

### Saint Serra Club of Louisville **VOCATION DIGEST**

"Always Forward, Never Back" - Saint Junipero Serra

#### SEPTEMBER, 2024 Newsletter

#### **MISSION:**

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

#### ON AUGUST 9 WE HOSTED OUR ANNUAL SEMINARIAN LUNCHEON

Every year we have a send-off luncheon in August, prior to our seminarians going back to their seminar-

Since Club President Chuck Lynch was attending the Serra International Conference, Immediate Past President **Bob Hublar** emceed the meeting.

Fr. Martin Linebach, our Vicar for Vocations and the Director of the Vocation Office, began his talk thanking Kelly McLemore, who was present for the luncheon, and is leaving the Vocation Office to go back to school, after seven years in the Vocation Office. Fr. Martin spoke of Kelly as being a person of faith and the personification of kindness, never being flustered or irritated. He said he realizes that people like Kelly, working behind the scenes, are critically important to the success of the office.

Then Fr. Martin spoke of the seminarians having just completed a retreat at the Bethany Retreat House in Nashville, run by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, the same order that helps in St. James School in Elizabethtown. The goal was to relax, chill out and pray.

Fr. Martin, quoting one of the Dominicans sisters, spoke of our seminarians being "signs of hope." He said we've had a good year, ordaining five new priests, while picking up six new seminarians. He then introduced the seminarians.

Deacon Cole McDowell, starting his seventh year of formation, was ordained to the diaconate in April at his home parish of St. Joeseph in Bardstown. He was allowed to take a pastoral year in formation. During the summer he worked at Ascension while living at St. Raphael parish. He baptized children, preached at Masses.



and did much more. He is most grateful for all the relationships he formed during his years of formation.

Evrard Muhoza, has been a seminarian for the last six vears. This summer he was a chaplain at Norton Hospital, while also taking continuing education classes. It was really challenging to comfort people struggling with health and end-of-life issues; however, he is very grateful for this experience.

Cuong Le has been a seminarian for five years and spent the summer working with Fr. Jeff Nicolas at St. Bernadette. He visited parishioners in the hospital and interacted with the parishioners who were homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home. It was very fruitful for him. Cuong also appreciated our club members being supportive of him.

David Vest was assigned to Fr. Scott Murphy at St. Edward parish. He enjoyed interacting with the parish staff. He came to understand a lot about parish finances. and appreciates the experience, while the parish was undergoing a change in finance personnel. Even though he knows little Spanish, he did come to appreciate the Hispanic community in the parish. He transitioned last year to Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati, having graduated from Simon Bruté Seminary in Indianapolis.

Harrison Frey has transitioned from another diocese.









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having been raised in Maryland and having attended St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. After meeting some of our Louisville seminarians there, he decided to switch to the Louisville diocese for completion of his seminarian years. He's been very impressed to meet people in Louisville, especially at St. Albert the Great and St. Francis of Assisi, living with seminarian Trenton. He will be in a pastoral year at St. Athanasius Parish for the coming

year

Amos Stinson just finished his first semester at the Theological College in DC. Before that he was in the roofing business for 10 years in sales and other departments. He graduated from U of L and then went to Center College. After years of working, it was an adjustment to go back to



school. About 10 years ago he was considering the priesthood but told almost no one. But a year ago, it came up again and he remained open to the idea. Asking friends for prayers, he decided to take the big step to go into the seminary.

Trenton Thieneman (whose father is a Serran) studied philosophy at WKU, and then started in the Basselin Scholar's Program at the Theological College in DC, where he finished his first year of the seminary in the spring. During the summery he worked under the wing of Fr. Jonathan Erdman at St. Fran-



cis of Assisi Parish. He learned that priests "are always free and always busy at the same time." He was so appreciative of all our prayers for them.

