

# Saint Serra Club of Louisville VOCATION DIGEST

"Always Forward, Never Back" – Saint Junipero Serra

## MARCH, 2025 Newsletter

**MISSION:** 

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

## VOCATION POSTER & ESSAY CONTESTS

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

#### **Poster Contest**

<u>First Place</u>: **Morgan Sadler**, Grade 6, St. Gabriel the Archangel School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Teacher: Ms. Angie Passanisi

<u>Second Place</u>: **Haley Kiefer**, Grade 6, St. Gabriel the Archangel School and Parish, Teacher: Ms. MacKenzie Bradshaw

<u>Third Place</u>: **Nathan Scott**, Grade 6, St. Edward School and Parish, Teacher: Ms. Beth Olliges

#### **Essay Contest**

<u>First Place</u>: Addison Abell, Grade 8, St. Dominic School and Parish, Teacher: Ms. Sara Buckman <u>Second Place</u>: Smith Buckman, Grade 7, St. Dominic School and Parish, Teacher: Ms. Lisa Burkhead <u>Third Place</u>: Thomas Hickson, Grade 8, Corpus Christi Classical Academy and Shrine of St. Martin of Tours, Teacher: Mr. Michael Hardt

All six winners are invited to the March 17 meeting of the St. Serra Club luncheon to receive their cash prizes and certificates. Their parents, teachers, principals and pastors are also being invited.

To see the winning posters and essays see *The Rec*ord article here.

## DEACON CRAIG ROBERTS SPOKE AT OUR FEBUARY 3 MEETING.

#### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker for this meeting was **Deacon Craig Roberts** of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Louisville.

Deacon Craig is a native New Yorker who lived on Long Island but settled in Louisville 31 years ago after a few years in Cincinnati. It was Cincinnati where he met his wife, Theresa Corrigan, who is a native Louisvillian. He was ordained a permanent deacon on August 24, 2024; and he was immediately assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, where he still serves. Deacon Craig says, "This has been a blessing and great joy."

Up until two and a half years ago, he had been working at the University of Louisville School of Medicine as an orthopaedic surgeon and faculty member for 29 years.

For the final eleven years there, he served as the K. Armand Fischer Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Chairman of the Department. Since then, he has been active in medical consulting, scientific reviewing, and volunteer work. He also had a short stint as a Probation and Parole Officer for Kentucky and previously served as a medic for the Louisville Metro Police Department SWAT team.



Deacon Craig and his wife were married at St. Brigid Church in 1994. They have two grown children. Stephanie (27) is a physical therapist in Tucson, Arizona. John (26) is a C.P.A. in Cincinnati, Ohio. His wife Theresa practiced diagnostic radiology in Louisville for 31 years.

## HIS VOCATION JOURNEY

Deacon Craig was raised Catholic and received all the sacraments of initiation but lived in a very secular part of NY. When he was around age 12, his family quit going to church. Then on Sundays they'd go to flea markets instead.

Although Catholic, much of his youth was spent in a community with many Jewish neighbors. He says his younger brother even once asked if their family was Jewish.



As a youth, he says he was raised with a strong work ethic. Craig played the trumpet, performed at bar mitzvahs, was in a band, and once played with the *Four Tops* in college.

During and after college, he admits to being somewhat of a rebel. He also spent some time with no religious affiliation, and then later was received into the Episcopal Church in 1980.

At Columbia University, he met a lot of Protestants; worked on an English literature major while also taking pre-med courses; learned that Thomas Merton had gone to Columbia; had a Quaker as a professor; and was influenced by books by Hans Kung (a Swiss theologian later excommunicated from the Catholic Church). He graduated Cum Laude and then went on to get his medical degree from New York University Grossman School of Medicine in 1986.

In Cincinnati, he was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church where he was also a lector. It was also in Cincinnati where he met his wife, who is from Louisville. They were both doing post-graduate fellowships at the time. Craig later moved to Louisville; they were engaged six months later; and married in October of 1994 after a 10-month engagement.

He felt that moving to Kentucky was like moving to the promised land. He says that his wife, her family, and their children are all such a blessing.

In 1995, Craig went through the RCIA program at St. James Church to "come home" to the Catholic Church.

In 2010, he worked in Haiti with the University of Maryland Haiti Earthquake Relief program in conjunction with Catholic Relief Services.

He has trained young physicians who became surgeons; and he served in various roles in management at U of L Health.

