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Saint Serra Club of Louisville VOCATION DIGEST

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

March, 2026
Newsletter

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

VOCATION OFFICE AND SAINT SERRA CLUB VOCATION CONTEST

The winners of the Vocation Poster Contest are:

Tessa Mora – First Place, St. Albert The Great Parish and School, grade 6.

Anastasia Carrico - Second Place, Immaculata Classical Academy, and Our Lady and St. John Church, grade 6.

Sofia Murgos – Third Place, St. Edward Parish and School, grade 6.

The winners of the Vocation Essay Contest are:

Will Heitkemper – First Place, St. Edward School and Parish, grade 8.

Zuri Anderson – Second Place, Holy Trinity School and Parish, grade 7.

John David Kopecheck – Third Place, Immaculata Classical Academy, and Immaculate Conception Parish, grade 8.

All of these winners, as well as their parents, teachers, principals, and pastors are invited to a March 2 meeting of the St. Serra Club of Louisville, where they will be presented with certificates and cash prizes. First Place prize is \$250. Second Place is \$150, and Third Place is \$100. Teachers of the First-Place winners also receive \$100 each.

Thanks also to all the judges for these contests –**Deacon Stephen Bowling, Laurel Wyatt, Morgan Lucas, Lynn McDaniel, Fr. Tony Cecil, Vanessa Haulk, Todd Popson, Bob Hublar, and Chuck Lynch**

Next month’s newsletter will include pictures of our winners from the March 2 meeting.

SERRAN KEN PEET RECEIVED THE “HEART OF SERRA AWARD” AT THE USA COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RALLY

For the first time, the USA Council of Serra International gave an award to a Regional Director – called the “Heart of Serra Award.” It was given to our very own Ken Peet, who served as our Regional Director, giving

up that position last June 30. This was the first annual Rally since he retired from that position.

Ken has held many positions for our club – Club Secretary, member of our Board of Trustees, District Governor, Regional Director, Club Rep with the Serra International Foundation, member of the Serra International Board, and club VP of Cultural Outreach. Consequently, Ken has worked with all three of our national and international organizations – the USA Council, Serra International, and the Serra International Foundation.

Congratulations to Ken for all his hard work! We are very appreciative of all he does for Serra.



OUR CLUB WON A “SIEMPRE ADELANTE” GOLD CERTIFICATE AT THE LEADERSHIP RALLY IN ST. LOUIS

The “Siempre Adelante” Award (Spanish for ‘Always Forward’) is a new award, given to clubs across the USA based on a survey of club activities, events sponsored, and interactions with vocation directors, bishops, etc.

Out of the 191 clubs in the USA, only four clubs earned a Gold Certificate; and the St. Serra Club of Louisville was one of those four! Thirty-two clubs got a Silver Certificate.



We were also given a large black and white banner (see picture), which we'll have frames to show at special events.

Partly as a result of this awards, our President Chuck Lynch has been asked to speak at two national meetings by Zoom in the near future - the April 20 "Serra Meets" (when he'll talk on what makes our club unique) and the July 13 meeting for VPs of Membership (when he talks on newsletters and communication with members).



We want to thank all Serrans who make our club one of the best in the country!

CHUCK LYNCH & KEN PEET SPOKE ABOUT THE USA COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RALLY.

At the February 2 meeting, Chuck and Ken gave us an update on the USA Council Leadership Rally they

attended at the Augustine Institute in St. Louis late in January. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to share best practices; interact with other club leaders; and discuss leadership, strategies and communication.

Speakers included Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski of St. Louis, Bishop Thomas Daly from Spokane, WA (the national chaplain and Episcopal Advisor for the USA Council of Serra), vocation directors, seminary rectors, and Fr. Jorges Torres (Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations of the USCCB),

It was noted that of the 12,500 members worldwide, 8,000 are in the USA. So, the USA Council is the largest, by far, of the nine councils around the world.

Our constitution and mission statements call for praying for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. It was suggested that we add the diaconate, since technically they are ordained and not consecrated. Most clubs are already praying for deacons; and our club even promotes Deacon Sunday in October.

Sr. Karolyn Nunes, vocation director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, said she did an experiment with students. Even blindfolded, they knew the voices of the people they spend time with. It's the same with us spending time with God. We only recognize his voice in our hearts if we spend time with Him.

A lot was said at the Rally about the need for increased prayer for vocations.