Emerson Wells is at Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati and just finished his propaedeutic stage. He's going into his second year of the seminary this fall. He said the propaedeutic stage provides time for prayer and allows the seminarian to learn solitude and to find Jesus. This stage also promotes a fraternal sense of community. He spent



### 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. Sep 2 (1<sup>st</sup> Mon) - No meeting due to the Labor Day Holiday.

<u>Sep 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon)</u> - Rosary for Vocations, 7 pm, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

Sep 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed) - Holy Hour for Vocations – After the noon Mass in St. Margaret Mary Chapel.

Sep 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon) – Luncheon - Dcn James Turner to speak on his Vocation Journey at St. Martin de Porres, with a tour of the Catholic Enrichment Center offices and St. Martin de Porres. Reservations required by September 10.

<u>Sep 16 (3rd Mon)</u> - "Serra Meets" - 8 pm Louisville time - national Zoom meeting for all Serrans – for details, click <u>here</u>.

<u>Sep 24 (Tue)</u> - 11:45 - **Serra Board Meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

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a month at St. Stephen Martyr parish, working and living with Fr. Peter Bucalo and Fr. Pat Dolan. He learned that the priest has the role of trust with his parishioners.

Tung Ho, having completed two years of philosophy in Vietnam, came to the U.S. last fall, and finished his propaedeutic year in the U.S. He studied English at the Theological College in DC. During the summer he stayed at St. Joseph Parish in Bardstown, spending time with Fr. Terry Bradshaw (who just retired) and Fr. Randy Hubbard. This fall, Tung will be going to College in DC.

Than Phan, started his seminary years in Vietnam, coming to the U.S. December 21, 2023. Starting January of this year, he studied English at Catholic University of America. He spent this





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summer working with Fr. Stephen Reeves. He appreciates all our support and asks for our prayers.

**Samuel Mattingly** is starting his third year of college at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. During the summary he spent time with Fr. Kirby Rust at All Saints Parish, as well as time at St. Michael. He enjoyed the change of pace from Detroit, as well as experiencing parishes other than his home parish of St. Michael in Fairfield, KY. He really appreci-



ates all of our support and prayers.

Michael Wolfe, from Guardian Angels Parish, is attending Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati. Last year was his propaedeutic year, which was his first year in the seminary, having given up his job as a pharmacist. Much of that year was devoted to prayer – morning prayer, Mass, evening prayer, the Rosary, and more – with a very regular schedule. Michael spoke of



how quickly all the new seminarians became friends and "brothers" with the other seminarians. During his propaedeutic year, he was able to hike the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trails in northwest Spain. In Eu-

rope, he enjoyed seeing churches older than the U.S.

Zachary Moore, from Guardian Angels Parish, just finished his first year, the propaedeutic year, at Mt. St. Mary's of the West in Cincinnati, where he also did manual labor on the side, as led by the rector to maintain the seminary



grounds. For the summer he spent time at his home parish of Guardian Angels, making home visits to parishioners, taking in parish events, and "learning to be humble," as his pastor suggests for all seminarians. He appreciates our prayers.

Ryan Rassmussen, from St. Aloysius in Peewee Valley, is just starting seminary this fall, entering his propaedeutic year at St. Meinrad in Indiana. He recalled in middle school going to a youth conference, where a Carmelite priest really inspired him to consider a religious vocation. He went to the University of Dayton for a degree in mechanical engineering technology, all the time thinking about a reli-



gious vocation. He took an engineering job in northern Kentucky. He considered the Fathers of Mercy, and then spoke with Fr. Martin Linebach a couple of times in the last few years. After meeting with Archbishop Shelton Fabre, he applied for the seminary

and was accepted.

Johnny Heitkemper, from St. Martin of Tours Parish, is new to the seminary this fall, and will be doing a propaedeutic year at John Paul II Seminary in DC. He just graduated from high school at Immaculata Classical Academy and remembers serving with Fr. Jonathan Erdman at Masses during the pandemic, who



was very helpful in his discernment process. He kept thinking about the priesthood and spoke with Fr. Martin Linebach (who, with seminarians, visited Immaculata Classical Academy) and was accepted to start seminary this fall.