In addition to being a physician, his work experience later included a short stint working for the State in probation and parole, involvement in social work, finding housing and clothing for individuals in the criminal justice system, scheduling them for follow-up counseling and addiction treatment, supervision as directed by the court system, and exercising "tough love" even while having a badge and a gun!

Craig was also a medic for the LMPD SWAT Team for over three years. He had the opportunity to interact with now Chief of Police Paul Humphrey, "a real Catholic with a big heart" from when Chief Humphrey

was on the board of directors for the Community Catholic Center as well as head of the LMPD SWAT Team.

During the last 27 years, Deacon Craig and his wife sent their children to Catholic grade schools and high schools in Louisville, as well as the Catholic college of the University of Dayton.

Deacon Craig liked his various employers in the medical field but spoke of how much pressure there is for doctors to see as many patients as possible in a day's time. He always felt there was too much emphasis on the bottom line. Craig always wanted to devote more time to the patients.

He says his faith journey was "incremental." He always felt that in medicine he was taking care of many broken people and was glad to talk about God if the patient brought it up.

Craig was involved in several bible studies, some Church men's groups, his son's Boy Scout troop, and served as a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Trinity. However, Deacon Craig often felt he needed to do more. He had the opportunity to do just that when he felt the calling to join the diaconate, starting his studies in 2019, with a class of over 20 men. By the time they graduated, the count had dwindled to 10.

Deacon Craig says he never felt any special epiphany, saw any vision or burning bush. He was never knocked to the ground like St. Paul. No one ever told him he'd make a good deacon.

Craig felt blessed that he could retire at age 62 in 2022, while working on his diaconate training. Although some days he feels like George Plimpton ("the participatory journalist"), most days he feels like his medical work, management experience, family life, working with convicted felons, the police, and hospitals -- all prepared him for the diaconate. "God's ways are not our ways," he said.

We want to thank Deacon Craig Roberts for sharing with us his vocation journey.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Regular meetings** - We target to have <u>most</u> meetings the <u>first and third Mondays</u> 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.

<u>Mar 3 ( $1^{st}$  Mon</u>) – Serran Ken Peet summarizes the January Miami Rally.

Mar 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon) - Rosary for Vocations, 7 pm, by Zoom. See separate article for details.

<u>Mar 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)</u> - Holy Hour for Vocations – After the noon Mass in St. Margaret Mary Chapel. <u>Mar 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)</u> – Columnist Dan Conway speaks on "Stewardship and the Joy of Giving." <u>Mar 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)</u> - "Serra Meets" – 8 pm Louisville time - national Zoom meeting for all Serrans – for details, click <u>here</u>.

<u>Mar 25 (Tue)</u> – 11:45 - Serra Board Meeting - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

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

## KANOBIA RUSSELL-BLACKMON SPOKE AT OUR FEBRUARY 17 MEETING.

Kanobia Russell-Blackmon currently serves as Chief Communications Officer for the <u>Office of</u>

<u>Communications</u> for the Archdiocese of Louisville. Previously, she served as Communications Director for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in Florida. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in broadcast communications and education, respectively.

Kanobia has over two decades of communications experience, with most of her time spent in television news, where she served as



executive producer in north Alabama. She served as director of development and marketing for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Austin, Texas, where she raised funds for various programs to alleviate poverty for underserved families and communities in Central Texas. A Dame Commander with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, Kanobia is also a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Kanobia has been married for 22 years to Dr. F. DeKarlos Blackmon, who serves as the Vice Chancellor for Pastoral Services of the Archdiocese of Louisville. He also became Director of Diaconate Formation, with the retirement of Deacon Denny Nash from that position last year.

Kanobia and her husband moved to Louisville last July; and they both started working for our archdiocese in August. They belong to St. Edward Parish, with Fr. Scott Murphy as their pastor.

She spoke of being a proud product of Catholic schools in Mobile, Alabama.

After college, Kanobia started "at the bottom," working with a CBS affiliate in Mobile, and worked her way up from teleprompter and editor to being a producer as well as doing some reporting. After moving back to her Mobile hometown, she wanted to be in a vibrant parish and joined her grandmother's parish, where she got involved with teaching catechism, joining the choir, and being a lector.

It was in that Mobile parish that she met her husband, who was in the seminary, but eventually decided his vocation was marriage!

She and her husband moved around in their careers. And they spent some time in Huntsville, AL. In her parish there, she also got very involved in being a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the choir.

In 2015, her husband took a job in Austin, TX. Kanobia got her master's degree in education there and took on the job of Director of Development with the St. Vincent de Paul. She took a job in Pensacola, FL, while her husband stayed in Austin. Although her husband was very supportive, it was difficult for the two of them living in separate cities. So, he resigned and joined his wife in Florida.

