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# NORTHERN COLORADO

## SERRAN



SERRA CLUB OF NORTHERN COLORADO

District 6, Club #1078

Chaplain: Very Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SERRA CLUB OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010: Regular Club Meeting. Mass at 8:00 with breakfast & meeting in Emmitsburg Room to follow. Chef for today is Joan O'Connor.

Saturday, Feb. 6: Holy Hour for World Day for Consecrated Life. St. Joseph's Church, Fort Collins at 2:00 p.m. Reception in Church following service.

Monday, Feb. 15: Board & Organizational meeting for Clergy Appreciation Dinner. 6:30 at SEAS.

Saturday, March 6: Regular Club Meeting. Mass at 8:00 with breakfast & meeting to follow. Chef is Fran Grooters. Pinning for Bette Younger, Fran Grooters, Fr. Gregory.

Friday, March 12: Help with SEAS fish fry.

Tuesday, April 27: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner.



Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Denver

**Remember to pray for our seminarians daily**

**MARY, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS,  
PRAY FOR US.**

### PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Greetings to the  
**Serra Club of Northern Colorado**

Yes, our new name has now been approved by Archbishop Chaput and the Serra leadership has been informed. It is now our responsibility to make our new name fulfill our mission. We felt for some time that the 'Fort Collins Deanery' limited our geographic scope. We have been talking as a board, and club, of the need to involve our neighboring parishes. Our outreach will be beyond the deanery of Fort Collins.

Three of our members live in Windsor and this seems to be a prime community to welcome. Windsor could be a nice bridge to the former members of the Greeley club who we are so eager to see return to the folds of Serra. Our membership committee also has plans in place for a recruitment meeting at St. John the Evangelist in Loveland. We too look forward to a summer program in Estes Park. This may include a prayer service for vocations or a mini retreat for Serrans of northern Colorado. I know you all share the enthusiasm for our name change and the excitement it brings.

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**SEMINARIANS INSTITUTED TO ACOLYTE**

[Left to right: Fr. Jim Crisman (Dir. Denver Vocation Office), Seminarian Michael Hillebrand (acolyte), Fr. Peter Uglietto (Rector of Bl. John XXIII Seminary), Bishop Timothy McDonnell of Springfield, MA, Seminarian (acolyte) Ron Cattany, Seminarian Gene Chavez and Seminarian Michael Bodzioch.]

Last month we reported that our two newest seminarians at the Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston MA, were conferred the Ministry of Acolyte – seminarians Michael Hillebrand and Ron Cattany. We recently received the photo above from Michael Bodzioch of the whole group from the Denver Area. As you know, Michael Bodzioch and Gene Chavez will be ordained transitional Deacons this year, and ordained priests in 2011. Michael Hillebrand and Ron Cattany are in the ordination class of 2013.

The Archdiocese of Denver also installed Acolytes and Lectors at St. John Vianney Seminary on October 17, 2009. Those seminarians from our Serra list instituted as Acolytes included Geronimo Gonzalez. Seminarians instituted to the ministry of Lector from our group included: Ryan O’Neill, Samuel Morehead, Dan Vanyo and Justin Hall. As Lectors, the men may proclaim the Scriptures at Mass. An acolyte’s function is to assist the deacon or priest with the details of preparation of the altar and sacred vessels. Acolytes by their office in the Church are special ministers of the Eucharist

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So Serrans, with your help and prayers we will continue the effort to reach all of northern Colorado, to increase our membership as we continue the mission for furthering vocations and affirming the priests, deacons and religious we are so fortunate to have serving us.

God bless you all and Mary Mother of vocations, Pray for us.

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**WEAR YOUR PIN  
BE PROUD TO BE A SERRAN**

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**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life. In 1997, John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal Church. He declared February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to be observed as **World Day for Consecrated Life**. In the United States, when February 2 is not on a Sunday, we celebrate on the Sunday after the Presentation. This year **WDCL** is observed on February 7, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The celebration of **World Day for Consecrated Life** invites all the Church to reflect on the role of Consecrated Life within the Christian community. Those who choose to live a consecrated life do so for the sake of the gospel. We will be celebrating this day with a Holy Hour on February 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph’s at 2:00.

**SAINT OF THE MONTH**



**St. St. Scholastica:**  
**Feast day February 10**  
 St. Scholastica, sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took

up her abode in the neighborhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after. Her feast day is February 10th.

**Karen Guyette**

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**THE SERRA TRUST FUND FOR VOCATIONS**

From time to time you ask “What is the Serra Trust?” The short answer is, that the Trust was established to provide unique financial help to young men and women in the Denver Archdiocese who are in formation for the priesthood or religious life. The longer answer is.....

