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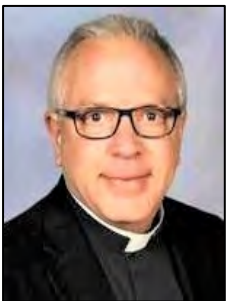
Saint Serra Club of Louisville VOCATION DIGEST

“Always Forward, Never Back”
- Saint Junipero Serra

June, 2026
Newsletter

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

CHANGES IN THE VOCATION OFFICE



Fr. Martin
Linebach

As announced in *The Record*, **Fr. Martin Linebach** will be retiring from his position as Director of Vocations. Effective July 1, **Fr. Matt Millay** will be the Director of Vocations while **Fr. Steven Reeves** will be the Director of Seminarians. More details can be found from *The Record* announcement [here](#).

The St. Serra Club of Louisville has enjoyed working with Fr. Martin Linebach, who has increased our seminarian count greatly. And we wish him blessings and excitement as he enters the retirement phase of his priesthood!



Fr. Matt Millay

Recent surveys show we have about 3,000 diocesan seminarians in the U.S., along with about 70 million Catholics. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, we have 21 seminarians (after the ordination of Dcn. Evrard Muhoza), along with about 200,000 Catholics. **So, nationally, we have about 4.3 seminarians for every 100,000 Catholics. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, that number comes to about 10.5 seminarians for every 100,000 Catholics** (over two times the national average).



Fr. Steven
Reeves

Although we Serrans take pride in our prayers and activities supporting vocations, our Vocation Office, led for the last few years by **Fr. Martin Linebach**, and staffed by **Todd Popson** and **Vanessa Haulk**, deserves a big round of applause!

We Serrans look forward to working with Fr. Matt Millay and Fr. Steven Reeves.

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 in Louisville, 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.

May 30 - Ordination of Deacon Evrard Muhoza to the priesthood - 11 am at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

June 1 (1st Mon) – **Deacon Ned Berghausen** will speak on his vocation journey.

June 8 (2nd Mon) – **Zoom Rosary for Vocations**, 7 pm. See the separate article for details.

June 10 (2nd Wed) - **Holy Hour for Vocations** – After the noon Mass in St. Margaret Mary Chapel.

June 15 (3rd Mon) – **No regular meeting**. The June 17 event will take its place.

June 15 (3rd Mon) – “Serra Meets” via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. Louisville time. Click [here](#) for details.

June 17 – 11 am **Jubilee Mass and lunch** for consecrated religious order priests, sisters and brothers. At Sacred Heart Academy Chapel. **Due to space limitations, only invited individuals can attend the lunch.**

June 23 (Tue) - 11:45 - **Serra Board Meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

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

FR. JOHN BAPTIST HOANG, OP, SPOKE ABOUT THE U OF L CAMPUS MINISTRY.

About our speaker

Father John Baptist Hoang, OP, is the Chaplain and Director of [Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Louisville](#).

He was born in California but grew up in Northern Virginia and went to school at the University of Virginia with a degree in Religious Studies and Sociology. He entered the Dominican Order right after college and was ordained a priest in 2016. Father John Baptist served in New York City for six years as a parish priest and as the Chaplain at New York University.

Father John Baptist has completed four years serving as the Chaplain at UofL. He also serves as an assistant chaplain for the Young Catholic Professionals Louisville Chapter, a national board member of the Life-Giving Wounds healing ministry for adult children of divorce, and the subprior of the Dominican Friars community at Saint Louis Bertrand.

He also led our public 2023 fall retreat.

His presentation

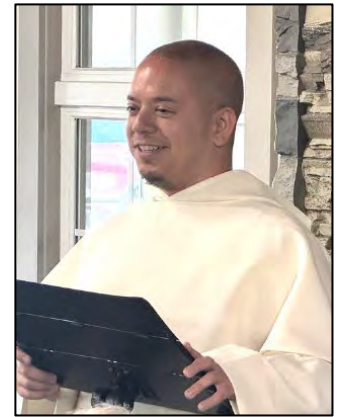
Fr. John Baptist lives at St. Louis Bertrand, a seven-minute commute to UofL's Interfaith Center, which has a 50-people capacity. Due to space limitations, they have a student Mass on Sundays at the nearby Holy Name Parish – 11:00 am during the school year.