Two openings became available in Louisville, and they took the opportunity to come here. They both



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Great Lakes Region, District 158, Club 130 www.facebook.com/SerraLouisville MARCH, 2025 feel blessed to be here. And they have been welcomed so much by many people.

As the Chief Communications Officer, Kanobia serves as the spokesperson for the archdiocese. She's often in communications with the archbishop, the chancellor, and the superintendent of schools. It's important to her to have the heart and mind of Archbishop Shelton Fabre. "He is the pastor of souls, and pastor of pastors," she said.

She oversees different elements of the archdiocesan communication team, serving as a resource for agency directors, schools, and parishes. Additionally, she's the contact person for media inquiries, providing statements when appropriate. When the media ask for interviews, she finds the appropriate person for them to talk to.

Kanobia speaks of providing consistent messages on behalf of the archdiocese and working collaboratively with leaders in the archdiocese.

She quoted Pope St. Paul VI, who said the Church "exists to evangelize." We do it by telling the Catholic story, through *The Record*, *What's New In ArchLou* podcast, the *Catholic Connection* E-Newsletter and other social media channels. Working closely with Marnie McAllister of *The Record* and others, Kanobia spoke of a "social uplift" of the whole community, not just Catholics.

They communicate and promote the agencies of the archdiocese – with information on faith formation workshops, agency programs, liturgies, and more. "The Communications Office will grow through the whole people of God, befitting the theme 'effective communicators.' Agencies and people in parishes will be empowered to help tell our Catholic story," Kanobia said.

Pope Francis recently met with communicators from around the world, gathered in Rome for the Jubilee of the World of Communications. In his address, the Pope reminded people, "Communication rekindles hope, builds bridges, and opens doors." We are called to be evangelizing disciples.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we can build a bridge of hope with words and by putting our faith in action.

Speaking of our youth, Kanobia spoke of using technology and tools we didn't have several decades ago. She and her husband have visited the young adults at the Catholic Center on the U of L campus. Impressed with their devotion during Eucharistic Adoration, she talked about our need to all interact more with young parishioners and even put the wisdom of older parishioners in touch with the ingenious of our youth. Our youth are the Church of today. Kanobia's husband DeKarlos often says "Everyone should have a place at the table, regardless of distinction." He says none of us holds a monopoly on everything that is true and correct. "Life is an ongoing process of conversion; and formation is ongoing," Kanobia says.

Kanobia sees the Communications Office building on the foundation that has already been established. Pope Francis calls on communicators to tell stories of hope and stories that make and nurture life.

Through *The Record*, our podcast, and social media, Kanobia says her offices will continue to tell the Catholic story – stories that bring people hope and will continue to spread the word of Christ.

For more on Kanobia and her husband Dekarlos, see their interview by Chancellor Brian Reynolds in the January edition of *What's New In Archlou?* 

For the August 15 article last summer in The Record on both, click <u>here</u>.

(Thanks to Ken Peet for the pictures with this article.)

## <u>ROSEMARY SULLIVAN SPOKE AT</u> <u>OUR "SERRA MEETS" ZOOM</u> <u>MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17.</u>

**Rosemary Sullivan**, Executive Director of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (<u>NCDVD</u>), spoke about what our Serra participation in the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) last July

means, and how the Eucharistic revival is transforming our Church and vocations.

The NCDVD promotes diocesan priesthood, providing resources for the formation, support, and advocacy of diocesan vocation directors as they work within the Catholic Church to foster a culture of vocations, raising



up new priests for the Body of Christ.

Rosemary started by thanking us Serrans for all we've done to promote vocations, and for providing financial support so that about 50 orders of priests, sisters and brothers could have booths at the NEC last July. Over 65,000 people attended, with 800 seminarians, over 1,000 priests, 245 bishops, and another 1,000 religious sisters and brothers. There were 28 Masses on the property during that week. In one stadium Mass with over 50,000 people in attendance, they used over 900 ciboriums to give out communion.

She spoke of so many 'John Paul II' priests participating – priests who were youth attending the first **World Youth Day** instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Just as WYD in 1985 was the seed that produced many religious vocations, Rosemary feels that the NEC will also produce vocations.

**Bishop Andrew Cozzens** (of the Diocese of Crookston, MN) led the NEC and was so instrumental in its success that Rosemary and many others were surprised when he did not make the list of *Our Sunday Visitor's* 2024 Catholics of the Year. She said Bishop Cozzens was 'America's Bishop for an entire week.'

