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## National Vocations

**Awareness Week:  
Nov. 1-7, 2020**

## A Message From our President Paul Kohl...



Your Serra Club is working hard to return to more normal operations. While we didn't have a luncheon in September, two are planned for October and one each in November and December. Details of the two in October are contained in this Newsletter. Two locations will be utilized, the Legends Country Club, to the West, and the Palladium St. Louis, to the East. Both are close to the same distance from the intersection of I-44 and I-270. Angie Doerr has lined up two wonderful speakers.

We are again planning a Christmas Mass and Dinner with Archbishop Rozanski at the St. Louis Women's Club on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be limited and Covid guidelines will be strictly enforced. Details can be found in this Newsletter.

Our sister Club, the Serra Club of St. Charles is hosting its annual Priest Appreciation Mass and Dinner on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. This is their only fundraiser. Our St. Louis Club has always been very supportive of this event and I strongly encourage our members to, once again, attend the event or send a contribution to the St. Charles Serra Club. Details are in the Newsletter.

The Seminary Convivium, scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, will be a virtual event this year. As a regular part of the Convivium, members of our Serra Club have been offered the opportunity to contribute to a "Serra Club Auction Item". If you wish to support this item please send your gift to the seminary at 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119 with a note to indicate "Serra Club Item".

The last Sunday in September was Priest Appreciation Sunday and, as in the past, our Serra Club sent cards with a personal note to each of the priests in the Archdiocese. I would like to thank Adina Tracy and Jeanne Fluri for their efforts in organizing the project.

**Vocation Update**  
By Adina Tracy

Thank you to all the Serrans who wrote cards/ addressed envelopes for Priesthood Sunday.

Thank you to all Serrans who volunteered for a Spiritual Bouquet for a Seminarian.

High School Essay contest will be emailed out soon!

**Jeanne Fluri received this email from Seminarian Joseph Martin:**

**Dear. Mrs. Fluri,**

Thanks so much for sending me the care package with all of the treats! They are great to have on hand during school days. Most of all, thank you for your continued prayers. I am very encouraged to know of your support!

Hope to see you soon!

In Christ, Joe Martin

***THANK YOU for your consideration.***

*The priests, seminarians, faculty and staff of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary invite you to celebrate the formation and education of your future priests at the 28th Annual Convivium Mass & Dinner Auction on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the seminary's sole annual fundraising event. While the event will look different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our seminarians still need our support. How can you participate?*

*1. Convivium will be delivered by seminarians to your doorstep with "Party in Place" packages. Each package is \$250 and includes two meals prepared by Butler's Pantry, signature cocktails, full access to the mobile bidding site, printed program, and much more! You can also purchase a group package so you can host a small private party at home or send packages to family or friends.*

*2. Mobile bidding passes are available for \$25 for those who only wish to participate in the auction via mobile bidding.*

*3. Purchase your 50/50 Raffle ticket today. One lucky winner will take home half of the jackpot from raffle sales and the other half will benefit the seminary. Tickets are \$25 each or you can buy 5 tickets for \$100.*

*With you help, this year's event will sustain the growing needs of seminary formation during challenging times. Learn more online at [www.kenrick.edu/convivium](http://www.kenrick.edu/convivium) or call Molly Walsh at 314-792-7436.*

**The Serra Club of St. Charles Annual Appreciation Dinner** has fallen to the pandemic, but we can still come together, pray for vocations and get a good "meal-to-go" with a ticket – **Sunday, October 18, 3:30-5:30pm at St. Joseph - Cottleville.**

Rosary for Vocations at 3:30pm

Mass at 4pm (qualifies for Sunday Obligation)

Concelebrated by our newly ordained priests – Father Christopher Smith, and Father Dane Westhoff  
Serra Club presentation following Mass w/Vocation talk by Sister Virginia Herbers, ASCJ

**\$50** ticket includes Reservation for Carry Out Meal by Walnut Grill (Garden Salad, Wild Mushroom Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, and Dessert - special dietary meals available on request.)

50% of ticket sales support Serra Club Vocation Initiatives, including assistance to our Seminarians. .  
For tickets **call Mimi McDonough (636) 926-9311, or Geoff Waldron (636) 578-7011.**



Pray with us for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life!  
Plenty of room to Social Distance in the Church, Masks are required when not seated during Mass

*Serra Speaker September 9<sup>th</sup>,*

## ***Monsignor Ted Wojcicki, Pastor Immaculate Conception of Dardenne***

Monsignor Wojcicki attended our September 9<sup>th</sup> Serra Luncheon at the Palladium Center. He celebrated Mass for us and then gave a talk on his joy of his priesthood. He keyed in on 10 periods of his priestly life and vocation. First he reviewed where we are right now. Covid has closed a lot of doors for us, our lives have all changed. Jesus does not want us to look at the closed doors. There is always some door that can open up. We do what we can. Covid has been a series of inconveniences and disappointments to us, however in the early Christian days being a Christian was illegal in Rome, and there were thousand and thousand of martyrs. There is a lot of uncertainty in life. Are we getting much certainty from our economic experts, our medical experts or our Political leaders? No we are not. The only certainty we have is in Jesus Christ so we need to invest in that. Second, Monsignor reflected on his relationship with the Priests he encountered in his childhood. They were like his grandparents. He was 2 years old when his last grandparent died. Third he reflected over his time at his first Parish was St Joseph in Cottleville. Back in the 70's the Parish was not as big as now. But it was a very vibrant parish. He was the youth director, was the DRE, worked with the charismatic renewal movement and he was the Director of Religious Education and taught at St Dominic High School. He found St Joseph to be a very Spiritual place and whenever he goes back there to visit, he goes to the Parish Cemetery to pay his respect to the many good priests buried there. Fourth, Monsignor had the great opportunity to go back to graduate school in San Francisco. This was part of an Archdiocese initiative for him to gain knowledge and skills to give him the foundation to teach the first lay leaders of the Church. The Archdiocesan leadership realized that we were in the last generation of religious run schools. We had to adapt and teach a lay leadership to carry on. He taught lay leaders for the next 20 years at St Louis University. Fifth, In the 80's Monsignor taught High School at Rosary and Kennedy and St Francis Borgia High Schools. He has great memories of all those years and

