAC President later this year.

The Chicago office of Serra (shared by Serra International, USAC, and Serra Foundation) is always quite busy. It’s been an-

nounced they hope to soon have a new person hired as the Deputy Executive Director.

The [Fellowship Of Catholic University Students \(F.O.C.U.S.\)](#) is a group supported by Serrans. It was announced that it’s [SEEK24](#) event will be held in Salt Lake City this year.

The Serra Promotion and Resource Kit ([SPARK](#)) website is to be overhauled possibly in April this year. And a new SPARK tool will be based on our local diocese’s Vocation Poster and Essay Contests.

Lynn Haner spoke of the Eucharistic focus at the Rally, with a Eucharistic Chapel available throughout the January 13 to 16 Rally, as well as daily Mass. Speakers included bishops and cardinals. One young, growing order of religious women was in attendance, providing music at the Saturday evening Mass. The organizers did a good job of having religious brothers and sisters, as well as seminarians, in attendance.

The Rally was hosted by the Archdiocese of Miami. It was also announced that Serra International is to be a major contributor to the National Eucharistic Conference to be held in Indianapolis this July.

Lynn spoke of how good it was to share conversation and best practices with members from other clubs across the country. She pointed out that some of what we do is like that of other clubs, while

some things are different.

The vendors’ area included a booth sponsored by the Daughters of St. Paul. They have published the book “[Brilliant! 28 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Supersmart People](#),” which helps children learn the history of faithful, Catholic scientists – a book for upper elementary and middle school students.

The founder of the [Daughters of St. Paul](#) is being considered for sainthood. Lynn’s favorite session (recorded) included speeches by two religious sisters - Sr. Irene Regina from the Daughters of St. Paul, and Sr. Margaret Ann from the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

Ken spoke of the Friday evening visit to the local St. John Vianney Seminary, started in 1959, led by Fr.

Gomez, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Miami.

There was talk of the new “[propaedeutic stage](#)” of preparation for the priesthood – a period that provides seminarians basic groundwork of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation – a life of prayer, community and



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fraternity – a short period which is free from academic stress.

The Archdiocese of Miami has 109 parishes (vs 110 in the Archdiocese of Louisville), and has 60 men in the seminary (vs our 18). There was a panel of three seminarians (ages 19 to 31) in one session (recorded), which included a dean of students and a vocation director as moderators. The seminaries (upper & lower) in the Archdiocese of Miami are the only completely accredited bi-lingual (English & Spanish) seminaries in the country.

There were various humorous stories of these young men on how they found their way into the seminary.

One of the seminarians hoped, when he was younger, to be an NBA player and prayed to be taller. However, at only 5' -5" he was too short. So, he studied accounting but found the math too hard. Then he decided his calling was to the priesthood.

One seminarian grew up in a Baptist environment, but his parents wanted him to get a great high school education. So, they sent him to a Catholic high school, where he decided to convert to Catholicism, which eventually led him to the seminary.

One seminarian was attracted to the Eucharistic Chapel in school, which led to his joining the seminary.

Serra International has published "[Serrans Called to Holiness](#)," which addresses the third part of the mission statement of all Serra Clubs – "to assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit."

Our speakers told us of one club that went from 9 to 130 members in a relatively short period of time, after really focusing on its growth.

We found out that the Rally is moved around the country, but always occurs in the same city for two consecutive years. So, the January, 2025 Rally will also be in Miami.

You can view 10 of the videos from the Rally [here](#).

## CARDINAL COLLINS SPOKE AT THE SERRA MEETS ZOOM EVENT ON MARCH 9.

On March 9, we had the 39<sup>th</sup> consecutive, monthly "Serra Meets" gathering by Zoom.

**About Cardinal Collins**

## 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.

**Apr 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Mon)** – **Fr. Pat Dolan** speaks on "Relationships Among Priests."