As Catholics streamed across the country in pilgrimage to the NEC, Rosemary said there were many Serrans assisting.

She spoke of how Serrans are articulate about their faith. Rosemary said the world needs good witnesses and models; and Serrans are it, helping to make Catholicism part of the fabric of life. She suggested that "for everything we do, bring God into it."

Rosemary spoke of how awe inspiring it was to see tens of thousands of people in total silence during Eucharistic Adoration.

"Vocations were born; and vocations were saved," said Rosemary. She even spoke of one bishop brought to tears when the crowds cheered all the bishops; and one priest who was planning on being laicized decided to remain a priest after attending the NEC.

Rosemary encouraged us Serrans to "keep doing what we do." And she reminded us that when we attend Mass or Holy Hours, or say a prayer before a meal at McDonald's, we'd be surprised how many young people are watching us and making note of our witness.

To view the whole Zoom meeting (including Rosemary's presentation and her slides from the NEC), as well as the business portion of the meeting, click <u>here</u>.

PREPARE FOR LENT, WHICH BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.



## JUBILARIANS RECOGNIZED FOR <u>THE WORLD DAY FOR</u> CONSECRATED LIFE

The Annual Jubilarian Mass with Archbishop Shelton Fabre was held on Sunday, February 2, at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

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 80 years.

The Record had a great article on the event including a list of all the women and men religious who were honored. See it <u>here</u>.

## <u>NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS</u> <u>WEEK IS MARCH 8 - 14</u>

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.

To see the Global Sisters Report: Sharing Stories of Women Religious, check out the nine-minute video <u>here</u>.

## DID YOU MISS THE U.S. SERRA RALLY IN MIAMI?

Watch 12 videos of various speakers <u>here</u>. Also, in our March 3 meeting, Regional Director Ken Peet will give us a summary of that Rally.

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

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dral of the Assumption. Please save the date.

## <u>CELEBRATE SERRA'S 90<sup>TH</sup></u> <u>ANNIVERSARY WITH THE</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN</u> <u>KANSAS CITY, JUNE 26-29, 2025.</u>

The 82nd Annual Serra International Convention is coming to Kansas City! Slated to unfold at the Marriott Downtown Kansas City, the event begins Thursday, June 26, 2025, and concludes on the following Sunday, June 29, 2025.

Speakers include Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Bishop James Johnston, Stephen Minnis, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Bishop Thomas Daly, Abbott Primate Gregory Polan, OSB, Sr. Nancy Rose Gucwa, OSB, Rev. Paul Sheller, OSB, and others.

Learn more about the convention and register <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

## HOW TO PRONOUNCE JUNIPERO

Some people debate the best way to pronounce St. Serra's first name - Junipero. Serra International recommends the Spanish **Hoo neep' er o** – with the emphasis on the second syllable. Listen to it <u>here</u> by

clicking the 🄊 symbol.

## PRIESTS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination this month. Both are retired.

#### REV. JAMES E. FLYNN, 3/26/55, 70 years ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS JOSEPH E. KURTZ, 3/18/72, 53 years

A list of all our diocesan priests can be found <u>here</u>. A list of other priests working in our diocese, from other dioceses and various religious orders, can be found <u>here</u>.

## <u>SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS</u> <u>THIS MONTH</u>

Happy Birthday to our seminarians this month: Trenton Thieneman, March 12 Tung Ho, March 19

You can get more information on all our seminarians, as well as where they're going to school, videos on hobbies, and videos on vocation stories by clicking here.

## <u>SAVE THE DATE – EXPECTED</u> ORDINATION OF A NEW PRIEST

**Deacon Cole McDowell** is expected to be ordained at Mass at 11 am on Saturday, May 31, at the Cathe-

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR <u>CONGRESSIONAL</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVES</u> <u>AND SENATORS</u>

The USCCB sponsors a website that facilitates contacting your Senators and Congressmen, based on your zip code and mailing address. They list issues for which the bishops ask our help.

Go to <u>www.USCCB.org</u> and click "ISSUES & ACTIONS." Under that heading, you can click \* "TOPICS" for information and resources the bishops share with the public;

\* "TAKE ACTION" for how to contact your representatives and senators, and find legislation; and \* "CONTACT PUBLIC OFFICIALS" to send them an online message.

