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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SERRA CLUB OF THE FT. COLLINS DEANERY

Saturday, October 3: Regular Club 8:00 Mass and meeting in Emmitsburgh Room.

Monday, October 5: Dinner at Harmony Grill.

October 5, 6, 7: Focus 11 – St. Thomas More, Centennial – Vocation Awareness Program

Wednesday, October 21: Serra Trust for Vocations meeting – Cinzetti's, Northglenn. 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 25: National Priesthood Sunday

Saturday, November 7: Regular Club meeting. Mass at 8:00 followed by breakfast in Emmitsburg Room.



Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Denver

Remember to pray for our seminarians.

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

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I have been thinking a lot about Pope Benedict's declaration and dedication of this year to our priests. The USCCB Calls this declaration the 'Year FOR the Priest' while most of the Catholic press calls it the 'Year OF the Priest'. Even our last Serran magazine had several articles discussing this subject using either 'for' or 'of' regarding the Pope's declaration. Does it make a difference? To most Catholics probably not. But to me, it's given me pause to think. These are two little words, for and of.

When I think of the word FOR, I believe the declaration means that the year belongs to the priests. This is the opportunity for priests to look at their personal vocation. This gives the priests a chance to reflect on their own personal holiness. This gives the priests a chance to remember clearly their vow to the church and the faithful.

When I think of the word OF, I believe the declaration belongs to the entire church. This is a chance for the faithful to reflect on what the priests mean to us. The priest's presence means we have the Eucharist available to us

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SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OMAHA - 2009

Serra International celebrated its 67th Convention in Omaha in August. Our representative to the event was Karen Guyette. Karen reported at our September meeting that the liturgies were probably the highlight of the convention. She was pleased to participate in the spiritual development opportunities made available to attendees. She also thoroughly enjoyed meeting and sharing with other Serrans from across the country. In terms of new ideas for us, Karen affirmed that the many things we are doing as a club are in some ways ahead of many clubs. We have a great foundation here in Northern Colorado



The theme for this year's convention - Pastores Dabo Vobis - **The Role of Christ's Lay Faithful**" invited Serrans to reflect more deeply on two of Pope John Paul II's teaching documents of the 1990's that are of particular relevance to lay Catholics who are involved in fostering and promoting priestly vocations.

Archbishop Elden Curtiss, former Episcopal Adviser of Serra International, said in his welcome message: "The mission of Serra takes place within dioceses and within communities of faith. It is Serrans working together in a particular place to support potential vocations that fulfill the mission of Serra. It is important for the structures of Serra, at both the international level and at the national level, to encourage vocation ministries at the local level.

"I think all Serrans instinctively know that the God of hope and surprise is calling forth new shepherds to lead God's people. It is our ministry to seek out these potential shepherds and to call them, and name them, and encourage them to follow the Lord's call. We must never lose heart in this ministry and never let structures get in the way of the primary purpose of Serra. The objectives and goals of Serra are so important for our Church and for vocation ministry everywhere in the world."

Next year Serra International will convene in Anchorage, Alaska September 2-5, 2010. The theme for that convention is: *Bringing the Bread of Life – True Manna in the Wilderness.*

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daily. We have a priest's presence at our sacramental moments, Baptism, First Communion, Confession, our marriages and our funerals. Our priests are the 'glue' that keeps us together as a parish community.

Yes, there is a difference between those two little words, for and of. But both words mean that there is cause to celebrate. When our priests look at themselves they will celebrate their own vocation. When the faithful look at their priests they will celebrate their personal faith and understand that life would be meaningless without our priests.

So Serrans, let us CELEBRATE! We will celebrate for our priests and with our priests. Sometime during this year take the time to thank each of our priests for their vocation. And yes, Mary Mother of Vocations, pray for our priests and pray for us.

Patsy

SAINT OF THE MONTH -



Saint Ignatius of Antioch, feast day October 17, also called Theophorus was born in Syria, around the year 50; died at Rome between 98 and 117. With his friend Polycarp, he was among the auditors of the Apostle St. John.

Ignatius was the third Bishop of Antioch and the immediate successor of Evodius if we consider St Peter the first.

He was unrelenting in his vigilance and tireless in his efforts to inspire hope and to strengthen the weak of his flock against the terrors of the persecution.

Trajan decreed that the Christians should unite with their pagan neighbors in the worship of the gods. A general persecution was threatened, and death was named as the penalty for all who refused to offer the prescribed sacrifice. Instantly alert to the danger that threatened, Ignatius availed himself of all the means within his reach to spoil the purpose of the emperor. The success of his zealous efforts did not long remain hidden from the Church's persecutors. He was soon arrested and led before Trajan, who was then sojourning in Antioch. Accused by the emperor himself of violating the imperial edict, and of inciting others to like transgressions, Ignatius valiantly bore witness to the faith of Christ. The emperor ordered him to be put in chains and taken to Rome, there to become the food of wild beasts and a spectacle for the people. Today, images of him are frequently shown (see above) being attacked by the lions.