**Apr 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon)** - **Rosary for Vocations**, 7 pm, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

**Apr 10 (Wed)** - **Holy Hour for Vocations** - 12:45 at St. Margaret Mary Chapel, after the Noon Mass.

**Apr 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)** - "**Serra Meets**" - 12 Noon Louisville time - national Zoom meeting for all Serrans – for details, click [here](#).

**Apr 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)** – At the Pastoral Center, at 11:30, **Archbishop Shelton Fabre** will talk on the state of the Archdiocese as well as why he has made Vocations a priority. **Reservations Required by April 10** – call Chuck Lynch.

**Apr 23 (Tue)** - 12:45 - Serra Board Meeting - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

**Questions?** - Contact Chuck Lynch at (502) 442-9302 or [ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com](mailto:ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com).

Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins, age 77 and Metropolitan Archbishop emeritus of Toronto (Canada), was born in 1947 in Ontario. He was ordained a priest in 1973. In 1978 he studied in Rome, specializing in sacred scripture and the Book of Revelations at the Pontifical Bible Institute, and in 1986 he received a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.



In 1997 he was appointed coadjutor Bishop of Saint Paul in Alberta. He has served as rector of

Saint Peter's Seminary, London, Canada, president of the National Theological Commission of the Bishops' Conference, president of the National Commission for Ecumenism, president of the Conference of Bishops of Alberta, and president of Saint Joseph's College Board of Governors at the University of Alberta.

He has also served as Chancellor of the University of Saint Michael's College, and the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto, as well as Chair

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of the Board of Governors of Saint Augustine's Seminary, and of the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

He participated in the conclave of March 2013, which elected Pope Francis. On February 11, 2023, the Holy Father accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Toronto presented by Cardinal Collins.

Finally, Cardinal Collins is the Episcopal Advisor to the USA Council of Serra.

For a more detailed bio on Cardinal Collins, check out the information [here](#).

### His Topic – Meditation on the Lenten Theme of Prayer

While all of Lent focuses on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Cardinal said he wanted to focus specifically on prayer. One of the Mass readings in Lent is the Gospel reading about the self-righteous Pharisee and the Tax Collector praying for mercy ([Luke 18:9-14](#)).

The Ash Wednesday Gospel (Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18) reminds us that when we pray, we are not to be like the hypocrites, who wish to be seen in their prayer; but we are to pray in private.

Cardinal Collins said, "Fasting is restraining our appetite for things that can overwhelm us." We can also cut back on social media, which is not a good use of our time.

Life is short, Cardinal Collins said. We should live life to the full, but still recognize we will return to ashes. You don't want to be the richest corpse in the cemetery. We are to spend our lives loving God and others.

Lent begins with ashes and ends with the fires at the Easter Vigil service.

We are reminded to think of our life, our death, and the ashes to which we will return. Samuel Johnson said, "When a man knows he's going to be hanged in a couple of weeks, it concentrates the mind wonderfully." The real question is: What is really important?

J.R.R. Tolkien, who wrote the "Lord of the Rings" and was a very devout Roman Catholic, once said, "All joy, all beauty, all glory in the world is found in the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find the source of all the love in your life.

What matters is not what we accumulate, but what we give away. Many of the things we chase after are just an illusion, Cardinal Collins said.

He strongly recommended the book, "[Beginning to Pray](#)" by Anthony Bloom (Paulist Press), which he said he once gave away in large quantities.

Cardinal Collins reminded us that the Jesus Prayer

("Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.") is based on the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

Note that the Pharisee has his eye on everyone else, boasting of his goodness. He did good, but his attitude was all wrong. Most tax collectors gouged the common man, collecting far more than was necessary. But this tax collector asked God to be merciful to him, a real sinner. And he did so without comparing himself to others.

Likewise, there was a blind man on the side of the road who asked Jesus to have pity on him ([Luke 18:35-43](#)).

