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"Always Forward, Never Back"
- Saint Junipero Serra

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Newsletter

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

SERRAN MARY MEANS DIED OCT. 6 AT AGE 100.



Mary Means became a Serran in September of 2014 – over 12 years ago. She was always smiling and loved to play the piano and the organ. We remember several Christmas Lunches for Women Religious where Mary was the entertainment on the piano! The sisters always enjoyed that.

When Mary celebrated her 100th birthday this July 10, we flooded her mailbox with birthday cards! Mary is survived by her five children, 15 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her obituary can be found here.

Mary, you will be missed!

FR. PATRICK DELAHANTY SPOKE AT OUR OCT. 5 MEETING

About Our Speaker

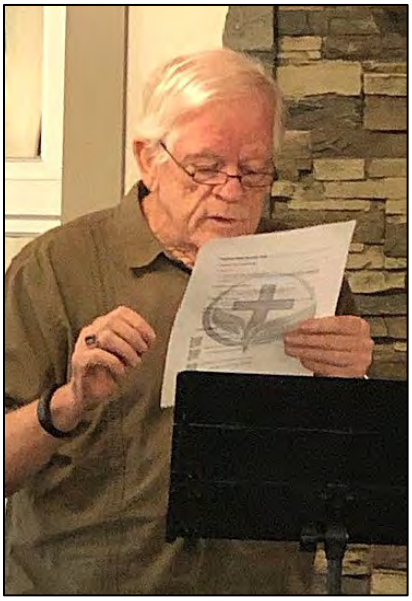
Fr. Patrick Delahanty is a retired Archdiocesan priest ordained 57 years ago, with decades of experience in pastoral leadership and public advocacy.

He has served as a trusted partner in legislative and community initiatives, working with diverse groups to advance justice and compassion across Kentucky. He has pastored in several parishes, was the director of refugee services for Catholic Charities of Louisville and served the four bishops of Kentucky as an advocate and director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky.

Fr. Pat brings a deep commitment to faith, civic responsibility, and the dignity of every person. He is long-time proponent of the abolition of the death penalty and, more recently, was certified as a Laudato Si' animator, dedicated to bringing the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical on the care of our common home to others.

His Presentation – "Faithful Finance: Caring for Our Common Home"

Fr. Pat's emphasis was on how we take the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si and bring them into our lives and into our communities. He reminded us that, "We have a lot of power that we don't think about often."



He says there are good ways to make our investments mirror our beliefs. "And this encyclical has raised some serious questions about what we finance and what we don't finance. So, the first line on this is that living our vocation to be the protectors of God's handiwork is essential."

It's not just economic; but it's also social.

This encyclical was written in 2015. Eight years later, not happy with the lack of progress, Pope Francis issued a document called Laudate Deum, in which he clearly called for addressing the fossil fuel crisis.

Fossil fuels are responsible for 75 percent of the carbon dioxide that goes into the atmosphere, creating climate change to the point that we have extra fires, bigger storms, the wiping out of islands, and polar areas melting as they never have before.

He said many of us probably take some action already. Recycling is one thing. The **Archdiocesan Creation Care Team** sponsors several things throughout the year. "It's a group of people whose information is on their website; and they have all kinds of activities related to plastics, recycling, and care of the earth."

But he became interested in "divestment" when he went through the training for the **Laudato Si' Animators Program** – a month-long online training program attended by thousands of people from around the world.

"It isn't a new concept, but one that has lots of individuals, using what's called the Sullivan Principles, to promote corporate social responsibility." For the global crisis, it involves selling off stocks in fossil fuel companies. Fr. Pat says it delivers "a moral signal to corporations and governments." It can be an effective boycott.

So, going on in the world today is a program to divest from fossil fuel corporations. Fr. Pat has even done it for his own retirement investments.

He encourages us all to look at how we can do this. If people stop investing in fossil fuel companies or businesses that cut down the Amazon forests, then these companies will have to rethink their business.