Not long after his arrival in Rome he won his long-coveted crown of martyrdom in the Flavian amphitheater. The triple honor of apostle, bishop, and martyr was well merited by this energetic soldier of the Faith. He proves himself in every sense a true, pastor of souls, the good shepherd that lays down his life for his sheep.

Researcher, Karen Guyette

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2009 SERRA SALUTE FOR VOCATIONS

On Friday, September 25th, the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Denver honored the Rev. Msgr. Edward L. Buelt as the 23rd honoree of the Serra Trust Fund's annual Serra Salute for Vocations.

Msgr. Buelt is pastor of Our Lady of Loreto parish in Foxfield, CO. He is a Denver native and was ordained a priest in 1982. He has served in the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome, and as the Archdiocese's executive coordinator for Denver World Youth Day in 1992-93. He founded Our Lady of Loreto Church in 1998 and continues to serve as its pastor. The award is given to priests, religious and deacons for their work fostering vocations to the priesthood, and religious life.



L to R., Jo, Rose, Mem, Karen, Clara, Kelly D. Joan & Patsy at the Serra Salute Dinner



Presenters Lucy Kane & Dolores de Aragon with Msgr. Buelt

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**CALENDAR
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS AND CLUB PLANNER
October 2009**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 Sr. Dominica Sieke – St. Walburga Tyler Eberle – Seminarian Deacon Donald Weiss – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	2 Rev. Joseph Toledo St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sr. Ancilla Armio OSB – St. Walburga Brian Rollo – Seminarian	3 <i>Regular club meeting</i> Mass at 8:00 – Meeting in Emmitsburg Room Deacon Warren Lybarger – St. Joseph’s
4 Pray for all our Serra Chaplains	5 Rev. Roger Lascelle – St. Joseph’s Sr. Angela Read, OSB – St. Walburga Roberto Rodriguez – Seminarian Sr. Pauline La Plante OSB - St. Walburga	6 Deacon John McKeown – St. John The Evangelist Mother Maria Michael Newe OSB – St. Walburga Joshua Peterson – Seminarian	7 Rev. Francis Nwaiwu – Bl. John XXIII Sr. Maria Josepha Hombrebueno, OSB – St. Walburga <i>Anniv. Of Vows Sr. Pauline LaPlante, OSB 1958</i>	8 Pray for Bishop James Conley	9 Rev. Damian de la Cruz, C.R. – Holy Family Sr. Immaculata Bertolli, OSB – St. Walburga Joe Doman – Seminarian Sr. Mary Sebastian Geary OSB – St. Walburga	10 Rev. Frank Garcia – St. John the Evangelist Deacon James Devlin – St. Scholastica, Erie Sr. Maria-Gabriel Pitpit OSB – St. Walburga Maiser Espinoza – Seminarian
11 Deacon John Kunsemiller – St. John The Evangelist Geronimo Gonzalez - Seminarian	12 Rev. Joseph Hartmann – Our Lady of the Mountains Sr. Julia Headlee, OSB – St. Walburga	13 Deacon Robert Haigh – St. John The Evangelist Sr. Mary Garcia S.S.S.F.– Holy Family	14 Rev. Felicien Mbala – St. John The Evangelist Sr. Magdalena Berndlmeier OSB – St. Walburga	15 Pray daily for your Seminarian	16 Rev. Lawrence Christensen – Risen Christ Parish, Denver Mother Maria Thomas OSB (ret.) St. Walburga	17 Deacon Dan Marthe (ret.) – St. John The Evangelist Sr. Angelika Fackler OSB – St. Walburga
18 V. Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sr. Scholastica England OSB – St. Walburga	20 Deacon William McClellan – Bl. John XXIII Sr. Hildegard Dubnick OSB – St. Walburga Sr. Augustina Hochbauer OSB – St. Walburga	21 Deacon William Trewartha – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sr. Maria Columba O’Leary- St. Walburga OSB Sam Morehead – Seminarian	22 Rev. Jacob Chennathu – St. Joseph’s Sr. Genevive Glen OSB - St. Walburga Junior Morales – Seminarian	22 Deacon Leonard Benzel – Bl. John XXIII Sr. Maria-Walburga Shortmeyer OSB – St. Walburga Michael Bodzioch – Seminarian	23 Deacon Howard Frisinger – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Ryan O’Neill – Seminarian Sr. Maria Benedicta Oglesby – St. Walburga	24 Sr. Luitgard Kussmann OSB – St. Walburga <i>Happy Birthday Joshua Peterson Seminarian</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Serran Mem Stanton</i>
25 Deacon Richard Grimler – St. Joseph’s <i>Happy Birthday, Serran Bette Younger</i>	26 Rev. Donald Willette – Bl. John XXIII Sr. Mary Alice Murphy – Center for Hope	27 Pray for Pope Benedict the XVI	28 Rev. Tadeusz Kopczynski – St. Peter’s Greeley	29 Deacon Edward Armijo – St. John the Evangelist	30 Pray for Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.	31 <i>Happy Birthday Geronimo Gonzalez, Seminarian</i>