Fr. Paul Hoelsing (president and rector of the Kendrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis) pointed out how only 17% of US Catholics practice their faith regularly. Yet, in Nigeria, that statistic is 94%!

Answering the questions, "What do you do when your grown-up kids have left the Church?" he said to say less than you think you need to say; your suffering will change them; and bring the suffering to Mass.

He says that priests who are formators in the seminary would rather be in the parish; but they're in the seminary for the sake of parishes.

Father Hoelsing spoke of the Propaedeutic Stage for seminarians being a detox stage – getting them away from screens and phones – teaching them silence, solitude, and how to slow down.

He also said that the New Evangelization is to offer the faith with a new ardor, method and expression. Pope Benedict said that we should not worry about the priest crisis but should teach young people to pray. If they can pray, they will know what to do with God's call.

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

It was recommended that all clubs partner with other like-minded Catholic organizations – e.g., the K of C, Young Catholic Professionals, and FOCUS.

Fr. Tony Ritter, the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said vocation directors and Serrans have to be sure that our identity is not based on the numbers of seminarians in our diocese or the number of ordinations. He reminded us we must celebrate even those who try but discern out. It's not a failure. They simply learned that the priesthood is not their calling.

The **Serra International President, Emanuele Costa** (from Switzerland), attended this meeting. He calls himself “a simple Serran.” Mr. Costa spoke of our helping to charter clubs Germany and Africa. He reminded us that “the USA Council is the lighthouse of all Serrans,” and how sad it is that most Catholics in Europe are not practicing their faith.

Mr. Costa says, “Serra meets a need” in the Church; and “We are all missionaries.” He strongly encouraged us to read the Pope’s Apostolic Letter, “[A Fidelity That Generates The Future](#),” which came out 12/8/25. It was addressed to priests, but really involves us all, especially anyone interested in vocations. A summary of that Apostolic Letter can be found [here](#).

Mr. Costa led the Serra International Board Meeting, which Ken Peet attended. Mr. Costa will be visiting us on March 13th this year. He seemed to feel it personally when he said that 2025 was a difficult year for the world and the Church. However, both the number of clubs and the membership worldwide are growing.

Much of the International Board time was spent on ideas for better communication. “Serra Connects” is the new newsletter that brings news from all the Councils around the world. It is offered in nine languages. Go to the Serra International website [here](#) to enjoy it.

Tony Mangione from Toronto will be our next International President Elect.

The efforts to cut costs for the Rally and international meetings have been very successful.

Our next meeting will be the international meeting in Indianapolis in July; our next Rally will be in Scottsdale near Phoenix in January 2027; and the next international meeting will be in Rome in 2028.

Bishop Thomas Daly gave a great presentation on servant leadership. He cited several passages from the Bible including Matthew about “he who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” He suggested we lead by example; fight against ego; and do not draw attention to ourselves. Humble, grateful and generous are traits of a servant leader. If the servant leader has these traits, s/he will

have peace and joy. They think about the greater good. Prudence, he said, is essential to servant leadership. Sacrifice is part of it, as well.

Father Jorge Torres (Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations for the USCCB) spoke on the state of vocations in the US, also addressing the CCLV Priorities and Recent Projects. His presentation included discussions of the new Religious Worker Protection Act, strengthening bishop-priest relationships; promotion of Hispanic vocations; the 11th Eucharistic Congress in 2029; World Youth Day (August 3-8, 2027); Guadalupe 500th Anniversary in 2031; and the 2000th anniversary of the Paschal Mystery in 2033.

Father Torres gave statistics from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). We were reminded to keep up with the trends as determined in the annual CARA survey of newly ordained priests. It will help us understand where newly ordained priests are coming from and what we might consider as we promote vocations to the priesthood. The CARA report on “The Class of 2025: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood” can be found [here](#).

The distribution of newly ordained priests by ethnicity remains steady. For the Class of 2025, Fr. Torres said the newly ordained were 57% white, 16% Hispanic, 16% Asian/Pacific Islander, 9% Black, and 2% other.

Eucharistic Adoration and praying the Rosary are still high among prayer practices of the young men who eventually become priests. Parish youth groups, Catholic campus ministry and K of C were programs that the newly ordained participated in when they were younger. Still high on the list were activities like being an altar server when they were younger.

Videos of nine presentations from the Rally can be found at the Serra International YouTube channel [here](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Regular meetings - We target to have *most* meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, at **11:30**, at the **Golden Corral** (4032 Taylorsville Road) in Hikes Point, unless noted otherwise below. The charge will be \$12 for members and \$15 for guests. Non-members wanting to attend should contact Chuck Lynch in advance.