Fr. Pat said, "It's a collective thing. One person might not do that much good, but every act helps. All the bishops of Ireland have divested their dioceses from fossil fuels. The Vatican has removed its investments from fossil fuels. Religious orders, parishes, dioceses around the world are engaged in this, as well as people outside the Catholic community."

The USCCB offered guidelines for investment of diocesan assets, to divest away from abortions, guns, pornography, etc. A few years back, the USCCB was in favor of stockbroker engagement – to dissuade financial advisors from investing in fossil fuel companies. However, it didn't work.

But now the USCCB says that investments in companies that are non-compliant with the **three guiding principles of impact investment, according to the UN Global Compact** should be avoided. Fr. Pat says that currently, not one fossil fuel company is in line with those environmental principles. Getting out of fossil fuel companies is an opportunity for us to invest in renewable energies, community development, ethical funds, green bonds, etc.

"Collective action does matter," he said.

Some people might say that divestment will hurt their returns. But we don't ask that question when it comes to abortion, porn, guns, and other things not meeting the UN guidelines.

Fr. Pat quoted a nun named Sister Teresa George, the Provincial of the Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louis, who said, "The daughters thought long and hard before making a decision to divest of fossil fuels. We aren't sure our divesting has a significant impact on the industry of fossil fuels, and we also know that the world is still dependent on fossil fuels to keep everything running; but when it came down to it, **in good conscience, we could no longer benefit from an industry that is so extractive and destructive.** In some ways, **our decision says 'not on our dime**.' In other ways, it says the daughters of charity stand with those who suffer from destructive lifestyles. Are we perfect ourselves and always consistent in our choices? No. But **we are trying to make choices for the world and for the poor.**"

Fr. Pat suggests we encourage others to divest from funds that are harming the planet.

He also spoke about banks and lenders. The world's largest banks are financing $8.7 trillion in fossil fuel projects.

Those projects include going into the Amazon and cutting down trees. These projects also include controversial work in the U.S., like digging under a river that Native Americans depend on for water, as well as digging up burial grounds.

Fr. Pat moved his bank accounts to a small online bank in Chicago to avoid undesirable investments. Then he later found one bank in Louisville not shoring up the fossil fuel industry.

He also suggests that if you move your money away from a bank for this reason, let them know why and write the president of the bank. If collectively enough people do these kinds of things, it makes a difference.

Fr. Pat encourages us to find some way to participate in the **Laudate Si' Movement**. He said you can get on the mailing list of the **Archdiocesan Creation Care Network** at their website.

He said, "There are all kinds of ways to get involved and respond to this encyclical and its teaching." He spoke of recycling, minimizing our use of plastics, promoting renewable energy, and talking about this to

friends, relatives, as well as business and church associates.

He said the Church supports a just transition from fossil fuels to other types of energy - solar, wind, etc.

He reminded us that people's voices aren't heard when they simply decide to stop voting. We must do more.

For a copy of Fr. Pat's handout, click **here**.

We want to thank Fr. Pat Delahanty for his presentation.

(Thanks to Bev Knoop for the pictures with this article.)

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.

NOV 2 (1st Mon) – **Jane Evans**, Program Director for Common Earth Gardens, will discuss their mission.
NOV 9 (2nd Mon) – Zoom Rosary for Vocations, 7 pm. See the separate article for details.
NOV 11 (2nd Wed) – Holy Hour for Vocations – after the Noon Mass at St. Margaret Mary.
NOV 16 (3rd Mon) – **Amy Nace-DeGonda**, Program Director for Bakhita Empowerment Initiative, with Catholic Charities, will speak on that program.
NOV 16 (3rd Mon) - **"Serra Meets"** by Zoom – **Bishop Thomas Daly** of Spokane Washington, will give an Advent Reflection. Click **here** for details.
NOV 24 (Tue) - 11:45 - **Serra Board Meeting** - St. Margaret Mary Spirituality Center.

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

World Day for Cloistered Life is November 21 every year.

HOLLY MCGUIRE LED OUR FALL RETREAT SPEAKING ON GRACE.

Part of our International Mission Statement calls for us to promote the holiness of our members. This Fall Retreat is part of meeting that goal.