## 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, held 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 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 will be at 7 pm in the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 15. His letter (see page 7) is being forwarded by our Catholic 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, are invited to stick around

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# St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church 2931 Pindell Ave., Louisville, KY 40217

March 1, 2025

To All Young Men Who Are Juniors in High School:

In a year and a few months, God willing, you will graduate from high school and begin life more on your own. May God be with you and guide you and bless you as you head off to college or join the work force or even the military. You have probably already started thinking about this, so please allow me to offer three thoughts that might help you and assure you of my prayers as you do so.

First, when I was your age, the draft was still on. Though I went into the military about 20 years later, many of my contemporaries (and many subsequent graduates) found that a couple of years in the military gave them not only money for college but a self-discipline and sense of purpose and worth that helped them succeed in life. I found my chance to serve, particularly in the National Guard, something that fulfilled a longing in me I never knew I had. It also provided great benefits.

Second, as you turn 18, you will be eligible to become a Knight of Columbus. It costs very little and has great benefits. You will be an asset to either your local parish council or to a university or military post council not because you have any money to contribute, but because you have energy and enthusiasm. It will also be a real chance to serve and lead in an international organization - recognized and appreciated by the pope.

Finally, I ask that you consider priesthood. Everything we accomplish in life we will one day lay before the throne of God. Priests help others keep their lives focused in that direction through all the ups and downs of their careers and family issues. If you feel called in any way toward being an instrument in the hand of Christ to bring the sacred to others, please consider this calling - lest the chance pass you by. To get a taste of that calling, I invite you to the Chrism Mass at the cathedral at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 15 to watch me and my fellow priests renew our vows to both the archbishop - and to you as part of Christ's church. Fr. Martin Linebach, our Vicar for Vocations, will also be attending.

Though your guidance counselor at school can help you sort out any future goals or hopes or dreams you have, if I personally can be of any assistance in listening to you, I am more than happy to use my background as a PhD chemist, Knight of Columbus, Brigadier General and Catholic priest to add clarity to any pathways you are considering. Likewise, Fr. Martin Linebach would be glad to speak with you. He can be reached at <u>MLinebach@archlou.org</u> and (502) 373-7575 (mobile). May God bless you today and all through your life.

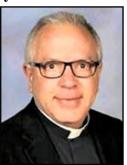
Yours in Christ,

## Fr. Patríck J. Dolan

Chaplain, St. Serra Club of Louisville <u>MUCL@hotmail.com</u> (502) 322-2857 (mobile) 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 or (502) 636-0296. Fr. Pat Dolan can be reached at MUCL@hotmail.com or (502) 322-2857.

If you know someone who should receive this letter, please give them a copy.





Fr. Pat Dolan

Fr. Martin Linebach

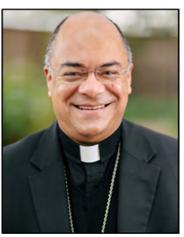
## **ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF OUR ARCHBISHOP**

March 30 is the threeyear anniversary of the installation of Archbishop Shelton Fabre as our shepherd for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

We are grateful for his leadership, his spirituality, and his presence.

Thank you, Archbishop Shelton! We're so glad you think of Kentucky as your home!

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## JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY **"ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS"**

Our Saint Serra Club of Louisville gathers online by Zoom for a 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.

## **VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS**

**Religious 'jobs' are among most satisfying and** happiest in the US. Read the story here.

February 3 was declared Four Chaplains Day by the U.S. Congress in 1988, in recognition of four chaplains who gave their lives in World War II. Read the story here.

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'Anger management to talented and gifted': how Catholic education saved this priest from a future in jail – Read the story here.

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These nuns keep a treasured lace-making tradition alive. - Read the story here.

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Pope gives seminarians some numbers to guide their lives. - Read the story here.

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Meet the young women joining the ranks of Catholic nuns, a journey that can take up to ten years. -Read the story here.

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Sister Rita Clare Yoches: Detroit Mercy star basketball player pivots to religious life. - Read the story <u>here</u>.

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## **VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### Serran Birthdays this month:

Ken Peet, Mar 3	Bev Knoop, Mar 13
Richard Spalding, Mar 14	Patty Archer, Mar 16
Charlotte Tucker, Mar 21	Norman Beat, Mar 21
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Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of March -For families in crisis - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**Come and See** – The next page is all about a spiritual weekend retreat for young women sponsored by the Sisters of Providence.

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

Thanks to Lynn Haner & Charlie Francesconi for proofing our newsletters.

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

## SPIRITUAL WEEKEND RETREAT

# March 28-30, 2025

Are you being called to serve?

at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana

Free and open to single, Catholic women ages 18-42.

ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org



Contact Sister Joni Luna at 361.500.9505 or jluna@spsmw.org

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