The Trust Fund was established November 1, 1984, by members of the various Serra Clubs in Colorado to foster and promote religious vocations to the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Denver and to provide financial assistance to those in formation and/or discernment for the priesthood or other religious life so that such vocations will not be discouraged or discontinued for reasons of financial hardship.

**What is the Trust Fund?**

The Trust Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of three members from each of the Serra Clubs in the Archdiocese. An ex-officio member of the Board is designated by the Archdiocese.

**What is the work of the Trust Fund and its Board?**

The Trust Fund conducts various fund raising activities to add capital to the Fund (corpus). Grants are made from income earned through the prudent investment of these funds.- Funds are budgeted to provide needed financial assistance including, but not limited to, such things as medical and dental assistance not covered by insurance, glasses, books, travel related to discernment and such other items included in the by-laws and as approved by the Board. The Board may assist at its discretion in other ways responding to requests from vocations-discerning individuals submitted to the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese.

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**Serra Mission**

Our mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in the Archdiocese of Denver and through this ministry enrich and develop our members’ common Catholic faith.

## **What is the Board's Mission?**

The Fund was established to foster, encourage, and support vocations in the Denver Archdiocese. In order to do this most effectively, Trustees maintain a close liaison with the Archdiocesan Vocations Office, which screens requests for assistance and forwards them to the Trustees with its recommendations. The Trustees endeavor, within the guidelines of its bylaws, to participate in activities sponsored by the Vocations Office.

## **What are the responsibilities of the Trustees?**

Trustees have the power and authority to make grants following consideration of all factors relating to the guidelines set forth in governing documents. They also have the responsibility for prudent investment of funds to assure a reasonable return with minimum risks. Board members serve three-year terms without compensation and meet on a monthly basis

## **How does the Serra Trust Fund for Vocations raise money?**

Primarily it relies on the generosity and prayers of Catholic men and women who wish to support those individuals of the Archdiocese in formation and/or discernment for the priesthood or religious life. The Trust Fund through its various clubs conducts annual drives known as Serra Gifts from the Heart weekends in parishes of the Archdiocese. Each person in attendance at masses on designated weekends is requested to give as generously as possible and the funds collected are deposited into the Trust Fund's corpus.

## **How can those in religious formation obtain grants?**

Requests for assistance can be made by letter or verbal contact with a Trustee, the Vocations Office, or the seminary or religious house being attended by the requester. Those requests are screened by the Vocations office and forwarded to the Trust Board by the designee of the Archdiocese with recommendations for approval or denial. Tuition costs are not eligible for grants but other expenses listed above will be considered, including some travel.

## **Formal fund-raising activities include the following:**

- The annual Serra Salute for Vocations Dinner honoring a person or persons in the Archdiocese whose life has been dedicated to Christ.
- An annual solicitation to Serrans and to other friends of the Trust.
- Utilizing "in your honor" and memorial cards to remember loved ones on special occasions and/or at the time of their death.
- Special activities such as golf tournaments, food sales, stained glass angels or others as conducted by individual Serra Clubs in District 6 (Colorado) of Serra International.

## **Who is eligible for Fund Grants?**

Income from the Trust Fund is used to provide financial assistance to men and women who are in the process of discernment to religious life for or from the Archdiocese of Denver. Requests for financial assistance are scrutinized carefully and have strong recommendations from the vocations director. It is recognized by the Trustees that some grant requests are outside the stated guidelines but within the broader goal of fostering and supporting religious vocations and may be granted with 2/3 or more of the Trustees voting favorably.

## **Accomplishments**

Scores of men and women have been assisted in past years. The requests are increasing as is the corpus, of the fund. Interest and dividends earned are designated to meet requests. As the corpus increases, the amount available for assistance through interest and dividends obviously increases. Since its establishment, the Trust Fund has never turned down a request fitting its guidelines.

## **The Challenge**

The Serra Trust Fund for Vocations needs the cooperation and support of all parishes in the Archdiocese of Denver and their pastors if it is to succeed in its mission. The Trustees and Serra Club members are challenged to acquaint parishioners and pastors throughout the Archdiocese with the Fund and its vocation work, to enlist their support and in prayerful cooperation with the Holy Spirit, to increase the number of workers to help in the harvest.