About Our Speaker

Holly McGuire serves as Director of the **Office of Continuing Education for Priests and Lay Ecclesial Ministers at the Archdiocese of Louisville**. In this role, she leads a variety of initiatives, including the annual Presbyteral Assembly, Fall Convocation, sabbaticals, luncheons, and Vesper gatherings with Archbishop Shelton. Holly also organizes priest workshops, the bi-annual Lay Assembly, and the Archdiocese of Louisville Leadership Institute workshops, as well as facilitating the Leadership 360 Assessment for the Archdiocese.



Holly holds an undergraduate degree in fine art and a master's degree in theology from Saint Meinrad School of Theology and Seminary. She has enriched her formation by attending the University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life's Science and Religion seminar in 2015, its Capstone Seminar in 2017, and a 2025 Capstone in Krakow, Poland. In 2022, she participated in the Vatican Observatory's Astronomy for Catholic Ministers and Educators (ACME) workshop in Tucson, Arizona.

Prior to her current role, Holly taught at Saint Mary Academy and Trinity High School, joining the Office in the summer of 2022. At Trinity, she served as Co-chair of the Theology Department, Director of Patrick House, and Green Cross Service Club Coordinator. She has also facilitated retreats at the Abbey of Gethsemani and the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN. Holly and her husband, Sean, raised three sons in LaGrange, KY, and are members of Immaculate Conception parish.

Fr. Vince Peterson, CFM, welcomed us to Mt. St. Francis and led us in an opening prayer.

Holly's Presentation

Holly's outline/workbook can be found **here**. She gave the attendees plenty of opportunity to reflect on various questions, as well as time to offer their own feedback during the retreat.



She said “Today is not about accomplishing something; it's about receiving. We have come together this morning to slow down, to pray, to remember, and to recognize something that easily becomes hidden in the busyness of our lives. … God has been present in our joys, our families, our successes, and even in those moments where we wondered where he was.”

Holly led the retreat focused on the theological concept of grace and its presence throughout a person's life journey. “We don't earn it. We receive it; and we cooperate with it,” she said. She explained that grace is an unearned gift from God used to participate in the life of the Trinity. She spoke of different types of grace.

Sanctifying grace comes from practices that make the soul holy and pleasing to God – practices like prayer, good works, and acts of charity.

Actual grace comes in unexpected moments of strength or patience that catch one off guard.

Sacramental grace comes from receiving the seven sacraments – with a rebirth at *Baptism*; forgiveness and reconciling with God in *Confession*; an intimate union with Christ in the *Eucharist*; an increasing and deepening of the Baptismal graces during *Confirmation*; the obtaining of holiness with a lifelong spouse through *Matrimony*; the creation of a special anointing of clergy through *Holy Orders*; and strengthening in peace and courage in the *Anointing of the Sick*.

Participants engaged in exercises to identify how grace has manifested in their individual histories across different life stages like childhood, work, adulthood, difficult times, and more.

One participant described feeling overwhelmed by scheduling and problems but recognizing grace in the realization that God provides necessary support during travel and uncertainty.

Another attendee viewed grace as a parental continuum where God offers comfort and correction without condemnation.

Holly spoke of the grace she received to deal with five family deaths in two and a half years, while being asked to assist in planning some of the funerals.

Another participant shared how a childhood health problem became a foundational experience where he recognized God's grace through resilience and a redirected purpose in life.

The session guided attendees to consider specific questions regarding their spiritual journeys – e.g., Who brought God’s love into my life? What person has been an unexpected gift? What difficult experience eventually produced grace? Where have I seen God's providence acting as a continuous thread through unrelated events?

Reflection questions prompted participants to consider how people have brought God's love into their lives or how difficult experiences produced grace.

The concept of God's providence was introduced as the thread connecting all life events toward a divine purpose or "end game" for heaven.

Holly read from **1 Corinthians 2:9-12**, emphasizing that grace is not a promise of ease but a promise that God will not abandon us during hardship.