Also on prayer, Cardinal Collins talked about the "Hail Mary," as being about Jesus and about us being sinners. We seek Mary's prayers, "now and at the hour of our death."

Cardinal Collins also spoke of the 300-year-old classic, "[The Sacrament of the Present Moment](#)" written by Jean-Pierre Caussade, SJ.

Another form of great prayer, Cardinal Collins said, are the Psalms, in which we see the world go by, we see our sins, and we see God forgiving us. We can read them on their own, or as part of the "[Liturgy of the Hours](#)" (aka the "Divine Office"). (You can also find the Liturgy of the Hours in the most popular Catholic app for the smart phone – "Laudate.") Cardinal Collins said the Liturgy of the Hours contains Psalms, hymns, poems, spiritual readings, other Scripture readings, intercessions, and more.

Finally, Cardinal Collins spoke highly of the value of praying the "[Seven Penitential Psalms](#)," which are Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. He spoke of Psalm 32 as a favorite of his, but Psalm 51 as the greatest of all Psalms.

Cardinal Collins said he would keep all of us Serrans in his prayers; and he asked that we keep him in our prayers.

You can watch the entire video of Cardinal Collins' presentation, including the business portion of the meeting, [here](#).

## FR. TONY SMITH SPOKE AT OUR MARCH 18 MEETING

### About Father Thomas Anthony "Tony" Smith

Father Smith was born April, 1949, in Bardstown, KY. The fourth of 13 children, he attended St. Joseph Elementary and St. Joseph Preparatory School in Bardstown. He attended Fr. Judge Mission Seminary in Monroe, VA, after which he served in the United States Air Force from 1969-1974 as the Drug Abuse Control Officer for

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HQComd in Washington, D.C. and attended the University of Maryland. After military service, Fr. Smith studied at Morehead State University here in Kentucky where he received a double BA degree in psychology and philosophy in 1976.

He returned to Seminary studying at the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. where he received an MA degree in Systematic Theology. He later graduated from St. Louis University with a PhD in historical and moral theology. Father Tony was ordained in 1983 by Archbishop Kelly at St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown. He has served in more than 10 parishes in Louisville and surrounding counties. He has served on many boards and committees throughout the Diocese.

**His topic - "How Can We Better Create a Culture for Vocations?"**

After 40+ years as a priest, Fr. Tony reminded us that there's no magic bullet on promoting vocations. He applauded the Serra Club for their good work and enumerated some of the common-sense efforts done, especially by Serrans.

He reminded us that we all have vocations, not just



the clerics and the religious. God calls as well to Gospel ministry the married and single individuals. The New Testament, Vatican II, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, remind us that we are all baptized as priests, prophets and kings. We need to constantly remember this and promote all vocations.

First off, we need to promote and support good Catholic families. Fr. Tony assured us that marriage and families are far more important than most people realize; that is, without good Christian families, we wouldn't have many vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life. Fr. Tony mentioned that we need to combat the trend of families and parents to surrender their children to the care and formation of others, for example Schools and the Church, forgetting that the family is the "first domestic Church and



School." His experience is that parents often think their children don't listen to them, but the young hear and see what parents say and do. He reminded us that parents and grandparents have an important role in the religious formation and the vocational choice of our youth, especially by modeling their faith and attending to their

God-given responsibilities.

Regarding a vocation to priesthood, Fr. Tony cautioned against parents trying to relive their own lives through their children. Such desires work against the true understanding of any call from God. He reminded us that a call to a religious vocation comes from God, not the parents. We don't send our young men to the seminary; they are called by God to seminary formation. And some parents even voice opposition to God's call. He recalled a father who bribed his son with a fancy, new sports car if he'd leave the seminary. The man wanted grandchildren more than he

cared about God's vocation call to the man's son. Again, we must remember that God is always in charge. Fr. Tony related other stories of seminarians, one who wanted and personally received confirmation from God of his vocation, another who promised to become a priest if his sister were cured of a terminal condition. She died; but by God's

grace, he still became a priest.