He started his campus ministry at UofL early in 2022, while most of us were still isolated due to Covid-19. That complicated the building of community; but he carried on. He finds the UofL students joyful, diverse in backgrounds, socially and in ethnicity. The ones coming to campus ministry include all types, from very academic to very athletic. They mesh well and don't form cliques. He finds that their friendships carry beyond the campus ministry meetings.



He reports to the diocese annually about the number of students involved in Catholic campus ministry and

is proud to say how much it's grown over the last four years. UofL is considered a commuter school; and most of the Catholics go to Mass with their nearby families. However, they've seen a growth in Bible study groups at UofL. Last year there were five students leading these groups. Now there are 20! The number of students doing Bible study has grown from 130 last year to about 300 this year! Fr. John Baptist says that Bible studies are all over campus –from the ministry center to dorms, coffee shops, Denny's, and classrooms.



Fr. John Baptist speaks of this as an intentional discipleship ministry – based on growth in relationships with Christ. Forty-seven students were in discipleship last year and 57 this year.

The [Fellowship of Catholic University Students](#) (FOCUS is headquartered in Denver) offers missionaries on campus to help with the students. There are four of these missionaries on the UofL campus now – recent college grads who generally commit to two years of Catholic campus ministry. There are about 900 of them across the country.

FOCUS emphasizes four habits from Acts 2:42, which says, “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”

First, following the teachings of the apostles involves Bible Study, Catechesis (including a “Why Catholic” apologetics program). And they even have Protestant students attending.

Second, *the communal life (or fellowship)* involves everything from doughnuts after Mass to going hiking and attending football games together.

Third is *the breaking of the bread*, or Eucharist, which involves Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, in addition to Confession and all the other Sacraments. They have Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays with worship and music.

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For our seminarians' summer assignments, click [here](#).

Fourth is *prayer*, which is at the center of everything, including chapel, Eucharistic Adoration, daily Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Last year there was only one student who became Catholic. But this year there were 10 who became Catholics this Easter. Most did so through local parishes, the Cathedral, and even some back home in Philadelphia and Lexington. However, their OCIA preparation (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) was on campus; and Fr. John Baptist coordinated with the parishes.

When asked why there is such an increase in numbers of students participating and even becoming Catholic, Fr. John Baptist felt it was a number of factors – from grace, to the Charlie Kirk effect, people putting more value on life and family, the Pope Leo effect, and a continuation of what some of the students saw beginning in high school. (Six of the 10 who became Catholic this year were freshman!)

FOCUS also puts on an annual [SEEK event](#) – a five-day gathering of thousands of young Catholics. From UofL, there were 66 students who attended this year, along with dozens of bishops and hundreds of priests.

Fr. John Baptist speaks of how college students deal with many challenges – including loneliness, lack of self-worth, feeling they are not understood, and pressured to succeed or be more attractive. Some of this comes from social media. He even hears some of this in the confessional. Fortunately, Fr. John Baptist says, he sees charity among the students all the time. One student involved with campus ministry even says the ministry is the most meaningful thing she experiences.

Since Fr. John Baptist is the only Catholic priest assigned to this Catholic campus ministry, he asks that we all keep him, the FOCUS missionaries, and the students in our prayers.

We want to thank Fr. John Baptist Hoang, OP, for his ministry and his presentation.

(Thanks, also, to Jerry Zimmerer for the picture with this article.)

FRIAR JOHN POZHATHUPARAMBIL, CFM, SPOKE ABOUT BELLARMINE'S CAMPUS MINISTRY.

About Our Speaker

Friar John Pozhathuparambil, CFM (frequently referred to as just “Fr. John” or “Fr. John P”), a Conventual Franciscan priest from Kerala, India, first

encountered the Franciscan spirit at the age of sixteen, when a visiting friar inspired his vocation. You can find more on Fr. John [here](#).