**CALENDAR  
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS AND CLUB PLANNER  
FEBRUARY 2010**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b>  <b>Pray for Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.</b>	<b>2</b> Ryan O'Neill – Seminarian  <b>Happy Birthday Sr. Mary Garcia, S.S.S.F. – Holy Family</b>	<b>3</b> Roberto Rodriguez – Seminarian  <b>Happy Birthday Fr. Frank Garcia – St. John The Evangelist</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Pray daily for your Seminarian</b>	<b>5</b> Sr. Maria Columba O'Leary St. Walburga OSB  Rev. Joseph Toledo – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	<b>6</b>  <b>Club Meeting, Mass 8:00, Meet in Emmitsburg Room</b>  <b>Holy Hour for Consecrated Life. St. Joseph's 2:00.</b>
<b>7</b> V. Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  Sr. Hildegard Dubnick OSB – St. Walburga  Rev. Frank Garcia St. John the Evangelist  Paolo Capra – seminarian	<b>8</b> Deacon John McKeown – St. John The Evangelist  John Meyer – seminarian  Sr. Mary Alice Murphy – Center for Hope  Rev. Lawrence Christensen – Risen Christ	<b>9</b> Sr. Raffaella DiBauda OSB – St. Walburga  Rev. Damian de la Cruz, C.R. – Holy Family  Rev. Roger Lascelle – St. Joseph's  <b>Happy Birthday Seminarian Sam Morehead</b>	<b>10</b> Dan Vanyo – Seminarian  <b>Anniv. Of Vows: Sr. Luitgard Kussmann, OSB (1953);</b>  <b>Sr. Immaculata Bertolli (2007) &amp;</b>  <b>Sr. Maria Josepha Hombrebueno (2007) - St. Walburga</b>	<b>11</b> Sr. Maria- Walburga Shortmeyer OSB – St. Walburga  Deacon Richard Grimler – St. Joseph's  <b>Happy Anniversary Serrans Ralph &amp; Kelly Dyer</b>	<b>12</b> Deacon Donald Weiss – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  Sr. Hildegard Dubnick OSB – St. Walburga Rev. Frank Garcia St. John the Evangelist  <b>Happy Birthday Seminarian Joe Doman</b>	<b>13</b> Mother Maria Michael Newe OSB St. Walburga  Geronimo Gonzalez – seminarian  <b>Happy Birthday Fr. Joseph Toledo – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
<b>14</b> Sr. Mary Sebastian Geary OSB St. Walburga  Sr. Magdalena Berndlmeier OSB – St. Walburga  Deacon Robert Haigh – St. John The Evangelist  <b>Pray for Bishop James Conley</b>	<b>15</b> Joe Doman – Seminarian  Sr. Maria Gertrude Read, OSB St. Walburga  Waril de Arujo Castro – seminarian  Sr. Maria-Gabriel Pitpit OSB – St. Walburga	<b>16</b> Deacon John Kunsemiller – St. John The Evangelist  Deacon Howard Frisinger – SEAS  Sr. Genevive Glen OSB - St. Walburga  Sean Mulligan – Seminarian	<b>17</b> Justin Hall – Seminarian  Deacon James Devlin – St. Scholastica  Michael Bodzioch – Seminarian  <b>Pray for all our Serra Chaplains</b>	<b>18</b> Rafael Martinez - seminarian  Sr. Maria Josepha Hombrebueno, OSB – St. Walburga  Rev. Joseph Hartmann – Our Lady of the Mountains  Matt Magee – Seminarian	<b>19</b> Rev. Felicien Mbala – St. John The Evangelist  Mother Maria Thomas OSB (ret.) St. Walburga  Sr. Angelika Fackler, OSB – St. Walburga  Sam Morehead – Seminarian	<b>20</b> Sr. Pauline La Plante OSB - St. Walburga  Sr. Lioba Headlee, OSB – St. Walburga  Sr. Maria Benedicta Oglesby, OSB – St. Walburga  Tyler Eberle - seminarian
<b>21</b> Deacon William Trewartha – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  Sr. Augustina Hochbauer OSB – St. Walburga  Sr. Immaculata Bertolli, OSB – St. Walburga	<b>22</b>  <b>Ed Brown, Serran – RIP (2009)</b>  <b>Happy Birthday Mother Maria- Michael Newe, OSB – St. Walburga</b>	<b>23</b> Deacon William McClellan – Bl. John XXIII  Rev. Tadeusz Kopczynski – St. Peter's Greeley  <b>Pray for Pope Benedict the XVI</b>	<b>24</b> Deacon Dan Marthe (ret.) – St. John The Evangelist  Rev. Donald Willette – Bl. John XXIII  Deacon Edward Armijo – St. John the Evangelist	<b>25</b> Sr. Kristina McBride, OSB – St. Walburga  Sr. Mary Garcia S.S.S.F.– Holy Family  Sr. Ancilla Armio, OSB – St. Walburga	<b>26</b> Deacon Leonard Benzel – Bl. John XXIII  Rev. Jacob Chennathu – St. Josephs  Sr. Luitgard Kussmann OSB – St. Walburga	<b>27</b> Sr. Dominica Sieke, OSB – St. Walburga  Sr. Scholastica England, OSB – St. Walburga  Deacon Warren Lybarger – St. Joseph's
<b>28</b> <b>Happy Birthday Deacon Howard Frisinger (Ret.) – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>						