Mar 2 (1st Mon) – **Fr. Tony Cecil** will speak on his vocation journey and the future of our archdiocesan youth ministry. We will also give out awards to winners of the Vocation Poster and Essay Contests.

Mar 9 (2nd Mon) – **Zoom Rosary for Vocations**, 7 pm. See the separate article for details.

Mar 11 (2nd Wed) - **Holy Hour for Vocations** – After the noon Mass in St. Margaret Mary Chapel.

Mar 13 (Special Friday meeting) – **Serra International President Emanuele Costa** will visit our club as he tours the mid-west.

Mar 16 (3rd Mon) – No meeting due to the special Mar 13 meeting.

Mar 16 (3rd Mon) - “**Serra Meets**” by Zoom – **8 pm** Louisville time. **Fr. Jim Divasto** will speak. See [here](#) for details.

Mar 24 (Tue) - 11:45 - **Serra Board Meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

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

DR. TREVOR TIMMERBERG SPOKE AT OUR FEB. 16 MEETING.

About our speaker

Dr. Trevor Timmerberg serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Louisville, where he supports principals and school leaders in advancing Catholic identity, academic excellence, and mission-driven leadership across the district.



As principal of Saint Mary Academy, Dr. Timmerberg helped lead the school to become a nationally recognized Model Professional Learning Center at Work campus and is regarded for his commitment to forming disciples through collaborative, faith-centered school cultures.

Dr. Timmerberg’s background spans educational leadership, teacher formation, strategic planning, and governance; and he is passionate about helping Catholic educators integrate the Gospel mandate with the best of professional practice. Dr. Timmerberg was also an Army officer and is a practicing Catholic whose work is

rooted in service, stewardship, and developing leaders who inspire others to holiness and excellence.

His Layman’s Vocation Journey

Dr. Timmerberg shared his journey to Catholic education, which he embraces as his vocation. Throughout his presentation, he reflected on Scripture passages that guided different seasons of his life and helped shape the man and leader he has become.

He spoke of his parents as strong role models and described his involvement in Fellowship of Christian Athletes during high school and college. While experiencing success in athletics, he remained grounded in his faith with the support of others. As a young man with great ambition, he was inspired by Psalm 27:1 “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?” Through sports, he learned discipline and teamwork and saw how discipline often leads to growth and achievement.

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” became an important verse during his transition to the academic and athletic demands of Bellarmine University. It was there that he began to recognize education as both a calling and a profession. He reflected, “I wanted to give back what I had experienced and provide similar opportunities to others.” During that time, he came to believe that identity must come before action. He first needed to understand who he was called to be as a man of God before discerning where God was leading him.

After completing his master’s degree at Bellarmine, he began teaching in Jefferson County Public Schools at Iroquois High School and Moore Traditional Middle School. From the start, he desired to be a positive role model for his students.

As a teacher, he believed strongly in “connection before content,” seeking to build relationships before focusing on instruction. Though he taught English, he aimed to model grace, consistency, care, and encouragement. He wanted his faith, his work, and his passion to be united. He found a deeper integration of those callings when he began coaching lacrosse at St. Xavier High School and later teaching and coaching at Trinity High School.

His desire to serve extended beyond the classroom. He volunteered as a firefighter and later enlisted in the Army National Guard, where he was commissioned as an Armor Officer.

He prayed that God would bring the right people into his life, those who would share and strengthen his commitment to faith and education. In time, he met his wife, Danielle, also a Catholic educator. A verse that

guides their marriage is Philippians 1:3: “I thank my God every time I think of you.” He often reflects on Mother Teresa’s words: “If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.” With the encouragement of Deacon Randy Perkins, they entered the RCIA process and became Catholic several years ago. They are now blessed with a daughter, Gwynnevere.

While serving as principal of Saint Mary Academy, he learned an important lesson about leadership. At times, he felt the pressure to be everything to everyone. That experience became a reminder of the need for balance, trust in others, and reliance on God.

Psalm 78:72 “With an upright heart he led them” which guided him in his leadership. Another passage that strengthened him was 1 Corinthians 16:13–14: “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

When asked about the primary challenges facing Catholic education today, Dr. Timmerberg said that maintaining Catholic identity always remains a priority to the mission of Catholic Education. Parents are the primary educators of their children, and Catholic schools must support them in that responsibility. He emphasized the importance of forming students who can think critically and respond faithfully to whatever circumstances they may encounter.