Unable to attend the luncheon were four seminarians - Conor McClure, and three new ones this fall -Peter Bifone, Nicolas "Nico" Caicedo, and Thomas Wichman. All four of them are going to St. Meinrad this fall.

So, we now have 19 seminarians this fall.

George Olokojo, from Uganda, is the nephew of a priest in the diocese of Houma Thibodeaux. He will be joining us soon; but it has been challenging to get his student visa to the U.S. Hopefully, we can have him join us for the semester beginning in January.

We now have four stages of seminarian formation: (1) Propaedeutic Stage; (2) Disciple Stage; (3) Configuration Stage; and (4) Vocation Synthesis Stage. For more information on all of this, see the article here.

For most seminarians, it now takes six to nine years until final ordination, depending on undergrad-

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uate studies and other factors.

**Archbishop Shelton Fabre** began his talk by thanking Fr. Martin Linebach for bringing in more seminarians than the ones we ordained this year. On August 5, Archbishop Shelton celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as a priest. And about half that time he has served as a bishop, with the last two of those years in Louisville.

Archbishop Shelton spoke of receiving an excellent and very positive article by a young priest in his home diocese of Baton Rouge, all about the joys and challenges of being a new priest. He plans to share that article with our seminarians.

He said he's deeply grateful for all the work that the Serrans do. He knows that creating a culture of vocations requires intentional efforts on the part of all of us. And he recognizes the renewed efforts to promote that culture of vocations in the last few years.

For more information on all our seminarians see the Vocation Office seminarian webpage.

We thank Archbishop Shelton Fabre, Fr. Martin Linebach, and all our seminarians who were able to join us for this luncheon. Thanks to all the Serrans, especially **Debbie Farmer**, who were able to help organize this luncheon.

# AUGUST 11 "SERRA MEETS" BY ZOOM

The monthly *Serra Meets* (via Zoom) was broadcast from the Saturday, August 10, Luncheon at the 81<sup>st</sup> Serra International (SI) Conference, when **Kurt Metyko**, President of SI, gave his "State of Serra" address. Kurt summarized the key events of the last year.

SI leaders have gone to many countries to extend the presence for Serra around the world. There is interest in Serra in Tokyo, France, Dubai, Beijing, Germany, Cuba, Ireland, Taiwan, and Mumbai in India. Serra is doing well in Brazil.

Kurt spoke of *Serra Connects* – the new digital newsletter of SI. The first edition was emailed to all Serrans in July. The next one should be published in October.

There was a new IT implementation, and a new website for SI. The Serran Magazine is now being produced by Vianney Vocations. *Club Express* was

### MORE PICTURES FROM THE SEMINARINAN LUNCHEON



added to our tools, to help organize clubs, provide an online directory of all clubs and members, and facilitate mass e-mailings.

Kurt spoke of how the world of Serra is shrinking due to improvements in IT.

SI made a grant to help the North American College in Rome.

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The Challenge Coins were promoted for the first time; and the "Call to Holiness" book was produced.

The staff in our Chicago offices is being increased. A new person starting effective August 15, is to be the Manager of Operations over the staff, answering to John Liston.

SI helped the National Eucharistic Congress by funding booths for dozens of religious orders, who would otherwise not have been able to have a booth to promote vocations.

A video of the presentation can be found <u>here</u>.

# TODD POPSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR VOCATIONS, SPOKE AT OUR AUGUST 19 MEETING

Todd Popson, age 54, was born and raised in New Albany, where he still lives. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue, and an MBA from IU Southeast.

Todd's father, Jerry, founded Technidyne Corporation in 1974 for the design, manufacture, and service of test equipment used in the worldwide Paper Industry. Growing up, Todd spent most summers, and breaks from school, working in the Production, Service, and Engineering Departments at Technidyne. He worked full-time as an Assistant Quality Manager, Applications Engineer, North American Sales Manager, Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, before becoming President and CEO at Technidyne.