Key themes included the distinction between seeking recognition and performing acts of love for the sake of others; the importance of not "hoarding" grace but instead giving it away through ministry and vocation; and using prayer to process past experiences and surrender future uncertainties to God. Holly quoted Bishop Robert Barron as saying the whole point of receiving the divine life is to give it away in turn.

The group discussed various methods for maintaining a consistent spiritual life and integrating prayer into daily routines. Holly finds meditation through liturgical art and music to be helpful.

One participant uses **FaithND,** reflections from the University of Notre Dame, as a morning routine. Another participant utilizes the Liturgy of the Hours, noting the convenience of using mobile apps as opposed to traditional books. There was discussion regarding specific prayers, such as **those by Padre Pio**. One song Holly played during the retreat was a prayer of St. Augustine, converted to **a song by Francesca de la Rosa**.

Reflective questions included Where have I experienced God's strength during a difficult time? What do I need to place in God's hands today? What does God still want to do through me? Holly noted that God's grace redeems a person's history rather than erasing it.

The group recited a "prayer of grace" focused on gratitude, forgiveness, and trust in God.

After the presentation, we went to Mass and found, coincidentally, that the first reading included this verse

on grace: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast."* (Eph 2:8-9)

We want to thank Holly McGuire for leading our Fall Retreat.

For retreat information offered by Mt. St. Francis, click **here**.

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

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

THE "SERRA MEETS" ZOOM MEETING WAS HELD ON OCT. 19

About Our Speaker - Fr. Ratuiste

Father Kyle Ratuiste has been the Director of Vocations of the Diocese of Spokane, Washington since 2019. Since his priestly ordination in 2015, he has served as Parochial Vicar in Walla Walla and the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. He was born and raised in Pasco, Wash. Ordained in 2015, he is a lifelong alumnus of Catholic education, graduating from St. Patrick's School in Pasco, Tri-Cities Prep High School, Bishop White Seminary, and Gonzaga University. He holds a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and Master of Divinity degrees from the Catholic University of America, as well as a Master of Science in Bioethics from the University of Mary.

In 2025, Thomas Daly, Bishop of Spokane, appointed Fr. Ratuiste as the Director of Cor Christi, the Propaedeutic Stage program for first-year seminarians at Bishop White Seminary, which has entered its fourth year since its establishment. As Director of Cor Christi, he will be directly responsible for the initial human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation of young men from as many as 10 dioceses across seven Western States.

Fr. Ratuiste's parents, Cocot and Morie Ratuiste, are Serrans in the club of Tri-Cities, Wash.

His Presentation – "The Appeal of Missionary Discipleship to Prospective Seminarians"

Fr. Kyle presented on the role of "missionary discipleship" in fostering vocations growth within the Diocese of Spokane.

He shared the significant increase in seminarians within the Diocese of Spokane, noting that the number grew from four to 19 over approximately seven years. He attributed this success to investing in a *culture of missionary discipleship* rather than relying solely on traditional programs.



Addressing obstacles, Fr. Kyle identified four primary fears that dissuade young men from the priesthood: (1) scandal in the Church; (2) loneliness and the sacrifices associated with celibacy; (3) burnout and mental health concerns due to isolation; and (4) a sense of irrelevance or futility in declining parish structures.

Fr. Kyle defined missionary discipleship through the lens of **Evangelii Gaudium**, emphasizing that all baptized Christians are called to be missionaries by virtue of their encounter with God's love. He outlined a framework where discipleship precedes discernment, meaning a young man must first be a committed follower of Christ before he can effectively discern a specific vocation.

He says that a missionary discipleship lens recognizes: (a) God takes the initiative; (b) love of God flows into love of neighbor; (c) love of neighbor involves introducing them to God's love; and (d) the Gospel is meant to be shared.

To foster this missionary discipleship culture, the vocations office embodies three key values: divine intimacy, Christian friendship, and ardent zeal for souls. Fr. Kyle noted that these values are integrated into the formation process through the apostolic teaching of the Church; communal life and meaningful Christian friendship; participation in the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist; and the propaedeutic stage, which helps men focus on spiritual and human formation before entering heavy academic study.