We thank Dr. Trevor Timmerberg for sharing his story and his witness to the vocation of Catholic education.

(Thanks, too, to Sam Willett for the pictures with this article.)

CARDINAL COLLINS SPOKE AT OUR “SERRA MEETS” ZOOM MEETING ON FEB. 16

Cardinal Thomas Collins, now in his late 70s and serving as the Episcopal Advisor to Serra International, is the Archbishop Emeritus of Toronto. More on him can be found [here](#).

Cardinal Collins joined us to give his Lent Reflection.

He spoke highly of Trappist Bishop Erik Varden, a Norwegian monk, whose books and YouTube videos are very popular. This bishop was even chosen by Pope Leo to lead the Lenten Retreat at the Vatican this year. You can read the article [here](#).

And many of his videos (including the 52-video series “Desert Fathers in a Year”) can be found [here](#).



Cardinal Collins says going into Lent is like going into the desert and recommends anything by Bishop Erik Varden. Many of Bishop Varden’s books can be found [here](#).

The Cardinal also speaks of Exodus as a good book to read for Lent since it is all about the Jewish people leaving Egypt and going into the desert.

Likewise, he feels that “The Divine Comedy” by Dante Alighieri makes for good reading in Lent. And he recommends the translation by Anthony Esolen, PhD, which can be found [here](#).

Cardinal Collins also spoke of Thomas Merton’s “Seven Story Mountain,” which also talks about levels of journey.

Then the Cardinal spoke on the basics of Lent, saying you can’t go wrong by meditating on the Mass readings for Ash Wednesday, especially the Gospel for that day, which can be found [here](#).

Next, the Cardinal spoke of the Old Testament Book of Joel, which has only 73 verses and makes for a good Lenten reading. He also mentioned 2 Corinthians 5, which speaks of us as “ambassadors for Christ.” And while reading the Bible he suggests using [Lectio Divina](#).

He spoke of asking yourself what a given verse says to your head, your heart, and your hands.

On fasting, Cardinal Collins said we don’t have to be competitive about it. And it need not be from specific foods. It could be fasting from TV, cell phone, YouTube, etc.

And on almsgiving, the Cardinal spoke of being generous not just with money, but also with our time. “Our lives are woven of time,” he said.

Cardinal Collins spoke of how some people think of the Lenten theme of “handling sin” and going to Confession. He suggested frequent repetition of the Jesus Prayer - “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

He also spoke of the [Seven Penitential Psalms](#) – 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143 – especially 32 and 51.

He reminded us not to forget basic intercessory prayer, just simply naming the people you know who

Are you being *called* to serve?

A photograph of two women standing in a forest, their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The sun is shining brightly through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The women are silhouetted against the light.

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SPIRITUAL WEEKEND RETREAT

March 27-29, 2026

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need your prayers, whether they are friends, seminarians, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, etc.

Answering a question on fasting, Cardinal Collins mentioned the recent homily by Pope Leo, which can be found [here](#).

While fasting from the cell phone, he reminded us that we often ignore those around us to talk with someone further away. He said we find ourselves, “absent to those who are present and present to those who are absent.”

We want to thank Cardinal Thomas Collins for his Lenten message.

You can view the entire meeting’s video, including the business portion of the meeting [here](#).

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 churches, 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 the Global Sisters Report: Sharing Stories of Women Religious, check out the nine-minute video [here](#).

OUR SEMINARIANS IN THE NEWS

February advancements

In February, **Seminarians Amos Stinson** and **Tung Ho** received the Rite of Lector while **Harrison Frey** and **Cuong Le** received the Rite of Acolyte at Theological College in Washington, DC.

Save the dates – Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

Seminarians David Vest and Cuong Le are expected to be ordained to the transitional diaconate Saturday, April 11.

Deacon Evrard Muhoza is expected to be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 30.

Both ceremonies will be at the Cathedral of the Assumption, followed by a reception open to the public.

Save the date – Rite of Candidacy

A Mass of Right of Candidacy for Holy Orders will be at 9:30 am on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at the Cathedral of the Assumption. This used to take place in the seminaries, but our archdiocese is trying to bring them home so more of our archdiocese can be present when seminarians formally declare their intention to serve as priests during the Rite.

The Rite marks these men entering the Configuration Stage in seminary which focuses on preparing them to act *in persona Christi* as a pastor in the Church. It builds on the previous stages of formation, integrating the four dimensions of formation toward priestly ministry.

