
NORTHERN COLORADO

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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, October 1: Next regular club meeting at SEAS. Cooks are Ellen Dern & Mary Fisher.

Tuesday, October 4: Clergy Appreciation Planning Committee Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Room 104.

Tuesday, October 11: Our Fifth Annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Banquet at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The guest speaker is Fr. Ken Koehler. We begin with Mass at 5:15 followed by a reception and the banquet at 7:00.

Sunday, October 30: PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY.

Saturday, November 5: Regular club meeting at Our Lady of the Valley in Windsor. Cooks are Sheila Davidson and Norma Benson. We will have Sue Husler, Serra District VI as our guest and Sr. Theresa Camillo SJI as our speaker.

Watch for November Memorial for our Serrans and local Knights of Columbus – date to be determined.

Watch for a rescheduling of our “annual” Alter Server Appreciation event.

Thursday, November 10: Tentative date for a Club Social evening and a location to be determined.

Remember to pray for our seminarians daily

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

**BLESSED JUNIPERS SERRA
PRAY FOR US**

From the President

Going to a Serra Convention, as a few of us did last week, always provides some new idea or something special. Bishop Conley’s presentation was most inspiring. Not only did he say Mass, but he also joined us after for dinner with some remarks on how he reached the decision to become Catholic. Coming into the Catholic faith in college and moving on to become a bishop is quite a feat.

Serra US Council President Kurt Metyko reminded us that the purpose of the USA Council is to serve the clubs in the U.S. He encouraged all clubs to pay their dues timely to the Council and Serra International, but reminded us that none of the dues we pay go to the council’s legal expenses to solve the differences of the between the Council and S.I.. The legal fees for the Council are paid from separate contributions.

Father Brian Larkin (Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Northglenn) reminded us that while the Church is working hard to get vocations to the priesthood, quality is what they are looking for. There was a time when the quality was not the goal as it is today.

Father Charles Polifka, the Capuchin Director shared that the group has been in Denver since 1968; asked to come and meet the needs of a Denver parish. The Capuchins are made up of different groups; brothers who are priests and those who are not. Those who focus on prayer and those who minister. The Third Order maybe married or single and live by the rules of life while working in the communities. They all live by the Franciscan Rules as written by St Francis Assisi.

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SERRA CONVENTION AWARDS

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As they do at each Annual District VI Convention, awards were made to members of several clubs to show the District’s appreciation for exceptional jobs done by Serrans and Clubs. This year’s awards went to:

There was a presentation with ideas on what we can consider doing to expand our membership. Also, we need to make a new effort to support The College Connection for Catholics which will help keep more college students active in the Catholic faith. We will discuss more of the topics in future meetings.

Serra Club of Colorado Springs:

- Charlene Pardo**, Outstanding VP for Vocations
- Eva Hart**, Outstanding VP for Affirmations
- Janelle O’Keeffe**, for Club of the Year!

But the big event of the meeting was when Mem Stanton received the award for Best Newsletter. Congratulations and well deserved, Mem.

Serra Club of Southwest Denver:

- Maureen McGee, Outstanding VP for Programs
- Richard Schwappach, Outstanding VP for Membership
- Deacon Don Schaefer, Outstanding Chaplain
- Joe DeLoy, Serran of the Year!

Karen

THE SERRA CLUB OF NORTHERN COLORADO “INHERITS” ADDITIONAL PARISHES

Serra Club of Northern Colorado:

- Mem Stanton, Outstanding Newsletter

At the District VI Presidents Council meeting, one of the agenda items of particular interest to our club was the realignment of Northern Colorado communities with Serra Clubs in their Area. With the closure of the Greeley Club about a year ago, several parishes were left without access to a Serra Club close to them. It was generally agreed that it was not really feasible for the Serra Club of Northern Colorado to pick up parishes way to the east of Greeley. Consequently, Boulder agreed to take some of those parishes which were closer to them, and our club has picked up the following parishes:

CLERGY & RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION BANQUET

Notice Everyone: Invitations have gone out to over 50 clergy and religious in our area inviting them as our honored guests to the Fifth Annual Banquet on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. So its time to get your tickets sold. The price this year remains at \$30 thanks to our caterer – Behind the Scenes Catering – keeping their price low. This is a big one for us.

- Our Lady of the Valley – Windsor
- Our Lady of Peace – Greeley
- St. Mary’s – Greeley
- St. Peter’s – Greeley
- St. John’s – Johnstown

INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNORS SELECTED

Our current District VI Governor is Sue Hussler of the Boulder Club. Jim Hastert, from the Serra Club of Southwest Denver is the incoming Governor Elect. He will serve beginning June 2012, and at the Convention, the Presidents Council nominated, and members approved Jerome Higgins as the President Elect-Elect, to serve beginning June 2013.

Sometime soon we will be making overtures to these parishes as potential Serra members and having introductory meetings in their area. Serra is not new to these parishes as they were previously served admirably by the Greeley Serra Club before it surrendered its Charter.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Isaac Jogues – Feast day: October 19th



St. Isaac Jogues (1607-1646): and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a

young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636 he and his companions, under the leadership of John de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ be not allowed to drink the Blood of Christ." Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646 he and Jean de Lalonde, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18 Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalonde was killed the next day at a village near Albany, New York.

The first of the Jesuit missionaries to be martyred was René Goupil who, with Lalonde, had offered his services as an oblate. He was tortured along with

Isaac Jogues in 1642, and was tomahawked for having made the Sign of

Isaac Jogues and his eight companions were among the first Jesuit martyrs of North America and were canonized in 1930.