At Bellarmine University, in addition to serving as the Director of [Campus Ministry](#), he teaches in the Theology Department, where he helps students explore faith, culture, and global perspectives. He has led several immersion trips to India to deepen intercultural and inter-religious understanding.

Fr. John is also the founder of several signature campus programs such as [Nones Eating Naan](#), Satsang: Interfaith Dialogue, Catholic Retreat, True-Self Retreat, and the popular Pizza Gathering after Mass.



Popes with the Heart of St. Francis

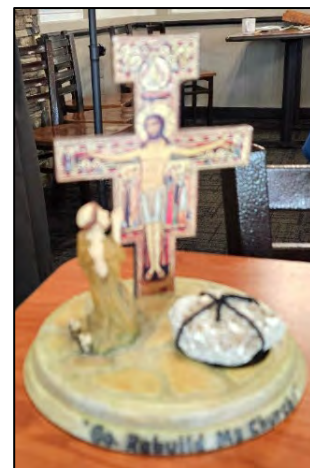
Fr. John started his talk by showing us his San Damiano Cross, mounted on a board with an image of St. Francis, the patron of his order, along with a rock from India.

He said that Pope Francis was often described as “a Jesuit with a Franciscan heart.” Though formed in the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, his actions, gestures, and vision for the

Church often reflected the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi - simplicity, humility, mercy, fraternity, and closeness to the poor.

One of the most moving moments of Pope Francis’ life was also among his last public words: “I am a sinner. Pray for me.” From the very beginning of his pontificate until the end, he never presented himself as a powerful ruler or distant authority. Instead, he stood before the world as a sinner in need of God’s mercy. That humility itself was deeply Franciscan.

Pope Francis embraced those whom society rejects - migrants, prisoners, the poor, the elderly, and the forgotten.



We also saw echoes of St. Francis in Pope Francis' desire for dialogue and peace. Pope Francis reflected this same spirit when he visited Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and met Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. In a divided world filled with suspicion and violence, Pope Francis chose fraternity over fear and dialogue over conflict.

His writings also reflected this Franciscan heart. In [*Laudato Si'*](#), he called the world to care for creation. St. Francis sang of "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon," seeing all creation as a gift from God. Pope Francis took that spirituality and applied it to climate change, consumerism, and ecological destruction.

Then came [*Fratelli Tutti*](#), a call for universal fraternity and social friendship. In a world divided by politics, race, nationalism, and hatred, he reminded us that every person is our brother or sister. Once again, the spirit of St. Francis appeared.

Pope Francis showed us that the Franciscan spirit still has the power to answer many of the world's problems today: division, loneliness, greed, violence, environmental destruction, and spiritual emptiness.

Fr. John said, "And now, I find myself thinking similarly about Pope Leo. Though it has only been a short time, I already sense something familiar. I would say that Pope Leo is 'an Augustinian with a Franciscan heart.'" His first words to the world were simple: "Peace be with you." In a world filled with wars, conflict, anxiety, and noise, his first message was peace. Since then, he has consistently spoken about reconciliation, healing, dialogue, and unity. He also declared this year as the 800th year of St. Francis.

St. Francis and the San Damiano Cross

The world today desperately longs for peace - not just political peace, but peace in families, peace in communities, and peace within ourselves. And perhaps that is why the Franciscan spirit continues to matter so much.

Francis entered the little broken church of San Damiano as a confused young man searching for meaning. Before the crucifix, he heard Jesus speak to him: "Francis, rebuild my Church, which as you can see is falling into ruins."

At first Francis understood this literally. He began repairing churches stone by stone. But eventually he realized that Christ was calling him to something much greater: to help renew the entire Church through the Gospel way of life.

We must remember the historical context of Francis' time. The Church was powerful, wealthy, and politically influential. Yet spiritually many people felt distant and disconnected. Corruption existed. Clergy were often associated with wealth and privilege. Many ordinary people were disillusioned.

St. Francis began with conversion and answered the crisis of the Church not through power, but through holiness. Where the world sought power, Francis embraced minority and humility. Where society pursued pleasure and lust, Francis embraced chastity and purity. Where greed and wealth dominated, Francis embraced poverty and simplicity. And that changed everything.