He also founded (in 1997), owned, and was the President and

CEO of Technidyne Inc. in Dorval, Quebec (a suburb of Montreal). Todd traveled to 30 different countries in his time at Technidyne. The Popson family sold both Technidyne Corporation and Technidyne Inc. in December of 2021.

Todd and his wife, Claudia, have been married for 32 years. They have eight children (ages 30 to 14), four of which are married, and they have two grandsons. Todd & Claudia are members of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, IN.

Todd enjoys coaching, especially baseball, tennis,

and basketball. He has coached over 100 teams since 1997, and still coaches middle and high school sports.

Todd started as the Associate Director for Vocations in our archdiocese in July of 2023, replacing Sr. Sarah Yungwirth after she took a job at St. Bernadette Parish. He is involved in strategic planning, budgeting, social media, community outreach, and event planning, as well as assisting discerners and seminarians, all at the direction of Fr. Martin Linebach, Vocation Director and Vicar for Vocations.

Todd admitted he does whatever Fr. Linebach *asks*, and whatever Fr. Linebach doesn't *want* to do. This frees up Fr. Martin to give a lot of one-on-one attention to discerners and the seminarians.

Todd began by thanking us Serrans for all we do to promote vocations.

After his family sold their company, he wanted something service-related within the Church. May of 2023, he was talking with Fr. Michael Schultz, a friend of his son, Ben. Fr. Michael referred Todd to Fr. Martin Linebach, who eventually met with Todd and his family. They spoke for hours, resulting in Todd taking this position. He gets to deal with a variety of things he already did in the business world.

His third son, Ben, went to college seminary with

Michael Schultz at Simon Bruté Seminary. The experience was very educational. So, he and his wife hosted gatherings of seminarians, and got even more deeply involved in religious discussions with young men.

The concept of religious vocation has been a natural discussion for his children, having had one son in the seminary. It has always been a common part of their family conversations.

A good friend of Todd's (and a devout Catholic), called him once for a serious discussion about his son discerning the priesthood. However, the father was not excited about it. So, Todd asked why not;

and the father went through the usual list of excuses for why a parent doesn't want a son to be a priest. The experience was eye-opening for Todd, all about parental rejection of religious vocations for their own children.

While Ben was in seminary, Todd attended the Christmas dinner of a Serra Club in Indianapolis. He heard seminarians tell their vocation stories. He noticed that every one of these young men had been <u>invited</u> by someone, to consider the priesthood – with



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comments such as - "You'd make a good priest." "Have you ever considered the priesthood?" "You remind me of Fr. so-and-so." "You have the qualities that would make a good priest." We all need to be more conscious of the need to make these statements to young people who exhibit the appropriate qualities. This is part of our evangelization for vocations.

We need to be more conscious of the fact that seminary is still discernment. Going into the seminary doesn't mean a young man will definitely be a priest. (A recent CARA survey said that, on average, about 40% of seminarians across the country discern out at some point.) Sometimes it takes the experience of the seminary for a young man to understand his calling. Todd knows this well since his own son discerned out of the seminary.

Many young people don't want to consider the seminary unless they are fully certain that the priesthood is for them. However, they never know for sure unless they enter in to the deep, focused discernment of seminary.

Todd's job has entailed a lot of networking, such as at an NCDVD conference, where he met lots of priest vocation directors. (Todd said many were surprised that he's not a priest!) He now has a group of people he can call on to discuss ideas.

Todd has seen how some parish vocation committees have taken off. He gets input from parishes. He stays in touch with the attendees of last year's IGNITE Workshop. He attends our Holy Hours for Vocations at St. Margaret Mary. He seeks our input on more that Serrans and the Vocation Office can do together. Todd is not afraid to jump in and try things. He also thinks the IGNITE Workshop was a great idea; and he's now working with us on the next one.