Fr. Tony informed us that the Archbishop will ordain five of our seminarians to the priesthood in June. Two more CMI priests from India (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, from the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church based in India), and three other priests from Africa are scheduled to join us this summer.

Fr. Tony recognized the blessing our extern priests are to us; they have traveled far and grace us with the Eucharist and Gospel service. We should certainly praise them for their generosity; but we need to encourage more locally grown seminarians and priests, "servant leaders" who minister to this local Church. He knows of one bishop who said to his diocese, "You want priests? You give them to me!" In a short time, the number of seminarians in that diocese

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grew to a few dozen.

For Serrans and for all Catholics, key elements of local vocation promotion include prayer, one of the most important things we can do. For some, especially the home-bound and elderly, it may be the greatest thing they can do to support vocations. All should become “vocation getters” for the priesthood and vowed religious. We should not wait for youth to express an interest in priesthood or a religious vocation.

Fr. Tony mentioned the well-known painting of Jesus knocking on a door seeking entry into our lives and he paraphrased Pope Francis’ thought that Jesus is really on the inside, knocking to open the door for us to go out – suggesting whether we are married, single, a vowed religious, or a priest, it is the vocation of all to proclaim the Gospel to all we meet, especially those on the outskirts of the Church. So, if we see someone who we think would make a good priest or a vowed religious, ask them, “Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood/religious life?” Above all encourage

our youth to be open to God’s call.

Fr. Tony mentioned the new formation guidelines approved by Rome for the formation and training of seminarians studying for the priesthood. Of special interest is the introduction of what is termed the pro-paedeutic stage, a period of discernment that provides seminarians basic groundwork of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation – a life of prayer, community and fraternity – a short period which is free from academic stress. See more [here](#).

Fr. Tony suggests we continue the fast and true methods of promoting a culture of vocations. And again, pray for divine guidance in what we do and that all discerners will hear the voice of God in their hearts. Remember, family is the key. A strong and faithful family leads to strong and faithful vocations. So, how do we bring our faith for all to see? Our example is of prime importance.

We want to thank Fr. Tony Smith for his presentation.

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

**VOCATION POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ATTENDED OUR MAR 18 MTG**

The Vocation Office and the St. Serra Club have announced the winners of the Vocation and Poster Contests. Prizes were \$250 for First Place, \$150 for Second Place, \$100 for Third Place, and \$100 for the teachers of the first-place winners. All winners, along with parents, teachers, principals and pastors, were invited to attend our March 18 meeting: Winners are:

**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.

For an article in The Record regarding the winners, click [here](#).



<<< From left to right – Celina DeLeon, Gracie Crick, McKenna Menold, St. Serra Club President Bob Hublar, Ty Holmberg, and Maya Abell. Natalie Leake was unable to attend.

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At the link noted above, in The Record, you can find all three winners of the Vocation Poster Contest (and their posters), as well as the First-Place winner (and essay) of the Vocation Essay Contest. Here are the winners of the Second Place and Third Place prizes of the Vocation Essay Contest.

### **Second Place** **How Does Eucharistic Adoration** **Call Someone to Their Vocation?** by McKenna Menold

Eucharistic Adoration is one of the greatest ways to hear God's Call. Though it may not be obvious at first, God speaks to you in many different ways, and for me it is through Eucharistic Adoration. I have my own personal experience when it comes to hearing the Lord's desire for me, and I have heard others' stories, as well.

I will be getting confirmed at St. Martins very soon, and I just recently went on my confirmation retreat. We were visited by the Missionaries of St. Franciscan University, and when asking them how Eucharistic Adoration called *them*, I learned a lot. One of the college students had said that just sitting in the silence and listening is where he found his calling. By sitting there, he heard the voice of the Lord as a breath of fresh air running through him, and he knew then that he had made the right choice in joining the mission. I hope to hear the Lord call me just as he did.