He emphasized that for seminarians, this culture creates a sense of "esprit de corps" and a natural desire to serve others, such as the poor.

Offsetting the four dissuasions described above, Fr. Kyle spoke of (1) lives worth imitating (such as those of Christ and St. Paul); (2) being men of communion;

(3) spirit-sustained zeal; and (4) a mission-minded outlook.

During the question-and-answer session, Fr. Kyle provided practical advice for Serrans looking to mentor Gen Z prospective seminarians. He suggested being affirming rather than pushy and inviting young people to share their personal testimonies of faith.

To see the entire presentation by Fr. Kyle Ratuiste, as well as the business portion of the Zoom meeting, click **here**.

DEACONS CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to one Deacon celebrating an ordination anniversary this month. His wife's name is in parentheses.

DEACON JOHN B. HAMILTON, (ANN)
11/3/84, 42 years a deacon

A list of all our deacons, their wives, ordination anniversaries and parishes can be found **here**.

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to our seminarians celebrating birthdays this month:

DAVID HAIRSTON II – November 9
JOSEPH RANDOLPH – November 10

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.)

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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY NOV 1 THIS YEAR

This is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the U.S. dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering a religious vocation.

Click **here** for prayers and homily ideas; info for DREs, teachers, catechists, parents and youth ministers; fact sheets; vocation terms; things to do; parish resources; answers to questions; find your spirituality type; and more.

Click **here** for Holy Hour ideas (with and without a priest). Click **here** for some great infographics, particularly valuable in the classroom.

ANNUAL VOCATION POSTER AND ESSAY CONTESTS

Schools, parishes, home schoolers and youth leaders are being notified in October and November of the annual Vocation Essay and Poster Contests sponsored by the Vocation Office and the Saint Serra Club of Louisville.

The Contest starts with the National Vocation Awareness Week (the week beginning November 1 this year); and entries must be received in the Vocation Office by a date in January, yet to be determined.

The Saint Serra Club will provide cash prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each contest – the Essay Contest (grades 7 & 8) and the Poster Contest (grades 4 through 6).

VOCATIONS IN THE NEWS

Fr. Martin Linebach in the news - A note from Family Renewal Project: "FRP's Co-Founder & Spiritual Advisor, **Fr. Martin Linebach**, received the distinguished Alumnus Lifetime Service Award on Oct. 15 from Theological College at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. **Archbishop Kurtz** was the main celebrant at Mass in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception prior to the award dinner. **Sulpician Father Gladstone "Bud" Stevens**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville and Rector of Theological College since 2023 presented the award. Congratulations Fr. Martin Linebach we are very proud of you and for you!"

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Catholics increase worldwide as number of priests edges upward – Read the article **here**.

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**:**

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Why do we have to deal with the devil? – "God wills our good by allowing demons to tempt us; by resisting them, we become spiritually stronger and grow in holiness. The result is that even though they are fallen, the demons continue to be of service to humanity." Read the column **here**.

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Five saints who knew how to relax (yes, really) – Read the article **here**.

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How slow meditation can change your life. – Read the article **here**.

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A call to reclaim the life of solitude and prayer - Read the article **here**.

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"Your vocation in life is where your greatest joy meets the world's greatest need." - Frederick Buechner (1926-2022, author and theologian)

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The me-culture is holding back vocations. Read the article **here**.

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A dream, strong faith and a health struggle inspire teen's winning essay on priesthood. – Read the story **here**.

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A Cure for Clerical Loneliness: 8 Diocesan Priests Find Brotherhood Under One Roof. Read the story **here**.

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The Rise of the Gen X Bishops – Read the story **here**.

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U.S. Dioceses Struggle to Keep Foreign Priests Under Trump Travel Ban. Read the story **here**.

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

VOTING SEASON IS HERE!

The US bishops have released guidelines for clergy in forming faithful citizenship. See details **here**.

The USCCB's 2023 "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" can be found **here**.

FOR AND ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC YOUTH

"The Church is alive and the Church is young." - New Jersey bishop draws on words of Pope Benedict XVI to celebrate number of elect joining Church this Easter. Read the article **here**.