He has spoken with U of L campus ministry people about how the Vocation Office can complement what they do. He has also worked with Michal Horace, the Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults and Eva Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministries.

Todd reminded us that we have 19 seminarians this fall, and another young man, George Olokojo, from Uganda, who has been accepted into the seminary, but is having trouble getting a U.S. student visa. The major seminaries cost an average of about \$65,500 per man this fall. And Todd deals with two budgets – one for the Vocation Office, and one for the seminarian budget. Saying he didn't want to be a fundraiser he admits he may end up doing some of that. Their job is to be good stewards of the funds donated by members of the archdiocese.

Although we want to prioritize local men and women, the reality is that we don't get enough from local families. So, we need the foreign seminarians.

The Vocation Office encounters some parents that are very resistant to the idea of their sons going into the seminary. The vocation office is going direct to students at our Catholic high schools, where they have fascinating conversations on "What is vocation?" and "What is discernment?" They discuss the fact that discernment happens all the time, just like the process of choosing a high school.

Todd says he challenges high school students to find 30 minutes of silence to ask, "God, what is it that you want me to do with my life?" He encourages students to seek that silent time with God on a regular basis. Previously reading during Eucharistic Adoration, Todd says, now he takes more time for simple silence. Also, as a coach, he has encouraged kids to be open to God's will.

Todd said he knows for certain that he is where he's supposed to be right now.

We want to thank Todd Popson for taking the time to meet with us.

(Thanks, too, to Jerry Zimmerer and Paul Willett for taking pictures at this meeting.)

#### ST. SERRA CLUB SUPPORT FOR **SEMINARIANS IN TANZANIA**

In July, Fr. John Judie introduced us to **Bishop Filbert** Mhasi, of the Tunduru-Masasi Diocese in the African country of Tanzania. He was visiting several parishes while in Louisville to raise funds to educate seminarians in his diocese.

Bishop Filbert grew up in Tanzania,



the eighth of nine children. His education includes four years at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He was ordained a priest in 2001 and installed as bishop in 2019.

He runs a small, poor diocese in Tanzania – one with less than 100,000 Catholics, in a diocese where 10% of the population are Anglican and Pentecostal, 85% are Muslim, and 5% are Catholic. Most of the people are peasant farmers; and the main crop in the diocese is cashews. Fortunately, Tanzania does

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not have the violence and wars that are present in some other African countries. And the Christians and Muslims get along well.

Bishop Filbert said he has 21 parishes, 22 diocesan priests plus 12 missionary priests (Salvatorians, Benedictines, and priests from other dioceses). The diocese can't afford to pay the priests; so, the priests also have outside jobs, many times working with farmers.

His diocese has one high school seminary (St. Dionysius Minor Seminary of Muhuwesi) with 153 students, ages 14 to 17. They have about 50 to 60 students apply to enter each year; but they can only accept about 40. Their minor seminary operates on a calendar year basis and will graduate 42 students this December.

That diocese also has 10 students attending college level seminaries in other dioceses within Tanzania. He's hoping three more from his diocese will join these seminaries in September, the beginning of the school year for college seminaries.

For each of these seminaries, it runs around \$800 per seminarian per year to provide their education, room, board, and supplies. Our club took up a collection and is forwarding the funds to Tanzania, through Fr. John Judie Ministries, Inc.

#### TEN NEW PERMANENT DEACONS **WERE ORDAINED AUGUST 24**

At an 11 am Mass on Saturday, August 24, at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Archbishop Shelton Fabre ordained ten men to the Permanent Diaconate. Here is the list of new deacons, their wives, and the parishes to which they're being assigned.