Though I've heard the stories of other people, I have my own to share. As of late, I've yearned to just sit in the calmness and safety of the chapel. I've wanted to be in the presence of the Lord, and every-time I go, I never want to leave. I have much to ask, but now I need time to listen. I feel a strong force pulling me towards Him, and as each day goes by, it gets stronger. I see how Eucharistic Adoration calls others to their vocation, as I can hear it calling my name now. One day, I will hear the Lord's voice, and I will know that He has a plan for me, I only need to listen.

### **Third Place** **Adoring Jesus Christ** by Gracie Crick

What is the genuine definition of Eucharistic Adoration? I pondered this question to myself when I perused the topic of this year's essay. As a result of my intrigue, I decided to interview Fr. Peter Bucalo. After my remarkable discussion with him, I indeed have the correct answer.

Some may be confused about the actual meaning of Eucharistic Adoration in the same aspect I did. However, the meaning is acutely straightforward. The definition of Eucharistic Adoration is our own profound and personal communication with Lord Jesus, or simply "loving Jesus" as Fr. Peter perceives it. Another word that suits "love" greater for this topic is the namesake word adore. Adoration is another category of love. Adoration isn't just admiration, it is a veneration of respect. Adoration is truly above and beyond.

Eucharistic Adoration involves exposing a consecrated host in a monstrance. During this period members of the church can rejoice Jesus's presence in several mannerisms, singing, praying, and simply being in the presence of Jesus are all valid approaches to take during this period. Fr. Peter remarks that sitting in the presence of God is the most noteworthy; it ensures for an honest connection.

Well, how can it inspire me? During our interview, Fr. Peter shared an extraordinary story that inspired him to enter priesthood. "Sometimes God speaks when we are silent." The encouragement occurred when he was a mass, fallen away from God. At the end, he sat in the presence of Jesus, wondering what he should pursue in life. As he ascended to exit, a woman suddenly approached him. "I bet you'd make a good priest," she stated. Simply sitting in God's presence fastened a connection that gave Fr. Peter answers. Others can also listen for God's voice of inspiration in quiet reflection.

*(Thanks, too, to Serran Jerry Zimmerer for the picture with this article.)*

## 61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (WDPV) IS APRIL 21 THIS YEAR

The fourth Sunday in the Easter season each year – aka Good Shepherd Sunday – is always designated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is on **Sunday, April 21 this year**. For more information, suggestions, and resource materials, click [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

The Pope's message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations can be found [here](#).

A quote from the Pope's message:

***“Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and***

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
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*peace, wherever we find ourselves.”*

Here is a Prayer for this annual occasion:

**God our Father,  
You made each of us to use our  
gifts in the Body of Christ.  
We ask that You inspire young people whom  
you call to priesthood and consecrated life  
to courageously follow Your will.  
Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached,  
the poor are served with love,  
the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are  
strengthened by the sacraments.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

**PRIESTS CELEBRATING  
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to one of our priests celebrating an anniversary of ordination this month. We always include here any priests from religious orders and other dioceses, who are working in our archdiocese.

**REVEREND SEBASTIAN XAVIER  
KONNULY, C.P., 4/25/92, 32 years**

**SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY  
THIS MONTH**

Happy Birthday to one of our seminarians this month:

**Deacon Michael Schultz – April 8**

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](#).

**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.

**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 Chuck Lynch at (502) 442-9302 or [ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com](mailto:ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com).

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!

**PROMOTING THE PRIESTHOOD  
AND INVITING YOUNG MEN  
TO THE CHRISM MASS**

Surveys show that among high school students, those most interested in discussing their vocations are the ones in their junior year.