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Young Catholics want doctrinal clarity, not adaptability, Irish bishop says. Read the article **here**.

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From SEEK 2026: 7 ways to discern your vocation. Read the article **here**.

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Boyhood to manhood: Discerning next steps – Read the article **here**.

SEEKING SPONSORS FOR OUR DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS

The St. Serra Club of Louisville will host a special Christmas Luncheon for the Women Religious of our archdiocese on Monday, Dec. 7. We are seeking sponsors, of at least $200 per table, for that event. And our sponsors will get recognition at the luncheon, as well as in our newsletter. If interested in being a sponsor, please contact Chuck Lynch at (502) 442-9302 or **ChuckLynch4782@gmail.com**.

SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS

Shop for Christmas and support our local seminarians and religious orders.

St. Meinrad Archabbey - click **here**.
Franciscans - click **here**.
Sisters of St. Benedict (Ferdinand, IN) - click **here**.
Trappists in Gethsemani - click **here**.
Ursulines (Mt. St. Joseph) - click **here**.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS – LET'S PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SERRANS.

Here are some who died in the last 19 years.

David Schoen 3/25/07 at age 77
Chet Pierce 1/26/09 at age 87
Kenneth Aschbacher 8/8/10 at age 84
Henry Zena 11/7/10 at age 91

George Goetz 12/21/10 at age 99
Emmett Ratterman 5/14/11 at age 92
John Werkman 3/5/12 at age 96
John "Tom" Nelson 5/19/12 at age 72
Joe Capalbo 11/3/12 at age 84
Thelma Hausman Dunlevy 12/13/12 at age 82
Bob McAdams 10/07/13 at age 94
Frank Scinta 1/27/16 at age 81
Joe Herrmann 3/25/16 at age 95
Al Carr 1/09/17 at age 84
Ray Schlader 1/11/17 at age 89
Ed Stivers 3/17/17 at age 93
Al Graves 5/10/17 at age 88
Jack Nooning 12/28/17 at age 66
Frank Hausman 9/20/18 at age 82
Tom Ransdell 1/07/19 at age 94
Bill Lippy 3/2019 at age 93
Carl "Bud" Kamer 3/22/19 at age 94
Paul Schlich 6/26/19 at age 91
Rosemary Barth 7/30/19 at age 97
Donna Richardson 9/21/19 at age 71
Marie Heckel 12/26/19 at age 94
James Dougherty 1/13/21 at age 83
Lou Straub 1/31/21 at age 92
Dan Fusting 8/2/21 at age 84
Bert Trompeter 5/14/22 at age 93
Ron Mazzoli 11/1/22 at age 89
Fr. Joe Voor, Chaplain, 11/6/22 at age 97
John Tichenor 11/15/22 at age 90
Norm Beat 3/31/25 at age 90
Mary Means 10/6/26 at age 100

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! – LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR GOD, FRIENDS, LOVED ONES, AND SO MUCH MORE!

OUR CHARISM IS TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

ADVENT IS COMING SOON!
IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO PICK OUT SOME SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE GET SO CAUGHT UP IN THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND DECORATING THIS TIME OF YEAR. SEE IF YOU CAN FIND SOMETHING TO READ THAT IS NOT ONLY SPIRITUAL BUT PERTAINS TO THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Serran Birthdays this month:
Don Buckler, Nov 18
Jerry Zimmerer, Nov 27

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Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of November – For The Proper Use Of Wealth - Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

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Patron of Seminarians - November 4 is the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo, the Patron Saint of all Seminarians. He lived from 1538 to 1584, dealt with a speech impediment, became a civil and canon lawyer at age 21, and was made a cardinal at age 22! For more on this great saint, click **here**.

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Conventions and Meetings Upcoming –

- **Serra Leadership Rally /** January 28-30, 2027 / Scottsdale, AZ. See details **here**.
- **Serra International / 92nd Annual Convention /** June 24-26, 2027 / Rome, Italy. Details later. But save the date!

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