- \* Joseph Jim Creely, wife Ellen Holy Name and St. Martin de Porres Church.
- \* Christopher J. Kelly, wife Laurie Holy Trinity and St. Frances of Rome Church.
- \* Douglas B. Korfhage, wife Patty Church of the Ascension.
- \* Jim Kramer, wife Kelly Church of the Immaculate Conception.
- \* Craig Lish, wife Julia St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Churches.
- \* Randy Perkins, wife Colleen Epiphany Church.
- \* Donald P. Robbins, wife deceased Mary Queen of Peace Church
- \* Craig Roberts, wife Theresa Corrigan St. Francis of Assisi Church.

- \* Michael A. Schmitt, wife Audrey St. Martha Church.
- \* M. Kevin Webb, wife Donrita St. Aloysius Church in Shepherdsville, Ky., and St. Benedict Church in Lebanon Junction, Ky.

You can read more information on these men in The Record article here.

Let's keep all the new deacons and their wives in our prayers.

#### **VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS**

**U.S. immigration laws** are making it more difficult for foreign-born clergy to stay in our country. - Read the article here.

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**Vocation of the Consecrated Virgin** – Read the article here. \*\*\*<del>\*\*\*</del>

**Pope: Priests are not meant to walk alone. - Read** 

the article here. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**Encourage Priestly Vocations - Read the article here.** \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Half of new priests ordained in US this year will be 31 years old or younger. - Read the article here. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Vatican report: More Catholics, fewer priests -Read the article here.

#### **ABOUT OUR YOUTH**

Dignity in Death: Catholic High Schoolers Bury the **Dead** – National Newspaper mentions Louisville Catholic high school - read the article here. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Catholic university grads report high levels of fulfillment, moral thinking, survey finds – Read the

What's New in ArchLou? - June 2024, interview of Michal Horace, Director of Our Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry - Watch the video here. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Youth Today - Science, Truth, and Disaffiliation – by a Bellarmine teacher – Read the article here. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*<del>\*\*\*</del>\*\*\*\*\*\*

Carlo Acutis (who died at age 15) to be canonized after 2nd miracle recognized – Read the article here. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Twenty Gen Y-Aged Saints, Blesseds and Venera**bles** – Read the article here.

#### "Every vocation is part of a divine plan," - Pope John Paul II

#### THREE PRIESTS ARE **RETIRING THIS YEAR**

In July, the archdiocese announced three new retirees from among our priests – Fr. Terry Bradshaw, Fr. David Harris, and Fr. Anthony Chinh Ngo.

We want to thank these priests for their decades of service to the archdiocese and the Church.

For more details on their service, as well as pictures, read The Record article 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.

AÑOVER, REV. ALBERT, 9/20/05, 19 yrs HARRIS, REV. DAVID W., 9/6/08, 16 yrs **OVERTON, REV. TROY D., 9/1/89, 35 yrs** 

#### **SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS** THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to one of our seminarians this Nico Caicedo - September 18 month:

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.

#### **PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY**

We recently updated the list of Parish Vocation Ministry Ideas on our website. To see the nine-page list, click here.

#### PREPARE FOR PRIESTHOOD **SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29**

Now is the time to start preparing for Priesthood Sunday - a special day set aside for Catholics to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of September each year (Sep 29th this year).

Some ideas for you, your family and your parish for celebrating this occasion: Pray for your priest and all priests. You could personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day. Send a thank you note or letter. Invite your priest for dinner with your family or friends. Send a card or letter to a priest who used to serve at your parish. Have children make a homemade card or color a picture. Go on an outing together - a restaurant, a play, golf, concert, or a movie. Send them goody baskets, balloon bouquets, or flow-

For more ideas click 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.

#### **VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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Phil Lawver, Sep 9 Deacon Bill Klump, Sep 10 Jim Williams, Sep 20 Jerry Gonsoski, Sep 21 Paul Willett, Sep 22

Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of Sepember: For The Cry Of The Earth - Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**National Grandparents Day -** The U.S. celebrates National Grandparents Day as the first Sunday after Labor Day each year – September 8 this year.

#### September 9 is International Buy a Priest a Beer Day!

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This September 23, we celebrate the ninth anniversary of the canonization of St. Junipero Serra.

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