St. Francis reminded people what Christianity was supposed to look like. He preached not only with words, but with his life. That is why St. Francis continues to inspire people 800 years later.

I remember in 2010, I was invited to begin a ministry for young people struggling with religion and faith. Many of them were wounded by the Church, disconnected from religion, or simply searching for meaning. We did not know where to begin, so we made an appointment with speaker and author Fr. Richard Rohr, CFM, at the Galt House in Louisville.

We had an hour appointment, but he spoke only a few words. I still remember them clearly. He said, "You are Franciscan and Indian. That is the answer."

At first, I did not fully understand what he meant. But slowly it became clear. We began building the ministry around Franciscan spirituality and Indian hospitality - simplicity, welcome, listening, fraternity, food, conversation, presence, and acceptance.

We brought two other Indian friars and started the ministry in the first Bellarmine house on Harvard Drive. We called it Franciscan Shanthi Ashram. And something beautiful happened.

Young people who felt rejected began returning. People who felt judged began opening their hearts again. We discovered that before people need theology, many simply need to experience love, welcome, and belonging.

We connected them through the Franciscan soup kitchen, restaurants, and the Bellarmine University community. We shared Indian food and built relationships because we knew that food is often a way to the heart. Once we connected with them, we invited them to campus retreats and later to weekend retreats, where many of the important conversations — and often a return to faith — happened.

That is why Franciscan spirituality still has meaning today. The Church today is still wounded in many ways. Pope Francis calls it a “field hospital.” Many people are leaving. Many no longer trust institutions. Many feel disconnected from religion. In other places people are spiritually searching but do not know where to turn.

Perhaps Christ is speaking the same words again today: “Rebuild my Church.”

That call is for all of us. We rebuild the Church whenever we choose mercy instead of judgment; whenever we welcome the excluded; whenever we create peace in our families and communities; and whenever we live simply, love deeply, and serve humbly.

St. Francis did not rebuild the Church through strategy documents or power structures alone. He rebuilt it through holiness, joy, fraternity, and love. And maybe that is still the answer today.

The world does not simply need more arguments about religion. It needs witnesses. It needs people who live the Gospel authentically. It needs Christians who radiate peace, humility, mercy, and joy.

So today, let us hear again the voice from the San Damiano Cross: “Rebuild my Church.” And may we, like St. Francis, have the courage to answer that call.

Fr. John said, “My vocation story began when I was sixteen years old. A Franciscan friar came to my Sunday religion class and invited me to a “come and see” program. I felt something deep within me - that this was my place, my calling. But it was only around the age of twenty that I seriously began thinking about commitment and vocation.”

Today, I can honestly say that if I were given another life, I would still choose to be a Franciscan.

There is still so much to rebuild, and we need more hands - young and old - to rebuild the Church with peace, humility, mercy, and love.

We want to thank Fr. John Pozhathuparambil OFM Conv. for his presentation and his ministry in our archdiocese.

(Thanks, also, to Lincoln Lewis for the picture with this article.)

FR. AUGUSTINE DADA SPOKE AT OUR MAY 18 “SERRA MEETS”

Our Speaker

Father Augustine Dada is a Catholic priest with more than 16 years of priestly ministry. He was ordained a diocesan priest in 2009, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Akure, in the Diocese of Ondo, Nigeria.



As Vice President of the [Society of St. Peter the Apostle](#)

(SPA), Father Augustine brings a global missionary perspective, deep pastoral experience, and a compelling ability to connect the faith of local parish communities with the Church’s mission to form priests and religious in mission territories around the world. For more on Fr. Augustine, click [here](#).

Fr. Augustine has been a parish priest in New York City for 10 years and was made the VP of SPA earlier in 2026. According to [The Good NewsRoom](#), “... the Nigeria native will help guide The Pontifical Mission Societies USA’s efforts to support seminarians and religious novices in mission territories.”

His Presentation

Fr. Augustine’s topic was “Worldwide Vocational Impact of The Pontifical Mission Society (TPMS), and Its Arm, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle.”