many of the students he taught have grown up and moved to St Charles and are part of his life today. He is baptizing and marrying the children of the students he taught. He feels like the Spiritual Grandfather to this generation now. Sixth, in the 90's Monsignor worked at the Archdiocese, mostly with the High Schools, and got involved with a lot of administration. The thing he is most happy with from this period is his influence on the mission of Catholic High School Education in the establishment of the John Glenn Service award to recognize those students for their service to the community. He wanted to create an award on par with Athletic Awards. Seventh in the late 90's and early 2000's Archbishop Rigali brought him on his staff as planning director, evangelization director, and education director and anything else the Bishop asked him to do. The highlight of his time was working on the visit of Pope John Paul II visit in 1999. Eighth he served at the seminary in the remainder of the 200's. One of the joys he has now is that he has had eight associates with him after their ordination. They spend a few years with him and then they are off on their own. Monsignor brags that it was his Ted's Finishing School. But he recognizes the joy it is to have these prior students to serve with him. He says it was like a son coming back to join the family business. Monsignor asks for our continued prayers that he may continue to be a great pastoral example and inspiration for these young priests. Ninth is his current assignment at St Joseph's over the past 10 years. It is definitely the Great Grandfather stage. People very seldom are angry at grandparents. To Monsignor, it is like the end of the Wonderful Life movie where George Bailey's brother tells him that he is the richest man in town. That is the way Monsignor feels. He has a lifetime of good friends. Tenth is the new Bishop arriving in St Louis and the new stage in Monsignors priestly life that he will see under the leadership of the new Bishop. Monsignor feels blessed with all the leadership and service opportunities that he as been given. He states that Priesthood is not about him but it is about the Church.

## Prayers For Priest

1. Rev Suit, Robert
2. Rev Sullivan, Conor M
3. Rev Sullivan, James
4. Rev Sundararaj, Joseph Rajpaul
5. Rev Teater, Kristian
6. Rev Telken, Paul
7. Rev Msgr Telthorst, James
8. Rev Theby, James
9. Rev Thess, William
10. Rev Tichacek, Charles
11. Rev Tillman, Richard
12. Rev Toohey, Timothy
13. Rev Msgr Turek, Michael
14. Rev Msgr Ullrich, Mark
15. Rev Msgr Unger, John
16. Rev Utrup, Eugene
17. Rev Valleroy, Rickey
18. Rev Vien, John
19. Rev Voelker, Harold
20. Rev Vogler, J Edward
21. Rev Vollmer, Gary
22. Rev Voltz, Edward J
23. Rev Vordtriede, Thomas
24. Rev Waldman, Noah A
25. Rev Weber, Joseph A
26. Rev Weber, Ryan
27. Rev Welsch, Gerard
28. Rev Wester, Donald
29. Rev Westhoff, Dane
30. Rev Wetmore, John
31. Rev Msgr Whited, Walter

**Serrans are welcome to bring guests to upcoming meetings! Maybe you have a friend who might like to join us with our important mission.**

## October Events

October 14th: Rosary, Lunch and Meeting at 11:30 a.m.  
The Legends Country Club, 625 The Legends Pkwy, Eureka, MO.  
Speaker: Fr. Ronny O'Dwyer, S.J.

October 28th: Mass, Lunch and Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Palladium  
Saint Louis, 1400 Park Pl, St. Louis, MO  
Mass Presider and Speaker: Fr. Craig Holway

December 7th: Christmas Mass and Dinner. Mass at 6:00 p.m. at  
Cathedral Basilica, followed by Cocktail, Hor D'oeuvres and  
Dinner at The Saint Louis Woman's Club, 4600 Lindell Blvd, St.  
Louis, MO. Mass Presider: Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski.  
Invitations to Members are forthcoming.

## Spiritual Works

As a Serran Family, we remember our Serra Club members and friends who have gone before us with the sign of faith. We pray they are now celebrating with Our Lord in heaven. We remember in prayer: Marie Klein, Mary Fitzgerald (former Serran), Elmer Borgmeyer, Glenn Mertens, Dorothy Tracy, mother-in-law of Adina Tracy, Walter "Bud" Leonard, Bob Wiedemann- Jeanne Fluri's father, Whitey Schneller We also pray for those who are ill, especially, Dottie Borgmeyer, Mary Espenschied, Gloria Schwarz, Evelyn Keller, Karen Taylor and her husband John.

## October Birthdays

Mark Guyol 6  
Lennis Bange 12  
Ryan Slough 15  
Thomas Heeger 16  
Cindy Gray 19  
Marianne Hoechst 22  
Susie Gorman 23

Kathy Schmidt 24  
Charlie Scherrer 27  
George Convy 28  
Diane Daly 29  
Doug Munsell 30