Our Chaplain, Fr. Pat Dolan, has a very high regard for the impact that the Chrism Mass has on all priests. It is the annual Mass, usually held in our Archdiocese on the Tuesday prior to Easter, which manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. It is a Mass that includes the annual blessing of three oils distributed to parishes for the Sacraments in the coming year. It recognizes the many Scriptural references to holy oils. And this is also the Mass in which priests renew their vows to the archbishop and to the Church.

Fr. Pat, inspired in 2023 (no doubt by the Holy Spirit) while on a retreat, decided that, while inviting young men who are juniors to consider the priesthood, he would also invite them to this very special Chrism Mass. It was at 7 pm in the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 26. His letter has been forwarded by our Cath-

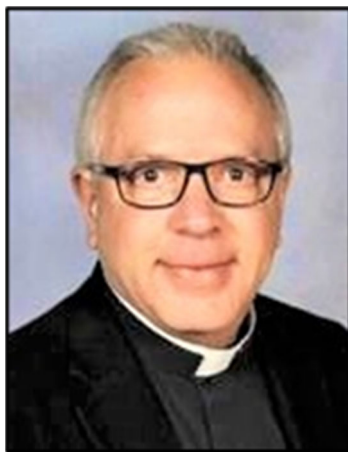
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WITH THE CHRISM MASS  
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olic schools to hundreds of young men; and we thank those schools for assisting in distributing this invitation to those young men.

Thank you, Fr. Pat, for this great idea. Any young people interested in talking about vocations, to either Fr. Pat Dolan, or our Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Martin Linebach, were invited to stick around after the Chrism Mass and do so. You can also contact them at other times. Fr. Martin Linebach can be reached at [MLinebach@archlou.org](mailto:MLinebach@archlou.org) or (502) 636-0296. Fr. Pat Dolan can be reached at [MUCL@hotmail.com](mailto:MUCL@hotmail.com) or (502) 322-2857.



Fr. Pat Dolan



Fr. Martin Linebach

**APRIL 3 OF THE YEAR 33 A.D.  
NOW BELIEVED TO BE  
THE DATE CHRIST DIED**

Based on Scriptural references, facts from Roman historians, and astronomical records which relate to when Jews celebrated certain feast days, many theologians and historians now believe Christ actually died on April 3 of the year 33. Read more details [here](#) and [here](#).

**CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS  
BROTHERS DAY ON MAY 1**

May 1 of each year, the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker, is the date we also celebrate (internationally) the lives and vocations of Religious Brothers in the Church and world today. It was first celebrated in the U.S. in 2017.

For more about Religious Brothers, this event, and ideas on how to celebrate this occasion, see the

following:

- [Aleteia article](#) on the history of Religious Brothers;
- [National Religious Vocations Conference](#) information, including a list of congregations of Religious Brothers including Religious Institutes of Brothers, as well as Religious Institutes of Brothers and Priests;
- [De La Salle Christian Brothers](#) information on this event;
- [Religious Brothers Conference](#) publications back to 1966;
- [Brochure on the most recent \(2020\) study of Religious Life](#) prepared by the National Religious Vocations Conference.

A prayer for Religious Brothers Day

*God of mercy and compassion, thank you for the extraordinary life, witness, and ministry of Religious Brothers in our Church. In your wisdom, you have called these ordinary men to generously serve, pray, and share your healing love with others. As we celebrate Religious Brothers Day, deepen our appreciation for the vocation of Religious Brothers, their congregational charisms, and their commitment to vowed community life. Strengthened by our baptismal call to holiness, inspire us to invite men to consider religious life as a Religious Brother. Grant all Religious Brothers the grace and perseverance they need to proclaim your Holy Word for the life of our Church and our world.*

*Amen.*

*(adapted from the Brothers Think Tank)*

**VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Serran Birthdays this month:**

Charlie Francesconi, Apr 3 / Peggy Spalding, Apr 23  
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**Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of APRIL:**

**For The Role Of Women** - Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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

Thanks to **Paul Willett** for maintaining our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SerraLouisville](http://www.facebook.com/SerraLouisville).

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