Fr. Augustine says the surge in vocations in Africa and Asia is reshaping the universal Church. However, the seminaries in those areas desperately need financial assistance.

The SPA promotes awareness within Christian communities of the urgent need to develop local clergy and religious life in newly established missionary churches.

The Society works to animate and coordinate missionary collaboration in all local churches, encouraging prayer, sacrifice, and financial support to sustain the formation of future priests, religious brothers, and sisters in 1,130 mission territories around the world.

SPA is one of the best kept secrets in that few people in the U.S. know much about it. However, when we have our U.S. World Mission Collections, much of these donations go to the TPMS and a share of that goes to the SPA.

Fr. Augustine himself benefited from the SPA as a seminarian in Nigeria.

The SPA is one of four Pontifical Mission Societies in the Church. And it currently helps to support over 88,000 seminarians in over 800 institutions, mostly in Africa and Asia.

There are several ways that these poor seminaries are helped. In the U.S. we can all support the annual World Mission Sunday. We can request Mass intentions through SPA, with donations helping their cause. And we can pray for SPA and all the mission seminarians around the world.

The SPA provides ordinary subsidies to seminaries (per capita grants). It also provides extraordinary subsidies (for building new seminaries, renovating existing ones, and funding self-sustainability projects). It collects Mass intentions, with the proceeds going to support seminary formators. Finally, they provide scholarships for future seminary educators.

TPMS dates to the 1800s when U.S. volunteers first started collecting money for the missions. Archbishop Fulton Sheen was its National Director from 1950 to 1966.

For a very well-written *Our Sunday Visitor* article by Fr. Augustine, from earlier this year, click [here](#).

You can view a video of the entire *Serra Meets* meeting, including the business portion, by clicking [here](#).

OUR OWN CLUB COLLECTION FOR TANZANIAN SEMINARIANS

As we have done in the past, the St. Serra Club of Louisville will collect money to help fund seminarian education for **Bishop Filbert Mhasi's** rural [Tunduru-Masasi Diocese in Tanzania](#). If you wish to donate, please make your check out to "St. Serra Club of Louisville" and mail it to Jerry Gonsoski, Treasurer, 808 Foxgate Road, Louisville, KY 40223, before June 30.

We were introduced to Bishop Mhasi in 2024 by Fr. John Judie and the [Fr. John Judie Ministries, Inc.](#)

For more information on this project, see page 12 of our August 2025 newsletter [here](#).

For a good article on where Catholicism stands today in Africa, click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Evrard Muhoza will be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 30. The Mass will be at the Cathedral of The Assumption, at 11 am, followed by a reception open to the public.



Deacon Evrard Muhoza

PRIESTS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHUMO, F.M.H., REV. HILLARY, 6/7/14, 12 yrs
DO, REV. PETER Q., 6/8/02, 24 yrs
ECKINGER, O.P., REV. AMBROSE, 6/5/81, 45 yrs
ERDMAN, REV. JONATHAN M., 6/29/17, 9 yrs
FRENCH, C.P.M., REV. MICHAEL, 6/4/22, 4 yrs
GATLIN, REV. JEFFREY D., 6/3/00, 26 yrs
GOODIN, OFM, REV. RICHARD, 6/14/14, 12 yrs
GREENWELL, O. CARM., REV. MICHAEL A., 6/2/79, 47 yrs
HUBBARD, REV. J. RANDALL, 6/2/90, 36 yrs
MILLAY, REV. MATTHEW, 6/1/24, 2 yrs
MITCHELL, C.P., REV. JOSEPH, 6/13/81, 45 yrs
NAUERT, REV. KENNETH, 6/1/24, 2 yrs
NAYLOR, REV. DAVID W. *, 6/3/00, 26 yrs
PADGETT, REV. GARY T., 6/5/99, 27 yrs
RAMIREZ ARENAS, REV. J. CLAUDIO, 6/10/14, 12 yrs
REAGAN, C.P.M., REV. THOMAS, 6/4/16, 10 yrs
ROGERS, CPM, REV. JOEL C., 6/10/00, 26 yrs
SÁNCHEZ, REV. DAVID, 6/8/02, 24 yrs
SCHULTZ, REV. MICHAEL, 6/1/24, 2 yrs
SCHWARTZLOSE, REV. JOHN A., 6/3/00, 26 yrs

STEVENS, REV. GLADSTONE, 6/3/00, 26 yrs
STOLTZ, REV. JOHN J., 6/2/90, 36 yrs
TRAN, REV. V. YEN, 6/1/24, 2 yrs
TRAN, REV. VAN D., 6/1/24, 2 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](#).