Researcher, Mem Stanton

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SEMINARY REPORT

As part of our convention agenda, Fr. Jim Crisman, the Archdiocese Director of Priestly Vocations gave us an update on where our seminaries stand and what his activities have been in the past year.

Fr. Jim reported that there are 20 new vocations this year and 17 of them are from Colorado. Three are former Legionnaires of Christ seminarians from Mexico. In total, there are about 80 men studying this year in the seminaries in Colorado, Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Mexico.

Father responded to questions about "How do we attract more vocations?" by stating that while we do have a great need for additional priests, our seminaries today are not just looking for "warm bodies" but are looking for quality men to serve the Church and the people of God. Additionally there is a gap between the men in seminaries and the language groups they come from. Currently 30% of the Church is Hispanic, yet only 15% of our seminarians come from the Hispanic community.

Following his report, we were introduced to two seminarians from the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Denver. Redemptoris Mater is one of seven Neocatechumenal Way seminaries in the US.



Arturo Chagala (Mexico) William Clemence (Brazil)

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**CALENDAR
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, SEMINARIANS & RELIGIOUS
And CLUB PLANNER**

September 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 Regular Club meeting. Mass & meeting at SEAS 8:00. Chefs Ellen Dern & Mary Fisher
2 Sr. Mary Sebastian Geary OSB St. Walburga Rev. Joseph Toledo – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mother Maria Thomas OSB (ret.) St. Walburga Rev. Mr. Ryan O’Neill – Seminarian (SJV)	3 Pray for Bishop James Conley	4 Sr. Pauline La Plante OSB - St. Walburga Rev. Grzegorz Wojcik – St. Joseph Status Meeting for Appr. Banquet 6:00 SEAS Sr. Maria-Walburga Shortmeyer OSB – St. Walburga	5 Sr. Hildegard Dubnick OSB – St. Walburga Deacon William McClellan – Bl. John XXIII Sr. Lioba Headlee, OSB – St. Walburga Deacon John Riviera – Our Lady of the Valley, Windsor Seminarian Roberto Rodriguez (RM)	6 Sr. Magdalena Berndlmeier OSB – St. Walburga Sean Mulligan – Seminarian (SJV) Sr. Augustina Hochbauer OSB – St. Walburga Dan Vanyo – Seminarian (SJV) Seminarian Heleodoro Lozano (SJV)	7 Daniel Randon (RM) Seminarian Rev. Tadeusz Kopczyński – Blessed John XXIII Sr. Mary Alice Murphy – Center for Hope Anniv. Of Vows – Sr. Pauline LaPlante, OSB, St. Walburga (1958)	8 Sr. Genevive Glen OSB - St. Walburga V. Rev. James Spahn V.F.– Our Lady of the Valley Rev. Lawrence Christensen – Risen Christ Dishwashing & breakfast after 8:00 Mass
9 Deacon William Trewartha – SEAS Rev. Mr. Sam Morehead – Seminarian (SJV) Sr. Maria-Gabriel Pitpit OSB – St. Walburga	10 Deacon Robert Haigh – St. John The Evangelist Deacon John McKeown – St. John The Evangelist	11 Clergy & Religious Appreciation Banquet Mass 5:15 followed by Reception and Banquet. Fr. Ken Koehler Speaker Deacon Richard Grimler – St. Joseph’s	12 Pray for Pope Benedict the XVI	13 Sr. Luitgard Kussmann OSB – St. Walburga Deacon Leonard Benzel – Bl. John XXIII Rev. Frank Garcia St. John the Evangelist	14 Deacon Jerome Kraft, St. Joseph’s V. Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Daniel Eusterman (SJV) Seminarian	15 Sr. Maria Columba O’Leary St. Walburga OSB Sr. Dominica Sieke, OSB – St. Walburga
16 Sr. Immaculata Bertolli, OSB – St. Walburga Deacon Dan Marthe (ret.) – St. John The Evangelist	17 Deacon Howard Frisinger – SEAS Sr. Maria Josepha Hombrebueno, OSB – St. Walburga Sr. Maria Benedicta Oglesby, OSB – St. Walburga	18 Mother Maria Michael Newe OSB St. Walburga Rev. Michael Bodzioch – Cathedral Basilica of Immaculate Conception	19 Rev. Jose Maria Quera - St. John the Evangelist Deacon Harold Kimble, Windsor Fr. Michael O’Loughlin-Holy Protection Church	20 Sr. Scholastica England, OSB – St. Walburga Deacon Edward Armijo – St. John the Evangelist Seminarian Reese Weber (SJV)	21 Sr. Marie Petra McBride, OSB – St. Walburga Deacon Donald Weiss – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Seminarian Tylan Ricketts (SJV)	22 Pray for all our Serra Chaplains
23 Rev. John Smith, Chaplain St. Walburga Seminarian Joe Doman (SJV) Sr. Ancilla Armiiio, OSB – St. Walburga	24 Sr. Raffaella DiBauda OSB – St. Walburga Happy Birthday – Seminarian Dan Vanyo (SJV) and Serran, Mem Stanton	25 Sr. Maria Gertrude Read, OSB St. Walburga Happy Birthday, Serran, Bette Younger	26 Rev. Rocco Porter – Bl. John XXIII Rev. Damian de la Cruz, C.R. – Holy Family Rev. Steven Voss - St. Joseph’s	27 Pray daily for your Seminarian	28 Sr. Maria Johanna Avila, OSB, St. Walburga Deacon Warren Lybarger – St. Joseph’s Seminarian Waril de Arujo Castro – (RM)	29 Rev. Joseph Hartmann – Our Lady of the Mountains Tyler Eberle – seminarian (SJV)
30 PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY	31 Deacon James Devlin – (RIP)					