There will be four seminarians, **Trenton Thieneman, Zachary Moore, Emerson Wells** and **Samuel Mattingly**, formally declaring their intention. They are expected to be ordained to the transitional diaconate probably in 2029, with final ordination to the priesthood in 2030.

PRIESTS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

In the February issue of this newsletter, we mistakenly left out several announcements of anniversaries. So, we are making up for it now.

Congratulations to our priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination in February or March. We always include here any priests, from religious orders and other dioceses, who are working in our archdiocese. The asterisk (*) indicates “Retired.”

HENRIKSEN, REV. STEVEN D.*, 2/2/13, 13 yrs
PAYYAPPILLY, OFM, REV. LEO, 2/6/03, 23 yrs
FLYNN, REV. JAMES E.*, 3/26/55, 71 yrs
KURTZ, ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS JOSEPH E.*, 3/18/72, 54 yrs

A list of all our diocesan priests can be found [here](#). A list of other priests working in our diocese, from other dioceses and various religious orders, can be found [here](#).

**Some give by going; some go by giving.
- Maryknoll missionary**



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Quo Vadis Day 2026



Quo Vadis is Latin for "Where are you going?"

Quo Vadis Day is a 1-day event for high school young men (incoming Freshman Fall 2026 to outgoing Seniors). It is led by the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Coupled with the theme "Follow Me", they will explore what it means to discern their vocation and what it means to lead a Christian life.

There will be talks, discussion, prayer experiences, and plenty of fun!

When: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: St. Athanasius Catholic Parish
5915 Outer Loop
Louisville, KY 40219

Dress casual; food and snacks will be provided.

Scan to register
before May 30, 2026



There is no charge
for this event

Direct questions to Todd Popson tpopson@archlou.org or call/text (502) 727-7774.

DEACONS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

In the February issue of this newsletter, we mistakenly left out this announcement of an anniversary. So, we are making up for it now.

Congratulations to one Deacon celebrating an ordination anniversary for February:

MAY, DENNIS A. (wife CHERYL), 2/19/11, 14 yrs

A list of all our deacons, their wives, ordination anniversaries and parishes can be found [here](#).

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to two of our seminarians this month:

TRENTON THIENEMAN – March 12
TUNG HO – March 19

You can get more details on all our seminarians, as well as where they're going to school, hometown, and other information by clicking [here](#). (Then click the pictures to get more background.)



ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF OUR ARCHBISHOP

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

We are grateful for his leadership, his spiritual-

ity, and his presence.

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


"It is not surprising that where people pray fervently, vocations flourish." - Pope Benedict XVI

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY "ROSARY FOR VOCA- TIONS"

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.

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 [here](#) by clicking the  symbol on that page.

Women's prayer:
March

Trusting God

with Sister Regina Gallo

Single women ages 18-42 are invited to pray virtually with the Sisters of Providence on the 7th of each month at 7 p.m.

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WHAT'S NEW IN ARCHLOU? – THE LIFE OF RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIESTS.

Chancellor Brian Reynolds interviewed **Fr. John Pozhathuparambil, OFM Conv.** and **Fr. John Baptist Hoang, OP** for the February episode of “What’s New in Archlou?” Check it out [here](#).

SERRA’S INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IS IN INDIANAPOLIS THIS YEAR.

“The Crossroads of America” event will be Serra’s 83 International Convention, to be held July 9-12, 2026. To learn more about the convention, how to register, and how to reserve a room, check out the details [here](#).

THE EXACT 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 died on **April 3 of the year 33**. Read more details [here](#).

In fact, the Catholic Church now plans to celebrate 2033 as the 2,000th anniversary of Christ’s death

resurrection. Read Pope Leo’s proclamation of this fact [here](#).

VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Pope Leo XIV’s year-end letter to priests: 5 takeaways – Read the article [here](#).

“Let us remember: there is no future without nurturing all vocations!” - Pope Leo XIV, in his Apostolic Letter "A Fidelity That Generates the Future" - For a summary of his letter (and a link to the whole letter), click [here](#).

Seminarian Engagement Program – Read about the new national program [here](#).

His sister inspired him to become a priest. – Read the article [here](#).

For highlights from the 2025 Morale, Leadership, and Pastoral Priorities report, go [here](#).

Clergy burnout is a growing concern in polarized churches. A summit offers coping strategies. – Read the article [here](#).