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS
AND ESPECIALLY
TO ALL OUR PRIESTS!**

**DEACONS CELEBRATING
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to our Deacons celebrating ordination anniversaries for June. Wives' names are in parentheses. The asterisk (*) indicates "Retired."

DEVER, ROBERT G.* (BONNIE), 6/1/96, 29 yrs
LEWIS, JOHN M. (DOTTY), 6/5/99, 26 yrs
MATTINGLY, THOMAS E.*, 6/11/83, 42 yrs
STOUT, TIMOTHY (KELLY), 6/4/16, 9 yrs

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

**CONSECRATED VIRGIN
CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY
OF HER CONSECRATION**

Congratulations to **Valerie Wilson**, who was espoused to Christ by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz in "the Rite of Consecration of a Virgin Living in the World" on **June 4, 2016**. She is a member of St. Louis Bertrand Parish living and working in Louisville.

We have two consecrated virgins in the Archdiocese of Louisville. According to *The Record*, "The consecration of a virgin is an ancient rite in the Catholic Church in which a woman commits to living a life of 'perpetual virginity' and is 'set aside as a sacred person who belongs only to Christ.' Prayer and service to the church are cornerstones of this vocation."

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR
THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS**

Established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002, this celebration occurs annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year that date is Sunday, June 12.

"On this day, the Church encourages priests to prayerfully reflect upon the gift of their vocation. The faithful are also invited to mark this celebration by praying for all priests that they may live lives of holiness and fidelity to Christ and his Church."

For more information see the USCCB website [here](#).

**LOCAL PRIESTS MOVING
OR RETIRING**

For the announcement of new priest assignments and retirements in the archdiocese, see *The Record* article [here](#).

Retiring Priests

In addition to the retirement of **Fr. Martin Linebach** (see page 1 of this newsletter), we have two other priests retiring this year:

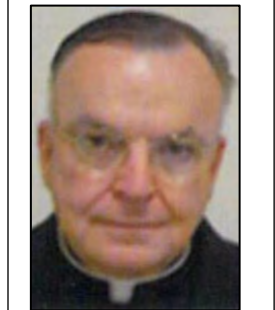
Fr. Gary Padgett, who was ordained 6/5/99, has served at the parishes of Holy Spirit, Ascension, St. James and St. Brigid. He is retiring July 1.

Fr. Gary Young, CR, has retired from his role as Chaplain of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth at the Motherhouse in Nazareth KY, effective 4/12/26, according to [this announcement](#).

We thank these priests for their many years of service.



Fr. Gary Padgett



Fr. Gary Young, CR

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

**FATHER CLYDE CREWS -
SPECIAL AWARD**

Father Clyde F. Crews, 1966 graduate of Bellarmine College (now Bellarmine University), received

the **Horrigan Distinguished Service Award**, according to the Bellarmine's May newsletter. Congratulations, Fr. Crews!

ANNOUNCING THE NEW SLATE OF CLUB OFFICERS

There will be an election of club officers at the June 1 meeting. We need a quorum to elect officers. So, please attend if possible.

The slate of officers: **Chuck Lynch** - President & VP of Communications; **Bob Hublar** - Secretary and VP of Vocations; **Charlie Francesconi** - Treasurer; **Lynn Haner** - VP of Membership; **Melody Denson** - VP of Programs; **Ken Peet** - VP of Cultural Outreach.

The following will be Trustees: **Debbie Farmer**, **Kevin Thieneman**, **Lincoln Lewis**, and **Sam Willett**.

Thanks to **Jerry Gonsoski**, who is retiring from his position as Treasurer, which he held for many years!

Positions not voted on:

Our **Chaplain Fr. Pat Dolan** and **Assistant Chaplain Fr. Jeff Hopper** will continue in their existing roles.

For the record, our District Governor is now **Michael Murray** of the Northern Kentucky Serra Club. And our Regional Director is **Frank Hartge** of the Columbus Ohio Serra Club.

We thank all our volunteers!

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.

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, the schedule of sessions, and how to reserve a hotel room, check out the details [here](#).

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Quo Vadis Day
2026

FOLLOW ME

EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO DISCERN A VOCATION AND HOW TO LEAD A CATHOLIC LIFE.

Who: High School Young Men

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

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

Scan to register before May 30, 2026



There is no charge for this event.

For questions: lpopson@archlou.org or call/text (502) 727-7774



Above is a picture of the display table and posters used by **St. Edward's Parish** for the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** - April 26 this year. Thanks to **Bev and Mike Knoop** for the picture.

OUR CHARISM IS TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.



Help your new college students CONNECT to their Catholic campus faith communities



As many young adults start a college, they have an opportunity to connect with their new Catholic campus faith community, but many don't...

Until they are personally invited!

College or university campus ministries often do not have data to know which new students are Catholic, so they often have no way to individually reach out to new students to invite them to their Masses and campus ministry activities.

You can help and it's easy!

- **If you will be an incoming college student this fall or are their parent,** complete the form at <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com> to have your info passed on to your college or university campus ministry.
- **If you are a friend or relative of a new college student,** first obtain permission from the student to share their contact information. Then, with their permission, complete the form at <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com> to have the student's info passed onto their college or university campus ministry.
- **If you are a parish youth ministry leader or a Catholic high school campus ministry leader,** you can get info and resources to help your graduating high school seniors at <https://www.newmanministry.com/highschool#CTA-Forms>.

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VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Sisters from Vietnam celebrate ten years serving in Louisville – Read the article [here](#).

Maple Mount Ursulines from Louisville celebrate jubilees – Read the article [here](#).

Supporting priests - For an excellent article on how some priests develop personal crises and how we can help, see pages 8 and 9 of the most recent edition of "The Serran" Magazine [here](#).

Amid priest shortage, Catholic ministry aims to re-shape views of priesthood – Read the article [here](#).

'You are not alone': Kentucky priest offers to cover funeral costs for parents who lost children to Texas floods. Read the article [here](#).

Priest at 100 - Read the article [here](#).

The 9/11 hero who became a permanent deacon (with SLIDESHOW). Read the article [here](#).

What are deacons and what separates them from priests? Read the article [here](#).

This Eastern father shaped the history of Western monasticism. Read the article [here](#).

SPECIAL RITES FOR FIVE SEMINARIANS

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, there was a special ceremony at the Cathedral of the Assumption's 9:30 Mass.

Four of our seminarians professed the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders. And at this ceremony they publicly pledged to proceed all the way to ordination as priests – expected to be in about four years. These four men are **Zachary Moore, Emerson Wells, Samuel Mattingly, and Trenton Thieneman.**

A fourth seminarian received the Rite of Lector. This rite is typically part of studying for the priesthood. That seminarian was **Thanh Phan.**

Congratulations to these five men!



Pictured here are Fr. Martin Linebach, Trenton Thieneman, Zachary Moore, Archbishop Shelton Fabre, Samuel Mattingly, Emerson Wells, and Thanh Phan.

ON HOLINESS AND SPIRITUALITY

The last part of the Serran mission statement is to further the holiness of our own club members. Here is some good reading to help us all:

Are you ready for the great Consecration this June?

Read the article [here](#).

Reasons to say the Rosary every day – Read the article [here](#).

Leo XIV's first encyclical is on AI – Read an article summarizing it [here](#).

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month:

Debbie Farmer, June 7 Justin Fout - June 22
Paul Koprucki, June 27 Ramsey Kraft, June 28
Sam Willett, June 28

Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of June –

For the Values of Sports - Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

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